



# The Disciple NEWSLETTER

First Christian Church Olathe  
Disciples of Christ

March 2023

DIANA BUTLER BASS



## Freeing Jesus by Diana Butler Bass

During the Season of Lent, we are exploring the question, “Who is Jesus?” Each week we are reflecting on ways that we experience Jesus in our lives. Part of my sermon each week will be drawn from the work of Diana Butler Bass in her book, Freeing Jesus. Freeing Jesus is intended to be an invitation to “let Jesus out of our too small church box” and bring Jesus with us into the world in which we live.

**On Wednesday, March 29 from 7:30 - 8:45 PM, we will have the opportunity to hear directly from Diana Butler Bass via zoom.** This zoom gathering will include people from 5 churches – including 2 churches in California and 3 churches here in Kansas City. All these churches are also doing a Lenten Study on “Who is Jesus?”

I invite you to set aside this time on March 29 to hear Diana. She is energetic and engaging (with a sense of humor!) and committed to inviting Jesus to transform our lives!

Please let us know that you are “coming” by calling/emailing the church office!

## Lent 2023

### Second Sunday of Lent, March 5 Jesus as Friend

John 15:12-17

“I have called you friends.”

### Third Sunday of Lent, March 12 Jesus as Teacher

John 13:13-15

“You should also do as I have done to you.”

### Fourth Sunday of Lent, March 19 Jesus as Savior

Luke 2:8-14

“Born to you a Savior”

### Fifth Sunday of Lent, March 26, Jesus as Lord

Philippians 2:5-11

“Confess that Jesus Christ is Lord

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### Palm Sunday, April 2, Jesus as the Way

Matthew 21:1-10

“Who is this?”

John 14:1-6a

“I am the way, will show you the Truth, and will be Life”



### Maundy Thursday, April 6, 6 PM Service - Sanctuary

Matthew 26:17-30

### Easter, April 9 Jesus as Presence

Matthew 28:1-10





**Ash  
Wednesday  
Service  
2-22-23**

## Food Pantry Conversation



**Sunday, March 5th**

We would like to invite anyone in the congregation, who would like to attend, to join us in a discussion about the long term sustainability of the Food Pantry at First Christian Church Olathe. The meeting will be held in Room 107 and will start as you can grab a cookie and a beverage and join us.



**Luncheon  
Sunday  
March 12th**

The Girl Scouts will be hosting a lunch for the congregation, after worship service, in the fellowship hall. Please stay after worship to enjoy lunch together.



**MONDAY, MARCH 13th - 6 PM**

**The Welcome Dinner** is scheduled for March 13th at 6pm! The Welcome Dinner is for anyone looking to find out more about the ministry of FCC - whether you are a new member or a regular attender or just beginning to visit! It is a great way to get to know new people - and share a meal together. Rsvp to the church office by phone at 913-764-3555 or by email at [fccolathe@gmail.com](mailto:fccolathe@gmail.com).



**Nehemiah Assembly - May 2nd - 6:00 PM**

The Good Faith Network builds a collective voice so large it can't be ignored. We organize and use that voice to advocate for changes that address the root cause of our community's most pressing problems. At the Nehemiah Assembly in front of a gathering of 1,200 + people of faith, our local decision-makers are asked to make concrete commitments to address the most serious problems in our community. This increases their accountability and demonstrates the level of support our public officials have to implement innovative policy and funding solutions.

How do we get 1200+ people to the Nehemiah Assembly on May 2nd? By calling on the people of faith in our Johnson County congregations including everyone at First Christian Church Olathe. **Please join us!**

# contemplative prayer

**Sunday, March 19th**

**3:00 PM - 4:30 PM**

Each month I look forward to this Sacred Space in which to catch my breath and pause for a moment in this very busy world. I invite you to join us.

**All are welcome.**

*Vision of Contemplative Community: to be a welcoming, learning, practicing contemplative community for people who are yearning for an experience of the Sacred in a safe space.*

**Location:**  
 First Christian Church Olathe  
 200 E. Loula Street  
 Olathe, KS

## FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

DATE	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES
MAR 06	Wanda Hunt Kenneth Kelley	
MAR 08	Cord Bing	
MAR 09	B.J. Gowen	
MAR 10		Chris & Ray Bilyeu
MAR 12	Emma Boswell	
MAR 13	Pat Williams	
MAR 15	Darren Long	
MAR 16	Betty Moore	
MAR 25	Margo Brashear	

**Men's Breakfast**  
**March 25th - 8:30 AM**  
**Black Bear Diner**  
 11881 S. Strang Line Rd Olathe, KS 66062  
 Sign up sheet outside the Sanctuary.



### Stewardship & Finance

Thank you for your gifts to Disciples  
 Week of Compassion offering :

**Total to Date: \$685**

**Two ways to give:**

1. Make check payable to FCC and mark WOC in memo section
2. Go online to [firstchristianolathe.org](http://firstchristianolathe.org) and click on the GIVE ONLINE button, click on the drop down arrow (under general fund menu) choose Week of Compassion fund.

### Financial JAN REPORT

General Fund	Jan 2023	YTD 2023
Giving	17,200	17,200
Expenses	14,430	14,430
Surplus / Shortfall	2,770	2,770

February 5, 2023

# Boy Scout Sunday 2023



- Mar 05 - Food Pantry Meeting - 11:00 AM (Rm 107)
- Mar 07 - Nominating Committee - 1:00 PM (Library)
- Mar 12 - Girl Scout Luncheon - 11:00 AM (FH)
- Monthly Birthdays - 11:00 AM (FH)
- Mar 13 - Welcome Dinner - 6:00 PM (FH)
- Mar 19 - Contemplative Community - 3:00 PM(S)
- Elders - 6:30 PM - (Zoom)
- Mar 20 - Steward & Fin. Mtg. - 5:00 PM (RM 208)
- Mar 21 - GFN—Solutions Briefing - 6:00 PM
- Mar 22 - Trustees - 9:30 AM (Library)
- Mar 25 - Men's Breakfast - 8:30 AM (Black Bear)
- Mar 28 - Board Meeting - 7:00 PM (FH)
- Mar 29 - Diana Butler Bass - 7:30 PM (Zoom)
  
- Tuesdays - Bible Study - 11:00 AM (FH)
- Wednesdays - Bazaar Ladies - 9:30 AM (FH)
- Bible Study - 6:00 PM (Zoom)
- Thursdays - Choir Practice - 6:30 PM (RM 203)
- Sundays - Bible Study - 8:30 AM (Library)
- Worship - 10:00 AM (Sanctuary / Live)



## FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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