



The Chalice

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
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Monday, April 1

No Bible Study
School Spring Break

Tuesday, April 2

5:30 pm - 9:00 pm - Pilot Club

Wednesday, April 3

NO Community Supper

Friday, April 5 - Saturday April 6

Ga Men's Retreat - Christmount

Sunday, April 7

10:00 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Worship
4:00 - 6:00 pm - Youth Group
6:00 pm - Board Meeting

Monday, April 8

2:00 pm - Bible Study
5:00 pm - TOPS

Wednesday, April 10

5:45 pm - Community Supper & Study
(Jimmy Christopher)
7:00 pm - Choir

Friday, April 12

4:00 - 7:00 pm - Friends Forever

Sunday, April 14

8:00 am - CMF Meeting & Breakfast
10:00 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Worship
12:00 pm - Egg Hunt & Lunch

Monday, April 15

2:00 pm - Bible Study
5:00 pm - TOPS

Tuesday, April 16

5:00 - 9:00 pm - Pilot Club

Wednesday, April 17

NO Community Supper

Thursday, April 18

Maundy Thursday

Sunday, April 21

7:30 am - Sunrise Service
10:00 am - Sunday School
Celebration Friendship Hour
11:00 am - Worship

Monday, April 22

2:00 pm - Bible Study
5:00 pm - TOPS

Wednesday, April 24

5:45 pm - Community
Supper & Study (Jimmy
Christopher)
7:00 pm - Choir

Sunday, April 28

8:30 am - Elders
10:00 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Worship
4:00 - 6:00 pm - Youth
Group

Monday, April 29

2:00 pm - Bible Study
5:00 pm - TOPS
6:30 pm - Disciple Women

From your FCCW Stewardship and Finance Committee ~*supporting the stewardship of time, talents, and treasures in building God's beloved community!*

Did you know that . . .

The 2018 change in tax law raised the standard deduction, which has resulted in a large number of taxpayers no longer being able to itemize and deduct their charitable contributions.

A little-known feature in tax law has been around for a while which allows a deduction for contributions without itemizing. You can make a tax-free contribution from your IRA to a charity or church.

If you are over the age of 70 and a half you must withdraw from your IRA each year; this withdrawal is known as your RMD. Your RMD from your IRA account can be tax free when the payment is paid directly to a charity or church of your choice. When a direct payment is made to a charity or church, it satisfies your requirement for the RMD.

The special tax treatment applies only to RMDs from IRA accounts. This information is not intended as tax advice. If this is something that will result in tax savings for you, please discuss it with your tax advisor.

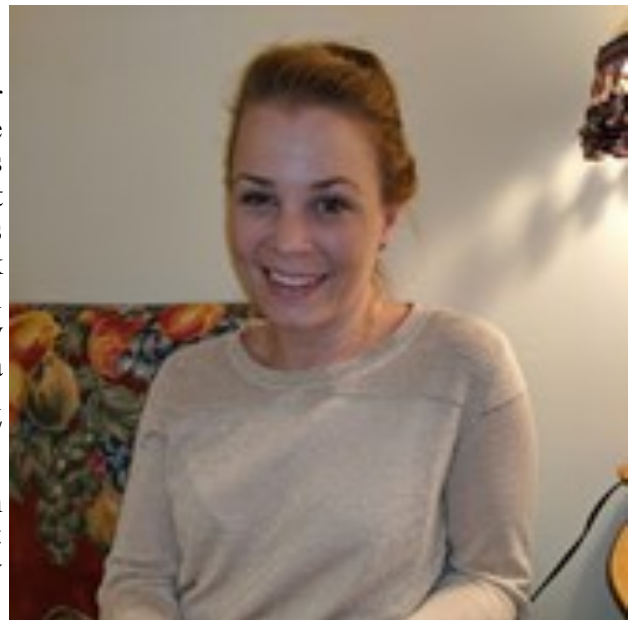
Your gifts and commitments of time, talents, treasures shared through the ministries of the FCCW congregation are appreciated so much!



Welcome to our Nursery Attendant

FCCW announces the hiring of Jenny Owens as our Nursery Attendant. We are thankful and excited that the youngest of our FCCW family have a person who welcomes them and creates a hospitable, safe, creative environment while in the church building. Jenny is perfect for this position. She brings a background of medical work experience and talents in creative arts. Jenny is present on Sunday mornings beginning at 9:45 AM for the Sunday School hour. During the worship hour, she works with a church volunteer to host the children (Infant- 2nd grader) in active, creative play and relationship building while parents/guardians are participating in worship service.

We welcome Jenny Owens and ask that you go and introduce yourself to her on Sunday mornings! You might want to volunteer for a Sunday to help out and get to know our youngest church members.



Communion is Prepared with Love

The Lord's Supper or Communion is a significant part of our weekly worship service. Who prepares the trays of bread and cups of juice? The Worship/Music Committee with chair, Marsha Burgess, develop a list of willing volunteers who come in and prepare the trays.

A few weeks ago, Joan and Charlie Moore shared the responsibility of preparation. Communion volunteers can be anyone of our FCCW family and friends who are willing to fill the cups and trays and clean up after the service.

Thank you to each one who have volunteered for this task! Many hands make light work as the saying goes. We appreciate each and every one who volunteers with love. If you are interested, please contact Marsha Burgess.



Lent to Easter – FCCW Gardens Proclaim!

“In a bulb, there is a flower” – we sing of transformation in our faith and in our witnessing to the community. On the outside of our building, our gardens proclaim the beauty of new growth and blossoming hope with the outstanding flowers of yellows, whites, greens and purple. What a testimony to hope in the world around us! Thank you to the ‘gardeners’ who share time, talents, treasurer through the Green Chalice Team work and with the Property Committee and the Christian Men’s Fellowship who all share in the care and development of our grounds.



FCCW Deacons at Work

The FCCW Deacons are most often seen serving the communion and collecting offerings at Sunday morning worship service. But behind the scene, our FCCW Deacons are active in the care of our FCCW church family and friends. They send cards to the ill and lonely who are on our prayer list. They support caregivers and their families with a meal or two following hospitalizations. And they organize the church members to bring food for a meal for families who have lost loved ones at the time of their death.

The FCCW family and friends hold in healing prayers the family and friends of Max Taylor with prayers for Joan, Dustin, Kristen, Caden, Grayson. Following the memorial service, Joan, Dustin and Caden was surrounded by old friends who returned to their childhood place of faith. This group of boys-to-men had been members of the FCCW Youth Group and Handbell Choir of many years ago. The Deacons work to provide a place of hospitality and tables for feasting so that families and friends can share memories to the healing process. Thank you, Deacons, chaired this year by Connie Wheeler.



Wearing the Green for St. Patrick's Day at FCCW



FCCW enjoyed the festive wear and bright kindness of two of our own on St. Patrick's Day! Miss Grace Gilroy designed her own hat which she complemented with a green suit, jewelry and shoes! Eddie Cobb joined the Family Fun Night wearing the green sweatshirt that featured a shamrock pin, green belt. Thank you to these two folks our church family sparkles!!



FCCW Family Fun Night – Great Fun!

St. Patrick's day featured the green on the lawn with FCCW families and friends. The corn hole game tested our skill and gave us laughs! The playground gave the kids a fun time too. Supper was hamburgers, hot dogs grilled inside by Jack Patrick. And every one brought a dish to share including a delicious chocolate mint cake baked for the occasion by Max Patrick. Max and Emma Claire made delicious milk shakes with the 'bullet' blender! After supper, the Watkinsville town scavenger hunt was conquered by four teams of kids and adults! Great fun was had by all! And FCCW rocked Watkinsville with positive energy and laughter! Can't wait until the next adventure in fun? Watch for April date and invite your friends!



Relay for Life Oconee -2019 led by FCCW Youth Group

FCCW's Relay for Life Oconee pledge is off to a good start for the April 26, 6:00 PM event at Oconee Middle School. FCCW Youth Group are leading our church's effort to earn money for the all church pledge of \$2500. Outreach Committee set the goal and we are all working toward our fulfillment.

The Lenten Pancake Supper was the second meal where donations were dedicated to this goal. Delicious pancakes, sausage, fresh fruit and whipped cream and syrup was the menu. Special thanks to our youth members who served, decorated and cleaned up. Much appreciation to our cooks for the evening, Larry Gunter and Jack Patrick, who cooked the pancakes and all the fixing's!

The photos show the 'happy faces' of satisfied participants. Over \$400. was added toward the goal! Luminaries "in memory" or "in honor" of a loved one who battled cancer can be purchased. The luminaries will be used on the Maundy Thursday evening at the church and at the Relay for Life Oconee event on April 26. Request forms are on the bulletin board across from the church office. All donations are accepted by making checks payable to: FCCW or cash designated is acceptable to church office. Thank you for your support.



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APRIL 26 19
FRIDAY

Oconee County Middle School

6 p.m. — Midnight

www.Relayforlife.org/oconeega



"Where flowers bloom, so does HOPE." - Lady Bird Johnson



Learning Together in Service and in Friendship

March's "Friends Forever" (K-5th graders) was a busy, enriching time for the eight friends that gathered on March 8 at FCCW! Following their outside playing in the sunshine, the 'friends' went inside to prepare their evening meal of deli sandwiches, mac 'n cheese, sliced strawberries and ice cream. Everyone helped with preparation and clean up! After supper, the team of friends worked together to remove the "Mardi Gras" decorations and replace all the tables with new coverings and fresh flowers for the hospitality meal on the next day. They enjoyed the fun of working together – even in festive masks! They also appreciated being able to help the church Deacons in providing a meal and space for sharing. Our next "Friends Forever" is on Friday, April 12, 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM at FCCW! Friends are welcome!



Interfaith Hospitality Network Success Story

We are pleased to announce that Kim and her family of 6 will be moving into their own apartment. The move was scheduled for 9:00 am on Thursday March 28, 2019.

We appreciate all the volunteers that helped during our last IHN session at Union Christian Church.

IHNA is on the move! Literally the Day Center and our offices are moving across the street to First Baptist Church. As many of you know our current Day Center at 393-1 W. Hancock is owned by First Baptist and they were approached by a third party to purchase the building this fall. Since 2004 when IHNA was founded, First Baptist has been extremely generous and has provided the Day Center at a significantly reduced rental rate. FBC is going to continue to be very generous and provide us with space in their building at minimal cost. In fact, IHNA will most likely see a reduction in expenses because of this move. This first year in First Baptist's space will be an experiment for all involved and we will check in on a quarterly basis to see how it is working out. At the end of nine months, both IHNA and FBC will evaluate to see if IHNA should continue to move forward in their space or should explore other options.