# First Christian Church of Decatur

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# **Decatur Disciples Newsletter**

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"We have the ability to name and claim the promises that God first spoke to us through a gospel based on the power of the covenant made through Christ's blood. Naming it and claiming it does not have to be about worldly desires and material gain. God's own word promises that we will be alright and that we have the ability to say that. It is not blasphemous to stand on the promises of God, even if it is a little audacious."

-Rev. Daniel C. Brower Sunday, May 12, 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!



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.



#### 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!

# CHALICE THRIFT STORE

Open this week: Thursday, May 16; and Saturday, May 18

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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

Especially for the 3rd Thu and Sat of each month



#### Community Dinner

Our next community dinner will be held **this Friday at 6:00 PM!** Join us in the fellowship hall for a time of free food and fellowship with our church and community. This month, we are having spaghetti (with vegetarian and glutenfree options)! All are welcome to attend and if you want to bring a dish along, the more the merrier. We look forward to seeing you soon.



Congregational Meeting

The next Congregational Meeting will be held 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 and Elder/Deacon Chairs.

If you are planning to attend, please RSVP by <u>clicking here</u> [<a href="https://www.eventcreate.com/e/congregational-meeting-fi">https://www.eventcreate.com/e/congregational-meeting-fi</a>]. The Zoom link for the meeting can be <u>found here [https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/81575813689?</u> <a href="mailto:pwd=VmVSQnhrVlhqRkFtMmtJcGt3YohJUTo9">pwd=VmVSQnhrVlhqRkFtMmtJcGt3YohJUTo9</a>] Thank you and we'll see you then!



#### Junk In The Trunk

Our next Junk in the Trunk event is coming up fast! Join us in our church parking lot on **May 25th** for fun, fellowship, and the chance to shop and win fabulous prizes. If you are interested in renting a space to sell your items, please contact the church office. If you are interested in volunteering with the sale, please contact Julia or Pastor Daniel. And last but not least, if you are interested in shopping our sale, we will see you soon!



### **Graduation Sunday**

As school years draw to a close, please inform our church staff of your family members and friends who are graduating. We want to honor all our graduates on **Sunday, May 26th**. Thank you for sharing with us their name, school, degree, and future plans so we may give God praise for their significant accomplishment.



# 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/camp



# 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!



The Four Seasons Chamber Orchestra rehearses in the 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)!

#### The Numbers

Week Ending Sunday, May 5th

Sunday Collection	\$1,011.00
Offset	\$6,270.00
Online Giving	-

Other Income:	
Outreach	\$50.00
TOTAL:	\$7,331.00

#### Mark Your Calendar

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

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

Sat, May 18 - Robbin Marcus Spring Recital, Sanctuary, 2:00 PM

Sun, May 19 - Pentecost Sunday!

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

Sun, May 19 - Atlanta Musicians' Orchestra, Sanctuary, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Sun, May 19 - Amy Wilson Spring Recital, Sanctuary, 3:00 PM

Sat, May 25 - Junk in the Trunk, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM





# **ONLINE GIVING**

For those of us who would like to give out of gratitude for all the Lord is doing for us, <u>click this link</u>.

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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