

# Down by the River

## News from River of Life Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

### *Pastor's Pen:*

As we begin February we will be right in the middle of our sermon series focusing on the health of our bodies through the lens of our Christian faith. As I mentioned in the first sermon of the series, our physical health is often overlooked when we think about our faith, church and congregational life together. I hope that through these sermons we can learn together how to be more faithful to God with every part of ourselves and to be better caretakers of this one life we have been given.

I also hope that this series does something else. I hope it gets each of us thinking “outside the box” of what our gifts are and how we might best use them to glorify God. The series is based loosely on the five essentials of “The Daniel Plan” which are; Faith, Food, Fitness, Focus, and Friends. The more I read, the more I started to think about all the gifts and talents that are already present in the people here in the church and community. But often times people don’t recognize these gifts as gifts that can be shared within the realm of church. Plainly, some people feel that if they aren’t Bible experts they can’t contribute to the spiritual growth of the congregation...and that is simply not true!

Maybe you are someone who has a gift for sharing your faith story and you are able to see the events in your life and connect them to the larger Christian story. Maybe you have a passion for learning about, or growing, cooking, preparing, or serving nutritious food. Maybe you have physical activity has been something you have struggled with but have found a way to make it a priority in your life. Perhaps you have the elusive gift of focus, and are able to set and accomplish the goals you set out for yourself or your family. Maybe you are a connector, confidante, encourager.

February 2018

### **TUESDAYS**

**Bible Study: Disciples Fast Track study, 10:00 a.m.**

### **THURSDAYS**

**Coloring Group: 11:00 a.m.**

### **February 12th**

**Board Meeting: 6:30 p.m.**

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***Looking Ahead:***

### **Souper Bowl Sunday**

February 4<sup>th</sup> immediately after Worship Service; bring your favorite Crockpot of soup or your favorite Dessert

### **Prayer Group:**

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

### **United Worship Servcie: Sunday,**

February 11<sup>th</sup> at McHale Auditorum, 2:00 p.m. & 4:00 p.m.

### **Movie Night: Saturday, February**

17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. “God’s Not Dead” and there will also be a movie for the Children

Whether you label these five essentials as gifts or skills, my hope is that by bringing attention to and highlighting them in this series, we can expand our view of the possibilities that being involved in the life of this congregation has to offer. Let us imagine the possibilities together!

In Grace and Peace,  
Pastor Paula

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*Church Women United invite you to the Lenten Breakfast series for 2018*

Breakfast will be served each Saturday of the Lenten season at 8:00 a.m. We are happy to have wonderful host churches and look forward to fellowship, prayer, music and inspirational speakers. The service will begin after breakfast at 8:29 a.m.

Host Churches 2018

February 17	Webb Chapel United Methodist Church 2550 W CR 100 N. Logansport Speaker: Pastor Adrienne Henshaw	February 24	All Saints Catholic Church 112 E. Market St. Logansport Speaker: Diana Kitchel
March 3	First Baptist Church of Galveston 207 S. Sycamore Galveston Speaker: Karen Troutman	March 10	Royal Center United Methodist Family Life Center 204 S. Market St. Royal Center Speaker: Edye Barber
March 17	First United Methodist Church 800 E. Broadway, Logansport Speaker: Pam Hines	March 24	River of Life Christian Church 130 Mall Rd. Logansport Music Program: Michelle Mangum
March 31	Shiloh Luther Church 404 E. Bishop St. Walton Speaker: Pastor Sharon Walker Stations of the Cross: Through His Mother's Eyes		

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*2018 Men's Lenten Breakfast Schedule*

February 17	Crosswinds United Methodist Church 616 N. State Road 25 Logansport	February 24	Life Gate Church 831 Burlington Ave. Logansport
March 3	Webb Chapel 2550 W CR 100 N. Logansport	March 10	Main Street United Methodist Church 19 E. Main St. Logansport
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March 24	All Saints 112 E. Market St. Logansport	March 31	Calvary Presbyterian 701 Spencer St.

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## *A note from Julie;*

Attention Parents of Youngsters

I would like to get the children together again to sing for Easter. The problem is: I don't like to miss the sermon. Would it be feasible to meet with them for 15 minutes after Church? It wouldn't be an every Sunday occasion, just a few Sunday leading up to Easter. If that works out, we could do the same toward Summer and they could sing for special music sometime during the summer also. I need your feedback on this because if we don't have the commitment, it won't work.

We would start March 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> and April 1<sup>st</sup> which is Easter Sunday!

*Julie Jones*

## *Exciting Events coming up;*

**Come and join in this time of fun and fellowship!**

**March 17<sup>th</sup> Baked Potato & Salad Bar, 4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m.**



**April 22<sup>nd</sup> Carousel Sunday, 12:00 p.m. – 2:00p.m.**



**May 5<sup>th</sup> Progressive Dinner**



**@ Huston Park, June 24<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

# Serving in February.....

## Elders

### Prayers at the Table

- 4 Ted & Julie Jones
  
- 11 Melissa Closson  
Betsy Logan
  
- 18 Jane & Dennis  
Kollmar
  
- 25 Connie Kiesling  
Bob Minnick

## Deacons

### Offering & Communion

- Jim Brown & Martha Brown  
Mary Bell  
Roslyn Morgan
  
- Clean up:  
Mary Bell

## Worship

### Leaders

- 4 Melissa Closson
  
- 11 Marsha Iles
  
- 18 Jason Crittendon
  
- 25 Isabelle Iles

## Offering Meditation

- 4 Dennis Kollmar
  
- 11 Martha Brown
  
- 18 Jane Kollmar
  
- 25 Rev. Paula Neibert

## Coffee Closet

- 4 Ingrid Minnick
  
- 11 MaryAnn McIntire
  
- 18 Melissa Closson
  
- 25 Martha Brown

## Greeters

- 4 Ingrid Minnick  
Jim Brown
- 11 MaryAnnMcIntire  
Beth Upton
- 21 Melissa Closson  
Alice Snider
- 25 Martha Brown  
Roslyn Morgan

*Security Check:  
Terry Logan*

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## February Birthdays

### Attendance

- 5 Ed Closson
- 11 Vicky Marschand
- 16 Bonnie Uchida
- 17 Betsy Logan
- 18 Chad Dalton  
Sandy Dalton
- 25 Rev. Paula Neibert
- 26 Jim Hammon  
Itzy Winn

## February Anniversaries

- 11 Michael & Yvette Sims
  
- 23 John & Bonnie Minglin
  
- 24 John & Deb Richards

## January

- January 7: 63
- January 14: 60
- January 21: 51
- January 28: 55