

Spring Training

helping the Easter Joy

blossom and take root



four week sermon series April 14 - May 5 with Dr. James R. Brooks, Senior Minister
Worship @ 10am Sunday • fcchagerstown.org • 301.733.0144

First Christian Church

Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 14, 2024

Members of the FCC Clarinet Ensemble

Michelle Althouse, Elena Althouse, Shelly Harr, Beth Neisser, David Styer, Naomi Styer,
and Brody Young

GATHERING MUSIC

Allegro

FCC Clarinet Ensemble

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Please sign and pass the attendance pads located at the end of your pew. If you are a visitor with us today, welcome! Please leave your contact information so that we can extend a fuller welcome!

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Dr. James R. Brooks

CAMP MOMENT

Mrs. Lara Shepherd and Colt Tucker

PRELUDE

"Alleluia" from Exultate Jubilate K. 165

FCC Clarinet Ensemble

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Brooks

Leader: Here, in this place, God welcomes all the dreamers, as well as the doubters:

All: here, the worriers and wanderers can call on God by name.

Leader: Here, in this time, we can remember all the ways God has graced us:

All: here, in these moments, we are reminded that God is with us, always!

Leader: Here are gathered those daring enough to step out of comfort into the unknown:

All: here, in this faith space, we will find the courage to cry out, 'God, save us!' in every situation.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Haileigh Taylor

1. Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness;
 2. 'Tis the spring of souls to - day; Christ hath burst his pris - on,
 3. Now the bright - est sea - son dawns with the day of splen - dor,

God hath brought forth Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness;
 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath ris - en;
 now the roy - al feast of feasts comes its joy to ren - der;

loosed from Phar - aoh's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,
 all the win - ter of our sins, long and bleak, is fly - ing
 comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion

led them with un - moist - ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
 from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
 wel - comes in un - wea - ried strains Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion.

*INVOCATION PRAYER (Unison)

Elder Erica Aranha

God of awe, from whom we flee in holy terror: your silence burns like ice; your whisper cuts through fear; we long to hear your faithful word of righteousness and peace.

Bless us with bold belief even in the darkness of the night and the assault of life's storms, that we may be messengers of your justice, in the name of the One whom wind and wave obey.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray by saying:

(The Lord's Prayer)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory Be to the Father

Mr. Albright

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the be-
ginning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world without end. A - men. A - men.

Glory Be to the Father; United Methodist Hymnal, #71; Words: Lesser Doxology, 3rd - 4th cent.
Music (GREATOREX, Irr.): Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

These Treasured Children

Mr. Albright

(young disciples up to Grade 4 are invited to come forward to the steps of the Chancel for a Blessing)
As our young disciples come forward, please join us in singing...

1 These trea-sured chil-dren pres-ent now are bound to us by sa-cred vow: with
love, we make a heart-felt claim to wel-come them in Je-sus' name.

These Treasured Children: Glory to God, #487; Verse 1; Words: Jacque B. Jones, 2009, Copyright © 2010 GIA Publications, Inc.;
Music (PUER NOBIS NASCITUR, LM): Trier ms., 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1609

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Elder Aranha

As our young disciples return to their seats or go to Kid's Church, please join us in singing...

These Treasured Children

Mr. Albright



5 Then, ten-der God, each child em-brace; God give them bless-ings, grant them



grace. Surprise them, God, with wonders still, and gen-tly guide them to your will.

These Treasured Children: Glory to God, #487; Verse 5; Words: Jacque B. Jones, 2009, Copyright © 2010 GIA Publications, Inc.; Music (PUER NOBIS NASCITUR, LM): Trier ms., 15th cent.; adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1609

PASTORAL PRAYER

Dr. Brooks

PRAYER RESPONSE

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Mr. Albright



1. My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal-vary, Sav-ior di-vine! Now hear me



while I pray, take all my guilt away, O let me from this day be whol-ly thine!



My Faith Looks Up to Thee: United Methodist Hymnal; #452; Verse 1; Words: Ray Palmer, 1875; Music (OLIVET 664.6664): Lowell Mason, 1831

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Dr. Brooks

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Dr. Brooks

Take this bread, share this wine. In these Christ comes to us with love from God. The gifts of God for the people of God. Come because Jesus invites you.

COMMUNION HYMN

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Mr. Albright

1. Je - sus, thou joy of lov - ing hearts, thou fount of
 2. Thy gra - cious word hath ev - er stood: thou sav - est
 3. We taste thee, O thou liv - ing bread, and long to
 4. Our rest - less spir - its yearn for thee, wher - e'er our
 5. O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay; make all our

1. life, thou light of light, great - er than plea - sure
 2. those that on thee call; to them that seek thee,
 3. feast up - on thee still; we drink of thee, the
 4. change - ful lot is cast: glad when thy gra - cious
 5. mo - ments calm and bright; ban - ish the sin of

1. earth im - parts, thy love is true and pure de - light.
 2. thou art good; to them that find thee, all in all.
 3. foun - tain - head, and thirst our souls from thee to fill.
 4. smile we see; blest when our faith can hold thee fast.
 5. earth, we pray; shed o'er the world thy ho - ly light.

PRAYER FOR THE ELEMENTS		Elder Aranha
DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS		Deacons
COMMUNION MUSIC	<i>Now the Green Blade Riseth</i> arr. Anna Laura Page; Copyright © 2014 Lorenz Publishing Company, a Division of The Lorenz Corporation. All rights reserved.	Mr. Albright
WORDS OF INSTITUTION		Dr. Brooks
PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS	<i>Individually packaged communion elements are provided for your safety and convenience. To open, gently bend the tab down to separate the clear film and peel it back to expose the wafer. Carefully pull the remaining foil tab to open the juice cup. You may partake of the elements at the same time as the minister.</i>	
CHANCEL CHOIR	<i>O Splendor of God's Glory Bright</i> That Easter Day with Joy was Bright; arr. Mack Wilberg; Oxford University Press. All rights reserved.	Chancel Choir
SCRIPTURE	Romans 10:14 - 17	Elder Aranha
SERMON	"Time in the Word"	Dr. Brooks

1. To God be the glo - ry, great things he hath done! So loved he the
 2. O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood, to ev - ery be -
 3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our re -

world that he gave us his Son, who yield - ed his life an a -
 liev - er the prom - ise of God; the vil - est of - fend - er who
 joic - ing thru Je - sus the Son; but pur - er, and high - er, and

tone - ment for sin, and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
 tru - ly be - lieves, that mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceives.
 great - er will be our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the

Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through
 Je- sus the Son, and give him the glo- ry, great things he hath done!

To God Be the Glory; Chalice Hymnal #72; Words: Fanny J. Crosby, 1875; Music: William H. Doane, 1875;
 TO GOD BE THE GLORY; 11 11.11 11 w. refrain

INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP

Elder Aranha

Christ has freely given us the gift of grace and salvation. Let us therefore freely bring our generous gifts of gratitude to him. As you go forth from this place today, you are invited to make your offering in the black donation boxes provided in the Narthex and Upper Tower Room.

BENEDICTION

Dr. Brooks

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Mr. Albright

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise *him, all creatures here below; praise
 *him a-bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost. A-men.

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow; Glory to God 606; Words: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709
 Music: (OLD HUNDREDTH, LM): Genevan Psalter, 1551

TAKING OUT THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Haileigh Taylor

****POSTLUDE**

Fanfare Postlude on "St. Kevin"

Mr. Albright

Douglas E. Wagner (b. 1952); Tune: ST. KEVIN; by Arthur S. Sullivan;
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*Please rise whether in body or spirit.

**Please remain seated until the Minister processes out of the Sanctuary, thank you.

Kindly remember to take your empty communion cups with you and deposit them in the trashcan provided as you leave the Sanctuary.

Please take time to sign-in on the **RED Hospitality Notebook** each week as it's important to help us stay in touch with each other.

If you are accustomed to giving to the Church using cash, please help us maintain that record by placing money and checks in the envelopes provided in the pews and please write your name on the envelope.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Sunday, April 7, 2024

**In-Person - 182; FaceBook - 306;
YouTube - 43 = 531 Total**

Children birth through 5th Grade: 6

Last Year on Sunday, April 9, 2023

**In-Person - 472; FaceBook - 431;
YouTube - 86 = 989 Total**

CHURCH FINANCIAL - 2024

Operating Budget: **\$685,619.23**

Contributions Received thru February 29th:
\$101,402.57

Just a friendly reminder...We have **Electronic Giving**... Please fill out an ACH form which is located on the Bulletin Board outside the Church Office. Once you have completed the form, please give the form and Voided Check to Dianna in the Church Office. For more information, please contact her at 301.733.0144.

Thank You!

Ellen Catlett, Leon Catlett, Helen Coleman, Joe Coleman, Jennifer Colvin, Bonnie Fouke, Jeff Gerberich, Sue Gerberich, Brooks Myers, Erin Myers, Jennifer Plummer, Denise Sigler, Tajah Sprecher, Brock Bricker, and Dianna Plotner
for helping to clean our beautiful Church!

WEEKEND CELEBRATION
INSTALLATION OF
THE REV. DR. MARCUS LEATHERS

19 | FRIDAY APRIL 2PM-4PM
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF FALLS CHURCH
6165 LEEBURG PIKE FALLS CHURCH, VA 22044
REV. TERESA "TERRI" HORD OWENS
GENERAL MINISTER AND PRESIDENT
CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)
IN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA

20 | SATURDAY APRIL 1PM-4PM
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH HAGERSTOWN
1345 POTOMAC AVE, HAGERSTOWN, MD 21742
REV. DR. MARCUS LEATHERS
REGIONAL MINISTER
CHRISTIAN CHURCH CAPITAL AREA (CCCA)

REV. DR. ROBERT W. PERRY
WILL DELIVER THE SERMON
AT THE INSTALLATION SERVICE

SCAN TO RSVP
SCAN TO DONATE

Please RSVP at <https://form.jotform.com/240516520193146>
if you plan to attend one or both events. Rev. Dr. Marcus Leathers requests gifts and donations to be given to the CCCA Annual Fund by visiting <https://www.cccadisciples.org/annual-fund>

ANNUAL YOUTH SPAGHETTI DINNER
TREAT MOM TO DINNER

Saturday May 11th

Tickets go on sale April 7th.
Call the Church Office for more information, or tickets
301.733.0144

Adult Tickets (11 & older) - \$15.00
Children Tickets (2-10) - \$10.00
Birth to 1 year old - Free
Desserts available by donation!

4:00 - 7:30 PM
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
1345 POTOMAC AVE, HAGERSTOWN, MD

PROCEEDS SUPPORT OUR YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS, NORTH CAROLINA JUNE 2024

Tickets on Sale - Lower Tower Room
11:00 AM - 11:30 AM

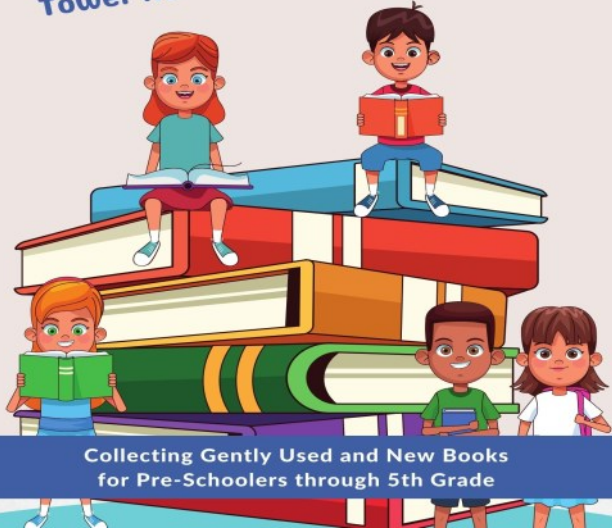
DISCIPLES IN ACTION
SCHOOL SUPPORT

BOOK DRIVE 2024

Help Children in our Community to continue to read over the Summer!

Drop off your
donations in
the Lower
Tower Room

March 31st -
May 5th



Collecting Gently Used and New Books
for Pre-Schoolers through 5th Grade

Join us for the next Book Club meeting!

We meet on the second Monday of each month at **Hoffman's All American Grill** to share fellowship and thoughts about our book. Our next meeting will be on **Monday, May 13th at 12:30 PM.**

The book we will be discussing is **The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot**, by Marianne Cronin.

If you are interested in joining us, contact Judy Kofoet and she will send you a reminder email prior to the meeting. In the meantime, read **The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot** and plan to join us!

The Seniors In Ministry will be having a Brownbag Lunch and Games on **Wednesday, April 24th from 11:30 AM to 3:30 PM** in the Library.

Come and see friends, meet new friends, have lunch, and play games.

All are invited to join them!

Guest Wi-Fi Password - Disciples4me

Join us for our Welcome Wednesday Excitement Programs this Wednesday, April 17th.

Programs for the entire family!

5:00 PM - 5:30 PM - Children/Youth Choir

5:30 PM - 6:00 PM - Children/Youth Chimes

6:00 PM - 6:30 PM - WWE Dinner for All
(RSVP is requested by Sunday at 1:00 PM)

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM - Adult Bible Program

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM - Children's Bible Program

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM - Youth Group

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM - Brass Ensemble Rehearsal

7:30 PM - 8:30 PM - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Kitchen Help Needed



Do you have a love of food and serving others? Then, we are looking for YOU to help with our Welcome Wednesday Excitement Program!

We Need Help With:

- Food Prep starting at 4 PM
- Serving dinner 6 - 6:30 PM
- Clean up 6:30 - 7:15 PM

Please use the QR code to sign up!



Brock Bricker brockbricker@fechagerstown.org
Alicia Catherman aliciacatherman@fechagerstown.org

The Over the Hill Gang will be meeting on **Friday, April 19th from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM** at the Western Sizzlin' located at 17567 York Road.

Come and see friends, meet new friends, and have lunch.

All are invited to join them!

Micah's Backpack Team

For March, we are in need of individual Microwavable Popcorn Bags and Microwavable Mac and Cheese Cups.

Food donations may be placed in our cart in the Lower Tower Room or purchased through our Amazon Wish List.

The Amazon Wish List link is located in the FCC Weekly Eblast. Instructions are also posted on our cart in the Lower Tower Room.

We welcome all who would like to participate in this Ministry. If interested, please contact Rebecca Yeakle at FCCMicahsBackpack@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continued support!

FCC's Diaper Ministry

FCC's Diaper Ministry is hard at work!

In March, we provided **82** families with a portion of the diapers they need each month.

We want to continue to help our local children and are currently in the middle of our fund drive.

If you haven't picked up a baby bottle yet, there is still time!! Fill it with spare change, a few bills, or a check and drop it off in the diaper bag in the Upper Tower Room by the display. We're half way to our goal of \$3000.00!!

Help us go over the top to cover their bottoms!!

Zion Soup Kitchen

The Soup Kitchen at Zion Reformed United Church of Christ, located at 201 North Potomac Street, provides dinner every Tuesday night for anyone who needs a hot meal.

Our Team cooks and serves the meal every 3rd and 5th Tuesday of the month. The next serving date is **Tuesday, April 16th**.

If you would like to volunteer to cook and serve (4:00 PM to 6:30 PM) or if you're interested in donating supplies, please contact Lori Schmidt, 717.701.3407.

Little Pantry

Thank you to all for your support and contributions.

Some kind folks have been putting fresh produce into the Little Pantry, this is a welcomed addition, as long as it is not too hot nor too cold outside.

As usual, non-perishable items are always welcome.

Please consider a financial contribution: make checks payable to First Christian Church and put "Little Pantry" in the memo line and we will do the shopping.

For more information, please contact Dale Philp 301.730.4232

Potato Drop

Saturday, April 20th
8:30 AM - 10:30 AM
St. Andrews UMC

1020 Maryland Avenue, Hagerstown

The United Methodist Men of St. Andrews United Methodist Church will host a potato drop in the church parking lot. They will be offering 50-pound bags of Maine Potatoes to organizations and smaller bags to individuals in need.

To reserve one or more bags of potatoes, please contact John Davidson at 301.730.7359, write him at davidjoh@myactv.net or go to www.bwc.umm.org to order online.

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

**YOUTH SPRING
LOCK IN**

- Devotions
- Movies
- Games
- Air Hockey
- Friends
- Fellowship
- Food
- Sleep (little bit)
- Bring a snack to share
- Pillow
- Sleeping Bag
- Air Mattress if you want
- Contact Brock to RSVP or if you have questions

APRIL 19 & 20

7pm Friday through 9AM Saturday

Save the Date!

Community Celebration 2024

GET READY FOR OUR FUN GATHERING

**Saturday, August 17th
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

Join us for an afternoon of fun!
Bingo!
Bounce House
Games
Food
Music
Raffle
and Fellowship
and more details to follow....

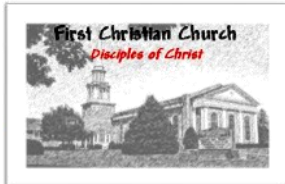
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**Slate of Officers
July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025**

Recommended to the Leadership Board
By the Nominating Committee* First Christian Church Hagerstown, MD
April 8, 2024

Leadership Board

Moderator (2-Year Term) - Larry Black
Vice Moderator (1-Year Term) - Mary Elkind
Secretary (1-Year Term) - Debbie Hoffman
Treasurer (2-Year Term) - Gil Crumrine
Member At Large (1-Year Term) - Carol Rogers

Additional Elected Positions

Nominating Committee (2-Year Term) - Bonnie Foule

Personnel Committee (3-Year Term) - Susan Latimer

Trustee (5-Year Term) - Melisa Cline
Trustee (5-Year Term) - Don Risser

Elder (2-Year Term) - Erica Aranha
Elder (2-Year Term) - Susan Gerberich
Elder (2-Year Term) - Christopher Goddard
Elder (2-Year Term) - Dr. Thomas Haywood
Elder (2-Year Term) - Jay Koch
Elder (2-Year Term) - Judy Kofeet
Elder (2-Year Term) - Lara Shepherd
Elder (2-Year Term) - Tim Shepherd

*Nominating Committee Members:
Mary Elkind (Chair)
Mark Goller and Debbie Hoffman
Rev. Dr. James R. Brooks and Dianna Plotner



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The above list of Nominations were presented and approved by the Leadership Board on Monday, April 8th.

The Congregation will vote on Sunday, May 19th.



EMPTY NESTERS

Are you looking for some fun events and fellowship? Then this is the group for you. Not an Empty Nester? No problem at all!

All are welcome.

Some highlights of upcoming events include:

Bus Trips

- New York Yankees at Baltimore Orioles
- Museum of the Bible, Washington, DC
- The story of Daniel, Sight & Sound
- Sunfest, Ocean City MD, a day on your own
- New York City, a day on your own

Local / Ride Share Events

- 2nd Sundays at Big Cork - live music/activities
- Staten Island FerryHawks at Hagerstown Flying Boxcars
- Canal Boat Tour and Lunch, Georgetown
- Historic Harper's Ferry and lunch
- Winter City Lights, Olney, MD
- Historic Houses of Worship Tour

If you would like more information about upcoming events or have some event ideas to share, please contact Rebecca Yeakle at FCCEmptyNesters@gmail.com.

See Where We've Been...
Look Where We're Going...

Congregational Lunch and Meeting

*Join us for Lunch,
Fellowship,
and Church Business*

**Sunday
May 19th**

We will be voting on our
2024 - 2025 Nominations
and other Church Business

RSVP TODAY!

Fellowship Hall
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
RSVP to diannaplotner@fcchagerstown.org

Join Us!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
 JUNE 23RD-27TH
 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
 FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
 1345 POTOMAC AVENUE

A Summer Camp Adventure with God
 Campers 3 Years to those entering 5th Grade

Register Now: <https://www.myvbs.org/fcchagerstown/>

Register for VBS by Tuesday, April 30th you will be registered into a Raffle for a Campfire Basket!

When you walk into the Church and are greeted at the door with a smile and "good morning," we hope that it makes your day better!

Tim Shepherd is recruiting **Greeters** for Sunday Mornings to greet folks with a smile and a welcoming "hello." Also, to greet visitors and welcome them to FCC and direct them where to go.

If you are interested, please contact Tim at 301.739.8835.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO FILL OUT AN INTEREST FORM TODAY!

NOW ENROLLING
 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

NORTHERN CROSS PRESCHOOL

Why Choose Us:

- Safe, nurturing environment
- Educated and experienced staff
- Opportunities for your child to learn and grow cognitively, physically, socially, and emotionally that will prepare your child for Pre-K & beyond!
- Continuous communication
- Snack provided

*** Ages 3 and 4**
*** Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays**
*** 9:00 AM to 11:30 AM**
*** Lunch Bunch Option Add-On until 1:00 PM Mondays and Tuesdays**

For more information, contact Alicia Catherman
 301.733.0144 (office)
 301.788.0036 (cell)

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SIGN-UP TODAY!

Hagerstown Area Church Softball League

Practices and Games are in the evenings

Area Churches

"Sow the Field, Prepare for Harvest, and Claim their Team for Christ." We feel that each team is a ministry and extension of the churches for which they represent.

check out their website
<http://www.hagerstownareachurchsoftball.com/>
 or see Tyler Jones

Food Drop

Tuesday, April 16th

10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Otterbein United Methodist Church Parking Lot
108 East Franklin Street, Hagerstown

This is a one-time, food "drop" for our neighborhood. Suggest you bring sturdy grocery type tote bags to carry your food/produce home.

Recommended especially for those who fall within the WIC Income Guidelines - (Example: Family of 4 with income less than \$40,793).

For More Information Call Maryland Food Bank – Western Branch, 301.733.4002 OR Otterbein United Methodist Church, 301.739.9386.



Congratulations
CLASS OF
2024 

Are you graduating this Spring?
We want to celebrate YOU!

Please provide us your name, activities you participated in (sports, choir, etc.), any special honors/certificates you're graduating with, plans after High School / College, and what you thank God for, by Friday, May 31st at Noon - diannaplotner@fchagerstown.org

12th Annual HARC Hike - Hunger & Hope Main Hike - Saturday, June 8th Challenge Hike - Saturday, May 18th

4K (2.5 miles); 10K (6.3 miles);
Half Marathon (13 miles)

Sign-Up Today!

<https://harccoalition.org/hike/>

All proceeds benefit Micah's Backpack Program!

Congregational Care Ministry Team

We are looking for a Chair Person
or 2 Co-Chairs!

Would you like to help plan activities for our
Congregation?

Would you like to help care for our
Congregation?

The Mission of the Congregational Care
Ministry Team is to serve Christ by helping
and supporting our Congregation.

We currently have 13 Team Members and
over 11 Sub-Committees.

If you are interested in the
Chair or Co-Chair position, please contact
Dianna in the Church Office, 301.733.0144 or
diannaplotner@fchagerstown.org



How many Baby Bottles can We FILL?
Our 2024 Goal is \$3,000.00!

Help us keep covering
the bottoms of
children in our
community!

We help cover the
bottoms of over
120 children in
Washington
County!

Grab a Baby Bottle, fill it with coins from the
couch, from the car floor, etc., or bring a box or
two of diapers or pull-ups and place them in the
Pack-N-Play in the Upper Tower Room

Sunday, March 17th through Sunday, April 28th

Altar Flowers

If you would like to donate flowers on a Sunday Morning in Memory or In Honor of someone, please either sign-up on the Flower Calendar located on the bulletin board outside of the Church Office, or contact Dianna in the Church Office, 301.733.0144.

The cost of the arrangements are: \$70.00 for Altar Pieces and \$60.00 for Pulpit or Lectern Pieces. Please make checks payable to First Christian Church, memo line: Flowers.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES - DURING WORSHIP

Childcare is available for Birth - Pre-School: Room 02 with Ms. Melanie Fouche

Children who are in 3rd through 5th Grade will have class in Room 202 with Ms. GeorgeAnn and/or Ms. Vickie

Children who are in Pre-K (entering Kindergarten in Fall 2021) through 2nd Grade will have class in Room 102 with rotating teachers

Middle and High School Youth 6th - 12th Grade will have class in Room 108 with Mr. Brock Bricker

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Christian Heirs meet in Fellowship Hall at 11:30 AM.

They will be discussing "Animate" and "Making Sense of the Bible."

For more details, please contact Cal or Carolyn Scholl, or join them on Sunday morning. All are welcomed!

The Samaritans are NOT meeting this Sunday, April 14th. They will meet in Fellowship Hall at 11:30 AM on Sunday, April 21st.

They will begin a study "Bible Stories for Grown Ups," by Pastor Josh Scott.

For more details, please contact David Yohman or Sue Gerberich, or join them on Sunday morning. All are welcomed!

MUSIC PROGRAM REHEARSALS

Wednesday Evenings Children / Youth

5:00 PM - 5:30 PM - Children's Choir
(from Pre-K - 8th Grade) - Sanctuary

5:30 PM - 6:00 PM - Children's Chimes
(2nd to 8th Grade) - Choir Room

Wednesday Evenings Young Adult / Adults

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM - Brass Ensemble -
Music Room

Wednesday Evenings Young Adult / Adults

7:30 PM - 9:00 PM - Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

Young Adult / Adults

Next Sunday Morning

11:00 AM - 11:30 AM -
Disciple Bells - Choir Room

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Calendar for the Week of Sunday, April 14th - Saturday, April 20th

Sunday

Worship Service	10:00 AM
Sunday School for Children and Youth - Room 202, Room 102, and Room 108	
Fellowship Time, Fellowship Hall	11:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Bell Choir Rehearsal, Music Room	11:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Adult Sunday School, Fellowship Hall	11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Elizabethtowne Recorder Consort Rehearsal, Room 102	2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Monday

TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly), Fellowship Hall	7:00 AM - 11:30 AM
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Tuesday

Staff Meeting, Library / Zoom	8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
Women's Ministry Prayer Partners, Parlor	9:30 AM
Zion Soup Kitchen, Zion Reformed United Church of Christ	4:00 PM - 6:30 PM
Boy Scout Troop #66, Fellowship Hall	6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Cub Pack #66 Meeting, Fellowship Hall and Various Classrooms	6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Girl Scout Troop #166 Meeting, Room 202	6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Wednesday

Combined Children/Youth Choir, Music Room	5:00 PM - 5:30 PM
Combined Children/Youth Chimes, Music Room	5:30 PM - 6:00 PM
WWE Family Dinner, Fellowship Hall	6:00 PM - 6:30 PM
WWE Children's Program, Room 102	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
WWE Adult Bible Program, Library	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Youth Group, Fellowship Hall	6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Brass Ensemble Rehearsal, Music Room	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Music Room	7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Thursday

Meritus Health - Prevent T2 Class, Room 108	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Diaper Team Packing Event, Fellowship Hall	3:30 PM - 5:30 PM
Girl Scout Troop #40790, Room 202	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Community Services Ministry Team Meeting, Parlor	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM
Washington County Consort Rehearsal, Room 102	7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Friday

Over the Hill Gang, Western Sizzlin'	11:30 AM - 1:30 PM
Youth Group Lock-In, Regenold House	6:00 PM - 9:00 AM (Saturday)

Saturday

Installation of Rev. Dr. Marcus Leathers, Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall	12:00 Noon - 4:00 PM
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PARTICIPATING IN OUR SERVICE THIS MORNING

Our thanks to those who make our morning worship a special experience.

Greeters:	Dolyn Ruffner, Linda Ruffner, and Gary Stallings
Elder:	Erica Aranha
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