

# The Messenger

April 2015



**First Christian Church**  
**Disciples of Christ**  
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**Church Office Hours:**  
**MWF 9:00 am—1:00 pm**

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**Interim Minister: Reverend Dr. Mary Mason**

**Pastor: Linda J. Springer**

**Organist: Mary E. Snyder**

**Administrative Assistant: Jessica Spicher**



**Holy Week**

## Celebrate Holy Week

The conclusion of Lent is quickly approaching as we enter into the Holy Week, the week leading up to Easter Sunday. Join us as we remember moments of joy and sorrow in worship, prayer, communion, music and celebration of Christ's resurrection. At the same time we will be welcoming our new Interim Minister, Reverend Dr. Mary Mason.



**Sunday, March 29, 10:15 AM**

Why do we celebrate Palm Sunday? On Palm Sunday Christians celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, the week before his death & resurrection. This Sunday marks the beginning of Holy Week, which concludes on Easter Sunday, April 5th. The Bible reveals that when Jesus entered Jerusalem, the crowds greeted him by waving palms and covering his path with palm branches. We will be passing around your own palm to have as a symbol on this significant day.

**Thursday, April 2, 7:00 PM**

Join us at Grace United Methodist (309 Herman Avenue) for a combined Maundy Thursday Service. The service will have a portrayal of The Last Supper and Communion, as well as scripture readings.



**Good Friday, Procession of the Cross, 11 AM & Final Lenten Lunch**



A procession of the cross will be held on Good Friday. It will start at Grace United Methodist. The procession will start at 11:00 am, weaving its way through the Lemoyne Community making various short stops and ending at Calvary for the final Lenten lunch. If it's cold, dress warm!!!

**Sunrise Service, 6:30 AM**

We will gather in the pre-dawn hours at Negley Park. We gather in the upper pavilion on Indiana Avenue. There will be a fire and warm drinks. The service will be conducted by the pastors and musicians of the 17043 churches. Pastor Linda Springer will be the speaker.



**Where:**  
 Fellowship Hall

**Breakfast will include:** eggs your way, pancakes, potatoes, sausage, toast, coffee, and orange juice.

**When:** April 5th  
 7:30 AM

Please RSVP to the church office **on or before March 29th at 717-763-4537** with the name and number of adults and children (12 and under) in your party. Tickets are **NOT** needed and **you are still welcome to attend without RSVPing.**





## **A little bit about Rev. Dr. Mary Mason**

Although I was born and lived in Pennsylvania until I graduated from high school, this is the first call I have received from a church in PA!

After marrying and serving in the Peace Corps in India, I moved to the Midwest for education and career opportunities. Over the past fifty years, I maintained contact with relatives and friends in Franklin County. My father died in 1988, and my six brothers and sisters moved away from the area. My mother resided in Shippensburg until her death in 2013. Since our six children and nine grandchildren are now scattered all over the US, my husband and I decided in 2012 to move to Menno Haven in Chambersburg for our retirement. I have numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, and longtime friends in this area.

I was baptized by immersion in a farm pond and joined the Church of the Brethren at Dry Run, PA, at age 11. While my first husband attended the Brethren Seminary (Bethany) near Chicago, I completed my college education at Elmhurst, IL. For the next ten years after our graduations, he pastored congregations in eastern PA, and then in Detroit, MI. We were blessed with three children. We then returned to Bethany Seminary in 1981 for me to study theology. After my graduation we moved to central Iowa, and I continued my theological education at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary. In 1986 I was called to serve two rural congregations of Disciples, and I was ordained by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the Upper Midwest in 1988.

My first marriage ended in divorce in 1990, but the Lord graciously allowed me to meet a United Methodist Pastor, Lawrence (Larry) Mason. We were married at Canton, IL, in 1991. He retired from the ministry after 33 years so that he could follow me wherever the Christian Church called me. At the end of 2000, we decided to leave my church in IL, to move to Rochester, MN, to be close to his mother who was age 94. Soon after our move, I was invited to interview for the ecumenical chaplaincy position at a retirement community affiliated with the Mayo Clinic. When I learned that the Clinic had a tuition assistance program for employees, I enrolled in the Doctor of Ministry program at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN. I received the degree in 2009 and decided to retire from full time ministry in 2010. I am delighted to again have the opportunity to be a Disciples pastor, and I pray that the Lord will bless our time together.

Pastor Mary

## **5 Facts about Pastor Mary:**

1. Born in PA
2. Traveled around the world before age 23
3. Love to sew, especially quilting
4. Ordained in Iowa in 1988.
5. Served in Churches in IA, IL, NE & MN



## **Out of the Blue**

Have you ever seriously sat and watched a beautiful sunset? Or perhaps a sunrise?

A sunset sends chills down my spine by their wondrous beauty. My favorite place to watch a sunset is at Key West, FL.

On a vacation down there, we went out in a sailboat the first night and seemed to sail right towards the sun. I took some beautiful pictures in a sequence as the sun dipped below the horizon. It was indescribable! The next evening we joined thousands down at Mallory Square. It was not quite the same as being in a boat seemingly chasing after the sun setting. There were oh's and ah's all around me. What an artist our Lord is!

I never seem to think about sunsets around here. I guess I am never at the right place at the right time to think about taking the time.. On the other hand, I can't really relate to the sunrise. It rises much earlier than me! Ah, but I am looking forward to watching the sun rise on Easter morning at Negley Park. Watching it peek up over the mighty Susquehanna River has got to be another supreme example of God's wonderful artistry. And it is there on that morning that the sun comes up to tell us that the tomb is empty. The tomb is empty! He is risen! Please join me on Easter morning to watch that beautiful sunrise.

Journeying along with the Son at my side,

Pastor Linda

## **Easter Worship Service, April 5, 10:15 AM**

Easter Sunday, a day for "new beginnings," Pastor Linda and our new interim will work together to bring us a special service! Pastor Mary will be bringing the word while Pastor Linda handles several other aspects of the service, (i.e. pastoral prayer, offering, communion, etc.) Please join us as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

happy easter!

### 24 Hour Prayer Vigil

Find the sign up sheet on the welcome table to sign up for a 1 hour time slot starting at **8:00 PM**



**on Thursday, April 2nd and ending at 8:00 PM on Good Friday, April 3rd.** The church will be open for those who wish to pray there from 8:00 PM to 7:00 AM on Thursday evening, then re-opening on Good Friday from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Diana Onstott will be present overnight.

### Church Board Meeting Update

A Board Meeting was held on Sunday, March 15. Here are some important items discussed for you to be aware of:

1. We hired Reverend Dr. Mary Mason as our Interim Minister.
2. We appointed Lois Miller as the Elder Chair.
3. Linda Runkle was appointed as an Elder.
4. The next board meeting is scheduled for May 17th.

Thank you for all who are so dedicated to this church and it's mission!!!



### Special Day Offering Easter 2015

The Easter Offering supports the General Ministries of the church. General Ministries serve across the U.S. and Canada and around the world. General Ministries are partners in ministry serving through far-reaching and unique organizations. We had our 1st part of this offering on March 29th. **Come prepared to give on April 5th!**

### 8th Annual Pancake Extravaganza



Join us this **Saturday, March 28th** from 7 to Noon for our annual pancake breakfast. Tickets are \$6.00 at the door. **ALL YOU CAN EAT! OOTW (Out of this World) Pancakes:** Chocolate Chip, Blueberry, Strawberry, Rainbow, Banana, and more! Sausage, Juice and Coffee. We will update you in May's newsletter with profit information. Thank you for all you do to support this great event!

### Meet & Greet with Pastor Mary Sunday, March 29— CANCELLED

Originally we planned to have a light lunch and the opportunity to meet Pastor Mary and her husband, Larry. However, Larry was taken to the hospital (today, 3/27) and is likely having surgery this weekend so they will be unable to attend on Sunday, March 29th. Please keep Larry in your prayers during this time.



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greet.  
eat.**

### Hershey Park Discount Tickets



Hershey Park Tickets are available at a discounted rate through Troop 20689 for Girl Scout Friends and Family Day on July 14th. Orders and payment are due to Diana Onstott (640 Rupley Rd., Camp Hill, PA 17011, 717-975-8543) by 9:00 PM, Sunday, April 5th. (If you are unable to attend on July 14th, tickets are good for use anytime during the 2015 season. )

### Spring Cleaning April 18, 10-2 PM



Just as the Lord created the earth, he entrusted us as his followers to protect and maintain his house of Worship. First Christian Church is filled with servants and another opportunity to serve is on our spring cleaning day! Lunch will be provided (your choice: pizza or sub). Even if you are unable to stay the entire time, we can still use whatever time you have to give. We will be organizing the following: both closets in the fellowship hall, paper supply closet, choir room, large storage room on the Sanctuary floor, the flower room off the Chapel and the storage area in the sound room. We hope to have enough help to clean under the radiators in the fellowship hall and Snoopy Room, the stairwells leading to the parlor and all the bathrooms need a thorough cleaning. If we all work together, we can accomplish much! We thank you in advance for giving your time for this endeavor. Many hands make light work!



## Outreach Ministries

*Reaching out...Partnering with others....To serve our community*



### **West Shore Prosperity Center: Parenting Support & Financial Improvement Classes**

Family Promise, Family Support of Central PA, First Christian Church and United Way are partners!

FREE Parenting Support & Financial Improvement Classes offered at First Christian Church, Lemoyne, during the 2nd and 3rd Saturday of each month from 10:00 AM- 11:30 AM.

These programs offer help & educational information designed to help people live healthier lives. Everyone is invited! Come to one session, or join us for them all!

FREE childcare is provided during the group! The last session held in the fellowship hall is April 11th.

For more information, call (717) 430-0436 or e-mail [westshoreprosperity@gmail.com](mailto:westshoreprosperity@gmail.com)

#### **Upcoming Classes**

April 11: Financial Improvement Class:  
"Pay Yourself First"—Part 2

April 18: Parenting Support Group:  
"Common Parenting Difficulties"

### **Girl Scout Corner!**



Highlights of recent activities include:

- We collected food for Five Loaves Food bank and the Bridge
- We helped with taxes by providing daycare on Tuesday nights for the clients having their taxes completed.
- We joined FCC for their sugar donations to the Bethesda Mission.
- Girl Scouts attended Thinking Day to celebrate Scouting around the world.
- We joined FCC for Girl Scout Sunday.
- Two of the girls received their "My Promise, My Faith" award.
- Cookie season is finally OVER! However, if you need a few more, we still have them.

**A few pictures from Thinking Day:**



### **Monthly Giving Basket**

**April, May & June's Donation – Socks (last Sunday to donate: 6/28/15)**



Tommy's 4th Annual Charity Drive: For Tommy's 5th birthday, he is collecting un-opened youth and adult sized socks to the Bridge Food Pantry in New Cumberland. His goal is to collect at least 150 pairs of un-opened/un-used socks to donate in honor of his birthday!

At a very young age, Tommy's family thought it was important to care for others. According to Luke 12:48, "...From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked."

To learn more about the Bridge in New Cumberland, visit:  
<http://www.ccuahg.org/BRIDGE%20NEW.html>



## Outreach (cont.)/Scheduling/Prayers

### March Serving Schedule

#### April 5

*Elder:* Diana Onstott

*Diaconate:* Jane Welsh, Glenn & Lois Haagen

*Communion:* Glenn & Lois Haagen

*Greeters:* Jean Trout & Dottie Michels

#### April 12

*Elder:* Lois Miller

*Diaconate:* Jack Wagner, Melissa Ford  
& Linda Runkle

*Communion:* Glenn & Lois Haagen

*Greeters:* Velma Hughes & Dottie Michels

#### April 19

*Elder:* Bill Davis

*Diaconate:* Jane Welsh, Ken & Debbie Holler

*Communion:* Ken & Debbie Holler

*Greeters:* Harold Turner & Joan Kain

#### April 26

*Elder:* Linda Runkle

*Diaconate:* Ken Onstott, Jack Wagner & Jane Welsh

*Communion:* Ken & Debbie Holler

*Greeters:* Ken & Debbie Holler

### Prayer Requests

- Scott Boltz
- Onstott Family
- Russ (L. Miller)
- Ed
- Joyce
- Hannah
- Kowalski Family
- Rhoda Aubel
- Richard Possum
- Shauna Hosey
- Family of Mike Meloy
- Jeff Gossard (L. Miller)
- Family of Fred Craddock (E. Arbogast)
- Arthur (F. Hughes)
- Evelyn (J. Kain)
- Smiley Family (J. Trout)
- Mike (L. Runkle)
- Sharon Marquart
- Donald (D. Onstott)
- Family of Donald Snare (M. Snyder)
- Goudy/Frey Family/Joseph Frey
- Spicher Family (J. Spicher)
- Kolene Spicher (J. Spicher)
- Larry Mason

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Page—First Christian



### Money In Your Pocket Income Tax Prep for Low Income & Elderly

*To schedule an appointment, please call: 717-724-4077*

We are excited to partner with the United Way and the Literacy Council to provide a much needed service to the community. Money in Your Pocket began preparing 2014 taxes in February. Jane Welsh and Diana Onstott are co-site coordinators. We have many volunteers from the community who will also be helping us! **Your help is needed to make this successful!**

We are looking for volunteers to donate: baked goods, cookies, coffee, juice boxes, coloring books, crayons, puzzles and other items for those getting their taxes done (and their children). If you would like to donate, please contact Diana Onstott or Jane Welsh.

The tax preparation schedule is listed below and will be in the church's 2nd floor:

#### Mondays

Schedule by the Literary Council

#### Tuesdays - 6:30 PM—8:30 PM

April 7

#### Saturdays 9:00 AM—12:00 PM

April 4 & 11

## Thanks, Finances, and Updates

### Thank you...

...for the gift card to Giant and thank you card for Jessica Spicher  
 ...for the donations for the 8th Annual Pancake Extravaganza  
 ...for supporting the Community Soup & Game Nights during January, February & March  
 ...for your diligent prayers while we searched for an Interim Pastor  
 ...to Pastor Linda for leading us during this time of transition!

### **Col. (Ret.) Maury Hundley**

Pastor Maury Hundley served as an interim Minister here at First Christian Church, Lemoyne



in the 70s for over 8 years. He is believed to be the oldest living Army Chaplain from World War II. He currently resides in an Assisted Living section of the Brandon Oaks Retirement Community in Roanoke, VA where he's resided since June 2001. He was featured in this month's retirement community newsletter. If you are interested in viewing the entire article, you can visit the church's website and click the link "[Former Interim Minister Honored](#)" next to the April Newsletter link. Thank you to Mary Snyder for providing us with this interesting article! You may also pick up a copy of the article with the newsletter on the welcome table.

### **2015 General Assembly**

Mark your calendars and make your plans to join your Disciples family from the US and Canada for our biennial General Assembly. The 2015 General Assembly theme, "Soar!" is based on Isaiah 40, exploring a message of comfort, preparation, call, challenge - all of which are about the promise of fresh strength to SOAR! The general assembly will be held in Columbus, Ohio beginning July 18 and ending July 22. **Additional information is available from the church office or at: [www.disciples.org/ga](http://www.disciples.org/ga).**



### **Flower Sign Up**



Help us make the church even more beautiful by signing up to donate flowers for Sunday mornings. The cost of flowers remains \$32.00. They are provided by Royer's. Please contact the church office to reserve the date of your choice or simply sign your name on the flower chart in the back of the Sanctuary. *Days are available for April.*

### **Fundraising Opportunity**



Sheetz Coupons books which have BOGO and free MTO food offers to support FCC and Girl Scouts are on sale. They are a great value at \$10.00 with 20% profit for us. If you are interested in helping sell books to friends and neighbors see Diana O.

### **Grocery Store Card**



Please remember to support your church by getting grocery store cards. Karns, Giant and Weis cards help us meet our church budget by proving small, but steady fundraiser income. Please see Diana Onstott for cards today.

### **Mark Your Calendar:**

- 5/10: Finance Meeting following Worship
- 5/11: 6:30 PM Ministry Planning Meeting (Church Office)
- 5/17: Board Meeting following Worship
- 5/17 & 5/24: Special Pentecost Offerings
- 5/24: Everyone Birthday Party following Worship
- 5/24: Memorial Day Geraniums : order info forthcoming
- 5/25: Church Office Closed—Memorial Day

### **Income and Expenses**

#### **Month of February**

Congregational Offerings Received	\$3,057.00
Fundraisers	\$150.00
Misc	<u>\$338.47</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,545.47</b>
Bills Received and Paid	\$7,523.93

*Thank you for your generosity!*

# April 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Church Office Hours for April</b> Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays: 9:00 AM—1:00 PM * <u>Exception</u> : 4/3: Hours 8:00 AM—12:00 PM* * <u>Exception</u> : 4/24: Hours 10:00 AM—2:00 PM* * <u>Exception</u> : not working on 4/27 but will be working 4/28 9:00 AM—1:00 PM*			1	2 7 PM: <b>Maundy Thursday</b> Service @ Grace UM  6:30 PM: Girl Scouts (x3): Snoopy Rm, Fellowship Hall & GS Room  8 PM: Commence 24 Hour Prayer Vigil	3 11:00 AM: Procession of the Cross beginning at Grace UM; ending @ Calvary for final Lenten Lunch  8 PM: 24 Hour Prayer Vigil ends	4 9:00 AM—12:00 PM: MIYP Tax Prep (2nd Floor)
5 6:30 AM: Sunrise Service @ Negley Park  7:30 AM: Easter Breakfast (FH)  10:15 AM: Easter Worship Service; <i>Pastor Mary's 1st Sunday</i>	6 Church Office— <b>CLOSED</b>  12:00-4:00 PM: MIYP Tax Prep (2nd Floor)  6:30—7:30 PM: Girl Scouts (GS RM)	7 6:30—8:00 PM: Girl Scouts (GS RM)  6:30—8:30 PM: MIYP Tax Prep (2nd Floor)	8	9 6:30—8:00 PM: Girl Scouts (GS RM)	10 5:30—7:30 PM: Girl Scouts (GS RM)	11 9:00 AM—12:00 PM: MIYP Tax Prep (2nd Floor)  10:00-11:30 AM: Financial Improvement Class (FH)
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26 9:00 AM: Elder Meeting (Sanctuary or Church Office)  10:15 AM: Worship	27 6:30—7:30 PM: Girl Scouts (GS RM)	28 6:30—8:00 PM: Girl Scouts (GS RM)	29	30 6:30—7:45 PM: Girl Scouts (FH)  6:30—8:00 PM: Girl Scouts (GS RM)  6:30—8:00 PM: Girl Scouts (Snoopy RM)	<b>April Birthdays</b> Lois Haagen: April 8 Red Sprecker: April 17 Jordan Frey: April 19 Howard Cates: April 29 <b>April Anniversaries:</b> Ken & Diana Onstott: April 21 Frank & Velma Hughes: April 25	

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**April 2015**



The final Lenten lunch at Calvary United Methodist, 700 Market Street, Lemoyne, will be held on Good Friday, April 3rd, following the procession which begins at 11 AM. We explored many of stories behind or about some great Hymns The pastors did a great job during the season of Lent and we were thankful to be able to participate. As always, the cost of the lunch is \$4.00. Please RSVP by 10:00 am on Monday to the church office at 717-763-4537 if you plan to come. But walk-ins are welcome!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Hymn</u>
April 3	Good Friday Worship Service, Lew Parks, Calvary	"O Sacred Head Now Wounded"

**Note for Good Friday:** A procession of the cross will be held on Good Friday, April 3rd. It will start at Grace United Methodist, 309 Herman Avenue. The procession will start at 11:00 am, weave its way through the Lemoyne Community making various short stops and end at Calvary for the final Lenten lunch. Dress Appropriately!!!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Menu</u>
April 3	Tomato bisque, tuna melts, relish tray & pineapple upside down cake