

## A Note from the Pastor

**COVID-19.** We have all seen these 5 letters and 2 numbers more than we would like to. We wish we had never seen or heard of this odd, yet devastating arrangement of numbers and letters. The corona virus has wrecked havoc on this world, both physically and psychologically. Fear and panic have entered the battlefield of our minds. What to do? Paul encouraged the Philippian believers, **“whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.”** If you are feeling discouraged or emotionally drained, consider the Holy Spirit who grants you power, not panic. Seek Him. Think on those things that make you laugh and smile: that grandbaby, that silly dad joke, the sun upon my face. Intentionally place praiseworthy and positive thoughts within your mind. Do not glue yourself to the news media. To ensure the health and safety of our church family, and to adhere to the President’s recommendation to limit our gatherings to 10, we will be cancelling church activities held here at the church thru the end of the month. That includes: Sunday morning worship, bell and choir practice, small groups and Sunday school, youth group activities, Sunday Outlet, drama rehearsals, Bible Journaling, and the Craft Group. The only activities that will continue will be Tuesday morning prayer meetings and Praise Band practice on Thursdays. The church office will remain open during normal business hours. We will live stream our Sunday morning worship service at 10:30 am on the First Christian Church Facebook page. The service will include worship music and a message. We will continue to monitor the situation and hopefully adjust back to our normal routine as soon as possible.

Let me leave you with 7 letters and 5 numbers: **MATTHEW 6:25,27**, **“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?”**

*Pastor Morgan*



Building Fund balance:  
\$420,531.02

No Worship Services on  
March 22nd and  
March 29th.

## Help Needed!

With the church being shut down we are planning on stripping the floor in Campbell Hall. We need volunteers to help with this project. If you are interested in helping out, please call Dolo at 259-8504 or she will call you. ☺ They will start on Friday, March 27 at 2 pm, on Saturday, March 28 at 9 am and possibly the 29th to finish up.



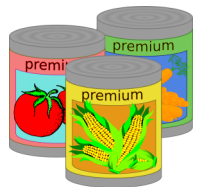
## Good Friday Drama



The Good Friday Drama has been put on hold. There will be no practice this week. Next week we will see how things are progressing and go from there.

## Pre-Pack/Food Center

Pre-Packing at the Food Center will go on as usual. They will pack this Sunday, March 22nd at 2 pm.



We are postponing our Easter Offering for a later date. Please just hold on to your Camp

New Hope offering envelope. When we collect the offering it will be used to send our campers and others from the area to Camp New Hope this summer.

## Church Life

### Saturday, March 21st

No Drama Practice

### Sunday, March 22nd

No Worship Services

2 pm Pre-Pack at the Food Center

No Outlet Program or F/R Meeting

### Monday, March 23rd

No Staff Meeting

### Tuesday, March 24th

7 am Prayer Meeting

No Bible Journaling

### Wednesday, March 25th

No Crafts R Us Group

No Bell Choir Practice

No Faith and Fitness

No Choir Practice

### Thursday, March 26th

6 pm Praise Team Practice

### Sunday, March 29th

No Worship Services

No Outlet Program or F/R Meeting

### Monday, March 30th

10 am Staff Meeting

7 pm Elders' Meeting

### Tuesday, March 31st

7 am Prayer Meeting

No Bible Journaling

## THIS WEEK AT GLANCE



### Church Attendance

March 8th — Traditional: 86, Contemporary: 90 = 176

March 15th — One Worship 80

## Board Splinters 3/9

**Deaconesses:** need help with funeral dinners; looking for 1 person in March, Sept., Oct., Nov. and 2 people in April, May, Aug. and Dec.; the soup/chili supper was great; April 14th Deaconess meeting at 6 pm; April 17th game night; May 18th Spring Fling/Style Show.

**Elementary Minister:** VBS will be a train theme.

**Worship Leader:** working on music for Palm Sunday and Easter; several people have volunteered to share "My Story"; and special music is planned through June.

**Worship:** 5th Sunday Event on March 29th with a mission theme and potluck afterwards; Easter Services at 8:30 and 10:30 am.

**Outreach:** the Easter Offering will be collected on March 22nd and 29th for Camp New Hope to help support our FCC girls/ other campers who have a need and helped a high school student and his family who are going through a rough time.

**Christian Ed:** Dolo Wishard, Angela Freeman and Donica Brand are going to an Orange Conference April 28-May 3. It's a church ministry conference that covers all age ranges.

**Stewardship:** see financial reports.

**Personnel:** Jan's salary was incorrect at \$5,344 new amount \$7,072. Received 3 applications for Associate Minister.

**Trustees:** work done by Gary Gergeni and Dolo Wishard to purchase, cut, stain, seal, and install the trim panels around the new sanctuary registers; they decided to pay a total of \$7,500 for this work included the supplies. They are getting bids for new heating/ac work in the Educational Building for the offices, library and possibly the UIC room. Discussed using a church hourly worker as a contract worker in our garden and outside landscaping work.

**World Outreach:** Colton Anderson coming to talk about FCA.

**New Business:** Hillary Rawlings was added as a Deaconess.

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