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## *A Letter From The Pastor*

REV. PETER MITCHELL, SENIOR MINISTER  
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The next few weeks carry a great deal of significance for the Christian faith and will see a lot of activity in the life for First Christian Church. Holy Week marks the final week in the life of Jesus and his followers prior to his resurrection. Holy week begins with Palm Sunday, the excited observance of Jesus entering Jerusalem. An impromptu parade broke out and branches were cut from trees to wave and place on the ground as a "red carpet" of sorts for Jesus. In the days to follow, Jesus would gather with his disciples for the Passover meal where he gives what we now call the words of institution, the basis for the meal of communion. In short order Jesus is arrested, tried and on Friday is crucified. This horrific and unjust death marks a perceived ending for those closest to him. Sunday, the day of resurrection, is Easter! Easter carries the discovery that Jesus has been raised from the dead and victorious over any earthly power. We will have experiences of worship and meditation throughout Holy Week to faithfully observe each of these powerful turning points for Jesus and the faith he imparts. Take note of these opportunities and do your best to faithfully prioritize your participation.



Peace to you all,  
*Peter*

## *Holy* **WEEK**

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY**

Thursday, April 14th @ 7PM

### **GOOD FRIDAY**

Friday, April 15th on email/socials  
pre-recorded meditation

### **EASTER SUNDAY**

Sunday, April 17th @ 9AM & 11AM  
Brunch at 10AM (no sunday school)



# Katherine's Korner

REV. KATHERINE WRIGHT  
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I was born on Holy Week, and I was baptized on Palm Sunday on my 11th birthday, so for me, the brightness of spring is incredibly special. There is a sense of newness, a sense of a fresh start. At FCC McKinney, we are always starting something new. Some families are meeting us for the first time, some are dedicating their children, some are getting baptized, and some might even just be getting back in the routine.

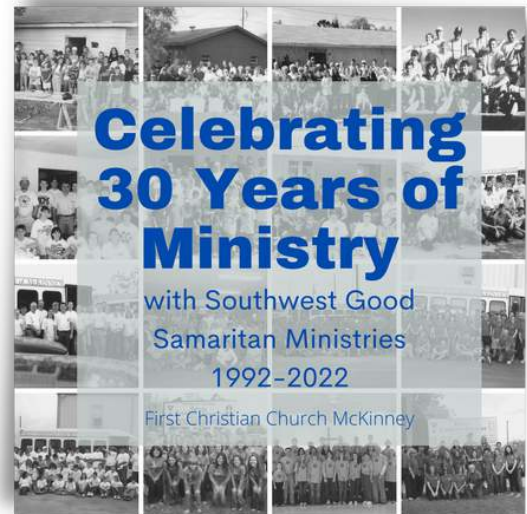
In Mark 16, when Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus enter the tomb and find the risen Christ, the first thing Jesus says is, "Do not be afraid." In fact, more times than not when a messenger from God comes to someone in the bible, the first words are "Do not be afraid."

Even someone so close to Jesus as his mother, has to be reminded to not be afraid.

In all the newness, in all the fresh starts, in the ministry that is of the risen Christ, might we be reminded of Christ is with us and to not be afraid. Thank you for choosing FCC McKinney to celebrate Lent and Easter, the most important and incredibly special time in the life of the church.

Peace,

*Katherine*



## MONTH AT A GLANCE



### Easter Lilies

Women's Ministry continues the tradition of placing Easter Lilies in the worship areas on Easter Sunday. Lilies are available to order now. Order lilies on the church, website, using the mobile app, or by check. A sign-up sheet will be outside each worship area. Please indicate if the lily is "in Memory of" or "in Honor of" a loved one. The cost is \$11 per plant.

Orders due by 4/4

<b>2ND</b>	<b>FEEDING FRIENDS &amp; FAMILIES</b>
<b>4TH</b>	<b>ELDERS' MEETING</b>
<b>10TH</b>	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>
<b>14TH</b>	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE</b>
<b>15TH</b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>
<b>16TH</b>	<b>FEEDING FRIENDS &amp; FAMILIES</b>
<b>17TH</b>	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>
<b>20TH</b>	<b>STEWARDSHIP MEETING</b>
<b>25TH</b>	<b>FCC BOARD MEETING</b>
<b>MAY 1ST</b>	<b>YOUTH &amp; SENIOR SUNDAY</b>





# DEDICATION AT FCC MCKINNEY

On Sunday, March 27th, we were thrilled to dedicate two children, Anna Wurst and Benjamin Wurst, to God during the Contemporary Service. Anna and Benjamin are the children of Laura and Greg Wurst.



## Easter Sunday Sunday, April 17th, 2022

9:00 AM

### *Contemporary Service*

in our Discipleship Building; 4 & under childcare provided.

10:00 AM

### *Easter Brunch*

come one, come all! all ages welcome.

11:00 AM

### *Traditional Service*

in our Sanctuary; 4 & under childcare provided.



both services livestreamed on YouTube



He is not here; he has risen!  
LUKE 24:6-7





# SERMON SCHEDULE

## APRIL 3RD

*Scripture: Mark 10: 46-52*

### On the Way & In the Way

Jesus shuts up the crowd who saw the blind man as in their way while they were on their way.

## APRIL 10TH

*Scripture: Mark 11: 1-11*

### Palm Sunday

## APRIL 17TH

*Scripture: John 20: 1-18*

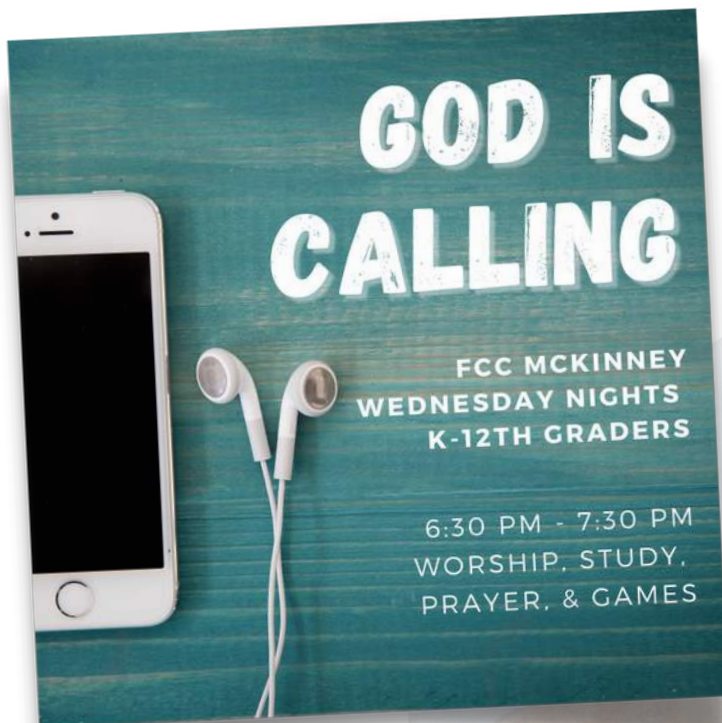
### Easter Sunday

## APRIL 24TH

*Scripture: John 21: 9-14*

### The Last, Last Supper

After the mystery and significance of the events of Holy Week, Jesus returns to his disciples for one final act -- an ordinary meal shared with those he loved. It is the ordinary that typically shows us where Jesus can be found.



# March 2022 Memorials

NAME OF FUND (IF APPLICABLE)	IN MEMORY OF	DONOR NAME(S)
AYMS	Fran Bolin	Bill & Becky Rasor
AYMS	Rayvel Burrus	Bill & Becky Rasor
AYMS	Bobbie Dugger	Bill & Becky Rasor
	Bobbie Dugger	Don & Charlotte Whitten
	Bobbie Dugger	Hannah Kunkle
	Bobbie Dugger	Joyce Smetzer
	Bobbie Dugger	Lu Rasor Smith
	Bobbie Dugger	Mac & Sherry Hendricks
	Bobbie Dugger	Martha Davis
	Bobbie Dugger	Maurice & Mary Foster
	Bobbie Dugger	Pairs & Spares SS Class
	Bobbie Dugger	Steve & Laurie Wilson
	Kenneth Edwards	A.K. & Shirley Armstrong
AYMS	Kenneth Edwards	Bill & Becky Rasor
	Irl German	Don & Charlotte Whitten
	Irl German	Maurice & Mary Foster
	Irl German	Pairs & Spares SS Class
AYMS	Treva Lewis	Bill & Becky Rasor
Mission Trip	Treva Lewis	Larry & Margaret Collins
AYMS	Hugh McCarley	Carolyn McCarley
AYMS	Homer 'Sonny' Olsen	Betty Bailey
	Harrold Steinberg	A.K. & Shirley Armstrong
Mission Trip	Winter White	Larry & Margaret Collins



## JO ANNE HATFIELD

NEW FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH MEMBER

Welcome, Jo Anne! Born and raised in Southern Nebraska, Jo Anne settled in Arlington for many years until now moving to our North Texas area.

She enjoys participating and hosting bible studies, crafts of all sorts, and spending time with family as much as she can!



"Be as kind as you can be to others!"



# Mission Trip 2022

## RECAP

We had an incredible week at Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries in Los Fresnos, Texas for our Spring Break Mission Trip. We helped sort donations, build shelving to keep it organized, and repainted bathrooms in the dorms.

Pastor Feliberto Pereira spent all Tuesday with us, taking us to nonprofits he partners with and the border. He is always so kind in sharing his story and gave signed copies of his book to all the youth.

Thank you to our adult sponsors—Les & Connie Hodson, Chuck & Cathy Buchfink, Robert Guthrie, & Katherine Wright.

RECAP VIDEO



## 2022 1<sup>ST</sup> QUARTER GIVING

### \$106,930.50

Stewardship continues to be surprised by the generosity of First Christian Church McKinney. Please look around the church house and notice where your dollars are being spent. The Landscape Committee has finalized the drawings for the updated work. Star of Texas Landscaping, LLC has already started working on our project; it will be completed by Easter.

The Education committee is planning the Easter Extravaganza April 9th from 2-4 with egg hunt, ice cream and a petting zoo. Also, be looking for information on Vacation Bible School. Property Committee is and has worked on having the parking lot restriped, new windows, and other items to continue keeping our buildings in tip top shape. Mission Trip was a success, and the participants had a great trip.

It is only the end of March and look at all the happenings. We look forward to seeing what else will happen this year.

Submitted by Sandy Baxter  
Stewardship Committee Chair

## April BIRTHDAYS

AUBREY GULLICKSON	3
MIEKE BILLINGS	6
CAROLYN MCCARLEY	7
VIRGINIA BILLINGS	8
GENEVIEVE MILLER	9
CATHY BUCHFINK	10
MATT KUNKLE	12
KATHERINE WRIGHT	13
BONITA BECKHAM	14
RICK NELSON	14
BETH PENNINGTON	14
SAWYER GORE	18
JAYNIE GUERRA	18
KARI THOMPSON	23
ELISA CANFIELD	25
KRISTI WOODS	28

## April ANNIVERSARIES

MIKE AND KATHI LIVEZEY	5
STEVE AND DIXIE HANNER	17
KEITH AND MARGARET ANN SMITH	20

\*We want to celebrate everyone's birthday and anniversary. If we missed yours, please contact the church so we can make this correction. Thank you.



## AUSTIN YORK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Applications for the 2022 Austin York Memorial Scholarship are currently available. Applicant must be a high school graduating senior affiliated with First Christian Church McKinney. Scholarships will be presented on Senior Sunday.

Applications available online <https://conta.cc/3l5fhsA>

Due on Sunday, April 10th @ 12PM.

Contact: Rev. Katherine Wright.

DISCIPLE WOMEN'S

# SPIRITUAL LIFE RETREAT

Keynote Presenter **Rev. Dawn Weeks**  
Bible Study **Deborah Traylor**

**APRIL 22, 23, & 24**  
**DISCIPLES CROSSING**  
**IN ATHENS, TEXAS**

*Retreat Sponsored by:*  
NTA Disciples Women's Ministries

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FCC MCKINNEY WOMEN'S MINISTRY

## BUNCO

FRIDAY, APRIL 8TH @ 7:00PM

Come join us for a night  
of fun and fellowship in  
the Discipleship Center.

Bring a snack. Tea, water,  
& coffee will be provided.

RSVP TO SHARON GOTCHER  
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## SUMMER 2022

REGISTRATION OPENS 2-22-2022

DC Youth  
6th-12th Grade  
6/20-6/24



Imago Dei  
(previously known as Eighers)  
7th & 8th  
6/26-7/2

DC Kids  
1st-5th  
6/27-7/1



Family Camp  
Age 0-102  
5/27-5/29

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