

# THE DESERT DISCIPLE

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## Worship this Month



Lenten Series, *Blessed Hunger: Holy Feast*, continues through Resurrection Sunday.

**April 7:** "Blessed Hunger: Holy Feast – God Makes a Way,"  
Isaiah 43:16-21

**April 14:** "Blessed Hunger: Holy Feast – Palms to Passion"

**April 21:** "Blessed Hunger: Holy Feast – Christ Among the Living," Isaiah 65:17-25 and Luke 24:1-12

**April 28:** "Live Out Loud" Psalm 150 and John 20:19-31



## Holy Week at FCC

Invite a friend to experience the stories of Holy Week through our worship opportunities:



**Palm Sunday, April 14, 10:30am:** Join our processional with palms and hear the story of Holy Week in this engaging service of scripture, music, and media. We will gather in the patio and process into the sanctuary together.

**Maundy Thursday Meal & Service, April 18, 6:30pm:** Witness the story of Jesus' last supper and the events that follow through our intergenerational meal and service in the chapel.

**Easter Sunday Service, April 21, 10:30am:** Celebrate the promise of New Life! Easter egg hunt for children and appetizers for all, following worship. Don't miss the pancake breakfast fundraiser to support the children & youth of First Christian Church.

## Lent at FCC:



### Lenten Dinner Series:

How wonderful to meet old and new friends from Church of the Painted Hills (UCC) and Desert Dove Christian Church (DOC), this Lenten season. We will meet for dinner again at Desert Dove Christian Church **on Tuesday, April 2 at 6:30pm**. Also, do not miss the final devotional at DeGrazia Gallery in the Sun **on April 9 at 1:30pm**.

### A Picture Worth a Thousand Words

Enjoy the pictures of *Blessed Hunger: Holy Feast* on display at the back of the Sanctuary. You can still add yours.

You can send your picture to the church office or print it out and bring it in on a Sunday (and give to Pastor Ailsa). We will display the pictures at the back of the sanctuary throughout the season of Lent.

**Sunday Worship  
10:30am**

**Church School  
9:00am**

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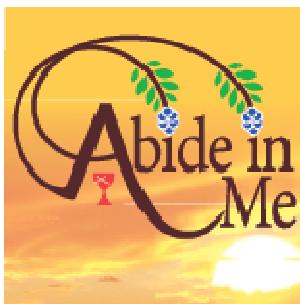
## Easter Lilies



Pure white Easter Lilies, the traditional flower used to celebrate the resurrection. For many years, we have used lilies to decorate the worship space on Easter Sunday. The lilies are paid for through donations from the congregation. They are typically gifted in memory of or to honor a loved one. Proceeds from the lilies benefit Our Family Services. So, they not only provide beauty for worship, they also do good in our community. Once Easter service ends, the lilies may be taken home or delivered to a home-bound member who cannot join us for worship on Sundays.

This year, Easter lilies will cost \$12.00. Please fill out an order form and make checks payable to First Christian Church with the word "lilies" on the memo line. **Orders are due Sunday, April 14.**

## Easter Offering



As Disciples, we all benefit from the fruit, the gifts, of our general ministries. These fruits are made possible only through the connections and support that grow in collaboration with our regions and congregations. This

Easter, let us reflect on the transformative ways that we have been impacted by those ministries, and by the fruits of our shared work.

Our general ministries provide other critical resources to Disciples congregations, like stewardship campaign materials, loans and financial services, and space for community building around shared values and traditions.

Our ministries can bear these fruits because of our shared root system. We are rooted in Christ. As one branch of our vine grows, we can share more fruit with more people, from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth.

This Holy Week let us give of our own fruits to tend to the whole. Our ministries grow through your tending, nurturing, and caring. Your gifts to the Easter offering can transform our shared work.

**Please give generously to this year's Easter Offering. FCC's Goal is to receive \$1,000.**

### General Ministries that receive support from the Easter Offering include:

- Center for Faith and Giving
- Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries (Obra Hispana)
- Communication Ministries
- Council on Christian Unity
- Disciples of Christ Historical Society
- Disciples Home Missions
- Disciples Women
- Division of Overseas Ministries (Global Ministries)
- Higher Education and Leadership Ministries
- Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation
- National Benevolent Association
- National Convocation
- North American Pacific / Asian Disciples
- Treasury Services

## Easter Sunday, Pancake Breakfast!



Support the youth of First Christian Church and celebrate the joy of Resurrection at the Easter Sunday pancake breakfast.

First Christian pays half the cost of camp and retreat for each participant. Your donations will help make this possible. Join us at 9:00am in Fellowship Hall on Easter Sunday.

## Youth Fundraiser!

## **Offering Hospitality to Asylum Seeking Families (4/7 – 4/13)**

Following our call to **Seek God, Love Like Jesus, and Serve the World**, FCC will host guests in fellowship hall the week of **April 7**. You can help be a face of welcome. You can help offer the warmth of God's love. Volunteer are needed in the following areas:

- Welcome guests upon arrival (Spanish helpful)
- Help prepare meals
- Be present with guests during the day (4 hour shift)
- Overnight (12 hour shift, flexible)
- Launder linens
- Drive guests to bus station or airport
- Donate needed items (see below)

**Please see Susan Harris or Pastor Ailsa to sign up, or use Signup Genius.**

**Items needed:**

### **For use at FCC:**

- blankets
- flat twin sheets
- pillow cases
- bath towels
- wash cloths
- large shampoo/conditioner
- liquid body wash

### **Food for bus trip:**

- granola bars
- dried fruit
- nuts
- trail mix (non-melting ingredients)
- cereal cups
- bottled water
- gatorade
- pedialyte (not clear)
- juice pouches
- peanut butter
- jelly
- sliced bread
- applesauce (cups or pouches)
- fresh fruits & vegetables
- ziploc bags (sandwich size)

### **Travel size Toiletry items**

- toothpaste and toothbrushes
- hair combs/brushes
- hair ties/bands
- deodorant
- chapstick/lip balm

### **Miscellaneous :**

- shoe laces
- backpacks/tote bags
- travel blankets (small)
- new underwear for men, women and children (adult small/medium)
- tennis shoes for men, women, and children (adult small/medium)
- jackets for all genders

**You may bring donations and put them in the fellowship hall. Please place items along the wall with the dry erase board.**

## FCC Shout Outs:

Appreciation. Thanks. Encouragement. Gratitude. Seeing the positive. Inspiring one another for good things. We could all use more of these in the world, and our monthly “shout out” helps us do just that.

### April Shout Outs:

We lift up the **FCC youth** for cleaning the labyrinth on the south side of the property, near the playground.

**Yard Sale Crew:** Susan Harris, Sharon Sorensen, Laura Allen, Justin Stadle, Teresa Soqui & Sam Morales for their hard work setting up and working the Yard Sale.

**Ashes to Go Volunteers:** Laura Allen, Sue Blickhahn, Rosemary Bolza, Lori Bryant, Jay Deskins, Susan Harris, Ann Nichols, Sharon Sorensen, Janis Sherick, Dave Stadle, Debbie Stadle, and Pastor Ailsa. ! We were able to serve 390 people!



FCC Youth clean the Labyrinth.

**Do you know someone going above and beyond? Do you know someone doing an amazing thing? If so, let the church office know so we can celebrate them here.** You can submit your shout-out anonymously or with your name.



the camp fee for church members/active participants. Each camper needs a voucher number in order to register. Please let Pastor Ailsa know you are going in order to receive the voucher before filling out the registration. To register, <http://azdisciples.org/ministries/youth-children/#summercamp>

## Youth Summer Camp!

Disciples, United Church of Christ Church Camp (DUCC)

**June 16-21**

Emmanuel Pines Campground—Prescott, AZ

An empowering week away to cool off and relax in the mountains of Prescott, worship in nature, make friends, have faith conversations, and enjoy the many activities prepared by a wonderful staff.

Camp costs \$411 if registration is completed by May 1; \$431 if completed by the final deadline of May 15. **FCC will pay half of**

## 2019 General Assembly

July 20-24

Des Moines, Iowa

**Imagine This:** Worship that lifts your soul. Stories that touch your heart. Educational resources to assist your congregation in ministry. Conversations that stretch your mind. Messages that call you to action. Connections that remind you that God's family is bigger than a local congregation. All this and more in five short days!

For more information & registration, visit the General Assembly website at: [ga.disciples.org](http://ga.disciples.org)



## Mind Wholeness Ministry Spiritual Support Groups



For people affected by  
mental health challenges  
1st & 3rd Mondays  
April 1 & 15  
6:00 – 7:30 PM

The Family Support Group meets on the 1st Wednesday,  
April 3 at 3:00pm.

## Pray & Play, a DWM Spring Event

Women are invited to join the DWM Spring Event here at FCC! Join as they explore Acts 2:42-47 through play and prayer.

Saturday, April 27  
10:00am – 2:00pm  
First Christian Church, Tucson

**\$25 registration fee.** Lunch is included. You can register online at <http://azdisciples.org/ministries/dwm-disciple-womens-ministry/>. Registration deadline is April 23. Contact Susan Harris for more information.

## Opportunities to Serve the World:

### Thursday Bilingual Prayer Vigil

Vigils of accompaniment and hope are a time to pray for our hospitality guests; those affected by the political, humanitarian, and legal complexities of the border; others experiencing challenges; and to lift our concerns for our lives and the world. All are welcome. The prayer vigil takes place at 6pm in the chapel.

### Community Food Bank

First Christian collects non-perishable food items for the Community Food Bank throughout the year. Donations can be placed on the shelves in the Welcome Area.

### Hospitality at First Christian Church

First Christian continues to prepare to support families seeking asylum by offering temporary hospitality. If you are interested in volunteering with this ministry, please contact Pastor Ailsa.

## April at a Glance

**Mind Wholeness Spiritual Support Group—** 1st & 3rd Mondays (4/1 & 4/15) at 6:00pm

**Lenten Dinner & Devotional (3)—** Tuesday, April 2 at 6:30pm, Desert Dove Christian Church

**Mind Wholeness Family Support Group—** 1st Wed. (4/3) at 3:00pm

**Elders Meeting—** Thursday, April 4 at 6:00pm

**Week of Hospitality—** Sunday, April 7 through Saturday, April 13

**Manna & Mercy Bible Study—** 2nd & 4th Mondays (4/8 & 4/22) at 6:00pm

**Lenten Devotional (4) —** Tuesday, April 9 at 1:30pm, DeGrazia Gallery in the Sun

**Disciples Women's Ministry—** Tuesday, April 9 at 11:30am

**Palm Sunday—** April 14

**Maundy Thursday Service—** Thursday, April 18 at 6:30pm

**DD Deadline—** Friday, April 19

**Good Friday: Church Office Closed—** April 19

**Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser—** Sunday, April 21 at 9:00am

**Easter Sunday—** April 21

**Egg Hunt & Appetizers—** Sunday, April 21 following worship

**DWM Pray & Play Spring Event—** Saturday, April 27 at 10:00am

**Prayer Vigils—** Thursdays at 6:00pm

## *“News from the Pews”*

### Please be in prayer for:

- ♥ Our hospitality guests and XPLOR Residents: Ethan & Natalie.
- ♥ The N.A. Groups that meet in our church, and others struggling with addiction.
- ♥ The Mind Wholeness Ministry and the people & families affected by mental health challenges.
- ♥ Continued prayers for: Peggy & Marion Brady, Lily Foster, Grace Judson, Larry Kimberlin, June King, William Koller, Ron & Patti Lemke, Phil Shosie, Ruth Stokes, Jody Vanderkolk, Sally Van Slyke, and Roger White.



# Sunday Schedule

9:00 am	<b>Adult Education—Parlor*</b>
9:00 am	<b>Children/Youth Education—Room 107 &amp; 110 *</b>
9:00 am	St. Michael's ECC - Chapel
10:30 am	<b>Morning Worship - Sanctuary *</b>



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**CALL OUR OFFICE:** (520) 624-8695

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Articles for the May *Desert Disciple* should be received in the office no later than **Friday, April 19.**

## Praying For Our Missionaries!

*Please be in prayer for our missionaries serving through Global Ministries.*



**During the week of...**

**April 7:** Anne Gregory, Thailand

**April 14:** Elena Hugel, Mexico

**April 21:** Sara Makari, Israel/Paslestine

**April 28:** Bosela Eale, Kenya

For more information regarding our missionaries, overseas partners, or how you can make a difference, visit: [www.globalministries.org](http://www.globalministries.org)

