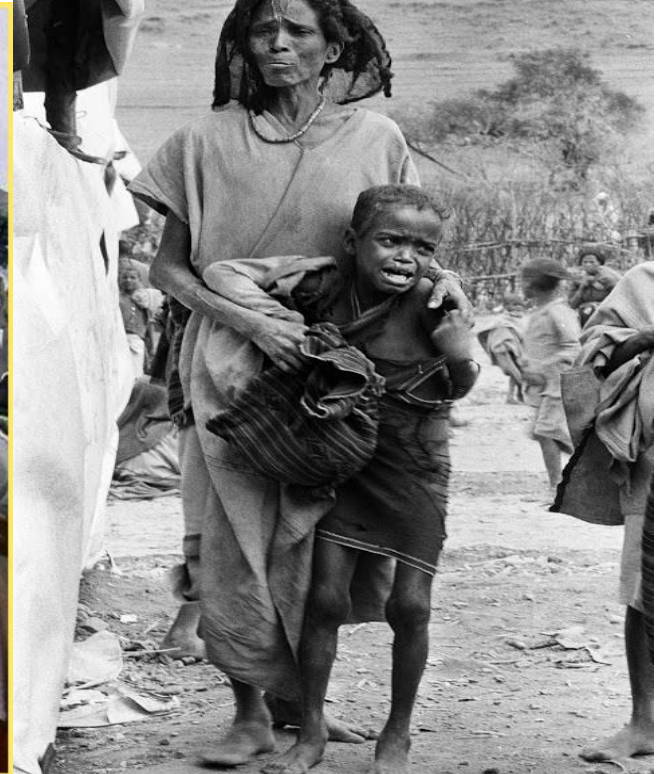


Our Mission

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*



Picture #1: The Apostle Phillip assisting Jesus with the feeding of the five thousand.

Picture #2: Photograph by David Hutson with Roger Coleman at a food camp in Ethiopia during the famine of 1985.

Psalm 23 & John 14:1-11

Easter B4, April 21, 2024

Theme: A Simple Faith (In Confusing Times)

There is an argument sometimes used to support accuracy of the New Testament stories. It goes like this. These episodes **must** be true. “Why else would the followers of Jesus, those closest to him, be so often painted in a bad light – that bad light being a lack of understanding of his teachings, of his purpose, of his ministry?”

If the New Testament was a Shakespearean play, we might think that this **confusion** is planned, a foil used to focus greater attention on the wisdom of Jesus.

But the New Testament is not a play nor is it a novel like *Don Quixote* with a need for a Sancho Panza. It is a collection of stories meant to help us understand the nature of God – stories that burn in our very hands if we hold them too long.

Examining this confusion by the Disciples and looking at some of the confusions we face today, will be part of the challenge this Sunday as we continue our post-Easter journey, “Experiencing the Living God.”

Dr. Roger Coleman

[The Preaching Festival continues April 21st, 2024!](#)

April 21st, Dr. Roger Coleman is speaking about, “A Simple Faith (In Confusing Times)”

- **Sunday, April 21st - Dr. Roger Coleman**

Roger is an ordained Disciples of Christ minister who spent 40 years directing church-sponsored community service organizations in the Westport/Midtown area of Kansas City, Missouri. He holds graduate degrees in theology and in counseling, and in 1983 was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree by the Missouri School of Religion in recognition of his community service. Most recently, he served as the director of a local food pantry and as a member of the City Council before retiring in Warrensburg. He and his wife, Elizabeth, were married in 1972, having met while attending school in Columbia, Missouri. They have three daughters and six grandchildren.

- **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!

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

CWF met on Thursday, April 11 with a devotion led by Deb Cadle. Hostesses for the meeting were Linda Hoover and Janette Howard and the program was presented by Vicki Granger. Several ladies have begun working in the Fellowship Hall preparing for the Rummage Sale on Monday and Wednesday mornings at 9:00. We will be ready for donations to the Rummage Sale by Wednesday, May 1st! We continue to collect adult undergarments, toiletries, and desserts for Grab 'N Go. The ladies will be providing a 'Thank You' breakfast for the Property Committee on Saturday, April 27 at 8:00 AM. Our next CWF meeting will be Thursday, May 2 at 9:00 AM in the parlor where we will be visiting our homebound and assisted living members with May Day flowers and then lunch at El Monterey afterwards! All ladies are welcome to attend!

Coffee Connection

We need Hosts for Coffee Connection for **April 28!**
If you are available for Sunday May 5, 19 or 26,
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!



FCC Guest WiFi Password:

WarrensburgFCC (new!)

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 Paulette Whitmer's Cousin.

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

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 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 Taevin Dunn! At 3 years old he had an appendectomy on Tuesday, April 9th and is doing wonderfully!

Praises for Paulette Whitmer's Aunt who is better and home with her daughter from the hospital.

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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Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 9:00-2:00

Sunday Worship Services Attendance:

Sunday, April 7th = 48

Sunday, April 14th = 72, Thank you

Pastor Liz for Guest Preaching!

Weekly Calendar

Wednesday April 17

11:00 to 12:00 – Grab ‘N Go Lunch

No - FCC Young Adults today!

6:00 - Discussion on Jesus' Parables in the Parlor

Thursday April 18

11:00 to 12:00 – Devotion & Singing at
Warrensburg Manor

5:00 – Harmonayres

Friday April 19

9:00 – Bell Choir Practice

Sunday April 21

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*

*Dr. Roger Coleman will be Guest Preaching at
both Services! Don't miss it!

**Sunday, May 5 – Congregational Meeting at
10:15 in the Sanctuary to affirm the calling of a
settled pastor. Mark your calendar!**

Keep reading, there's 2 more pages of new
information!

CALLING ALL GRADUATES!

It is 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 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!

A Note Regarding the Passing of a Church Friend:

Please excuse the informality of this note, but I wanted to inform you of the death of Dorothy E. Golson on April 10th at Harmony Gardens in Warrensburg.

A private family gathering will be held in Columbia at a later date.

Sincerely,

Emily Jennings

Dottie's Daughter-In-Law

From the church office: If you would like to send a card, here is Emily's address:

12730 Mohawk Circle

Leawood KS 66209

Do you have a child turning 5 years old by July 31st? Kindergarten Enrollment is open now! www.warrensburg6.org



JOIN US IN A CARD SHOWER FOR MARTHA!

Marth Smarr turns 95 years young

Tuesday, April 23rd!

Please Mail your card to Martha at:

1201 W. 19th St. Apt. C113

Higginsville MO 64037

SAVE THE DATE!!! Sunday, May 5th!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Between Services at 10:15.

Voting in the Sanctuary to affirm

the calling of a settled pastor!