



First Christian Church of Decatur

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Decatur Disciples Newsletter

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"God is calling us; calling us into places we have never been, that we never imagined, and that we feel that we are unprepared to face. But I am here today to tell you that God does not call us to places where God does not equip us. God's beloveds, yes time is moving on and yes so must we, but we must come back to God's purposes for our lives and for our faith community and for the world that is outside of these doors."

-It's Time, Rev. Joan Bell-Haynes, Interim Regional Minister
Sunday, May 5, 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

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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](#).



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 9; and
Saturday, May 11
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

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

Especially for the 3rd Thu and Sat of each month



Decatur Toy Park

Toy Park Clean Up Day!

Spring has sprung, which means increased traffic to our beloved toy park. In order to neaten up the area, the next clean up day is scheduled for this Saturday, **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.



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.

Please click here [link: <http://www.deaturdisciples.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/IMPORTANT-May-19th-Congregational-Meeting.pdf>] for a statement regarding the importance of this meeting. If you are planning to attend, please RSVP by clicking here [link: <https://www.eventcreate.com/e/congregational-meeting-fi>]. Thank you and we'll see you then!



Junk In The Trunk

Heads up! The date for our next Junk in the Trunk is **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>.



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!



Four Seasons Chamber Orchestra

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)!



Mark Your Calendar

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

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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, 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, 10:00 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, [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.



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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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