



# First Christian Church of Decatur

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## Decatur Disciples Newsletter

May 1, 2024



"We can do hard things together if we commit to engaging with one another in ways that encourage one another and inspire hope. Not speaking from our grief and anxiety, but speaking about these feelings in ways that assure us that we are not alone and we are in this together."

-Rev. Daniel Brower  
Sunday, April 28, 2024



### *Little Free Pantry In Need!*

The FCC Decatur Little Free Pantry is an important community resource that provides food and other items to our neighbors in need. You can help by donating funds or items to the church; either directly to the box or bringing them to worship on Sunday. The most needed item this month are: canned tuna, protein bars, and water. Thank you for helping us serve our community!



601 Wednesday

Join Rev. Daniel Brower at 6:01 PM this evening for a midweek meditation. Check out past meditations on our YouTube channel by clicking here.

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### Handbell Choir

Bell Choir is open to all ages and skill levels. Rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7:00 PM, and performs several times a year at services. The next rehearsal is tonight! Give us a ring!

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### Stewardship Ministry

There will be a Stewardship Ministry meeting via Zoom, tomorrow, Thursday, **May 2nd** at 6:00 PM.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82940938241?pwd=TeuanTCpQp8bQOeDfaTMQncTaCNN4S.1>

Meeting ID: 829 4093 8241

Passcode: 782644

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**Open this week: Thursday, May 2; and Saturday, May 5**

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

**\*\*\* Still Seeking Volunteers \*\*\***

Especially for the 3rd Thu and Sat of each month

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## *Regional Minister Visit*

This Sunday, **May 5th**, First Christian Church of Decatur will be visited by our Interim Regional Minister, Rev. Joan Bell-Haynes. Rev. Bell-Haynes will be our guest speaker for the day. We look forward to welcoming her and connecting with her in worship!

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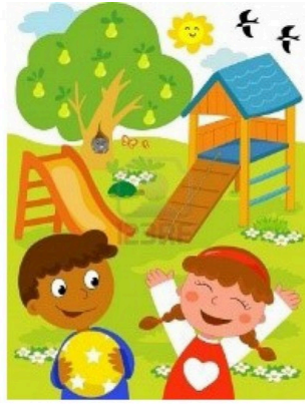


## *Transition Team*

The Transition Team is diligently and faithfully working together in order to facilitate this time of change in our congregation. They meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month and have extended an invitation for anyone interested to attend these meetings as well. If you are interested, the next meeting will be on

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## **Decatur Toy Park**

### *Toy Park Clean Up Day!*

Spring has sprung at last, which means increased traffic to our beloved toy park. In order to neaten up the area for the spring crop of children and families, the next clean up day is scheduled for **May 11th** from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. We will be weeding out old toys, cleaning the signage and equipment, and more! Come fellowship with us as we practice good stewardship of our park.

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### *Congregational Meeting*

We will be holding another Congregational Meeting on **May 19th** directly after worship in the Fellowship Hall with a light lunch provided. The meeting will be provided in-person and via Zoom to ensure that all Members can participate.

The agenda for this meeting will include: the decision on whether to hire Pastor Daniel as interim minister, possible changes to the by-laws, and the new nominating ministry recommendation for Board Moderator.

Please plan to attend however you are able. Thank you.

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## *Junk In The Trunk*

Heads up! The date for our next Junk in the Trunk has been changed to **MAY 25TH!** Please contact the church office to reserve your space today.

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## *Camp Christian*

Registration is now open for all weeks of Camp Christian! During this summer camp experience, we will all grow together in community where we are all welcome and we are all connected by God's love as we learn to share his love with others. You can register and find more details here:

<https://www.gadisciples.org/summer-camp-2024>.

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## *Directory Updates*

Did you know? Our church directory hasn't been updated since 2019! If your name, address, or other contact information has changed since 2019 and you're not sure whether the church has updated the directory, please call or email the church office so we can update our records. Thank you!

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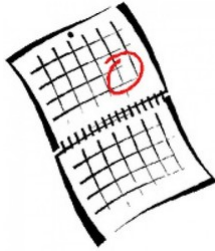
## *Four Seasons Chamber Orchestra*

The Four Seasons Chamber Orchestra rehearses in the

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Fellowship Hall on Saturday afternoons. Four Seasons is a community orchestra open to all ages and skill levels, and welcomes everyone interested in joining for the upcoming season (especially if you play viola or cello)!

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## *Mark Your Calendar*

**Sundays** - Rev. Stan Saunders Sunday School, Pathfinders, 9:30 AM

**Thu, May 2** - Stewardship Ministry Meeting [via Zoom](#), 6:00 PM

**Sun, May 5** - Willow School Spring Recital, Sanctuary

**Sat, May 11** - Toy Park Cleanup Day, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**Tue, May 14** - Red Cross Blood Drive, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**Fri, May 17** - Community Dinner, 6:00 PM

**Sat, May 18** - Robbin Marcus Spring Recital, Sanctuary

**Sun, May 19** - Congregational Meeting following worship, Fellowship Hall

**Sun, May 19** - Amy Wilson Spring Recital, Sanctuary

**Sun, May 19** - Pentecost Sunday!

**Sat, May 25** - Junk in the Trunk, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

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## **ONLINE GIVING**

For those of us who would like to give out of gratitude for all the Lord is doing for us, [click this link](#).

You can create an account or download the Online Giving app. Please send us a private message if you have any questions. Blessings and peace!

You can also use this QR code for donations.



# First Christian Church of Decatur

## Welcome Statement

*First Christian Church of Decatur (Disciples of Christ) is an open and affirming congregation. We welcome everyone into full participation in the life and membership of the church.*

*Inspired and informed by God's love, mercy, and justice, we are purposefully involved in healing and helping our community and our world. We covenant with God and the greater community to nurture a spirit of love and service to neighbors, honor one another's differences, and fellowship in the breaking of bread.*

*Actively striving to honor each other's race, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, nationality, ethnicity, marital status, physical or mental ability, family configuration, political affiliation, economic circumstance, or theological perspective, we truly do welcome all.*

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