



The Christian Messenger, March 6, 2024

Sharing God's forgiveness, acceptance, compassion and encouragement



Waiting Like a Seed

interim observations by Doug Job, interim minister

I find this to be a twitchy time of year, in which I'm restless and sleepy at the same time. One day seems like summer, but in the night that follows a rain seeded with ice pelts the windows and I'm glad the down comforter is still on my bed. The maples are in bloom with their little red flowers that are easier to see at a distance than up close, but the rest of the woods still wear their winter clothes. Each day grows lighter (and this Sunday, we'll "spring forward" into Daylight Savings Time), but the nights are longer and will stay so till equinox.

We're waiting for what's new.

I pulled my store of seed packets out of the refrigerator and freezer to review them. Most went right back in. Someday perhaps I'll have a garden in the ground

again. For now I'm happy to raise a few herbs, tomatoes, and peppers in pots. Later today I hope to sow some into starting trays.

Then I'll wait.

There's scanning the sky and seeking of signs in our church life, too. In our spiritual lives, planting and then waiting. The seed has to go into the ground and do something like dying, Jesus taught, if a greater life is to come forth.

It's a twitchy time, restless and sleepy. It might feel empty sometimes, but it's full, full of Spirit. Wait for it. God's great good shall surely come. —Doug

(so we may make our plans, here's the schedule for)

Holy Week 2024 at FCC Hannibal

Palm Sunday, March 24

procession with palms in morning worship at 10:30 am

Maundy Thursday, March 28

worship and communion at 7 pm

Good Friday, March 29

Community Journey of the Cross

begins at Trinity Episcopal at 12 noon

ends at First Christian at 2:45 pm

Easter Sunrise, March 31

worship at the Riverfront at 7 am

Easter Breakfast after Sunrise in the Fellowship Hall

Easter Sunday, March 31

morning worship at 10:30 am

We are cordially invited to help

Willow Street Christian Church (DOC) celebrate their

150th Church Anniversary (Sesquicentennial)

404 Willow Street, Hannibal, MO 63401

Friday, March 8, 6-8:30, **Meet and Greet (Reception)**, Fellowship Hall

Saturday March 9, 11 am-3 pm; **Visit Jim's Journey**, Faye Dant, Executive Director

Saturday, March 9, 6 pm-8:30 pm; **Banquet/Silent Auction**, The Rialto Banquet Hall

Sunday, 11am-12pm, **Worship at Willow Street CC**, Rev. Angela Williams, Pastor

12:30 -2 pm, **Lunch** (in small building)

2:30pm – 4 pm, **Concert at Willow Street CC**, Rev. Dr. Orville Jones & Congregation of First Baptist Church, Quincy, IL

Happy Birthday!

6 Jim Millan

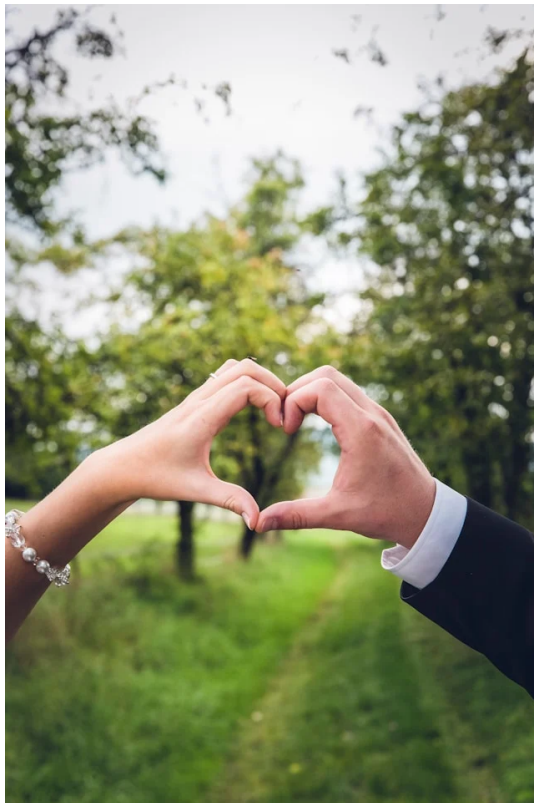
7 Mike Constable

8 Jack Hams

10 Anita Martin

11 Dorothy Collier

12 Ray Richards, Brad Willett



Happy Anniversary!

6 Dennis & Cyndia Keesey

Girls Night Out, Saturday, 3/16, Art Museum in St. Louis, will leave the church at 9 am

This Week's Events

March 6 - 13, 2024

DWM, Wednesday, 3/6 at 1 pm, Parlor

Elders Meeting, Wednesday, 3/6 at 6 pm, Parlor

Face to F-A-C-E, Thursday, 3/29 at Java Jive at 5:30 pm

Adult Volleyball, Monday, 3/11 at 6:30 pm, gym

WEeCare Board Meeting, Monday, 3/11 at 5:15 pm, Parlor

Worship Committee Meeting, Tuesday, 3/12 at 6 pm, Parlor

FCC Board Meeting, Wednesday, 3/13 at 6 pm, Parlor



Serving & Giving Opportunities

F.A.C.E.

Serving in the Lord's House: March 10, 2024

*If you cannot serve in your allotted spot, please find a replacement and contact the church office with their name.

Offertory Prayer: Jim Millan

Communion Prayer: Bill Hams

Call to Worship: Dick Motley

Deacon Prep: Mel Gordon & Terri Wade

Hospitality: Jeanie Powers

Greeters: Larry & Sue Taylor

Ushers: Bill & Karen Hams

Sound: Ralph Fredd

Video: Cory Combs

Serving Deacons: Chrisy, Bradyn, Alysa Adkins; Barry & Theresa Casey

Children's Moment: Stephanie
Himmel

Youth Volunteer: Kathy Livesay
Meal Volunteer: Janet Dunn

Global Ministries (DOC & UCC) Weekly Prayer Request

Lord, teach us to pray...

Weekly Global Prayer Concerns:

**Have something for an upcoming
newsletter?**

Send in photos of FCC family and events! Upcoming events? Announcements to
share with the FCC family?

Contact the church office!



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