



The Disciple NEWSLETTER

First Christian Church Olathe
Disciples of Christ

March 2021

Invitation for Individuals and Families to Participate in a New At Home Reflection Opportunity

Our FCC Christian Ed. Dept. has put together a new opportunity for both individuals and families to participate in an at home guided reflection on the sermon scriptures for the 4 weeks in March leading up to Easter. The Reflection Guides for these scripture passages in the Gospel of Luke are included in the March Newsletter mailing. So please check them out and plan to join us, in preparation for Sherry's sermon each week, from the comfort of your own home!

Please note these Reflection Guides are not "off-the-shelf" materials we've purchased, but instead, each one has been written collaboratively by members of our Christian Ed Dept. for our own congregation. And since this is something of a "first" for us, we'll be welcoming feedback on their usefulness!

Each Reflection Guide contains the following items to help us better understand and relate to each Sunday's Sermon Scripture:

Did You Know? --- Unusual fact or observation related to the scripture passage;

Summary and Context --- Section containing some summary and context information to help better understand the passage;

Reflection and Discussion Questions for Adults and Children --- Few questions to help both the adults and children relate to the scripture in personally meaningful ways;

Invitation to Action: Suggestions to help us think about how to apply the scripture in our own lives.

The scriptures we'll reflect on are all intriguing, impactful parables and stories from the life of Jesus:

Week 1, Mar. 1 – 7: **The Lost Sheep, Lost Coin, and Prodigal Son --- Luke 15:1 – 32**
Week 2, Mar. 8 – 14: **Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus, Luke 16:19 – 31**
Week 3, Mar. 15 – 21: **The Blind Beggar and Zacchaeus, Luke 18:31 – 19:10**
Week 4, Mar. 22 – 29: **Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem, Luke 19:29 – 44**

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Priority Conversations for 2021



Over the last couple of months the Church Board has identified six priority conversations for 2021. As we prayerfully and eagerly look to the future, we believe these are areas of mission and ministry to which our departments and leaders must give time and energy. If you feel a connection to any of these areas, we hope you will reach out to one of us so that we can help you get connected with the leadership group which will focus on that area.

1. Nurturing our relationships and cultivating places of belonging
2. Engagement in our community
3. Sharing our story/mission with the community – online presence (see page 3 of the newsletter)
4. Conversation about welcoming our new neighbors who will be moving into the Apartments
5. Leadership Training for dept chairs and other leaders
6. A Focus on being Rooted in Faith

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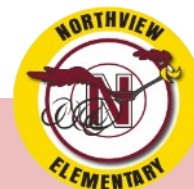
Thanks to all who joined in receiving the empowering hopefulness of new life in the sign of the cross made with ashes.



Cindy Jones and Bob Barnes participate in the Ash Wednesday service.

If you have not yet watched our Ash Wednesday service, go to our website and click on the events page.

The Georgie Babb Circle continues to work with Northview Elementary. There is a need for donated items listed below. There is a container in the fellowship hall for any donated items. Your help with this project is much appreciated.



Northview needs:

- crayons
- small plastic boxes for student storage
- pencils
- primary color markers
- "Expo" markers
- band-aids
- socks, underwear, size K- 1 & 2nd grade
- hats, gloves

Cannot accept food



**Priority Conversation #3 -
Online Presence**

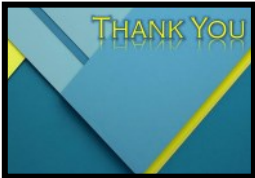
FCC Olathe is ready to research ways to use our website, facebook page, weekly emails, newsletter, etc. to more effectively communicate our mission and to invite others to join us in ministry. If you have skill and/or interest in this area, please contact Neal Heckman at nealheckman@comcast.net or Kimberlee Towner at fccolathe@gmail.com or 913-764-3555

We'd love to have you join this conversation

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**



DATE	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES
March 2nd	Fred Percival Wanda Hunt	
March 5th	Dorothy Auldrige	
March 6th	Kenneth Kelley	
March 8th	Cord Bing	
March 9th	B.J. Gowen	
March 10th		Chris & Ray Bilyeu
March 12th	Emma Boswell	
March 15th	Darren Long	
March 16th	Betty Moore	
March 24th	Karen Turner	
March 25th	Margo Brashears	
March 29th	Joyce Alexander	



Thank you everyone, for prayers and well wishes, for my brother Bryan. He

is doing better, but not out of the woods yet. They are now in Olathe and looking for a new home. They want to be near family. Thank you for all the prayers. Please keep them coming!

Debby Geisinger

FOOD PANTRY

Month/Year	Families	Total Individuals
January 2021	91	380
January 2020	113	333

FINANCIAL JANUARY REPORT

General Fund	January 2021	YTD 2021
Giving	12,753	12,753
Expenses	14,499	14,499
Surplus / Shortfall	(1,746)	(1,746)

FINANCE



Week of Compassion Gifts to Date: \$445

Highlight: Our January 2021 offerings were just over \$2000 more than our January 2020 offerings. What a faithful and hopeful response to the start of our New Year!

THE SEASON OF LENT

MARCH



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

Thursday, "Healing Racial Divides" at 6:30 PM

March 15th - Stewardship & Finance Mtg., 6:00 PM

March 17th - Elders Meeting, 7:00 PM

March 23rd - Board Meeting, 7:00 PM

March 30th - Membership Meeting, 1:00 PM






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