



## THE CURRENT WEEKLY

April 21st - April 27th, 2025

**Smithville First Christian Church**

(Disciples of Christ)

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### A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

I feel like I need to start each of my notes with some thank yous! This was especially true this past weekend as so many people worked hard to make the Good Friday and Easter worship services something special. And they were! So thank you to everyone who worked behind the scenes or up in front to make both services meaningful and holy.

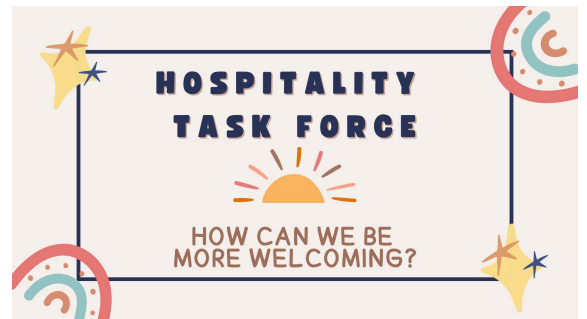
We are not slowing down now that Lent is over, however. There are several opportunities coming up for worship and fellowship, so if you'll excuse this long note, I'd like to tell you about them so you can get these dates on your calendar.



*Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> is Pastor Laura's Installation Service. We will have guests from the region as well as her family here in worship. After worship, we'll celebrate with cake!*

Sunday, May 4th is my Installation Service. Honestly, I've never had one before. But I think it's a fun tradition to have a service to acknowledge the calling of a new pastor. So we'll have some guests from the region including the Rev. Ron Routledge, our Interim Regional Minister. And I'll have some of my family here, including my sister-in-law and her husband as guest musicians. They led the praise team at Living Water from the beginning, and they'll share in congregational singing and bring some special music. After the service, there will be cake!

Monday, May 5th is the first meeting of the Hospitality Task Force. Since it's Cinco de Mayo, we're going to meet at 6 pm and enjoy a nacho bar. If you'd like to join in our work, let me know.



The Dialogue Institute  
Turkish Food Festival



Saturday, May 10 from 11 am-5 pm  
4215 Shawnee Drive, Kansas City, KS

Saturday, May 10th is a Turkish Food Festival at The Dialogue Institute. Several of us attended the Ramadan Dinner with them last month, and this festival is another opportunity to share some delicious food with our Muslim friends. This is a fundraiser, so the food is available for purchase. It's an outdoor event at their location, 4215 Shawnee Drive, Kansas City, KS.

Sunday, May 11th is Mother's Day, and I make a special effort to honor all women in that service, whether they are mothers or not. There are many ways that women can nurture us and support us, and we'll celebrate all those special women - aunts, teachers, grandmothers, neighbors - and have a gift for all of them.

Sunday, May 18 is Graduation Sunday. I will be out of town for my niece's wedding, but Stacey Sapp, Johnny Viebrock and Cara Massie will honor our graduates in worship that day.

**Women Together  
Fellowship Ministry**



**Monthly gatherings and outings to  
build relationships and have fun**

One last thing - with the blessing of CWF, we are going to launch a new women's ministry that I'm calling Women Together (until we come up with a better name). We recognized a need for women to have opportunities for fellowship and friendship, so we're creating monthly get-togethers or outings for any women in the church who are able to attend. Our first get-together will be at the home of Jonica Merritt on Sunday, June 1st at 5 pm. She will have a fun craft for us to try, and then we will roast hot dogs and marshmallows around the fire pit. Our second event will likely be a road trip to Marceline to see the Disney Museum and eat lunch on Saturday, June 28 (more info to come).

Whew! Thanks for reading to the end. I can't wait to see all the ways God will surprise us in the weeks and months to come.

Have a great week,

Laura

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## **WATCH LAST SUNDAY'S SERVICE:**

Click link below to watch April 20th Easter Service:

<https://www.facebook.com/smithvillefcc/videos/1044483197559560>

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### **Church Office Hours:**

(Effective April 7th, 2025)

**The Office Hours are:**

**Monday - Thursday - 8:00 am- 4:00 pm** (closed daily for lunch from 12-12:30pm)

**Friday, Saturday and Sunday - Closed**

### **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](mailto:laura.guy@smithvillefirstchristian.org) and let her know when you are available.

## An Evening of Music:



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**5:30PM Spaghetti Dinner**

**7:00PM Musical Performance**

Join us on Wednesday, April 23rd for an unforgettable evening!

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

Then at 7:00 PM you will enjoy a **FREE performance by talented musicians from the Kansas City Symphony** beginning at 7 PM.

## THANK YOU

Smithville First Christian Church,

I thought today was just another Wednesday but evidently today is "Administrative Professionals Day"! I was pleasantly surprised when I walked in the office this morning and saw a card and a beautiful plant sitting on my desk! What a nice surprise to start this busy Wednesday!

Thank you for recognizing me today... I really appreciate it!

Thanks again,

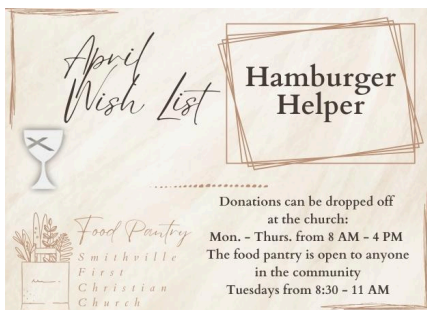
♥ Jennifer Carr

## Bridge Street is now open!



## 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**

## FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### Weekly Coffee & Donut Fellowship:



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

We look forward to seeing you on Sunday!

## YOUTH NEWS

### Scholarship Applications: Due next Friday, May 2nd (by 12:00 PM)

**ONLY ONE MORE WEEK TO SUBMIT 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>

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

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## **SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS**

### **Worship Service Schedule for April 27th, 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

### **Worship Service Schedule for May 4th, 2025**

**Elder** – Greg Atkins

**Lay Leader** - Rob Guy

**Prep & Serve** – Susie Clower and Becky Crosby

**Serve & Clean-up** – Sandra Matthews and John Matthews

**Greeter** – Bob & Barbara Arnold

**Cash Counter** – Phil French

**Acolyte(s)** – Lincoln Viebrock and Hudson Wolfe

**Nursery** – Ruth Anne Porter

\*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>.

#### **CONNECT WITH US:**

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**To submit a Prayer Request:** <https://bit.ly/3WIOXyf>

#### **Office Hours:**

Monday thru Thursday: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

(closed daily for lunch from 12:00-12:30)

Friday/Saturday/Sunday: Office is Closed

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