



April 1, 2026

A NOTE FROM

Pastor Laura



Dear Church,

Easter is always one of my favorite services of the year, but it's especially wonderful when there are baptisms. On Sunday, we have four people who will enter the waters of baptism:

- Maryl Faust - Affirmation of previous baptism
- Lincoln Viebrock - Affirmation of previous baptism
- Maeve Jacoby - Baptism
- Beckett Milne - Baptism



Each of these people made a very important decision to take this public step, to proclaim Jesus as their Lord, the one they will follow throughout their lives. We will present them with Bibles in worship, but if you would like to give them a card or note of encouragement, that would also help make their day extra special.

I enjoyed hearing words of appreciation from many of you for the sermon series on the Disciples and the Bread & Broth series on Death and the Afterlife. I actually learned some new things myself from both of those series! I believe that spiritual growth is a lifelong pursuit, and one of the ways we do that is by continuing to learn. If you learned the names of the Disciples, can you list them all? (I'll put the full list at the end of my article.) And if you're working on some of the homework from the Bread & Broth series, don't forget that you can come work on it with me tonight (Wed.) at 5 pm.

I also hope to see you on Friday at 7 pm at the Good Friday service as we hear the story of Christ's love for us shown on the cross. It's always a moving and somber service, but it makes the joy of Easter morning so much sweeter.

I'm deeply grateful for all of you, and I'm excited to see all the ways we'll welcome and worship on Easter!

List of the Disciples: Peter, Andrew, James, John, Simon (the Zealot), Matthew, Jude, Thomas, Philip, Nathaniel, James (the Lesser) and Judas.

Have a great week!

Pastor Laura

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p.s. My office hours vary each week depending on my schedule. I'm happy to meet with you, but ask that you make an appointment so I'm sure to be in the office.

NOMINATING FORM ONLINE

PLEASE NOMINATE PEOPLE TO
SERVE ON OUR BOARD, AND
ALSO LET US KNOW HOW YOU
ARE WILLING TO SERVE IN THE
COMING YEAR.



Volunteers & Nominations Survey:

It's time for nominations. Thank you for filling out a nomination form on paper or online. And please, nominate yourself if there is a place you're willing to serve! We also want to know what interests people have in volunteering, so this form helps us with that information, too.

[Click here for the online form.](#)

Will you be one of our

VOTING DELEGATES?

Each church in the Greater KC Region is asked to provide two delegates who will vote on behalf of our congregation in the General Assembly this summer and in the Regional Assembly in the fall.

Contact Pastor Laura for more information



Letter from Megan Jacoby

Hi! I was at the Smithville library yesterday and I spoke with Anne (the branch manager) about the Seed Library that they have started. There has been lots of interest in the seeds at the library, which is exciting, but they haven't received many donations of seeds yet. Let's be a blessing to the community. We will put out a basket to in the fellowship hall to collect seeds for the library.

Best, Meagan Jacoby

Dear SFCC,

I was so excited when Meagan came into the library yesterday and offered to help with the seed library. Our customers are LOVING taking the seeds so our supply is diminishing quickly. We'll just have to see how many we get. I appreciate all your help,

Anne Accardi (she/her), MLIS

Branch Manager II

Smithville Branch

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GOOD FRIDAY

Apr. 3rd at 7 pm

Come remember and worship.

Good Friday Service: Ap

The path to Resurrection led
the cross first. This reflects
remind us how much Jesus
for a special Good Friday S



Easter Day Activities

Annual Potluck Easter Brunch 9:00 AM
Rader's Waffles are provided. Bring your fave
breakfast dish to share. Easter Egg Hunt for
the kids at 10 AM in Sanctuary, followed by
the Easter Service at 10:30 AM.

p.s. There is no Fellowship Potluck Dinner in
April.

Please join us on May 17th for the next one!



Worship on April 12 will be a silly Holy
Humor service as we celebrate that
death has been defeated. It's an
all-ages service, which means we'll



take a noisy offering again. Bring in your loose change for the offering.
All the proceeds will go to Heifer International. And plan to stay
afterwards for lunch and BINGO!

Join us for our Spring Youth Group



Youth
Group

“Cooked”



PIZZA PARTY

Kick Off

Cooking up
food, movies,
games

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**201 N. BRIDGE
STREET**

24 APR

5:30 - 8:30 PM



disciples youth



Friday April 24th 5:30 pm Kick Off Party. We will be making pizza from scratch and homemade popcorn balls. We will have a movie playing

and games! Youth and Families welcome! Then Join us Every third Sunday for Youth Group in the Youth Room during the Fellowship Pot Luck. For more info, check out our newsletter or website.



*Food Pantry
Wish List*

*Smithville
First
Christian
Church*



April
**PASTA
& RICE SIDES**

April Food Pantry

This month we are asking for Pasta and Rice Sides. The food pantry is open to anyone in the Smithville community on Tuesdays from 8:30 - 11 AM. ~ Contact Cheryl Parks Hill with questions (816) 225-0571.

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS



What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus's Birth

MARCUS J. BORG &

Wednesday Online Bible Study Resumes: April 22nd

The Wednesday Online Bible Study Group would like to invite you to join us in our new book 6 p.m. Wednesdays on Zoom. Our next study book will be “The First Christmas: What the Gospels Really Teach About Jesus’s Birth,” by Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossan. The paperback version is available on Amazon for less than \$10.

Borg and Crossan help us to see this well-known narrative afresh by answering the question, “What do these stories mean?” in the context of both the first century and the twenty-first century. They successfully show that the Christmas story, read in its original context, is far richer and more challenging than people imagine. Contact Contact Cecelia McMaster rmcmast@gmail.com 816-309-4135.



Coffee

Time

Weekly Fellowship

Sundays 10 am

Coffee & Donut Fellowship **Every Sunday at 10 AM**

Enjoy some time with new friends and old. Chat and chew. Join us each Sunday at 10 AM (prior to Worship Service) for coffee, donuts, and fellowship! What a sweet time together. Come hang out with us on Sunday before service.

*Puzzles are now located in the office. Feel free to borrow, trade, or take home a puzzle.

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More Details Coming Soon!



VBS

SAVE THE DATE

JULY 8-10



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WATCH LAST SUNDAY'S SERVICE

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1CbhG2jToG/>

[Click here for website](#)->ALL ANNOUNCEMENTS &
EVENTS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE:

PRAISE & PRAYER

requests



Submit prayer requests in person handwritten in our prayer box at the back of the sanctuary by the office.

AND you can also share prayers or praises through the [Prayer Request Form](#) online. Want your prayer to be in a Sunday bulletin? Make sure to send it to us through our online form or email the office by Wednesday before.

Let's all pray for each other and for the needs in our community together. Where two or three are gathered, God is there! To share a Prayer Concern: <https://bit.ly/3WIOXyf>.

“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for usNot only is this on, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.”

Romans 5:8,11, NIV

April 5, 2025 WORSHIP

Pulpit: Rev. Laura Guy

Elder: Angie Viebrock

Lay Leader: Jan Howard

Greeters: Connie Murphy, Donice Ratliff

Prep & Serve: Sue Boswell & Linda Neer, Belinda Miller

Serve & Clean-up: Cheryl Merideth & Argel Merideth

Cash Counter: Susie Clower

Acolyte(s): Kyla Kays & Lincoln Viebrock

Nursery: Joyce French

April 12, 2025 WORSHIP

Pulpit: Rev. Laura Guy

Elder: Susie Clower

Lay Leader: Kathy Hamilton

Greeters: Shirley & Denney French

Prep & Serve: Barbara Millard

Serve & Clean-up: Scott Schoonover & Jack Massie

Cash Counter: Janice Roberts

Acolyte(s): Brinley & Beckett Milne

Nursery: Janice Roberts & Chloe Easton

**If you are unable to serve, please find a replacement and update the office by Wednesday at noon. The Volunteer List can be viewed online by going to <https://bit.ly/4ktjhGm>.*



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