



THE CURRENT WEEKLY

April 14th - April 20th, 2025

Smithville First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

Holy Week is exhausting. I don't mean physically exhausting, although it can be that, too. But the emotions of Holy Week run the gamut from praise to betrayal and abandonment and then sorrow and finally pure joy. It's so tempting to just skip ahead past all the yucky stuff and get right to the Alleluias!

We want to do that in life, too, right? But it doesn't work that way. It's important for us to walk with Jesus through this week so we fully grasp the depth of his love for us. It helps us remember that he walks with us when our lives are scary, too.

So I hope you'll come to the Good Friday service at 7 pm to hear again the story of his death and to reflect again on his love. I know that our church hasn't had a tradition of a Good Friday service, so it's a new thing for your Holy Week observation. But I think it will be meaningful and make Easter morning even more joyous!

Invite a friend to join you for Easter Worship! Most people come to a church for the first time because someone they know invited them.

Have a great week,

Laura

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Watch April 13th Service: <https://www.facebook.com/smithvillefcc/videos/3975543736038272>

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Hospitality Task Force:



Pastor Laura is still looking for volunteers willing to serve on a Hospitality Task Force for the next 6-8 months. We will likely meet monthly and look at everything from how someone initially hears about our church to their experience as a guest, how we do follow up, and how to help them explore membership and baptism. We will need a good cross-section of people from long-timers to more recent members who still remember their first experiences. We will identify best practices in other churches, and implement small changes as we go. Larger changes will be made as recommendations to the Board. Are you ready to make our

church as welcoming as we can be? If so, please [fill out this form](#) to let us know you're interested!

NEW Office Hours: (Effective 4/7/25)

Since much of the work in the office needs to happen earlier in the week - the newsletter, check requests, payroll, etc. - we are extending the hours that Jennifer Carr works on Mondays - Thursdays and closing the office on Fridays. So the new office schedule will look like this

Monday - Thursday - 8:00 am-12:00 pm, (lunch break), 12:30 pm-4:00 pm.

Friday - Closed

NEW Praise & Prayer Request Form:



We are working to streamline the process for submitting prayer requests. We want to make sure that every request is prayed over as soon as possible. There is a new form on the website where you can fill out a request for prayer for yourself or someone else. Going forward, we will keep the requests on the Prayer List for

a week unless you specify otherwise. Thank you for your help in keeping us informed of the needs in our community! Here is the link to the new form.

Get to Know Pastor Laura:

If you haven't already, please set up time in March to meet Pastor Laura Guy! Here is a [Calendly link](#) where you can sign up for a time that works for you. If there aren't any appointments that work with your schedule, please email Laura at laura.guy@smithvillefirstchristian.org and let her know when you are available.



An Evening of Music: Wed., April 23



Join us on April 23 for an unforgettable evening!

From 5:30 - 7:00 PM, you will enjoy a Spaghetti Dinner served by the Youth for a freewill donation.

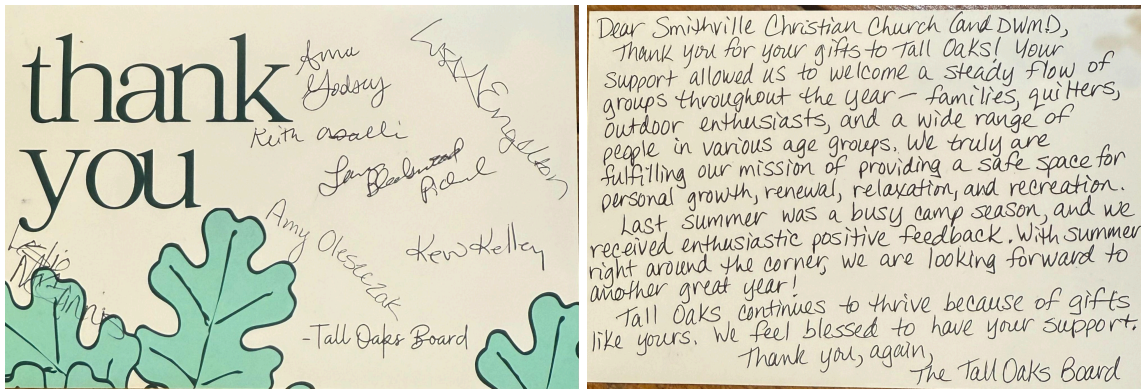
Afterward, you will enjoy a FREE performance by talented musicians from the Kansas City Symphony beginning at 7 PM.

Bridge Street is now open!



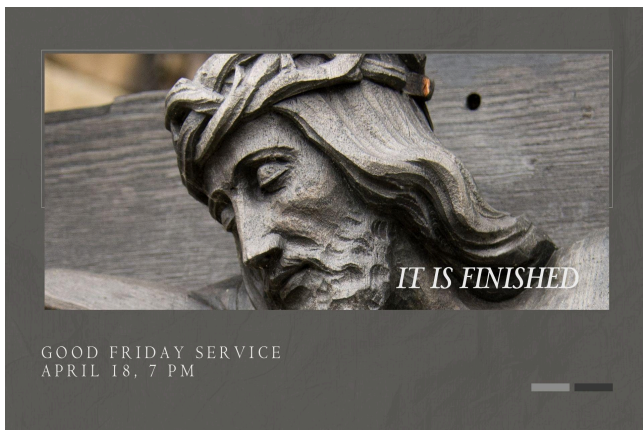
THANK YOU

A Thank You Card From Tall Oaks-



LENTEN EVENTS

Good Friday Service:



Please join us this Friday (April 18th) at 7:00PM. We will have a tenebrae service where we read Scripture, sing hymns, and gradually extinguish candles until we leave in silence and darkness. This somber service focuses on the love of Jesus shown to us on the cross and prepares our hearts to rejoice at the empty tomb on Easter Sunday.

Easter Sunday



We hope to see you on Easter Sunday!

Potluck Breakfast: 9:00am

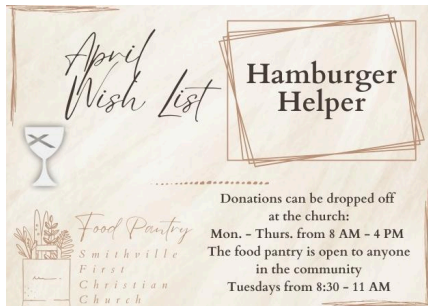
Easter Egg Hunt: 10:00am

Worship: 10:30am

All Church Photo: Following Worship

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

April Food Pantry:



For April, the Food Pantry is collecting Hamburger Helper. Donations can be dropped off at the church:

Monday - Thursday from 8 AM - 4 PM

The food pantry is open to anyone in the community on

Tuesdays from 8:30 - 11 AM

APRIL FOOD PANTRY REPORT:

The Worship Committee made Easter treat bags and the food pantry participants benefitted from the extra bags. They were a fun treat to give out the Tuesday before Easter. Thank you Worship Committee!

The Church of Good Shepherd held a six week food drive as a way to “give” as well as “give up” something daily during Lent. They shared this food with Trimble’s food pantry as well as ours, and we received large donations three weeks. The Alter Society also donated a very generous check. Thank you Good Shepherd and Good Shepherd Alter Society.

We continue to receive donations every month and appreciate this so much! Thank you Paradise United Methodist Church, Carole Roe, Barbara Krueger, Andy from General Mills and Linda McComas, Pat Enomoto, Christine and Diane Dickson, Mikaela Stout, Frank and Jane Bagley, Kyle and Connie Kimzey, Mt. Olivet Christian Church, Little Platte Baptist Church, Jeanne Epperson, Jeanette Leslie, Richard and Evelyn Clark, Kent Bridges, Shirley and Denney French, Jan Howard and Bill Swendson, Mark Johnson, Ashley Hall, Gary Luppert, Rader Miller, John and Kathy Hamilton, and all those who donated anonymously this month.

We could not serve people in our community without your help!

Items we could use in May include:

Beef and Chicken Ramen Noodles

Rice and Pasta Sides

Thank you for your continued support!

Cheryl Parks Hill

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Weekly Coffee & Donut Fellowship:

Join us on Sundays at 10 AM (prior to Worship Service) for coffee, donuts, and fellowship!

We look forward to seeing you there!

YOUTH NEWS

Scholarship Applications:



We are proud to announce that we will again offer both The First Christian Church Scholarship and the Margaret Wilson Miller and David Rader Miller Scholarship Funds (for undergraduate students only).

Applicants must be members of Smithville First Christian Church.

The First Christian Church Scholarship Application is available for applicants who have completed 24 college hours and graduated from high school one year ago. (2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale is required.) The Margaret Wilson Miller and David Rader Miller First Christian Church Scholarship Fund Application is available for high school graduates.

Applications will be available in the church office and online starting Wednesday March 12th, 2025. If you have any questions or if you would like a printed copy, please call Jennifer (Church Office Administrator) at (816)532-0773 Monday thru Friday from 8am-2pm to arrange a time to pick up a printed Application.

- Completed scholarship applications are due in the church office by noon **Friday, May 2, 2025.**
- Applications may be submitted by mail, email, or in person Monday – Friday 8:00AM – 2:00 PM.
- Applications will not be accepted **after noon Friday, May 2, 2025.**

Scholarships will be awarded during church service on **Sunday, May 18, 2025.** Please be in attendance on that day. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 816-532-0773.

[Read More Information and Apply](#)

Tall Oaks Summer Camps

Summer camps are open for registration. Scholarship funds available for ALL of these camps and retreats. Please apply here. <https://bit.ly/4jCQ7VZ> Register for camp with Early Bird Prices until May 9th. <https://www.talloaks.org/doc-camps>

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

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS

EASTER Worship Service Schedule for April 20th, 2025

Baptism and Baby Dedication

Elder – Cara Massie

Lay Leader - Cheryl Merideth

Prep & Serve – Danny and Amy Heath

Serve & Clean-up – Janice Roberts and Sue Boswell

Greeter – Les and Linda Neer

Cash Counter – Greg Atkins

Acolyte(s) – Beckett and Brinley Milne

Nursery – Ruth Anne Porter

Worship Schedule – Sunday, April 27, 2025

Elder – Jennifer Schoonover

Lay Leader - Stacey Sapp

Prep & Serve – Becky Crosby & Belinda Miller

Serve & Clean-up – Scott Schoonover & Angie Viebrock

Greeters – Connie Murphy & Carol Summers

Cash Counter – Janice Roberts

Acolyte(s) – Keaton & Case Crosby

Nursery - Joyce French

*If you are unable to serve, please find a replacement and update the office by Thursday. The Volunteer List can be viewed online by scanning this QR code or going to <https://bit.ly/3CWjFO0>.

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Praise & Prayers: <https://bit.ly/3WIOXyf>

***NEW OFFICE HOURS**

Beginning the week of April 7th, the office hours will be:

Monday thru Thursday 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM (closed for lunch 12:00-12:30)

Closed on Fridays

Office Administrator: Jennifer Carr