

# FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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## Office Hours

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM Monday through Friday

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## THE EPISTLE

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I have been hearing comments that Easter is late this year. Yes indeed it is. That also means that Ash Wednesday (March 9) and all of the events during Lent are later as well.

The dates for Easter are determined by the moon's cycle. Easter in the Western world is the first Sunday after the first full moon following the first day of spring. That means that the earliest possible date for Easter is March 22 and the latest possible date is April 25.

I have a list of the dates for Easter covering the years 1875 through 2124. During those 250 years, Easter never falls on March 22. The closest to that date is twice on March 23 in 1913 and 2008 and once on March 24 in 1940. Easter falls on April 25 three times during those years in 1886, 1943, and 2038. Besides this year Easter also falls on the April 24 in 2095.

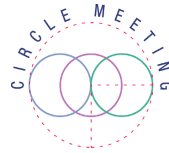
The most common dates for Easter are to be found in April rather than March. April 10 and 17 come around the most often with eleven times each. March 31 is the only date in March that occurs as many as nine times in the 250 years.

You probably have heard by now that I presented a letter to the church board at its meeting on Feb. 10 that my last Sunday will be May 1, unless the congregation calls a minister who can begin before that time. By the first week in May we will have been here nineteen months, and it is time we get back home.

Blessings,  
Pastor Hayes



- March 6            *Polly Bailey*  
                      *Randi Coleman*  
                      John Bennett  
                      Sylvia Colon  
                      \***Brinley Hocutt**  
                      \***Martha Hocutt**
- March 9 (AW)    Robert Gibson  
                      Kathy Mason
- March 13           *Dona Sulzmann*  
                      *Woodie Payne*  
                      \***Jon Atkinson**  
                      Rosa Jennings  
                      Steve Jennings  
                      \***Brenda Montgomery**
- March 20           *Muir Steward*  
                      *Randi Coleman*  
                      \***Ed Carson**  
                      Kate Matheny  
                      \***Letitia Roberts**  
                      Kenny Sulzmann
- March 27           *Robert Gibson*  
                      *Polly Bailey*  
                      Allison Barger  
                      \***John Bennett**  
                      Sandra Brennan  
                      \***Pat Coleman**
- Liturgist:         Gordon Steward



Hope Circle will meet at 9:30 am  
March 7th at the church.

Serendipity Circle will meet at 5:30  
pm on March 7th at the church.  
Sandra Brennan is hostess.

Circle I will meet at 10:00 am March  
8th at the church.

**General CWF** meeting will be March  
21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 pm. Bring a dish. Hope  
Circle is hosting.

**CMF Breakfast**  
**8:00 am**  
**March 13<sup>th</sup>**



*Sandra Brennan*  
*Dot Elder*  
*Evelyn Harman*  
*Virgil Lewis*  
*Andrea Minear*



Thanks to everyone who helped us with  
our "We Love Chocolate" event. We  
appreciate your support – we couldn't  
have done it without you.

Christian Children's  
Fellowship



On Saturday, **March 5<sup>th</sup>**, Rev.  
Dan Moseley (Kim Farish's  
father) will conduct a workshop --  
**Leading in Conflict**. It will  
explore the dynamics of conflict  
as a natural part of change and  
transformation, including the  
spiritual significance of conflict  
and the potential for hope and new  
life. The workshop will be from  
**9:00-12:00** and is open to  
everyone. Flyers are available in  
the narthex.



Pastor Hayes will begin a Bible study  
in the adult class on March 6. The  
study will explore the text for the  
sermon that day. Questions on the  
text will be handed out a week before  
each sermon. Everyone is welcome  
regardless of whether you  
were able to get  
the questions  
ahead of time,  
and regardless of whether you were  
able to answer any or all of the  
questions. The class meets in the  
Fellowship Hall.



Lenten Devotion/Lunch

March 16 - April 20  
Light lunch served  
12:00 noon to 12:30 pm  
(donations accepted)  
10-minute devotion at 12:30 pm  
Bowers Fellowship Hall

*At the February 13<sup>th</sup> Board  
Meeting, the elders presented a  
working draft model for  
restructuring the functions of  
congregational life. The  
presentation was for the purpose  
of preliminary feedback before  
proceeding further. Overall  
feedback was very positive and  
several helpful recommendations  
were made. The presentation  
board and copies of the working  
draft are in the narthex. The  
elders continue to welcome  
feedback and recommendations  
throughout the process.*

Beginning March 13<sup>th</sup>, Children's Church  
will be held for six weeks. The focus will  
be on events leading up to the crucifixion  
and resurrection of Christ. After the  
children's message each week through  
Palm Sunday, all children (from pre-k thru  
elementary) are invited to adjourn to the  
Fellowship Hall for the remainder of the  
worship service. Please see Randi  
Coleman for questions.



A Brunch/Lunch  
(fund-raiser by Christian Children's Fellowship)

**March 6<sup>th</sup>**

immediately following worship

MENU

Pancakes w/assorted syrups and spreads  
Sausage/Bacon  
Cheese & Egg Soufflé  
Sautéed Cinnamon Apples  
Banana Bread/Pumpkin Bread  
Coffee  
Juice  
Hot Chocolate  
Milk

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		<b>1</b> 6:30 Men's Prayer	<b>2</b> 6:00 Elders Meeting 6:30 Circle of Prayer 7:00 Choir Coleman Berryhill	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Alison Tanner	<b>5</b> <i>Leading in Conflict</i> <i>Rev. Dan Moseley</i> 9:00 – 12:00
<b>6</b> 12:00 Brunch/Lunch 1:00 Sisters Study	<b>7</b> 9:30 Hope Circle 5:30 Serendipity @ church	<b>8</b> 6:30 Men's Prayer 10:00 Circle I	 7:00	<b>10</b> Laura Morrison	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 8:00 CMF Breakfast 2:00 Sisters Study 6:00 Board Meeting	<b>14</b> Randi Coleman JoAn Woody	<b>15</b> 6:30 Men's Prayer	<b>16</b> 12:00 Lenten Lunch 6:30 Circle of Prayer 7:00 Choir	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 2:00 Sisters Study	<b>21</b> 10:00 Merrill Gardens	<b>22</b> 6:30 Men's Prayer	<b>23</b> 10:00 Soup Kitchen 12:00 Lenten Lunch 6:30 Circle of Prayer 7:00 Choir Buddy Farish	<b>24</b> 5:00 CWF Catered Banquet	<b>25</b> Cindy/Buddy Harris	<b>26</b> Martha Smalley
<b>27</b> 2:00 Sisters Study	<b>28</b> Cecilia Ware Jeannie/Mike Largin	<b>29</b> 6:30 Men's Prayer Patti Sigler Susie Sparks	<b>30</b> 6:30 Circle of Prayer 7:00 Choir Pat Coleman	<b>31</b>		