

FCU WEEKLY E-NEWS

Worship this Sunday will be **ON ZOOM AND IN PERSON.**

Join Zoom Meeting **Sunday, March 3 at 10:00am.**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89246438945?pwd=ZEsrUtTODY2VTBjWVJWSndyZ3gvQT09>

Meeting ID: 892 4643 8945

Zoom worship services are recorded. If you would like to watch a service you missed, please contact the church office.

MARCH 3 WORSHIP

Usher	
PowerPoint	
Zoom Camera	
Candlelighting	
Organist	Marianne Phelps
Choir	None
Communion Elders	Susan Deahr and Keith Barnhart
Communion Servers	Need 4
Coffee Hour	

Lenten Bible Study begins March 3, after worship. Please join us in the lounge!

FEBRUARY NUMBERS

February 4 attendance - 43	February 4 giving - \$9,292.00 (incl auto-deposit)
February 11 attendance - 61	February 11 giving - \$504.42
February 18 attendance - 30	February 18 giving - \$1,290 (incl auto-deposit)
February 25 attendance - 43	February 25 giving - \$45.06

Current monthly total - \$11,132.02 Needed each month - \$12,840.58

During the Lenten season, we will be collecting donations for the One Great Hour of Sharing (Presbyterian) and Week of Compassion (Christian Church Disciples of Christ) offerings. Envelopes will be available in the pews and on the Narthex table.

CYG BREAKFAST DONATIONS NEEDED

CYG will be hosting their annual pancake breakfast fundraiser on March 9th. They are in need of some donated supplies (syrup, sausage links, OJ, cinnamon rolls, etc). If you could, use the link below to sign up to bring items. Drop them off at the church on March 8 or earlier.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A4CA5AB28A4FF2-46371742-2024#/>

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

March 1 – World Day of Prayer, 1:30PM @ Nichols Christian Church
March 1 - Shrimp Dinner, 5-7PM, St. Joseph's, Knights of Columbus
March 2 – U of I Mobile Clinic, 1-3PM @ FCU
March 3 – Breakfast fundraiser to benefit St. Mary's Church of Lone Tree and Nichols, 8am-Noon @ Lone Tree Legion
March 5 – GriefShare classes @ UMC, 6:30-8:00PM, weekly thru May 28
March 9 – CYG Pancake Breakfast, 7:00-10:00AM @ FCU
March 13 – NO WOW due to Spring Break
March 15 – Catfish Dinner, 5-7PM, St. Joseph's, Knights of Columbus
March 16 – Soup Supper @ Nichols Christian Church, 4:00-7:00PM
March 21 – NAMI Family & Friends, informational program, 6:00-7:30PM @ First Church United

50th ANNIVERSARY of FIRST CHURCH UNITED

Pastor Deb would like to invite anyone with ideas about celebrating First Church United's 50th anniversary to get in touch with her. Ideally a celebration group would be formed to plan for several ways to showcase the history and impact of the church across 50 years. Please contact Pastor Deb – May 12 is coming up!

**SPECIAL COLLECTION
for DIGITAL SIGN**

A special project is underway to update the existing corner sign in the church yard. The current metal letter section (3' x 6') will be replaced with an advanced digital message board, displaying on both sides (Calhoun Street and Maxson Ave) providing significant capabilities to promote worship, youth programs, inspirational messaging, our Fair Stand, and special events. To donate, add your check to a donation form available on the usher's table! And, THANK YOU SO MUCH!

LENTEN NOTES

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday - March 24

10:00 a.m. Worship Service at FCU
Special music by Chimes, Chancel & Kids
Palm Parade in sanctuary

Maundy Thursday - March 28

7:00 p.m. at St Joseph's in WL
All are invited
7:00 p.m. at United Methodist Church in WL

Good Friday - March 29

7:00 p.m. Ecumenical Service
at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Easter Sunday - March 31

8:00 a.m. Early Easter Worship
9:00 a.m. Egg Hunt & Brunch (Egg Hunt will begin promptly at 9:00)
Family Photos will be offered again
10:00 a.m. Easter Worship