

Down by the River

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

April 2018

TUESDAYS

Bible Study: Disciples Fast
Track Study, 10:00 a.m. led by
Cary Green

THURSDAYS

Coloring Group: 11:00 a.m.
Choir Practice: 6:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 5TH

Church Events Meeting :
1:00p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 16TH

Broad Meeting: 6:30 p.m.

Looking Ahead:

Carousel Sunday:

Sunday, April 22nd at Riverside
Park, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Food and Drinks Provided

Progressive Dinner:

Saturday, May 5th

Pastor's Pen

We are entering April on the heels of Easter and the Resurrection. For the past several years Easter has become for me what Christmas Eve and Christmas morning were to me as a child. Even before going in to ministry, I would become excited with anticipation at the thought of Easter, and now that I'm helping to lead the Easter services, those feels have only intensified.

How do we hold on to the hope and wonder and excitement that the Resurrection calls us to, beyond Easter morning? I think one way we might do that is to stay connected to the Easter story throughout the year. For many people, the Easter story gets heard once, maybe twice a year. And that's odd considering our calling, our identification as Christians, as Christ followers is intrinsically connected to the hope and wonder and trust that was found in the empty tomb, the defeat of death, and the power of God's love.

While I was preparing the Easter sermon, I was struck by the way the gospel writer Mark reminds us that he was only able to tell the beginning of the Good News of Jesus Christ, that the Resurrection was only the beginning of the amazing way God works in the world. It's good to be reminded of that and to stay connected with that more than once or twice a year. As individuals and as a community of faith. The incredible, amazing way that God showed up in the life of Jesus Christ 2000 years ago is only the beginning of the Good News! Now is a great time of year to be reminded and renewed to the possibilities of what a life lived **IN** and **FOR** Jesus can accomplish. It is my hope and prayer that as a church we are entering into a time of renewed excitement for what we can accomplish together.

In Hope and Peace,
Pastor Paula

NOTICE: We have a vacancy on the board of Trustees. This position has the rest of this year plus the next 2 years. If interested please turn your name in to any Trustee or any Board Member

*In our
Community:*

Logan's Landing Organizing Downtown Green & Clean Day Saturday, April 28th. Volunteers are asked to bring their own gardening tool and gloves. Register at: lldirector@loganslanding.com or phone: Becky Harris 574-722-9345 and give an hour or two of your time to make the downtown district an area we can all be proud of.

A note from Marsha!

Thank you to ALL who helped with the Baked Potato & Salad Bar in anyway. From purchasing supplies to scrubbing and fixing potatoes, cooking meat and broccoli & ALL who donated salads and desserts. ALL who helped serve, clean tables, wash dishes and greet guests, I am so thankful for your help. I especially want to thank ALL our kiddos for their help by carrying trays, fixing and carrying drinks and cleaning tables. You guys rock! If I have forgotten anyone I appreciate your help also.

Our ROLCC family is the best!

A note from Donna Troxell!

I want to "Thank you" for cards & gifts for my special 90th Birthday. Ones that couldn't make, Thank you for your thoughts and prayers, it made me feel like a Queen for a day.

Bless you all, Donna

Serving in April.....

Elders

Prayers at the Table

- 1 Connie Kiesling
Bob Minnick
- 8 Ken Uchida
Tom Blackford
- 15 Julie & Ted Jones
- 22 Melissa Closson
Betsy Logan
- 29 Jane Kollmar
Ted Jones

Deacons

Offering & Communion

- Howard & Toni Lhamon
Connie Kiesling
Luke Neibert
- Clean up:
Ken & Bonnie Uchida

Worship

Leaders

- 1 Alice Snider
- 8 Jane Kollmar
- 15 Isabelle Iles
- 22 Barb Erickson
- 29 Jason Crittendon

Offering Meditation

- 1 Mac Martin
- 8 Rev. Paula Neibert
- 15 Jane Kollmar
- 22 Ken Uchida
- 29 Rev. Paula Neibert

Coffee Closet

- 1 Mary Bell
- 8 Marsha Iles
- 15 Cindy Erickson
- 22 Ingrid Minnick
- 29 Mary Anne McIntire

Greeters

- 1 Mary Bell
Connie Kiesling
- 8 Marsha Iles
Skip Perry
- 15 Steve Erickson
Matt Popejoy
- 22 Ingrid Minnick
Connie Kiesling
- 29 Mary Anne McIntire

*Security Check:
Jeremy Neibert*

April Birthdays

- 11 Mary Jean Shanks
- 12 Jeff Erickson
- 12 Robert Lothar
- 16 Jim Brown
- 18 Kasen Hyman
- 19 Phil McIntire
- 23 Khloe Hyman
- 27 Audrey Niblick

April Anniversaries

- 21 Barb & Ron Stigers
- 29 Norman & Debra Rivard

March Attendance

- 4 66
- 11 64
- 18 56
- 25 73