

Our Mission

We are an open and welcoming community that God calls and the Holy Spirit empowers us to:

- *Share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all ages*
- *Explore and express a growing faith*
- *Equip believers for ministries which expand the kingdom of God*



The Royal Parade

Psalm 118, Mark 11:1-11

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Palm Sunday, March 24, 2024

Theme: Hosanna

It's a new day!

Spring is here, and the dark days of winter are in the past, at least until next year.

Today, we are beginning Holy Week. This is a significant season for Christians. The week begins with Palm Sunday. The first Palm Sunday was when Jesus made his triumphal entry into Jerusalem almost 2000 years ago. There was a procession, people cheered. They threw down their cloaks and waved palm branches. Jesus rode in on a donkey, just like Solomon did after his military victories.

People shouted Hosanna! Hosanna is a Hebrew word meaning "Lord save us." It is the first word in a hymn sung on the seventh day of Booths. The hymn is recorded in the book of Psalms. It is Psalm 17 in our Bibles. It begins.

***“Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry;
give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.
From you let my vindication come”***

But there was a difference between kings and Roman processions and the one Jesus had. He did not enter on a war steed or on a sedan chair carried by porters. Instead, he rode on a donkey.

Instead of the customary invitation by local officials for a feast of welcome, he was jeered.

It was an opportunity missed for the leaders of Jesus’ time. They had forgotten their beleaguered past. They were too centered on the political and power manipulations in their lives. This Jesus was the champion of losers. He was favored by lepers, cripples, and tax collectors. To them, he provided nothing they wanted.

As we study the week Jesus was in town, we find him defying their established lives. Jesus paid more attention to the poor and sick. He went into the temple drawing disruptive and loud crowds speaking on sacrilegious issues. He even broke up their main line of income, the money changers in the temple.

Come worship with us at First Christian Church, Warrensburg, Missouri where we will renew the march of palms remembering that day Jesus marched into our lives. Will we be more welcoming than the leaders of Jesus’ day?

CWF Notes from Toni Frandsen & Vicki Granger, Co-Presidents

CWF met on Thursday, March 14 beginning with a devotion from Chris Simon. Hostesses were Toni Frandsen and Cheryl Belanger and a program was presented by Linda Hoover. Outreach will begin collecting adult undergarments with toiletries for Grab 'N Go. We will begin cleaning and setting up for the Rummage Sale downstairs on Monday, March 25 and Wednesday, March 27 at 9:00 AM. Rummage Sale dates are set for August 8-10 and August 16-17. We also decided on Saturday, April 27 at 8:00 AM for a THANK YOU breakfast for the Property Committee for all their hard work remodeling, painting, lighting, and putting up shelving in the back rooms of Fellowship Hall! What a transformation! Our next CWF meeting will be Thursday, April 11 at 9:30 AM. A devotion will be given by Deb Cadle, hostesses are Linda Hoover and Janette Howard, and the program will be presented by Vicki Granger. All ladies are welcome! Please take a look at page 5 of this newsletter! It has some game night pictures from last Friday!

Coffee Connection

*We need Hosts for Coffee Connection for April!
If you are available for any Sunday in April or early May,
please stop by the bulletin board in the CLC lobby
and sign up or call the Office! If you have the time, please
know that you need not pay for items out of pocket.
A Walmart card will be provided. Thank you!*



Happy Anniversary, Bret & Abby Miller!
(inadvertently left off the list earlier, sorry)

Prayer Concerns and Praises

Prayers for the family of Jane Russell.

Prayers for Mike Haller.

Prayers for Chuck Ludlam, Pat Sterling's Son-in-law.

Prayers for Jeff Kramer, Nancy Rogers' work partner.

Prayers for the family of Marvin Harper, friend of Gary Grigsby.

Prayers for Brenda Dougherty, Kristal's mother, she's back in the hospital.

Prayers for Kathy's nephews, Eric Mueller and Trevor Browning. Trevor recently underwent another surgery.

Prayers for Ann Patterson Scott.

Prayers for Rick Dooley.

Prayers for Melvin's cousin, Erin Rogers.

Prayers for the Basye family.

Prayers for Ed and Bubbles Goodwin, Bill's parents.

Prayers for the Search & Call Committee.

Prayers for our members who are homebound, in an assisted living community and nursing homes.

March Birthdays

1 – Elle Schnakenberg
4 – Dana Baldwin
6 – Zane Spalding
6 – Chris Burton
7 – Jake Turner
9 – Carol Dunham
10 – Mary Shoop
14 – Debbie Haller
14 – Kameron Key
16 – Noah Cromer
17 – Donna Hays
17 – James Dooley
17 – Caroline Smith
19 – Cindy Gabel
20 – Noel Dougherty
20 – Sam Jones
20 – Lee Younce
21 – Ellen Woody
21 – Bill Goodwin
22 – Easton Burchard
24 – Garrett Osborne
25 – Vyrdel Basye
25 – Cory Shaumeyer
26 – Janet Ritchhart
26 – Christina Blevins
27 – Kaylin Piper
28 – Kierston Newberry

March Anniversaries

11 – Jon & Toni Frandsen
13 – Jim & Megan Stuck
14 – Bret & Abby Miller
17 – Lee & Mary Ann Younce
26 – Lyman & Claudine Hannah
26 – Doug & Ellen Woody



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Two Important dates coming up:

Maundy Thursday, March 28th at FUMC. Brunch from 5:00-6:30 pm with Service starting at 6:30. FUMC & FCC Combined Choir & Bell Choir will perform! Also, Easter Sunday, March 31 with Coffee Connection at 10:00 and a Combined Service at 10:45 in the Sanctuary. Lunch in the CLC after Service, see page 6 for info!

Weekly Calendar

Wednesday March 20

11:00 to 12:00 – Grab ‘N Go Lunch
5:30 - FCC Young Adults, Rob Bell Series
6:00 - Discussion on Jesus' Parables in the Parlor

Thursday March 21

11:00 to 12:00 – Devotion & Singing at Warrensburg Manor
5:00 - Harmonayres Practice

Friday March 22

9:00 – Bell Choir Practice

Palm Sunday March 24

Easter Special Offering begins!
9:15 – Sunday School
9:15 – Traditional Palm Service in the Sanctuary
10:15 – Coffee Connection in the CLC lobby
10:45 – Palm Celebration Service in the CLC
12:00 – Rehearsal for Maundy Thursday Service at FUMC (after their Service)

Monday & Wednesday March 25 & 27

9:00 – CWF cleaning the Fellowship Hall

Please keep reading, new info on two more pages!

CWF GAME NIGHT - FUN & FELLOWSHIP



You're invited to
Family Easter Dinner



following worship service in the
Christian Life Center

Brenda will provide the meat, drinks and some extras. You are asked to bring sides &/or desserts.

If you're not a 'cooker', you can request dishes and make a donation. I'd be happy to do the cooking for you.

To help get a head count and see what others are bringing, please fill out this [2024 Easter Dinner form](#).

Or you can RSVP to me: 660-909-4220 or dooley@ucmo.edu