
News and Notes for First Christian Folks, Wednesday, March 4, 2026

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"The wilderness invites encounters with things we can neither explain or contain, and these experiences are not often easy or simple. And yet, time and time again, the wilderness is where we meet God"

- Rev Daniel Brower
[Sunday, March 1, 2026](#)



Transition Team Update

The Transition Team met on Sunday, March 1 to discuss next steps in our journey. While we are eager to continue moving forward and



making more and better connections with our partners and neighbors, we must also move responsibly, which occasionally means not charging ahead before we are ready.

We will meet again this month with Decatur Housing in order to talk best-case scenarios and next steps with what will almost certainly be our primary partner. Following this, we will have a better idea of how and when to reach out to other partners and our neighbors in the community.

Thank you for your continued support. If there are any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to one of the team directly. And, as always, keep our church in your prayers as we navigate the present into the future.

Welcome New Members!

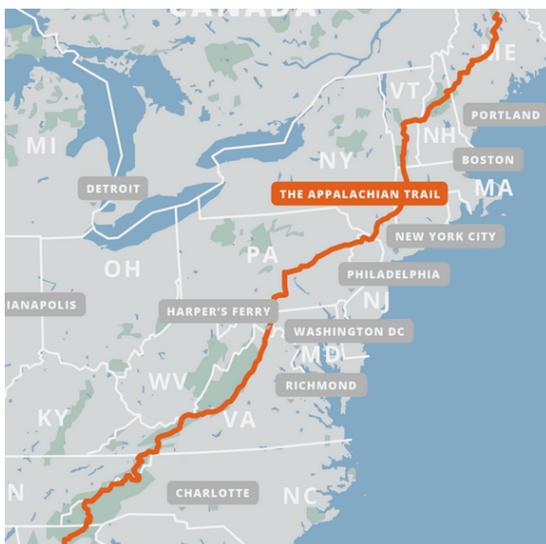


We were thrilled this Sunday to welcome **Derek van Deusen** and **Mary Crowell** into membership at First Christian Church of Decatur!

While Mary and Derek have been attending and involved for some time, they decided this week to take the step into official membership.

Welcome to Derek and Mary and praise God from whom all blessings flow!

A Hello & A Goodbye (until we meet again!)



One adventure ends, another begins!

This Wednesday, March 4th, will be **TW Brower's** last day as our custodian as he embarks on a thru hike of the Appalachian Trail.

We appreciate his service and wish him well.

Taking over in the custodial role is a familiar face: **Leigh Reynolds** will be our interim custodian as we continue to pursue more permanent options. Thank you, Leigh, and welcome back!

FYI: The Appalachian Trail (AT) spans roughly 2,190+ miles across 14 states,

with its southern terminus at Springer Mountain, **GA** and its northern terminus at Mount Katahdin, **ME**. Most hikers travel northbound (NOBO), starting in Georgia in spring and finishing in Maine in early autumn.

Music Workshop - Registration open now!



It's time to register for Music Workshop 2026! The dates are **June 11-14, 2026**.

Our clinicians this year will be:

- **Ms. Iris Harris, director**. You might remember Iris from 2023 when her name was Iris Kelly. We quite enjoyed her spirit and musicianship, so although she was unable to return for a second year right away, she is back this year.

- **Dr. Adrian Ford, accompanist**. Adrian has been with us for several years now, and we appreciate his skill on the keyboard.

- **Mr. Tim Shepard, handbell director**. Tim has been with us quite often in multiple capacities, and we are grateful for his many talents.

For more information about our leaders and to register for the workshop, go to <https://www.christmount.org/music-workshop>.



Helping Neighbors in Need since 1971

DEAM

ARE YOU ON "THE DEAM TEAM"?

DEAM is participating in the **2026 Hunger Walk/Run** and we need your help! The money raised from last year's Hunger Walk/Run has paid for all of DEAM's deliveries from **Atlanta Community Food Bank** and helped us provide protein, dairy, fresh fruits and vegetables, and other essentials to seniors and neighbors in need. Thanks to your generosity, **DEAM served 192,823 pounds of food** in 2025 and provided **\$178,437.39 in utility and prescription assistance!** Please help us meet our goal by making a donation or joining the team!



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH DECATUR

Blood Drive

Thursday, March 26, 2026

10:00am – 3:00pm

Social Hall

To schedule your appointment to donate, please visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter the sponsor code: [fccdecatgur](#). Please eat a good meal and drink plenty of fluids prior to your donation. **Please bring a valid ID**



Scan for an appointment!

\$15 e-gift card to merchant of choice to presenting donors.

1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | RedCrossBlood.org | Download the Blood Donor App

Regional Assembly-registration is open!

Note: At the upcoming Regional Assembly, a vote will be held on an amended version of our Region's Constitution and Bylaws on Saturday April 25th during the business session.

Our congregation is entitled to three lay voting representatives, in addition to the clergy vote. If you are interested in representing our congregation at this Assembly and/or in reviewing the amended Constitution and Bylaws, please contact the church office.



Registration is open!

For Regional Assembly REGISTRATION and information, please scan the QR code or visit the website below:

www.gadisciples.org/regional-assembly-2026



Speakers:

Rev. Terri Hord Owens
Rev. Dr. Adam Harmon
Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Hale
Rev. Kinsie M. Tate, LPCC

Additional Information:

Information regarding registration, schedule, youth/ children programming, and childcare available on our website

ACCOMMODATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT TRU BY HILTON AT THE NEARBY NORTHLAKE AREA, WITH A ROOM BLOCK BEING HELD UNTIL **MARCH 26, 2026.**



In these hectic days, space and time to think, breathe, and be together is more valuable than ever.

If you are interested in joining a weekly meditation group at First Christian, please watch this space for more information!

Income for week ending March 1, 2026

Sunday Collection:	\$3,130.00
Offsets:	\$1,850.00
Online Giving: (through 2.27.26)	\$1,310.00
Other Income (<i>specify below</i>)	
Total:	\$6,290.00



601 Wednesday

Pastor Daniel will be live this Wednesday



tonight. See you there!

To catch up on previous 601 Wednesdays and Sunday Services, check us out [on our YouTube channel](#).

CHALICE THRIFT STORE

Chalice Thrift Hours 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Thursday, March 5
&
Saturday, March 7



FCC Decatur Little Free Pantry

This is an important community resource that provides food and other items to our neighbors in need. We are currently most in need of **tuna packets, fruit cups & bottled water!**

You can help by donating funds or items to the church; either directly to the box or bringing them to worship on Sunday. If you would like to arrange an Instacart delivery directly to the church office, please let the office know to expect the delivery.

Mark Your Calendar

Sundays – Rev. Dr. Stan Saunders Sunday School, Pathfinders, 9:15 am

Wed, Mar 4 – Joint Handbell Practice with FCC Atlanta, 6 PM

Sun, Mar 8 – Daylight Savings Time begins

Wed, Mar 11 - Joint Handbell Practice with FCC Atlanta, 6 PM

Sun, Mar 15 – Transition Team Meeting, following worship

Wed, Mar 18 – Chancel Choir Practice, 7 PM

Sun, Mar 22 – Sufiyyah Abdullah, Decatur Presbyterian, guest speaker

Sun, Mar 22 – Chalice Thrift Seasonal Changeover, following worship

Sat, Mar 28 – Toy Park Clean Up, 10 AM

Sun, Mar 29 – Palm Sunday!

Marquee Musings...





Online Giving

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

You can create an account or download the Online Giving app. Please send us an email if you have any questions.



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