

The Greensburg Christian

March 2020

Christian Church Foundation Representative to speak at First Christian Church on Thursday, March 19, at 10:30 am



India Bobadilla is vice president for the Great Lakes zone, which includes Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia.

India has had a long career serving the general ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Before joining the Foundation staff in 2017, she served as an area director at Pension Fund. Prior to her work there, she served the Division of Overseas Ministries. She has a Bachelor of Science in business administration from Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana.

We invite all to come listen to her presentation regarding the long range finances of the church. She will also discuss a Living Legacy's program.



LET'S CHASE WINTER OUT OF HERE WITH HOT SOUP!!

The Membership Committee is sponsoring a Soup Luncheon after Church on **Sunday, March 15th**. If you would like to make a crock pot of soup or make a cake, please let Carrie Brett know ASAP. We could use 2 more crock pots of soup and 1 more cake. Thank you in advance for your donations.

If you were getting the Newsletter in the mail and would like to get it in e-mail form, Please send your e-address to the church office at greensburgfcc@gmail.com

Run Reflect Reverse Reward

Go ahead, tell me I should do one more thing. I know you mean well, for sure love is going to pop up here any second, but I'm not hearing it for some reason. Advice hearing loss seems to be a common problem for most of us.

With a smart phone in every hand, advice comes at us as if we are an athlete in a race, "try harder" comes from the crowd, "you can't" from beside you, "if you would have listened to me" from the sidelines. Sound bites and clichés ding in our head like notifications from our smartphones. Facts fiction truth deception, how do we know the difference unless we pause and reflect.

Lent is a season of pause and reflection during this crazy race we call life. Lent is a spiritual time of reflection on our journey to Good Friday / Easter. I recommend (giving advice that is) that you join us in this spiritual journey by using the "Lent Resource 2020" devotional from Disciples Home Missions.org. We have printed copies available, we can email a PDF file, or it can be downloaded from their website.

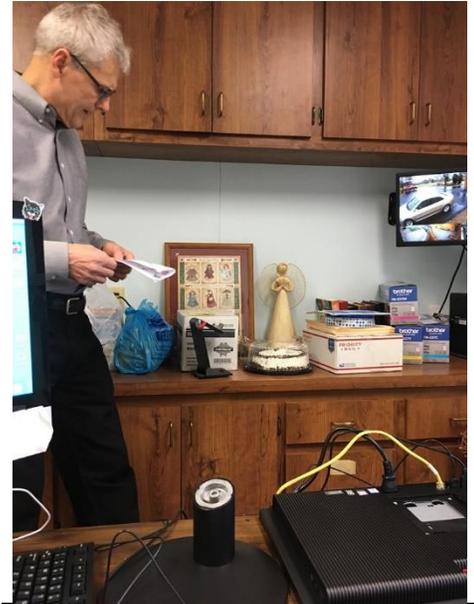
Let's start our journey with prayer for the church. Day one scripture, Ash Wednesday, is from Isaiah 58, an excerpt reads; *Tell my people Israel of their sins! Yet they act so pious! They come to the Temple every day and seem delighted to learn all about me. They act like a righteous nation that would never abandon the laws of its God.* But they did, Isaiah is warning them of God's coming judgment unless they repent and reverse course. I read this and think, did Isaiah write this to us? The Church divided, scripture abandoned, the Body of Christ "going through the motions" (verse 5). Pray for your church and the church universal, during our journey to Good Friday / Easter.

Continue this journey with reflection and prayer for yourself. Another scripture from this devotion is from Psalm 51. King David had been confronted by the prophet Nathan and given advice about hidden sin, he listened and reflected. His response, *"I recognize my rebellion. Against you, and you alone, have I sinned. Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a loyal spirit within me."* His reaction was to reverse direction and worship our merciful God in faith.

David's sin was really bad. It's a challenge for us 'good' Christians to respond and react to advice like David since we're not that bad. On the other hand, we're not that good that a little advice might just be the ticket to a closer relationship with Christ.

Child of God, let's go on a Lenten journey to Good Friday / Easter, 40 days of discipleship development. This advice will cause us to do one more thing and maybe stop another. The gumption to study and pray ... more.

Jesus said, *when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.* (Matthew 6:6) "What's the reward" you ask, my advice, go find out.



Pastor John hooking up Dawn's new computer. Does he look baffled?

Pastor John

Serving in March

Elders: *Ken Cutway & Various Elders*

Deacons: *Ardith Stetz, Loretta McAlpine, Cassidy Ayers,*

Diana Sommer – Communion Prep



Worship Leader:

- 1) *John Sommer*
- 8) *Jon Zuccher*
- 15) *Bill Lewis*
- 22) *Emily Griffith*
- 29) *Ardith Stetz*

Greeters:

- Kyle & Jan Owen*
Randy & Helen White
Ray & Bonnie Schmidt
Dawn Gabriel & Debbie Zedek
Becky & Emily Griffith

Children's Church:

- 1) *Tara Clark*
- 8) *Barb Keffer*
- 15) *Tara Clark*
- 22) *Barb Keffer*
- 29) *Tara Clark*

Nursery:

- Lynn Cutway*
Romaine Hutton
Shirley Kistler
Dawn Gabriel
Becky Griffith

Altar Flowers this month are given in –

- 1) memory of ***Jamie Lynn Frendy*** by ***Diana Sommer***
- 8) memory of ***Richard's Parents Clarence & Geraldine McAlpine*** by ***Richard & Loretta McAlpine***
- 15) memory of ***Mr. & Mrs. Willis McCullough and Mr. & Mrs. George Speicher*** by ***Charles & Lee Speicher***
- 22) memory of ***Homer & Elnora Fiscus*** by ***Bob & Ella Griffith***
- 29) memory of ***Loved Ones*** by ***Hazel Addis***

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| 1) <i>Julie Brower</i> | 15) <i>Logan Speicher</i> |
| 4) <i>Tracy Eberhardt</i> | 16) <i>Chris Clark</i> |
| 6) <i>Debbie Rhodes</i> | 23) <i>Melanie Joseph</i> |
| 9) <i>Charles Speicher</i> | 25) <i>Beverly Answine</i> |
| 10) <i>Dan Nobile</i> | 27) <i>Loretta McAlpine</i> |
| 11) <i>Helen White</i> | 28) <i>Jon Rhodes</i> |
| 12) <i>Ellie White</i> | 31) <i>Janet Scott Mace</i> |
| 14) <i>Cassidy Ayers</i> | <i>Brandy Bruno</i> |
| 15) <i>Sally Sheppard</i> | |



- 5) *Corey & Shannon Rhodes*

Ministry Happenings

Church Board: The Church Board will meet on **Wednesday**, March 11, at 7:00 pm. All Board Members are encouraged to attend. ***NOTE:** Board Meetings and Pastor's Cabinet will be on Wednesdays!

CWF: The bakers of this church did it again! An outstanding cookie drive was held this past month totaling in approximately 360 dozen cookies being delivered to Meals on Wheels. This project remains near and dear to many members' hearts so keep those cookies coming in each month to support this project.

The women of this church are strong faithful women who do many silent projects to glorify God. Praying for each other and our church is a portion of this ministry. We meet the second Saturday of each month to fellowship. Next meeting is Saturday, March 14, at 9:00 am in the Reynolds Lewis room.

Membership: The Membership Committee is hosting a soup luncheon on Sunday, March 15. (see front page for details). Mark your calendars for July 30th at 7:00 pm for our Annual Ice Cream Social. **Back By Popular Demand** – the exciting magical show by **DeWayne Hill**. More information to come later!

Outreach: *Merriam – Webster defines Lent (noun) as the 40 weekdays from Ash Wednesday to Easter observed by the Roman Catholic, Eastern, and some Protestant churches as a period of penitence and fasting, dating as far back as the 13th century.*

Wednesday, February 26 we began our Lenten season at First Christian Church: Disciples of Christ. In some traditions participants are expected to sacrifice something to be reminded of the sacrifice our Lord made for us.

As your Outreach Committee we would like us all to reflect on Christ's sacrifice. Reflect also on what we can sacrifice to reach out as disciples evangelizing for Christ. Our Outreach Committee is, in reality, our Church Family. Let's all pray for guidance for our church outreach efforts.

Our next quarterly donation to the Welcome Home Shelter will be in May. Watch for any special needs they might have.

On February 27th we delivered 35 bags of

“Food 2 Go 4 Kids” to Maxwell Elementary School. thanks to your continued generosity. Our second delivery will be March 12th and our final delivery for this school year will be May 7th. It will resume again in September. Please see the list of items we hope you will donate at the end of this newsletter.

Alice Mankie, Romaine Hutton, and Pastor John visited “Susan’s Victorian Cottage” and entertained the residents with Bingo Games complete with small gifts for the winners. Pastor John will be looking for volunteers for this month. What a small sacrifice that that makes a huge difference to them.

Let's try to make every Sunday “Cookie Sunday Meals on Wheels always needs our help.

Stewardship: “Something To Think About”

“If you know how a person deals with their money, how they get it, spend it, keep it, share, it you know one of the most important things about them.”

-Henry Taylor

Try It You'll Like It!

*Don't forget we have digital donating if you have a smart phone. Just ask and someone will walk you through it. It's easy to set up and automatic. You never miss a donation!

ELDER NOTIFICATION: Get Well Dick! We are looking forward to your return to service. Since Dick McAlpine will be unable to serve in March, the following Elders have offered to serve in his place. We are filling in for him by committee.

March 1 -- Clyde Gibson March 8 -- Joetta Gibson
March 15 - Jan Owen March 22 ---Bob Griffith
March 29 ---Randy White

There's an amazing group of Elders serving our Christ in our church!

Men's Breakfast: The monthly Men's Breakfast group will meet on Saturday, March 14, at 8:00 am. There are several projects around the church the men will be working on. All men are encouraged to come!

In conjunction with Men's Breakfast, the **Tri-County Men's Fellowship Dinner and Meeting** will be held at Fairhill Manor Christian Church on Thursday, March 19. Registration begins at 5:30 – dinner at 6:00 . Cost of dinner is \$10. Let John Sommer or Dawn know if you plan to attend and we will RSVP.

The Church Family Update Page

Prayer Updates

Hazel Addis had an auto accident was in the hospital. She is currently recovering at home. **Dick McAlpine** went back in the hospital and had surgery to repair his original wound site. Continue prayers for good recoveries for **Bob Sommer and Karen Britz**.

Continued sympathy to the Wadsworth family upon the sudden death on February 16 of **Judy Wadsworth**. Judy joined our church family in 1992 was loved by everyone. Judy will be missed by her 5 children and 13 grandchildren. A memorial service was held here at the church on February 21, officiated by Pastor John Owen.

Prayers were requested for the following for various reasons

Jim Stellar, Stephanie Speicher Stellar's father in law, passed away from a massive heart attack. Kayla White's friend from college was seriously injured in an accident. Continue prayers for **Esther Phillippi**, Alice Mankie's sister, **Hannah Simpson**, and **Rich Hardek**, Cutway's son-in-law



Phyllis Dozois

Dick McAlpine

Hazel Addis

Elaine Semenko

Jannetta Snyder

Jeff Speicher

Chuck Culp

Bob Sommer

Carol Leshock

Jean Whitacre

Patsy Lewis

We Remember and Care for Our Shut-Ins

Assisted Living/Personal Care Homes: **Barb Baily**, Susan's Victorian Cottage; **Sis (Kathryn) Mott**, Redstone Extended Care; **Sarah Mattucci**, Greensburg Care Center

Easter Lily Form – Please order by March 1, 2020



In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

By: _____

_____ X \$9.00 = _____ Amount Enclosed

Make checks payable to First Christian Church. (mark lily in notes) You can email or phone your order in and use the new Give+Church program to pay. (Can be found in the App Store or on Google Play)



Mark your Calendars for the

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 11 – 10:00 @ First Christian Church

Searching for helpers – snack makers, crafters, egg hiders, story tellers, dancers, etc. We are always looking for new creative assistants to keep the kids

having a great time. Please see Diana Sommer or Barb Keffer if interested in helping out.

Donations Needed: Individually wrapped candy, treats, toys, etc. to fill the eggs.

FOOD 2 GO 4 KIDS!
Weekend food for kids project

- 2 Microwave Mac'N'Cheese
- 2 Applesauce cups
- 2 Microwave Chef Boy-R-Dee Pasta servings
- 2 Pop-Tarts
- 1 Rice Krispy Treat
- 1 Packaged Fruit Snack
- 1 Nutrition Bar

February 27th
May 7th

MAXWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL!



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>Youth Group Knocker Ball</p> <p>Dedicate New Bibles</p>	2	3	4	5	6	7
<p>8</p> <p>Daylight Saving's Time</p>	9	10	11	12	13	14
		<p>Prayer Warriors, 9:30 am</p> <p>Sew Together, 10:00</p>	<p>Board Meeting, 7:00 pm</p> <p>Extra Bridge Club</p>	<p>Bridge Club 11- 3:30</p>		<p>Men's Breakfast 8:00 am CWF, 9:00</p>
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
<p>Spring Soup Luncheon after worship</p> <p>Youth Group, 6:00 pm</p>		<p>Clergy Meeting, Pastor John out all day</p>		<p>Christian Church Foundation Rep., 10:30</p> <p>Bridge Club, 11:00</p>	<p>Christian Workers, 7:00 pm</p>	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
		<p>Prayer Warriors, 9:30 am</p> <p>Sew Together, 10:00</p>		<p>Bridge Club 11- 3:30</p>	<p>Youth Retreat at Laurelview through Sunday</p>	
29	30	31				
<p>Youth Group, 6:00 pm</p>						