



## A Publication of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

### From Pastor Gina

*With God all things are possible. Matthew 19:26*

When I was young, my grandfather's ashes were kept in an urn on a special shelf in our dining room. One day my brother and I were horsing around and we bumped the shelf and caused the lid to fall off the urn and fall to the floor. Praise God, it only broke into 3 pieces. My brother and I immediately rushed to glue it back together and get it back in place before our parents would know what happened. Unfortunately one of the three pieces was missing. We got two pieces of the lid glued back, but there was still a tiny gap from the missing piece. We decided we would put it back and turn the broken part away so no one could see it. We made a pack, this was our secret. Although we thought we were smart kids and we would get away with it. The broken item was evident and before you knew it, we had to come clean. You know there are many things in our life that end up broken. Some things we can fix and they are better than before, some things we can fix but they are never quite the same there, and some things are broken and we can never be fixed. There are many things that I wish I had never said or done. But I have learned that with God all things are possible. God can repair what has been broken in our relationships, in our hearts, and in our lives. We have a lot more time our hands nowadays and it's a good time to stop and reflect. What is broken in your life? Do you have a friend that you need to make amends with? Did you damage something in secret and now it's time to come clean? What can you do to repair it? Many of us may feel like our jobs are broken or our government or fill in the blank. Whatever is broken, gather the pieces and bring them to God. He is the God that heals the brokenness. He is the mender of all that's broken. Turn to God and bring Him what is broken; He will help you make you whole again.

*Finding the blessing in the brokenness,*

*Gina*



Pastor Gina Johnson



### Our Mission

**God calls us...  
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.**

**Next Newsletter will be  
mailed/emailed on April 14.**



## April Birthdays

5-Greg Cobb  
5-Karen Tutera  
6-Sarah Crate  
8-Pat Sterling  
9-Nancy Huff  
9-Chuck Owings  
10-Sharon Cochran  
10-David Elliott  
11-Vicki Granger  
13-Ginny Bruch  
13-Hanna Stillwell  
17-Elizabeth Bell  
18-Connie Baldwin  
18-David Schroeder  
21-Kaitlyn Seigfreid  
21-Janice Wolff  
22-Deke Alkire  
23-Martha Smarr  
25-Jon Frandsen  
25-Brayden Godfrey  
25-Nancy Harris

## April Anniversaries

10-Greg & Shannon Cobb  
20-Duane & Pat Sterling



Throughout this week, we invite you to pray for these and others announced in worship.

The victims of this Corona Virus  
Our Children  
Emergency Personnel  
Our Military  
Those with continuing health concerns  
Care Givers  
All those in care Centers

*Dear youth and families just wanted to take a minute to let everyone know I'm thinking about them and praying for them to stay safe and healthy!  
Here are a few bible verses I'd like to share with you all.*

*Deuteronomy 7: 6*

*Of all the people on the earth the Lord, your God, has chosen you to be his own special treasure!*

*Isaiah 41: 10*

*Do not fear for I am with you!*

*The last one isn't in the Bible that I know of but, I want to put it out there as food for thought:*

*Wash your hands and say your prayers 'cuz Jesus and germs are everywhere!  
That one is made to make you laugh and feel lighthearted but also to know that Jesus Is Everywhere! You can talk to him anytime you want and no one even has to hear you. Jesus is our friend and Savior!*

*Until we can get together again please stay safe, be kind to your parents and show Jesus' love to those around you!*

*Nancy Eaton*

*Youth Director*

## Thank You Notes!

*To All Our Dear Friends at First Christian, Vyrdel & I want to thank you all for the prayers, calls, & cards we've received concerning my brother, John's battle with cancer and his recent passing. Also, thanks for the good thoughts and prayers with regards to Vyrdel's recent health issues. She is in the process of getting some answers & is doing well. You don't know how much your concern helps. Thanks again. Wishing you all good things & God's blessings.*

*The Basyes*

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*Thanks to all of you who have been by to see Joyce Miller at the Ridgecrest Nursing Home. A special thank you to CWF and the Youth group. Special thanks to Janice Wolf who regularly brings by fresh flowers.*

*Jerry & Joyce Miller*

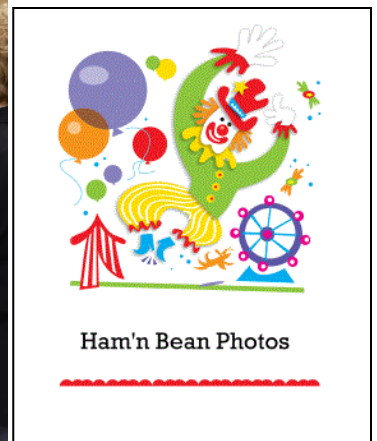
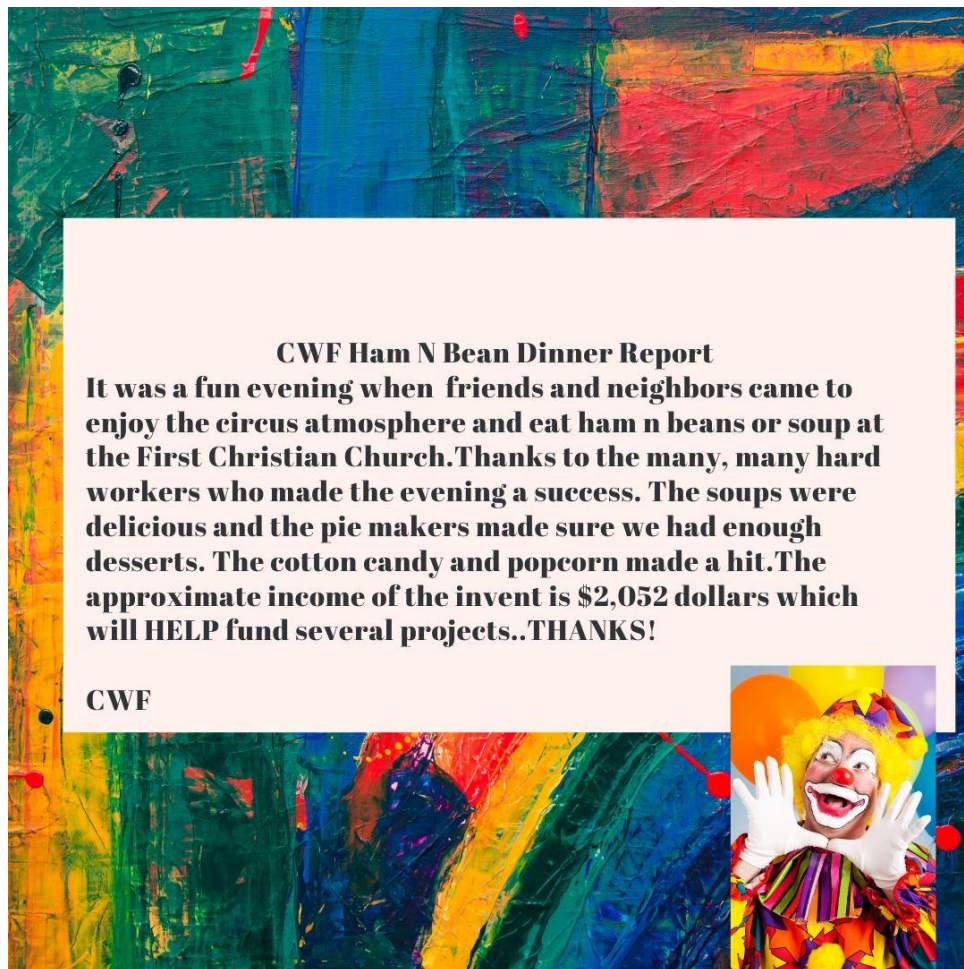


From the Files of Our Church History

By Doug & Ellen Woody and Anita Gosney, chair


Centennial History, First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Warrensburg, Missouri, 1889-1989 states on p. 98, "In 1961 the brass vases used in the chancel area in the sanctuary were given in memory of A. Ross Farley by his wife, Dora Farley." Those vases have continued to be used in the chancel area. For many years Helen Neal Simon, of Ye Olde Flower Shoppe, provided fresh flowers each Sunday for the service. After Helen was unable to provide flowers due to her health, a variety of fresh, silks or dried flowers were used for a few years. In 2018 the CWF purchased dried and silk arrangements for each season of the year to be used in the brass vases.



**CWF Ham N Bean Dinner Report**  
 It was a fun evening when friends and neighbors came to enjoy the circus atmosphere and eat ham n beans or soup at the First Christian Church. Thanks to the many, many hard workers who made the evening a success. The soups were delicious and the pie makers made sure we had enough desserts. The cotton candy and popcorn made a hit. The approximate income of the event is \$2,052 dollars which will HELP fund several projects..THANKS!

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