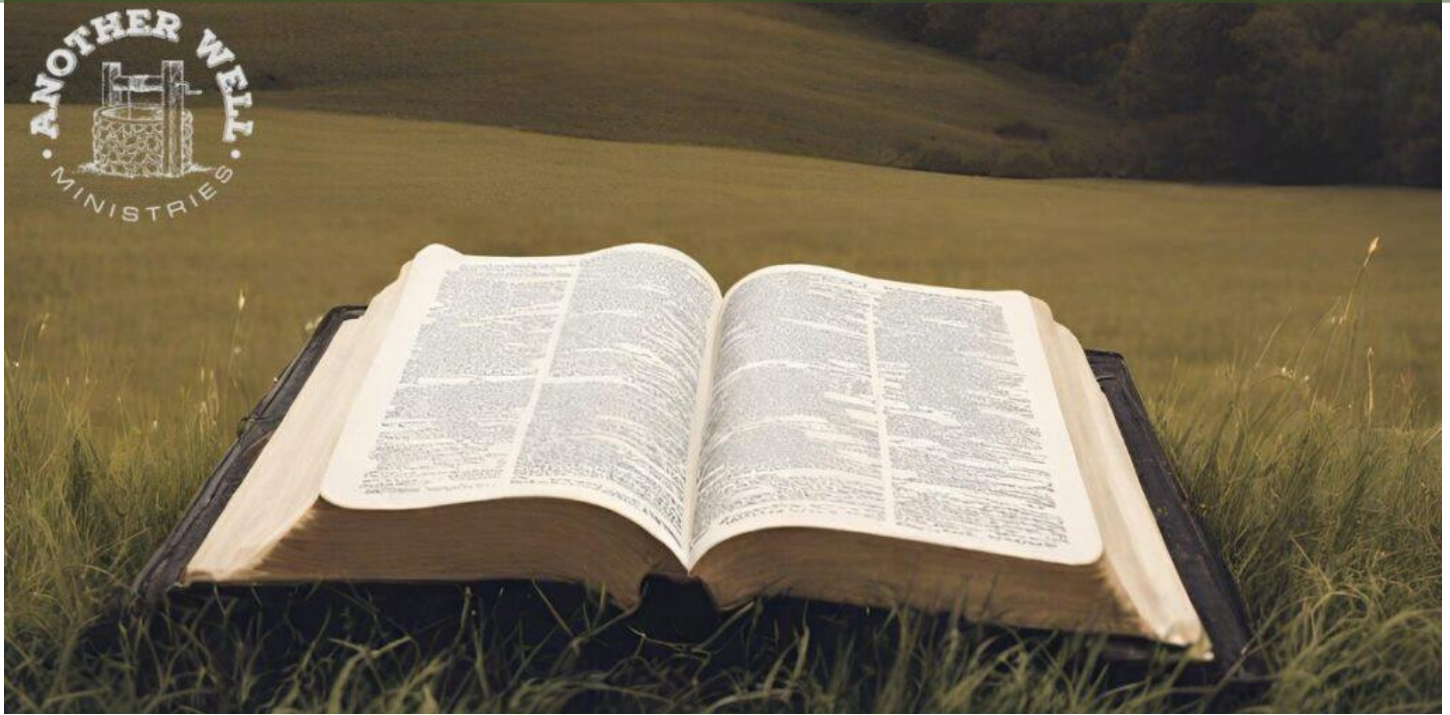


Our Mission

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*



Psalm 139 & John 3:1-7
Easter B3, April 14, 2024
Theme: Believe It Or Not

I want to thank you for inviting me to worship with you this Sunday. It's always both a pleasure and a challenge to bring a meaningful message to any congregation, especially one in which you belong. Guest Preachers have the option to never return!

The Scripture readings for Sunday are from the Old Testament, Psalm 139 and from the New Testament, John 3:1-7.

Roger and I keep a running dialogue in our home. He never takes my advice without questioning it. He finally begrudgingly takes it, perhaps to prove me wrong. We call this the "Louise Syndrome" in honor of his darling mother who suffered the same affliction!

When I am right, I simply say what a burden it is for me to be right all the time....and we laugh. What is it about believing that's so difficult? Why do we always need proof? We'll be exploring this more fully in my message " Believe It Or Not."

See you in church!
Pastor Liz

CALLING ALL GRADUATES!

It is close to the time of year when Graduates will be walking for their diplomas! Congrats to them all! The following are the FCC graduates that we know of. Please, please inform the Office if we need to add someone! They will be announced at a Worship Service in May. Thank you!

Myla Laws from Warrensburg High School

Jacelynn Laws from William Jewell College

Kari Wiss (Grigsby) from University of Central Missouri with her Master's Degree

The Preaching Festival begins April 14th, 2024!

Beginning April 14th, Reverend Elizabeth Cockrell Coleman is speaking about, "Believe It Or Not."

- **Sunday, April 14th** is Reverend Elizabeth Cockrell Coleman

Liz Coleman graduated from St. Paul School of Theology in 1986. She was ordained that same year at Community Christian Church in Kansas City. Prior to seminary training, Liz directed a child-care center and taught pre-school at several locations including Broadway Methodist Church. Following seminary, she was named Director of United Campus Ministries at the University of Missouri/Kansas City Campus, a position she held for ten years (1987-1997). In addition, Liz was the primary minister overseeing weddings for the Jackson County Department of Records at the Old Courthouse on the Square in Independence. She performed this ministry for almost 30 years. Liz is a retired Disciples of Christ Minister. She and her husband, Roger, were married in 1972, having met while attending school in Columbia, Missouri. The Coleman's have three daughters and six grandchildren.

- **Sunday, April 21st** is Dr. Roger Coleman
- **Sunday, April 28th** is Reverend Lem Whitmer
- **Sunday, May 5th** is Mark Goodwin
- **Sunday, May 12th** is Pastor Jerry Basye (this Sunday is Mother's Day!)

Mark your calendars, we hope you can be here to enjoy these amazing speakers!

The Advisory Council discussed the need to create an updated PICTORIAL DIRECTORY of members! One part of the discussion included whether we should consider doing it "in house" using member volunteers with readily available software. If you would be interested in helping on this project, talk to Debbie Haller (Board Chair). Thank you!

Coffee Connection

We need Hosts for Coffee Connection for **April 14 & 28!**
If you are available for those Sundays 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!



Prayer Concerns and Praises

Prayers for Jim Metcalf, friend of the Simons'.

Prayers for the family of Gary Brown (call the Office for Service Information).

Prayers for the family of Dennis Jones.

Prayers for Rachel Shane, friend of Amanda Corbett's, who donated a kidney.

Prayers for Paulette Whitmer's Cousin and Aunt.

Prayers for Sydney Hochsprung (Janice Wolff's granddaughter) and Finn Helms.

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

Prayers for Jeff Kramer, Nancy Rogers' work partner. He has had extra health issues come up.

Prayers for Kathy's nephews, Eric Mueller and Trevor Browning. Trevor is home but is still recovering.

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.

Praises for Brenda Dougherty, Kristal's mother, she's out of the hospital!

FCC Guest WiFi Password:

WarrensburgFCC (new!)

April Birthdays

1 – Casey Laws
5 - Greg Cobb
7 – Roger Coleman
8 – Pat Sterling
9 – Chuck Owings
9 – Nancy Eaton
10 – Sharon Cochran
10 – David Elliott
11 – Vicki Granger
12 – Nicholas Etter
13 – Ginny Bruch
13 – Hanna Stillwell
17 – Elizabeth Bell
18 – Connie Baldwin
19 – Charlie Dennis
21 – Janice Wolff
21 – Kaitlyn Seigfreid
22 - Deke Alkire
23 – Martha Smarr
25 – Jon Frandsen
25 – Brayden Godfrey

April Anniversaries

1 – Casey & Carrie Laws
10 – Greg & Shannon Cobb



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Sunday Worship Services Attendance:

Easter Sunday, March 31st = 77

Sunday, April 7th = 48

Weekly Calendar

Wednesday April 10

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 April 11

9:30 – CWF Meeting
11:00 to 12:00 – Devotion & Singing at
Warrensburg Manor
5:00 – Harmonayres

Friday April 12

9:00 – Bell Choir Practice

Sunday April 14

9:15 – Children’s Sunday School
9:15 – Traditional Service in the Sanctuary*
10:15 – Coffee Connection, CLC Lobby
10:45 – Celebration Service in the CLC*

*Reverend Elizabeth Cockrell Coleman will be
Guest Preaching at both Services! Don’t miss it!

Tuesday April 16

6:30 – Board Meeting