



April 8, 2026

## A NOTE FROM

*Pastor Laura*



Dear Church,

Wow! I don't really have any other words for the Easter morning experience other than...WOW! Everything was so lovely, so lively, and I know that it took the combined efforts of so many people to make it all come together. The brunch was incredible, and we have so many talented cooks - including our waffle chef, Rader - and so many dedicated volunteers who made it all happen. We had others who donated candy and stuffed eggs so Steven could hide them for the kids. And Phil French made sure the baptistry was filled and warm and ready for our four baptisms. Susie and Janice set out all the lilies, and others created and helped change the banners. Cara Massie made the mistake of asking me if I needed help with anything, and I pressed her into service to be the backstage manager for all the baptisms. Getting four people and two ministers in and out of the water - plus four sponsors to greet them with a warm towel - was quite a feat! Polly made sure we had plenty of extra bulletins and the deacons made sure we had plenty of communion and servers.

The choir and special music were also extra-special! Seeing four new members come forward during the Invitation Hymn honestly made me tearful. Doing church together, being CHURCH together is often very hard. And frequently very discouraging. But days like Easter remind us why we do

this, why it matters. God keeps giving us new life, as individuals and as a church. Hallelujah!



This Sunday is Holy Humor Sunday, and it's all about continuing the Easter celebration by laughing with joy. Wear a silly hat or socks or tie or whatever silly clothes you have. The kids will be in worship to sing and take up another noisy offering, so bring your loose change. I will be doing 1-2 minute improv sermons based on the prompts that you write down, so we'll see how that goes. And afterwards, we'll have pizza and salad and play some BINGO!

Don't forget to fill out a nomination form by Sunday. Even if you can't think of anyone to nominate, fill out the volunteer portion for yourself. We have a list of current members of the church if you'd like us to send it to you so you know who to nominate. [Here is a link to the online form.](#)

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.*

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# WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

We are so excited to welcome Dennis and Edna Kenslow, Leigh Ann Valverde and Peggy Burr to our congregation by transfer of membership. We also officially welcome our newly baptized members - Lincoln Viebrock, Beckett Milne and Maeve Jacoby. Maryl Faust joined last year. Welcome to Smithville First Christian Church!

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## 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.](#)

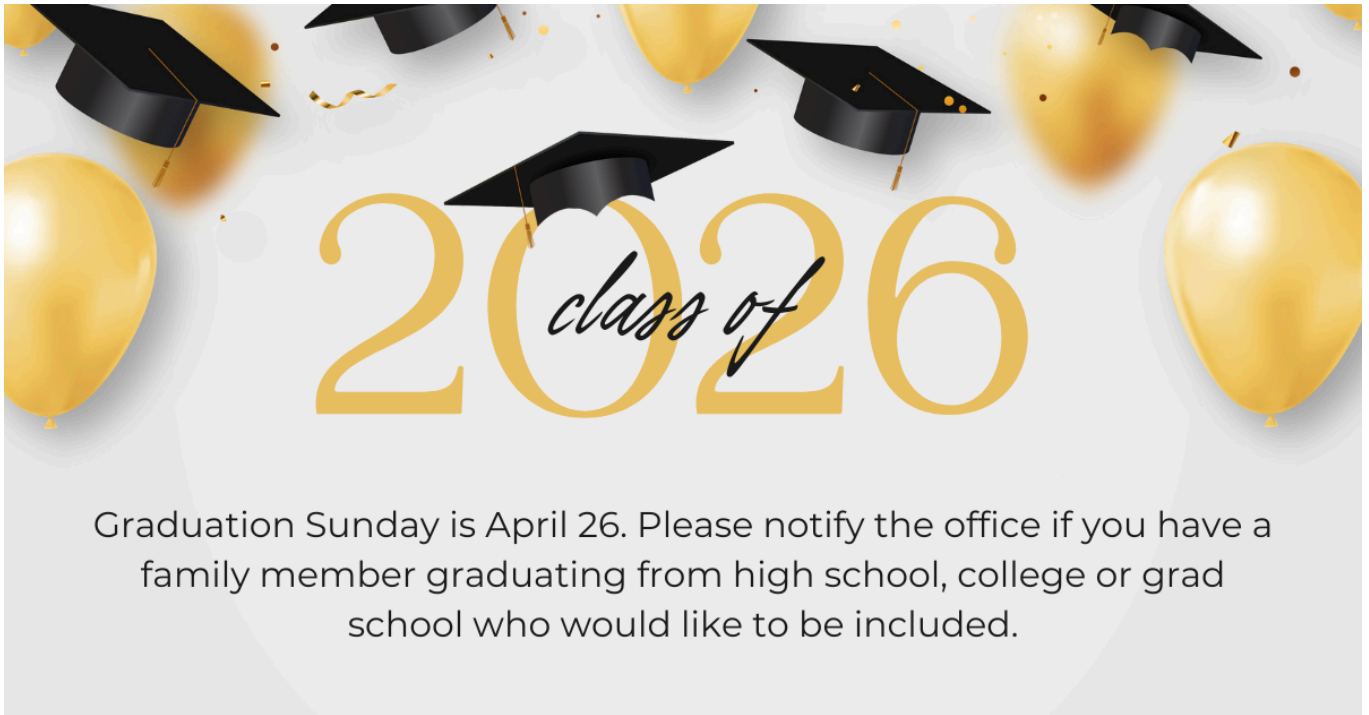
*Will you be one of our*

## 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





### **Graduating or in College?**

Scholarships are now available to apply for online or paper copies in the office. Apply by Sunday May 31st at noon. Awards given in service Sunday June, 14th, 2026. [SFCC Scholarship Form](#) for those who have completed 24 hours of college or the [Miller Scholarship](#) Form for high school graduates, upcoming Freshmen.



## 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 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,

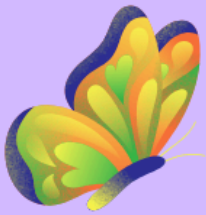
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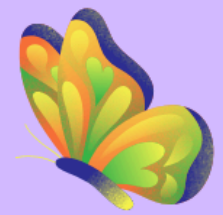
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DONATE PRIZES BY APRIL 5



SPRING



# BINGO!

SUNDAY, APRIL 12



Worship on April 12 will be a silly Holy Humor service as we celebrate that death has been defeated. **Families with children are welcome to come early as we will practice our children's church song before the service at 10:15.** 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!

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# Noisy Offering This Sunday!



## Noisy Offering Heifer International: April 12th

The kids will collect an offering of loose coins, and the proceeds will go to Heifer International. Check your couch cushions and bring in your change to make a difference for families in need around the world.



Youth  
Group

“Cooked”



# PIZZA PARTY

## Kick Off

Cooking up  
food, movies,  
games

**SMITHVILE  
FIRST CHRISTIAN**

**24 APR**

**5:30 - 8:30 PM**

**201 N. BRIDGE  
STREET**



disciples youth



## **Youth Group Kick Off Party: Friday April 24th 5:30 pm**

Sign up in the Fellowship or [online](#). Join us for our Spring Youth Group 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.

# Wish List Food Pantry



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## PASTA & RICE SIDES



April

## **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.

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## **SAVE THE DATE: Spring & Summer**

# 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 Cecelia McMaster [rmcmast@gmail.com](mailto:rmcmast@gmail.com) 816-309-4135.

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In partnership with  
Smithville &  
NorthCross UMC

More Details Coming Soon!

**VBS**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**JULY 8-10**

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**SAVE THE DATE: VBS & Camps**

We will be partnering with Smithville, UMC for VBS again this year. We will meet Wednesday through Friday, July 8th to 10 in the evening

starting with dinner at 5:30 and going to 8 pm. The theme is Snowball Mountain with a celebration during services on the 12th. We will have sign ups and volunteer sign ups ready in May, so please save the date!

**REGISTER ONLINE AT [KCDISCIPLINES.ORG/YOUTH](http://KCDISCIPLINES.ORG/YOUTH)**



<b>DAY CAMP 1</b>	Pre-K - 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	<b>JUNE 24<sup>TH</sup></b>
<b>DAY CAMP 2</b>	Pre-K - 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	<b>JULY 18</b>
<b>PRIMARY</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	<b>JULY 20 -22</b>
<b>JUNIOR</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> grade	<b>JULY 7 - 10</b>
<b>CHI RHO</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> grade	<b>JULY 19 - 23</b>
<b>EIGHTERS</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> grade only	<b>JULY 6 - 12</b>
<b>CYF</b>	9 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> grade	<b>JUNE 22 - 27</b>
<b>ADULT</b>	19 and older	<b>MAY 28 - 31</b>
<b>GRANDPARENTS 1</b>	Grandparents & grandchildren	<b>JUNE 19 - 21</b>
<b>GRANDPARENTS 2</b>	Grandparents & grandchildren	<b>JULY 10 -12</b>





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



**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>.

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!”

**2nd Corinthians 5:17, NIV**

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### [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:** *Kathy Hamilton & Jack Massie*

**Cash Counter:** *Janice Roberts*

**Acolyte(s):** *Brinley & Beckett Milne*

**Nursery:** *Janice Roberts & Chloe Easton*

### **April 19, 2025 WORSHIP**

**Pulpit:** *Rev. Laura Guy*

**Elder:** *Greg Atkins*

**Lay Leader:** *Cheryl Merideth*

**Greeters:** *Glenda Cantwell*

**Prep & Serve:** *Carol Summers*

**Serve & Clean-up:** *Sandra Matthews*

**Cash Counter:** *Phil French*

**Acolyte(s):** *Keaton & Case Crosby*

**Nursery:** *Linda Neer, 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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