



FIRST Church Of Christ

March 2025 NEWSLETTER

"Some years ago, we traded in my old Volkswagen Super Beetle for our first piece of new furniture: a mauve sofa. It was roughly the shade of Pepto-Bismol, but because it represented to us a substantial investment, we thought 'mauve' sounded better. The man at the furniture store warned us not to get it when he found out we had small children. 'You don't want a mauve sofa,' he advised. 'Get something the color of dirt.' But we had the naive optimism of young parenthood. "We know how to handle our children," we said. 'Give us the mauve sofa.'"

"From that moment on, we all knew clearly the number one rule in the house. Don't sit on the mauve sofa. Don't touch the mauve sofa. Don't play around the mauve sofa. Don't eat on, breathe on, look at, or think about the mauve sofa. Remember the forbidden tree in the Garden of Eden? 'On every other chair in the house you may freely sit, but upon this sofa, the mauve sofa, you may not sit, for in the day you sit thereupon, you shall surely die.' Then came The Fall."

"One day there appeared on the mauve sofa a stain. A red stain. A red jelly stain. So my wife, who had chosen the mauve sofa and adored it, lined up our three children in front of it: Laura, age four, and Mallory, two and a half, and Johnny, six months.



'Do you see that, children?' she asked. 'That's a stain. A red stain. A red jelly stain. The man at the sofa store says it is not coming out. Not forever. Do you know how long forever is, children? That's how long we're going to stand here until one of you tells me who put the stain on the mauve sofa.'"

"Mallory was the first to break. With trembling lips and tear-filled eyes she said, 'Laura did it.' Laura passionately denied it. Then there was silence, for the longest time. No one said a word. I knew the children wouldn't, for they had never seen their mother so upset. I knew they wouldn't, because they knew that if they did, they would spend eternity in the time-out chair."

"I knew they wouldn't, because I was the one who put the red jelly stain on the mauve sofa, and I knew I wasn't saying anything. I figured I

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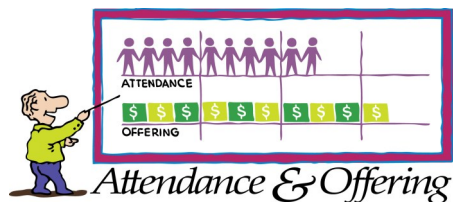
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February 2

Attendance 46/87

Offering \$4,719.12

February 9

Attendance 27/82

Offering \$3,227.48

February 16

Attendance 26/62

Offering \$3,618.12

February 23

Attendance /

Offering \$

Needed for Budget:

\$5,099.21



March Servers

Deaconesses:

Teresa Gambler & Brienne Hetrick

Elder Schedule:

2—Shawn Brandeberry

9—Doug Haase

16—Seth Ramey

23—Mark Rhodes

30—Larry Snavelly

Nursery:

2—1st—; SS—Jessica & Shaun Arend; 2nd—Jane Runyan

9—1st—; SS—; 2nd—Janet McCarthy & Deb Rhodes

16—1st—Sarah Hahn; SS—; 2nd—Sharon Blinzler

26—1st—; SS—; 2nd—

30—1st—; 2nd—

Heartfelt 
THANKS
TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!





3 Amy Dominique, Erica McNamara, Sherry Trubey

5 Gerry Wyrick

13 Janet McCarthy, Phyllis Waldron

14 Beth Clingaman

17 Parker Von Deylen

18 Teresa Gambler

19 Samantha Vuskalns

22 Preston Hull

23 Gary Brown

26 Ruth Thomas

28 Dylan Dominique, Wanda Hug

29 Bill Brewer, Sue Smethurst

30 Chelsea Nelson

Congratulations!

The church family rejoices with Timothy & Katie Sparks on the safe arrival of

Reagan James. She weighed in at 7# 9 oz. and was 21". She joins big brother, Theo. Maternal grandparents are Dave & Melissa Beerbower.



7 Mike & Lexy Robson (5)

10 John & Mary Garver (62)

27 Adam & Sarah Perry (4)

29 Toby & Jane Runyan (17)

Sympathy

The church family mourns with these families: Barbara Alpaugh on Ramon's passing; Doug & Vickie Grimm on the passing of Doug's mom, Ruth Grimm; Steve & Connie Tressler on the passing of Connie's brother; and Nathan & Ashley Knepper on the death of Ashley's grandmother.

Love All

Our Service Personnel: Austin Brandeberry (HI), Zachary Perkins (TX), Josh Severs (AL), Jordan Thornburg (GA), Katie Sparks (PA), Wesley Tressler (Korea). **Cancer:** Gwen Acker-Dickinson, Nathan Bailey, Marcia Baumgartner, Sue Bever, Tim Bight, Brent, Mary Ellen Bowman, Mark & Carrie Campo, Andrew Dell, Adam Farger, Carrie H, Terri Hug, Molly Johnston, Kent, Chuck Lees, Ron Lewis, Tim McKown, Rexann McCrary, Lora Manon, Chloe Merrilet, Crystal Miller, Ruth Ordway, Mary Pinckley, Elaine Purdue, Mike Roose, Sue Secoy, Terry Shinaberry, Stu Short, Annette Snavelly, Holly Sprow, Kortney Subasic, Amy Tobin, Kathy Walton, Drew Wayman. Raegan Wonderly; **Other Concerns:** Jennifer Mavis, Trevor Bailey, Neighborhood, Arlene Boyer, Danielle Strouse, Brenda Ridgway, Cindy Wolf, Zach Swisher, Cheryl Towers, Gene Nash, Kim Beek, Joshua Taylor, children's ministry, Danny Hull, Cindy Webber, Kevin Ayre, Kathy Moog, Marty, John Fry, Jackson Wolph, Shawn Roose, Fran Mavis, Nathan Ray, Nehemiah Haase, Randy Fisher, Jason Gregg, Nikki Hull, Ryan Yahraus, Khloe Hartman, Martha Hardy, Ellen Walker, Mike Green, Ronnie Pinckley, Tommy Morr, Garry Oberlin, John Leppelmeier, Barbara Alpaugh, Larry Snavelly, Tootie Bowman, Henry Kidd, Maverick Fields; **Shut Ins: Fairlawn Haven:** John Altman; **Hillside:** Annie Engel, Charlene Gambler; **Home:** Ron & Linda Lewis, Leona Puff.



Upcoming EVENTS

Craft Group
3/4/2025

Momco (MOPS)
3/5 & 19/2025

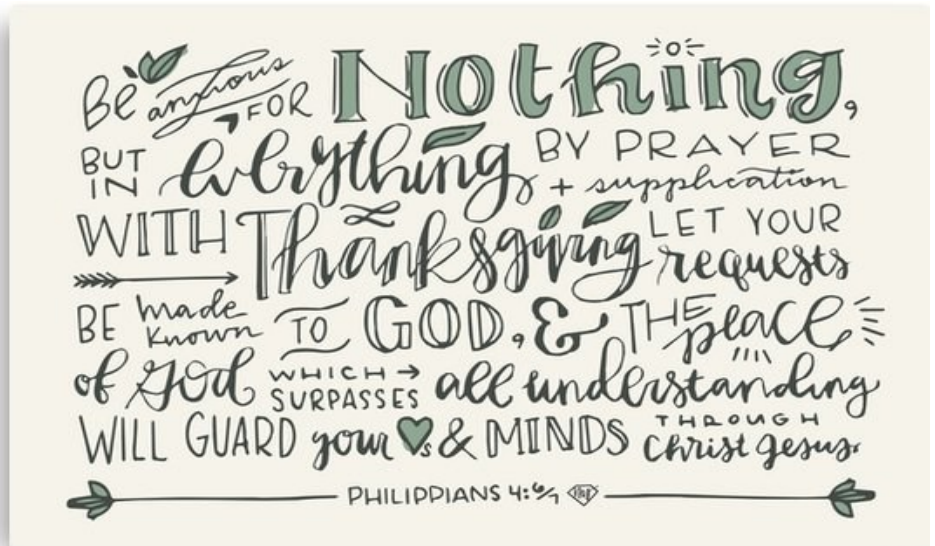
Spring Forward
3/9/2025

20°
3/11/2025

Lunch Bunch
3/25/2025

SENIORS MINISTRY

We will do Lunch Bunch on Tuesday, 3/25 at 11:45 AM destination to be determined. Please meet there.



would find a safe place to confess — such as in a book I was going to write, maybe.”

“The truth is, of course, that we have all stained the sofa. Some of the stains are small and barely noticeable. But some of them bleed through the entire fabric of our lives. They are the stains we regret in the wee, cold hours of the night as we lie in bed staring at the ceiling, wishing we could go back and relive some moments and get things right this time.”

Into a world of stains, sins, Jesus came to accomplish what only He could do. 1 John 1:8— If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

I pray I am spiritual man enough to confess my sins. May I be humble enough to accept Your gift of grace.

Destined to Win, Larry



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	3 9:30 Senior Seekers	4 10:00 Craft Group	5 10:00 Ladies Bible Study 5:30 Supper 6:15 Club 226 6:15 Momco 6:15 Adult Bible Study	6	7	8
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23 8:00 Worship 9:15 Sunday School 10:15 Worship	24 9:30 Senior Seekers	25 11:45 Lunch Bunch	26 No Wednesday Night Activities	27	28	29
30 8:00 Worship 9:00 Breakfast 10:15 Worship	31 9:30 Senior Seekers					

