

The Messenger

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Our Mission is to Celebrate and Share Christ's Love through feeding the Body & the Soul.



9540 Fifth St. Highland, IN 46322

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Spring 2025

Holy Week & Easter @ FCC:

Palm Sunday: Bread for the Road (4/13)

Maundy Thursday (4/17)

Labyrinth Walk—12 P.M.

Worship: Bread for Remembrance—7 P.M.

Good Friday (4/18)

Labyrinth Walk—12 P.M.

Tenebrae Service: Bread for Uncertainty—7 P.M.

Easter Egg Scramble (4/19) - 11 A.M.

Easter (4/20)

Sunrise Service will be posted on Facebook and emailed at 4 A.M. to watch as you are able.

Easter Breakfast Potluck—9:00 A.M.

Easter Worship: Bread for Feasting —10:30 A.M.

Upcoming Church Events

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Sundays @ FCC

Disciples Café
9:30 A.M.

Worship
10:30 AM

Youth Group
5- 6:30 P.M.



April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Game Group 10 A.M.-12 P.M.	3 Lenten Labyrinth 12 P.M.	4	5 Homeless Lunch
6 Disciples Café 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Mac Madness 5-6:30 P.M. B: Nancy Cave	7 B: Ally Messmer	8 Stitch of Time 10 A.M.—12 P.M.	9 Senior Food Box Distribution 10 A.M.-12 P.M. Soup & Study 12 P.M. 3M—6 P.M.	10 Lenten Labyrinth 12 P.M. B: Molly Korman	11 B: Missy Crawford, Olivia Sundquist	12
13 Palm Sunday Disciples Café 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Youth Group 5-6:30 P.M.	14	15 Stitch of Time 10 A.M.—12 P.M.	16 Game Group 10 A.M.-12 P.M. Soup & Study 12 P.M. 3M—6 P.M. B: Dan Helpingstine	17 Maundy Thursday Labyrinth 12 P.M. Worship 7 P.M.	18 Good Friday Labyrinth 12 P.M. Good Friday Tenebrae 7 P.M.	19 Easter Egg Scramble 11 A.M.
20 Easter Breakfast 9:30 A.M. Easter Worship 10:30 A.M.	21 B: Rev. Becky Sundquist	22 Earth Day Labyrinth Walk 6 P.M. Board Meeting 7 P.M.	23 3M—6 P.M. B: Linda Herbst	24 Rev. Becky's Office Hours at Sip Coffee House 10 A.M.-12 P.M.	25 B: Brenda Michalak	26
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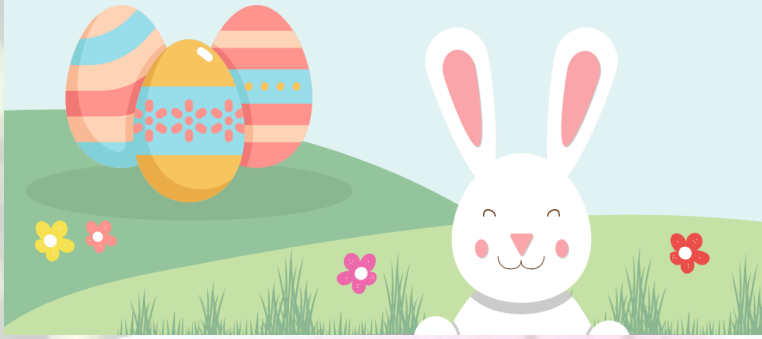
EASTER EGG SCRAMBLE

RSVP by
April 13

SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2025
TIME 11:00 A.M.

Kids 10
and under!

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
9540 FIFTH ST. HIGHLAND, IN 46322



Youth Group Dinner Sponsorships
If you would like to support the Senior High/Junior Youth Group meetings this winter/spring, providing dinner at one of our weekly meetings a fantastic way to support this important and growing ministry. Please see Rev. Becky with a list of available dates!



Resumes August 18th
5-6:30 P.M.

Youth Group @ Ridge UMC



A Ministry Partnership of Ridge United Methodist Church and First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

@ Ridge
UMC

MAC MADNESS

MAC-N-CHEESE COOKOFF

APRIL 6th | 5-6:30pm
Fellowship Hall

SAVE THE DATE
VBS 2025!!

June 16-20,
9-11:30 A.M.

@ Ridge UMC
8607 Columbia
Munster

Parents & Kids Night Out

MAY 9, 2025
5:30 - 8 P.M.

Babysitting, Dinner, Activities, & Movie provided for Kids for Free!
RSVP with Pastor Becky!

Cokesbury Kids

ROAD TRIP

ON THE GO WITH GOD

Praying for our Friends & Family

Members of the Congregation:

Tim & Kathy Drury, Dolores Cave, Don Dean, Judy Olen, Ashley Moss, Grace Kristoff, Tom Cushing, Brenda Michalak.

Friends of the Congregation: (Please let me know if there are updates to this ongoing list)

The Yuris Family, The Murphy Family, Jerry Zolmer, Liz Griffin, Cherie Coolidge, Jim Pasour, Ron Straker, Nikki Sweeny, Barbara Blaze, Taft/Weber Family, Terry Mavity, Sophia Morgan, Paul Graegin, Christine Phillips, Marian Huizenga, Bill Murphy, Matt Murphy, Spencer Gordon, Michael Cole, Chris Cole, Tim Gasaway, Anne Fairfield, Kaden & Mara Luthringer, Jim Moss, Dave Horvat, David Cole, Scott Bridges, David Cole, Susan Worrell, David Harding, Pam Wynne, Annie Haschke; Than; Molly, Tony, the Beres Family, Sue Bigger, Steve and Bethany Chemeil, Justin Meyers, Val Rushing, .

Joys: Lenten opportunities for growth;

Fifth Street Figures

Description	Offering
Worship (2/2/25)	\$555.83
Week of Compassion	\$30.00
TOPS	\$100.00
TOTAL	\$685.83
Worship (2/9/25)	\$887.55
Week of Compassion	\$25.00
TOTAL	\$912.55
Worship (2/16/25)	\$2270.00
Sober School	\$800.00
Week of Compassion	\$55.00
TOTAL	\$3125.00
Worship (2/23/25)	\$1566.83
Worship (3/2/25)	\$1700.00
Worship (3/9/25)	\$1896.00
Week of Compassion	\$30.00
TOPS	\$80.00
TOTAL	\$1896.00
Worship (3/16/25)	\$3278.55

Fifth Street Figures Continued...

January 2025 Figures

General:

Income: \$8,443.00
Transfer from Capital Funds: \$4000.00
Expenditures: \$10,378.29

Outreach

Income: 20.00
Expenditures: -

February 2025 Figures

General:

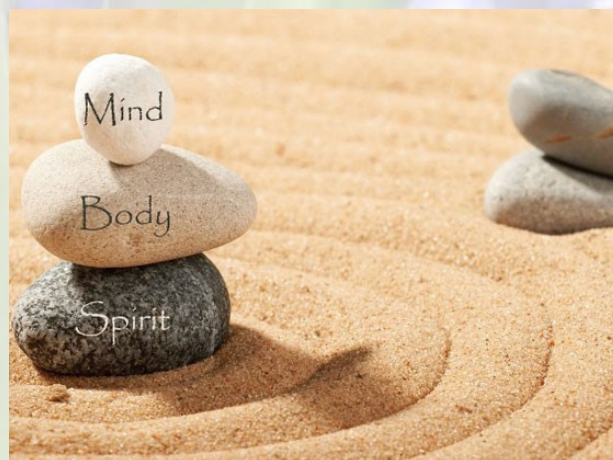
Income: \$6,190.00
Transfer from Capital Funds: \$4,000.00
Expenditures: \$12,193.09

Outreach

Income: \$110.00
Expenditures: -

Thank you for your faithful giving to the ministries of our beloved church!
If you are interested in receiving the financial statements for First Christian Church, please contact Delia Helpingstine and she will be happy to share that information with you.

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Check us out on Facebook!

Disciples Café 9:30 A.M.
Worship: 10:30 A.M.

Pastor Office Hours:
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
(9:30 A.M.—1:00 P.M.);
or by appointment

Pastor Rebecca Sundquist
Cell phone: (217)341-4105
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YouTube: First Christian Church Highland IN
Facebook: First Christian Church Highland IN

Elder & Deacon Serving Schedule

April 6, 2025
Elder—Brenda Michalak
Deacon—Linda Messmer

April 13, 2025
Palm Sunday
Elder—Debbie Benson
Deacon—David Michalak

April 20, 2025
Easter Sunday
Elder—Mary Ellen Carpenter
Deacon—Tania Messmer

April 27, 2025
Elder—Delia Helpingstine
Deacon—Don Dean

May 4, 2025
Elder—Sharon Worrell-Schroader
Deacon—Brad Chandler

May 11, 2025
Elder—Brenda Michalak
Deacon—Linda Messmer

May 18, 2025
Elder—Debbie Benson
Deacon—David Michalak

May 25, 2025
Elder—Mary Ellen Carpenter
Deacon—Tania Messmer



News from the Christian Church in Indiana!

The CC(DOC) in Indiana Mission
Indiana Identity Statement

The Christian Church in Indiana is a diverse community of congregations called by God to act together in love.

We Value . . .

Christ's Table: We extend Christ's welcome to all through worship and communion.

Connection and Care: We are called to accompany one another.

Shared Wisdom: We gain insight in community.

Mutual Ministry: We do our ministry and mission more effectively together.

Spiritual Leadership: We nurture each one's call as gifted by the Spirit.

We Imagine . . .

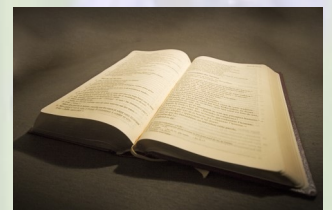
A region that engages in networks of diverse relationships which shape our shared mission and ministry. We envision collaborative efforts that assist individuals in expressing their spiritual gifts, equip congregations to serve in their context and give witness to God's hope for a new community. This compels us to allocate our energy and resources in fresh ways and to call forth leadership throughout the region to fulfill this vision.

Written by the Manna Process,
2010-2012



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If you are interested in serving as a lector/
worship leader on Sunday mornings, please
see Brenda Michalak
or the church office
for open Sundays.
Your voice is im-
portant in worship





Ways You Can Be A Part of the Action!

Lunch Bunch News

2025 Serving Dates:

April 5th

June 7th

August 2nd

October 4th

December 6th

If you are interested in being a



part of this amazing team of servants, see Sharon W.S.!

Blessing Box and Book Nook News

Many thanks to Kevin and Tania Messmer for sponsoring the 2025 Super Bowl Squares fundraiser! Many thanks to all who purchased squares! Proceeds go toward supplies for the Blessing Box.



Puzzles, coloring books, and board games are fun additions to the Book Nook!

Senior Food Box Ministry

We have an awesome team who distributes the senior food boxes (Patrick, Marc, Linda and Debbie)! If you want to be a part of the action, see Debbie Benson!

Opportunities to Serve

Easter
SPECIAL OFFERING

Wonder:
The Inside Story
Luke 24:1-12

Supporting general ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Received in most congregations

Sunday, April 13 & 20, 2025
or two alternative Sundays in your congregation

4/8, 4/15, 5/13, & 5/20

A STITCH OF TIME

A Ministry of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Highland, IN

Creating handcrafted blankets for those undergoing chemotherapy.



Office Hours at Sip Coffee



MEET-UP AT SIP COFFEEHOUSE IN HIGHLAND EVERY 4TH OR 5TH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH 10-12! THIS IS A MOBILE OFFICE HOURS OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH ME ABOUT CHURCH "BUSINESS", SPIRITUAL CONCERNS, AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR US TO MEET. JOIN PASTOR BECKY ON 4/24 & 5/29!



*Act Justly,
LOVE MERCY,
AND
Walk Humbly
with your GOD.*
Micah 6:8

Boomwhacker Rehearsal rehearsal dates to be announced soon!



Great job CHURCH!

We collected 207 cans of soup for the Souper Bowl of Caring!
We blew the challenge of 175 cans out of the water and reached a new all time high for our annual collection!

Address Changes:

Herbie Peck
Sunrise of Flossmoor
19715 Governor's Highway, #129
Flossmoor, IL 60422
(219)384-7022

Carol Coolidge
11011 Village Square Ln.
Apt. 158
Fishers, IN 46038

Next Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 22,
2025 7 P.M.

Game Group

1st & 3rd Wednesdays of
each month!

10-12.

Join this fun
group and be
blessed!



Many Thanks

Thank you to Debbie Benson for helping to make decoupage bread for the Lenten sermon series! Your help has added a lot to the sanctuary and will be used for years to come!

Did you know she made the communion bread on the communion table 15 years ago?!

News From the Pews

Easter Flower Orders

Lilies—\$9

Tulips & Hyacinths—\$10

of Lilies: _____

of Tulips: _____

of Hyacinths: _____

My flowers are in honor/memory (circle one) of the following loved ones:

Total: _____

Orders are due to Linda Messmer by 4/6.

Please make checks payable to Linda Messmer.

MIDWEEK MINDFUL MEDITATION

GUIDED WORKSHOP

6-6:45 P.M.
ON ZOOM

RESET MIDWEEK
AND CONNECT
WITH GOD



Earth Day

Celebration & Labyrinth Walk
at First Christian Church (DOC)
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APRIL 22, 2025
6:00 P.M.



4/9
&
4/16

Lenten Soup & Study
Wednesdays in Lent
12:00 P.M.
Studying
"Bread of Life" series



Lenten Labyrinth Walk
Thursdays @ 12:00 P.M.

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- amended August 7, 2022



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Lunch with the Pastor

Thursday, May 1st at Les Café in Highland!

11:00 A.M.

No agenda, just a time to connect!



O God, you
are my
God;
earnestly I
seek you;
my soul
thirsts for
you;
Psalm 63:1

Dear FCC Sisters and Brothers,

There is a lot of difficult things happening in the world. It is easy to get lost in them. That's fair. We are caring and concerned people. As our Lenten theme is on "The Living Bread", I encourage you to find ways that you contribute to the spiritual wellbeing of those around you. Just as important, keep looking for ways that fill your spirit too.

For example, while my family managed Covid-19 (again) and while I also nurse my bum knee, so many of you have reached out to offer support and prayers. It is not lost on me that you care for my family as you do your own. When I felt guilt about missing this or that because of illness or doctor's appointments, you said "pish posh! Get well instead!" This has soothed my soul better than any medication ever could. You gave me permission to rest and that has been deeply important.

We are called to be God's light and love in these tenuous times. It might be hard to figure out just how to do that. Rest assured you each have the important tools to carry out these tasks as evidenced by my example. Your work may be big sometimes and at other times small. It varies in between. ALL the work you offer for the Kingdom of God, all of the spiritual food you give is what the world needs now. May the Bread of Life sustain you and may you courageously offer it to those who are hungry.

Grace and Peace,
Rev. Becky

May 2025

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

				<p>1</p> <p>Lunch with the Pastor @ Les Café 11:00 A.M.</p> <p>A: David & Brenda Michalak</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>World Labyrinth Day</p> <p>Labyrinth Walk 10 A.M.</p>
<p>4</p> <p>Disciples Café 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Youth Group 5-6:30 P.M. A: Tom & Sheila Cushing</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Game Group 10 A.M.-12 P.M. 3M-6 P.M.</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Parents' Night Out @ Ridge UMC 5:30-8 P.M.</p>	<p>10</p>
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<p>25</p> <p>Disciples Café 9:30 A.M. Worship 10:30 A.M. Youth Group 5-6:30 P.M. B: Don Dean</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Memorial Day (Office Closed)</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Rev. Becky's Office Hours at Sip Coffee House 10 A.M.-12 P.M.</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>



Bread of Life: Gather. Savor. Share.

The world feels heavy—divided and uncertain. Hearts ache, minds seek peace, and souls hunger for hope. In these moments, many search for a way forward. Amid injustice and tragedies, we remember we must first gather around the table for strength so we can respond with love and grace.

This Lent, let us gather together to break bread, savor the divine generosity of God, and rise to share with the world out of the abundance we have received from the bread of life.

The table is open. Come, be renewed, and take this bread.

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