



The Disciple NEWSLETTER

First Christian Church Olathe
Disciples of Christ

APRIL 2021

HE IS RISEN

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

8:30 am & 10:00 am

On Easter Sunday we plan to offer two times for worship. The first service will be at 8:30AM and the second service will be at 10AM (our regular time). In order to help us plan, please call the church office and let us know if you will plan to attend in person on Easter and let us know which service. The 10AM service will continue to be online!

Our Maundy Thursday service will be available online Thursday, April 1st at 7:00PM. Because it was recorded, if you missed it, you are also welcome to watch it at any time. Maundy Thursday is a service to prepare our hearts to celebrate Easter.





Social Justice

I recently led a five-week study of the book *Healing Racial Divides* by Terrell Carter. There was an average of 10 of us in the group each week. This book study happened as a result of the social justice conversations that members of our congregation have been having since October 2020. This book was very eye-opening for me and at times hard to read as we were reminded of the history of racism in the world, but particularly here in the United States, and how the problems still exist today. The author says in the book that his sincere prayer is that the book will help to facilitate beneficial conversation among different people groups and give them the courage and insight to communicate with people who are different from them, with the hope of bridging racial and cultural gaps. By having this book study, I do think that the conversation has been started within this group and we had a lot of thought-provoking discussion. My hope is that the conversations will continue as we as a church and as individuals search for ways to be in community with those that we see as different than ourselves.

Kim Gordon



First Christian Church Congregation:

The Congregation has approved the following individuals to serve on the Nominating Committee for 2021-22:

- Carol Bretthauer
- Betty Drews
- Cindy Jones
- Dixie Lampo
- Doug Praiswater

Thanks to each of these people for their willingness to serve!

Georgie Babb Circle will meet:

Monday, April 26th at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Apartment Complex Construction Update





It wasn't unusual for families in the late 1850s and early 1860s to choose to leave their homes in the East and move into new territory. Opportunities for settlement in Olathe, Johnson County became a reality by 1855. Most settlers that came first built their homes, then a schoolhouse, and then a Church. On a Monday the 16th of April, 1860 nine brethren and sisters covenanted to associate themselves together as a Christian church to keep the ordinances of the Lord's house. What an exciting time that must have been.

Throughout the history of our Church, we read over and over again about the continued love for the community and our fellow man. Our care and concerns for others began the day we organized and continue today through many of our programs. In 1860 the congregation first worshiped in their homes, then in the schoolhouse, and finally, with growth came an opportunity to build their first Church building. We today have learned to use technology to keep connected. In all the years, no crisis ever caused our congregation to give up. One hundred sixty-one years and we are still growing, caring, active. We are essential, enthusiastic, vital, and vibrant.

Happy Birthday First Christian Church!

Jan Jones

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**



DATE	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES
April 02	Gary Bacon	
April 03	Melvin Dell	
April 05		Doug & Linda Sutton
April 10	Kathy Gibson	
April 15	Connie Peterson	
April 16	FCC - 161 years	
April 17		Dean & Carole Davis
April 21		Brent & Stephanie Meadows
April 24	Stacy Bing	
April 25	Vicki Penny	Gary & Susie Winsor
April 28	David Peterson	Jim & Susan Clark

FOOD PANTRY REPORT

Month/Year	Families	Total Individuals
February 2021	83	297
February 2020	111	338

Financial FEBRUARY REPORT

General Fund	February 2021	YTD 2021
Giving	14,620	27,373
Expenses	16,545	31,045
Surplus /Shortfall	(1,925)	(3,672)

First Christian Church Congregation:

Please receive this small financial token of love for the church in honor & memory of our Mother, Christine King. It was a bright light Sanctuary, and a comforting stable church home, for many years, that she adored.

Sharon Dessert & Sheila Calkins, Daughters of Christine King



Worship is LIVE at 10AM on Sunday morning. You can also watch our service anytime after that using the same link.

If you have a computer or smart phone you can find the link to our online worship in several places:

- Website....firstchristianolathe.org - on the Home page click white LIVE link button (top of page) or if you want to watch a previous week service go to the Worship tab then click on "worship online".
- Facebook page: First Christian Church of Olathe or [fccolathe](https://www.facebook.com/fccolathe)
- www.youtube.com – search First Christian Church Olathe Channel and click LIVE Sermon link.
- In your weekly FCC Olathe email (if you are not currently getting the FCC weekly email news, please email Kimberlee (fccolathe@gmail.com) so she can add you to the list.
- Sermon by Phone — Dial **(913) 204 -1135** and listen anytime, from any phone.

If you do not have a computer or smart phone, we can send you a DVD of the worship service, or a CD of the sermon. Please call the church office (913-764-3555) and we will be glad to put a DVD or CD in the mail to you.

Tuesday, Bible Study at 11:00 AM, Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, Bible Study at 6:00 PM, by Zoom

April 5th - Nominating Committee Mtg. 6:00 PM

April 16th - FCC 161st Birthday / Anniversary

April 19th - Stewardship & Finance Mtg., 6:00 PM

April 21st - Elders Meeting, 7:00 PM, by Zoom

April 26th - Georgie Babb, 1:00 PM Fellow Hall

April 27th - Board Meeting, 7:00 PM

Pastor Sherry on Vacation - April 26th - May 3rd



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