

## All Church News

### Minister's Message

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This is a special time of year for our church and the Church in general. We are almost through Lent and Easter is almost here. I don't know if you took on a Lenten discipline this year, but I hope you have prepared yourself in some way. I started working out and every time I feel like throwing up as I run around a track, I remind myself of the good prep work I am doing!

The reason this time of year is special for us is in the attention we give to the whole Easter season. Palm Sunday, April 14, begins with our all-church parade around Shannon Miller Park, complete with bagpipers, robed baptismal candidates and our friends from St. Mary's Episcopal Church. During our 11:00 worship we witness the baptism of our Pastor's Class—always a moving time as we celebrate new life with our kids. We continue the celebration with the Pastor's Class Luncheon and sharing time with parents and children. Although this is a time reserved for just the parents and children, I hope you keep this group in your thoughts and prayers as they share significant time together.

Holy Week continues with Maundy Thursday, April 18, with our Pastor's Class First Communion. All are invited to this special service as we recognize Jesus' Last Supper. In the last several years, we have also had a Good Friday service, remembering Jesus' crucifixion and death. This year we are not having that service, but we are offering a special Good Friday version of our Holy Yoga group. All are invited to attend, as Lauren VanOsdol notes the workout will be appropriate even for beginners to yoga. Join us in the sanctuary as we have a Good Friday meditation, recalling Christ's time on Calvary. Good Friday is an important precursor to Easter—after all, how can there be resurrection without death?

Finally, our Easter celebration will include our traditional Easter brunch. Good food is a great way to start our day, but the true joy comes in our worship—Christ is Risen! I love our time together and it is the day we get to sing my all-time favorite hymn—Christ the Lord is Risen Today.

As we feel the beauty of spring here in Oklahoma, let us feel the empowering presence of Christ as we celebrate the Resurrection together.

### Holy Week - Join Our Easter Celebration!

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Check out all the Holy Week events at [www.fcedmond.org/holyweek](http://www.fcedmond.org/holyweek)

**Palm Sunday** – April 14, 8:15am Chapel Service, 9am Contemporary Service, 10:30am Liturgy of the Palms and Palm Parade at Shannon Miller Park, 11am Traditional Service, including the 2019 Pastors' Class Baptisms

**Maundy Thursday "Service of Holy Communion"** – April 18 at 7pm (FYI: Bus Service will be available for this service. Pick-ups will begin at 6pm. If you would like the bus to pick you up for the service, contact our bus driver Sharhonna Rhone at 405.510.2399 or contact Iris Muno Jordan, Pastoral Assistant, at 405.341.3544 or at [ijordan@fcedmond.org](mailto:ijordan@fcedmond.org))

**Good Friday "Holy Yoga"** – a restorative yoga offering – April 19 at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary

**Easter Prayer Vigil** – Begins Good Friday, April 19 at 8pm and concludes Easter morning, April 21. See sign-up poster in the Rotunda for shifts.

**Easter Sunday** – April 21, 8:15am Chapel Service, 9am Contemporary Service, 11am Traditional Service

**Easter Sunday Brunch** – 8:30am to 11am in Fellowship Hall – Bring the family!

## Easter Special Offering

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On Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday we will be receiving a special offering to support Week of Compassion and Disciples4Water. There will be special envelopes in the pews where you may designate a gift to one or both ministries. Electronic gifts can be made through the Givelify app, as well. Week of Compassion is the disaster relief arm of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Your gifts show up on the steps of Disciple congregations and members of our congregations when disasters strike. Disciples4Water is a ministry that began at First Christian Church of Edmond and is now supported by Regions and other congregations in our denomination. This ministry drills new water wells in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

## Joy & The Good Life Series Begins Easter Sunday, April 21

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*"I have told you these things so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete." - John 15:11*

This quote caught my eye, "happiness has deep roots in the soil of chance." Happiness is a delightful guest that appears in our lives when things go our way; we laugh and have fun; and when we experience ourselves as fortunate. But joy has a more expansive quality. We experience joy when we have a sense that there is enough, more than enough, goodness and love to go around.

Do you equate Christianity with joy? The joy we find in following the Way of Jesus provides the power that can change individuals, churches, and communities for good. Being filled with joy doesn't mean we don't know the pains of a broken and hurting world. But it does give us inspiration and energy to address needs that we see in our community.

We've designed a four-week sermon series on Joy to explore the dimensions of the Good Life and how joy integrates the dimensions. Consider inviting friends, family, co-workers, or neighbors to experience the joy we share at FCC. The series will be presented through multiple voices and begins Easter and continue through Mother's Day. Each Sunday we will share the joy of special events, with our spring NEXT 90 vision event falling on week three, Sunday, May 5.

**Easter Sunday, April 21 – "The Joy of Good News"** – Easter Brunch 8:30am to 11am in Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, April 28 – "The Joy We Find Together"** – Evoke specialty coffees, breakfast burritos and homemade cinnamon rolls – 8:45 to 11:15am in Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, May 5 – "Moments of Joy on the Journey"** – Cookie reception celebrating the milestone moment of graduation for our High School seniors; plus, FCC's Spring NEXT 90 Vision Casting Event - 10 to 11am in Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, May 12 – "The Joy of Doing Good, Together"** – Muffins with Moms 8:45 to 11:15am in the Rotunda

## Mark Your Calendars for our Spring NEXT 90 Visioning Event

**CONTACT: Rev. Dr. John Regan [jregan@fcedmond.org](mailto:jregan@fcedmond.org) 405.341.3544**

Our spring NEXT 90 vision event will be held Sunday, May 5 from 10 to 11am in the Fellowship Hall. We'll be sharing updates about our vision for what comes next in the life of FCC and how we impact the community for good. We'll share information about our emerging partnership with Ida Freeman Elementary, including ways you can get involved with our week-long summer camp for 4th graders from the school. Make plans now to be here for NEXT 90!

## Brand New First Christian Church Gear!

**CONTACT: Shelley Regan [sregan@fcedmond.org](mailto:sregan@fcedmond.org) 405.341.3544**

You can snag a new FCC t-shirt or car window decal on Sunday, April 28 as we kick off our "Here for Good" campaign. Shirts are just \$10 and available in three colors. Car window decals are just \$2. We will have a sneak peek at the designs on display on Sunday, April 14. Represent FCC in the community and let everyone know we are **Here For Good!**

## Personnel Committee Awards Diane Ball Extended Leave

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The Personnel Committee has approved an extended leave for our Minister of Music, Diane Ball. After thirteen years of service and leadership with our Music Ministry she has been granted eight weeks of leave. Two weeks of this leave will be vacation and six weeks will be extended leave. The leave was granted due to her excellent performance and as time for rest, renewal, and study. While Diane is on leave, Melissa VanOsdol will serve as our acting Music Director. We look forward to Diane's return at the beginning of June refreshed and rejuvenated.

## Do You Have a College Graduate?

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Celebrating a College Graduate soon? We would love to know! Please submit your college graduate's name, school and degree to [news@fcedmond.org](mailto:news@fcedmond.org) or write it on your connection form during worship. We will be listing college grads in an upcoming newsletter so our whole church family can celebrate with them!

## Dates to Remember

**Tai Chi** – Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10am in FHN or Hallway by Sanctuary

**Tai Chi & Yoga** – Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:30pm in Sanctuary

**April 4, 18 & May 2** – Lunch Bunch, 10am games, lunch served at 11:30am in Room 131

**April 7** – Holy Yoga, 3pm in Sanctuary

**April 14** – Palm Sunday – Palm Parade, 10:30am, Shannon Miller Park; Pastors' Class Baptisms, 11am, Sanctuary

**April 14 & 28** – Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group, 2pm in Room 130

**April 18** – Maundy Thursday Service, 7pm, Sanctuary

**April 19** – Holy Yoga, 6:30pm, Sanctuary

**April 21** – Easter Sunday – Easter Brunch, 8:30-11am, Fellowship Hall

**April 28** – Youth Rehearsal for May 5 Worship – 1-3pm, Sanctuary

**April 28** – Life After Loss, 4:30pm in Room 130

## Worship News

### On the Worship Schedule

Worship at First Christian – Sundays at 8:15, 9 & 11am

**April 7, 2019** - *Fifth Sunday of Lent* - Minister: Rev. Dr. Chris Shorow; Scripture: Matthew 26:14-16; Children Worship & Wonder: Baptism

**April 14, 2019** - *Palm Sunday* - Minister: Rev. Dr. John Regan; Scripture: Luke 23:44-49; Children Worship & Wonder: Jesus' Last Passover

**April 21, 2019** – *Easter* - Minister: Rev. Dr. Chris Shorow; Scripture: John 20:1-23; Children Worship & Wonder: Appearance to Mary Magdalene

**April 28, 2019** - Minister: Rev. Dr. John Regan; Scripture: Luke 14:15-24; Children Worship & Wonder: The Road to Emmaus

**May 5, 2019** - *Milestone Sunday* - Minister: Rev. Mark Taylor; Children Worship & Wonder: The Good Shepherd & the Wolf

### Watch and Listen to Sermons Online

**Watch and listen** to sermons from our worship services anytime! To watch live streaming of our services, follow the link at [www.fcedmond.org/live](http://www.fcedmond.org/live) To listen, visit our Sermons page at [www.fcedmond.org](http://www.fcedmond.org) Tell your friends, neighbors, family, and co-workers about First Christian Church, point them to our website, and encourage them to watch and listen online!

**Need Wifi?** Be our guest! Public wifi access is available at First Christian Church. Use password "fcedmond".

"Like" our **Facebook** page - First Christian Church of Edmond - and stay up-to-date on all the latest events!

## Serve News

### Ida Freeman Test Monitors - Thank You!

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Ida Freeman Elementary began its three weeks of required testing in March. Needing a total of 95 test monitors, First Christian Church covered 48 of those morning and afternoon slots! Thank you for being so generous with your time and helping build our partnership with the Ida Freeman teachers, staff, parents, and children. Way to go FCC!

**small things | GREAT LOVE: Fostering Love for the Foster Community**

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Cold feet, warm heart? That's the mission of Sox of Love: warming hearts, feet first. This group serves many people by providing them with free socks. So simple; yet so powerful. Recently added is an extra service of Laundry Love once a month, where these same people can go to a laundromat to clean their clothes, for FREE! Visit [www.soxoflove.org](http://www.soxoflove.org) to learn more on this fantastic group. During April, small things | GREAT LOVE will collect packs of new infant or child-sized socks, and pocket change. Bring some tiny socks and your pocket change to the Fellowship Hall this month!

*The mission of small things | GREAT LOVE is to promote the agencies and donation opportunities that benefit the foster community. Each month a different group will be highlighted, and a specific need or donation request shared. For more info, go to [www.facebook.com/fosteringlovefostercommunity](http://www.facebook.com/fosteringlovefostercommunity)*

## Outreach Spotlight – Disciples4Water

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Through your generosity, First Christian Church gives to Outreach Partners throughout our community and beyond. A goal of this committee is to provide information about these ministries. This month, we would like to highlight **Disciples4Water**. Disciples4Water is a joint ministry between First Christian Church of Edmond, Water4, and Global Ministries. It establishes, trains and supports local teams of water well drillers dedicated to providing clean water in areas of need. More information can be found at [www.disciples4water.org](http://www.disciples4water.org)

## Children's News

### Learn to Be a Peacemaker at Summer Camp!

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Peace is something we wish to others as a blessing and a longing within each person's heart. Every culture has its own words and stories to describe peace and the work it requires. Scripture is filled with these stories, and camp is the perfect place to share them!

#### Summer Camp Dates/Grades:

**June 3-7: Chi Rho Camp** (Grades 6-8) at Oakridge Camp (near Anadarko)

**June 17-21: Junior Camp** (Grades 4-5) at Central Oklahoma Camp (near Guthrie)

**June 21-23: Discovery Camp** (Grades 2-3) at Central Oklahoma Camp (near Guthrie)

**June 24-28: CYF Conference** (Grades 9-12) at Central Oklahoma Camp (near Guthrie)

**July 9-11: Grand Camp** (Grades K-3) at Camp Christian (near Chouteau)

Visit [www.fcedmond.org/camp](http://www.fcedmond.org/camp) to find First Christian pricing details and find out how to register and pay. **FYI: Summer camp discount rates end April 24 – so sign up now!**

### Vacation Bible School 2019 will be a WINNER!

**CONTACT: Jennifer Humphrey [jhumphrey@fcedmond.org](mailto:jhumphrey@fcedmond.org) or 405.341.3544**

At "Power UP VBS" kids will be challenged to "raise their game" because knowing God and trusting in Jesus fills us with the Fruit of the Spirit! They will learn that when they POWER UP with God, "God's power has given us everything we need to live a godly life." - 2 Peter 1:3a. **When:** June 3 - 6, 2019, from 6 to 8pm **Who:** 3yrs old\* through 5th Grade (\*3 yr. olds must be diaper-independent with a guardian volunteering on-site) **Cost:** \$10 per child (includes a VBS music CD!) Get details at [www.fcedmond.org/vbs](http://www.fcedmond.org/vbs) and follow the links on our registration page to register your child or volunteer for VBS.

### Child Care Center April Happenings

**CONTACT: Bonnie Miller, CCC Director [bmiller@fcedmond.org](mailto:bmiller@fcedmond.org) 405.341.2626**

Would you like to support the Child Care Center? This month we have two opportunities to support the CCC's fundraising efforts:

**April 11** - Chick-Fil-A Night, Mention FCC Child Care Center and we receive 16% back

**April 16** - Cane's Night, mention FCC Child Care Center and we receive 15% back

Coming up in April for the Child Care Center are two events at the end of the month:

**Week of the Young Child** is April 22-26

**Teacher Appreciation Week** is April 29-May 3

Watch for ways you can participate or contact Bonnie (above)!

# Student Ministries News

## Easter Lilies Youth Fundraiser

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Support First Christian's Student Ministries Mission fund by purchasing Easter Lilies to decorate the church or your home. Check your Sunday bulletin for an order form or order online at [www.fcedmond.org/register](http://www.fcedmond.org/register) Each lily is \$15 and the deadline to order is **this Sunday, April 7**. Thank you for supporting your First Christian Church Student Ministries!

## Student Ministries Summer 2019 Mission Trip: Encounter

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This is not your ordinary mission trip. This is a mission of the heart, soul, and mind. It's not physical labor, but a labor of your internal being. It's not an intense week of serving others, but a week that is intensely personal. This is about you and God. Together.

1. **High School Encounter Trip:** June 9-15

2. **Middle School Encounter Trip:** July 14-20

Register at [www.fcedmond.org/register](http://www.fcedmond.org/register) by May 3. Participants and parents must have either attended the meeting OR have a meeting with Mark prior to registration.

## Student Ministries Calendar of Events

**CONTACT: Rev. Mark Taylor [mtaylor@fcedmond.org](mailto:mtaylor@fcedmond.org) or 405.341.3544 ext. 102**

Join us each Sunday morning at 10 am in the Family Life Center for breakfast, announcements and Sunday School classes! Go to [www.fcedmond.org/studentprograms](http://www.fcedmond.org/studentprograms) for all Youth event details.

**Sunday, April 28, 1-3pm - Milestone Sunday Rehearsal** - Milestone Sunday is nearly here, and it's time to get ready! FCC Youth will have the opportunity to lead the 9 and 11 worship services on Sunday, May 5, and we need your help to do it!

**Sunday, May 5, 8am-12pm - Milestone Sunday** - Youth will lead the 9 and 11 worship services for Sunday, May 5. If you have a part in the service, be sure to be in the Sanctuary by 8am.

*Here are some important 2019 dates to remember:*

**June 3 - 7: Chi Rho Camp** (Grades 6-8) at Oakridge Camp (near Anadarko)

**June 9 - 15: High School Mission Trip**

**June 24 - 28: CYF Conference** (Grades 9-12) at Central Oklahoma Camp (near Guthrie)

**July 14 - 20: Middle School Mission Trip**

**August 18: Fall Kickoff**

# Care News

## Thank You from the Clella Mae Adams Family

*Thank you for your words of sympathy, your voice of concern, your gesture of caring and the love you offer. The family of Clella Mae Adams was truly appreciative of the many acts of kindness shown to Mother and to our family. The service was beautiful and brief as Mother wished. Coffee and cookies provided by her Sunday School class was so thoughtful. Our church family is a true blessing. - The Family of Clella Mae Adams*

## Huffer Baby Shower

**CONTACT: Sherrye VanOsdol [sherryev2@gmail.com](mailto:sherryev2@gmail.com) 405.850.7286**

Join us for a "Come & Go" Baby Shower honoring Alexis & Lucas Huffer on Sunday, May 5, from 2-4pm in Fellowship Hall. This shower is hosted by Ellen Chitwood, Donna Clark, Donna Combs, Mary Foreman, Sandy Mitchell, Gayle Smith, Amy Hepler, Connie Westhof & Sherrye VanOsdol. The Huffers are registered at Amazon & Target.

## In Our Prayers This Week

**THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYER** Ed & Mary Walker, John Hammond

**OUR SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS TO** Karen Perrin & Family in the passing of her mother, Clella Adams, on March 17.

Services were held March 22 at FCC-Edmond AND TO DeeAnn Flippin & Family in the passing of her husband, Arvil Flippin, on March 24. Services were held March 28 at Matthews Funeral Home Chapel.

*Please share your prayer requests with us so we can pray for you. Contact Pastoral Assistant, Iris Muno Jordan at [ijordan@fccedmond.org](mailto:ijordan@fccedmond.org) or 341-3544, ext. 110.*

## **Happy Birthday FCC Friends!**

**4/7** Anna Felix

**4/9** Mary Cone, Alice Davenport, Wesston Smith

**4/10** Evelyn Baker, Judy Berry, Rose Hammond

**4/11** Larry Ball, Marcia Moore, Collins Ryland, James Winn III

**4/12** Clark Cummins, Bradyn Havenar, Christin Mugg

**4/13** Quade Evans, Dale Jones, Linda McDonald

**4/14** Ben Hall, Harper Helms, Robert Hendricks, Jana Huff, Brenda Moore, Penelope Simms

**4/15** Carol Sterling, Darrell White

**4/16** John Kuzmicki, Jennifer O'Hagan, Ann Stone

**4/17** Jeanie Clough, Roger Stilwell

**4/18** Donna Daniel, Austin Keel, Sage O'Hagan, Jill Raines

**4/19** Emerson Hagy, Sophie Percival

**4/20** JoAnn Adams, Chrisha McGann

**4/21** Mike Johnson, Leigh Ann Robertson

**4/22** Matthew Cave

**4/23** Ryan Burluson, Dennis Galyon, Mike Hatley, Ethan Miller, MaKayla Weaver

**4/24** Linda Dunlap, Lucas Huffer, Mishelleen Mecoy

**4/25** LaVerne Fry, Vance Gregory, Julie Krywicki, Charles Roach

**4/26** Lauren Davis, Sydney Larrison, Katie Robertson, Toni Wildman, Brett Windsor

**4/27** Blake Becker, Vicky Cauthen, Madison Simon, Jeff A. Smith

**4/28** Tim Becker, Tom Dooner, Olivia Driskill, Wes Moffatt, Linda Murray

**4/30** Missy DePlois, Cathy Tompkins

**5/1** Julie Baker, Susan Hurst, Allyson Meyer

**5/2** Dana Shadid

**5/3** Allen Clark, Athena Jones, Tim McFall

**5/4** Sue Johnson, Debbie Schmoyer

**5/5** Ella Brinkman, Bret Keel