

## Church Calendar of Missions and Ministry Opportunities

<b>Sunday, Mar. 27: Easter Sunday</b>	
9 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
9:15 a.m.	Spiritual Formation/Bible Study Classes
9:30 a.m.	Easter Egg Hunt on the lawn
10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary Service
8 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous
Monday, Mar.28:	Church Office Closed
1-7 p.m.	Cello Lessons in Carmack Room
7-8 p.m.	AA Men's Big Book Study Group
Tuesday, Mar.29:	
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Chalice Thrift Store
1:30 p.m.	Leave in the church van for Mary Frances Early Lecture
8 p.m.	AA/ALANON
Thursday, Mar. 31:	
10 a.m.-2 p.m.	Chalice Thrift Store
Saturday, Apr. 2:	
10 a.m.- 2 p.m.	Chalice Thrift Store
Sunday, Apr. 3:	<b>Youth Testimonial</b>
9 a.m.	Continental Breakfast
9:15 a.m.	Spiritual Formation/Bible Study Classes
10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary Service
8 p.m.	Narcotics Anonymous



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### Luke 24: 1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they went in, they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup>The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men <sup>6</sup>said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen.” <sup>7</sup>Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>8</sup>that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again. <sup>9</sup>Then they remembered his words, <sup>10</sup>and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>11</sup>Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>12</sup>But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>13</sup>But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

### Acts 10: 34-43

<sup>34</sup>Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

## *Joys and Concerns of the Church and Community*

- **Mary Ellen Fountain** fell two weeks ago and fractured a rib.
- **Hank Ferry** has a praise! His cataract surgery was successful.
- **Jeffery Carroll** is in ICU Wellstar Cobb County, no visitors.
- **Wiley** and **Danl** would like their friend **John** to be safe and to know God through good and bad times. **Wiley** and **Danl** have been blessed by the **Trapp family** and all that they do. The teaching has been great.
- **Glen Alsobrook, Jr.** says, "**Brandy** continues to recover from surgery, at home including her first week back to work."
- **Robbin Brown** says, "Thanks to the church for the two chairs they gave me."
- **Betty Brewer-Calvert** requests prayer for former Regional Minister **Dr. Ray Miles** in the hospital in Florida with pneumonia.
- **Deb** and **Furat** continues to request prayer for their daughter **Annie's** visa and the reuniting of their family.
- **Quinn Stevenson** request prayers of thanksgiving for the ways in which First Christian Church of Decatur through Sunday Service, Chalice Thrift Volunteerism, Fellowship, Spiritual Writing Class is teaching me to try to move thru my days at the speed of my own soul.
- **Yolanda Lewellyn's** father-in-law **the Rev. Dr. Truce Lewellyn's** wife, **Mary**, passed away. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Former church member **John Horton** had a stroke.
- **Ed Yandell** of Augusta, GA, **Michael's** uncle, has been on a ventilator for 12 days following open-heart surgery.
- **Kathy Westbrook** requests prayers for **Sanford Thompson**, a member of Lawrenceville Christian Church, who is in the hospital after three mini-strokes and heart problems.
- **Sherry Davis**, our Church Administrator, for healing mercies.
- Pray for **Joanne** and **Matthew Smith-Farrell** and their daughters. **Julie Fleming** shares that **Matthew** is apparently very close to death in hospice in New Jersey.
- **Joonna** and **Lynn Trapp** ask for prayers for **Kati** in Budapest.
- **Matthew Smith** is back in ICU with pneumonia.
- We continue to lift up **Furat** and **Deb Almauhy**, **Johnnie Barber**, **Jeffery Carroll**, **Elizabeth Cunningham**, **the Delk Family**, **Sylvia Ennis**, **Hank Ferry**, **Shannen Ferry**, **J.D. Fleming**, **Mary Ellen Fountain**, **Sylvia and Fred Gibbs**, **Alida Gines**, **Adei Grenpastures**, **Robert Hamilton**, **Clara Holley**, **Jackie Hudson** and daughter **Alexis**, **Jackson Family**, **Nicolas Jordan**, **The Kidd Family**, **Jay Love**, **Alan Merritt**, **Don Middour**, **Lynn Nabers**,

- **Smith - Farrell Family**, **Kim Stanley**, **Lee Stanley**, **Mildred Trott**, **Carol Wheeler**, **Betty Young** and **Ellen Young**.

*Dear Friends:*

*The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) was born in the early 1800s as a dynamic movement for God that spread across the American frontier. Seeking to move beyond denominational division and toward being a New Testament Church, our founders envisioned a united community of faith grounded in the love and grace of Jesus Christ. Today we are over 3,700 congregations strong across the United States, Canada, and around the world. The red Chalice with St. Andrew's cross symbolizes our focus on the weekly celebration of Holy Communion and the openness of the Lord's Table, where all are made welcome and invited to partake. First Christian Church of Decatur was founded on Christmas Day 1921, and has served faithfully ever since with a significant urban ministry, an inclusive theology, and a Kingdom-building vision. We are open and accepting of all of God's people, and encourage women, men, and young people to follow their call from God to serve, just as Christ first served us.*

*Here is a brief theology and history lesson about this Body of Christ. First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Decatur, Georgia has a covenantal relationship with sister churches across the city and around the world. While each congregation is independent – no one has the ecclesial authority to direct us what to do, say, believe, or call to serve as pastor—we are connected by a covenant of love. Beginning in the early 1800's, Christian Churches and Disciples of Christ congregations flourished across the USA and around the world. In 1968, the separate bodies yoked to become the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) with three manifestations: local congregations, regional churches, and a general church to facilitate national and international missions. Ever since we have covenanted to support and encourage fellow Disciples and to practice Christian ministry locally, regionally and globally.*

*Having said that, there are some theological practices we share in common. We are non-creedal; everyone is invited to love and serve God through Jesus Christ, but how and why you move in that direction is between each soul and God. We practice baptism by immersion at an age of understanding, yet we recognize all forms of baptism and therefore do not require anyone to be re-baptized. The Lord's Table is open because Christ is the host and the purpose. We celebrate the birth, ministry, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and in the context of worship we offer Holy Communion every Sunday. Everyone has a vocation, and we affirm Christ's call to children, youth, women and men to serve. We turn to the Holy Scriptures for guidance and direction in our daily living, yet also recognize that the Holy Spirit, in God's infinite wisdom, continues to lovingly communicate through additional voices and acts of grace. At the intersection of faith and reason we meet the Risen Christ and one another. The call of the Gospel for social justice and the building of community is intricately woven into the very fabric of the worship, study, and prayer life of the church.*

*How to Join: You may join First Christian Church by transfer of membership, confession of faith, or by renewal of the vows of your baptism. Please fill out a Friends and Visitors Card (found in your worship program) and bring it forward with you during the Hymn of Invitation, where our Pastor will be delighted to welcome you. Disciples of Christ congregations are delighted to recognize all baptisms. We baptize by immersion at an age of understanding. If you have not been baptized we will schedule one with you at a later date.*