

March 11th, 2026

Dear Church,

A NOTE FROM

Pastor Laura



Easter is such a busy time,

but all of the extra activities are planned with the hope that we will grow closer to God and closer to one another. Please mark your calendars to enjoy these special events:

HOLY WEEK 2026

<p>29 MARCH</p> <p>PALM SUNDAY 10:30 AM WORSHIP</p>		<p>5 APRIL</p> <p>EASTER SUNDAY 9:00 AM POTLUCK BRUNCH 10:00 AM CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT 10:30 AM WORSHIP</p>
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YOU ARE INVITED TO FIND HOPE HERE THIS EASTER

SMITHVILLE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
201 N BRIDGE ST, SMITHVILLE, MO

- **Wed Mar 11, 18 and 25** - Bread & Broth from 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm
- **Sunday, Mar 15** is the Ramadan Dinner at 6:30 pm. (It's not related to the Easter season, but is definitely about building friendships and loving our neighbors.)
- **Wed Mar 18, 25** - Choir rehearsal from 7:05 - 7:50 pm
- **Sun, Mar 29** - Palm Sunday Worship Service with parade of palms at 10:30 am
- **Wed, Apr. 1** - Choir rehearsal from 6:00-7:00 pm
- **Fri, Apr. 3** - Good Friday Service at 7:00 pm
- **Sun, Apr. 5** - Easter Brunch at 9:00 am, Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00 am and Worship with Baptisms at 10:30 am

After Easter, of course, then your pastor will take a little nap. The following Sunday, Apr. 12, will be something completely different and a little bit silly. Many churches have started the tradition of a Holy Humor Sunday following Easter Sunday. The spiritual basis for it is that it's a celebration that death has been defeated, so it's time for joy and laughter! It will be an all-ages worship with a noisy offering, and our kids and youth might have other involvement, too. For the sermon, I'm going to revive something I did several times at Living Water, although I was younger then. I'm going to do short, improv sermons based on words and phrases that YOU write down. I won't see them ahead of time, and I'll have to make up a sermon on the spot. Do I still have enough brain cells to do improv sermons? You'll have to come see or watch online to find out.



And after worship that day, Apr. 12, we'll have a lunch of pizza and salad and then play BINGO. We'll need people to sign up so we know how much pizza to order. We'll have a donation basket set out for the food. If you'd like to donate some new or gently used prizes for BINGO, please bring them by Easter, Apr. 5.

There is so much to celebrate here at Smithville First Christian Church this Easter season, including four baptisms on Easter morning!

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.

We have a devotional booklet printed up and available on loop Wednesday night or email the office for a digital copy. The focus of the devotions is songs of our faith. The Scriptures and reflections are connected to many songs we sing in worship. Steven will be incorporating many of those songs in our worship service, and all of the songs can be found on a [Spotify playlist](#) or simply searching on YouTube. In addition to the booklet, we will also have lyric sheets available for all the songs.



Lent Season Continues:

Thank you to those who have brought break and or soup to our Lenten meals. What a great time we've had together! Lent is a season of forty days of contemplation, prayer and fasting beginning with Ash Wednesday and then going to Easter. Bread & Broth meal and study on Wednesday nights at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up to provide food. Children and Youth break out sessions available.

Fellowship Dinner: March 22nd

Fellowship Dinner is March 22nd after the service. Bring a dish or side to share in our monthly Potluck right after the 10:30 service.



Seasonal Choir
 FOR LENT
 AND EASTER

REHEARSE WEDNESDAYS AT
 7:05 PM, MAR. 18 & 25 (AFTER
 BREAD & BROTH) AND 6:00 PM
 ON WED. APR. 1ST.

Volunteer Your Gifts

Like to Sing? Easter & Lenten Choir

Steven has chosen some hymns for a choir to sing on Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter. Let him know if you can sing with the choir. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays after Bread & Broth (18th, 25th) and will be 45 minutes. Apr. 1st, there is no Bread & Broth, so rehearsal will be at 6 pm. cornwell313@gmail.com

Long Range Facilities & Interior Design Committee Beginning

If you have interest or expertise in interior design or facility improvement, we need you! This committee will research and prioritize ways to improve our facilities to make them efficient and welcoming. See Pastor Laura for more information and let her know if you're interested.



Long-range Facilities Committee

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Landscaping Help Needed

If you have a green thumb or like working outdoors, we need your help to keep our landscaping and outdoor space looking good. You can work on your own schedule and do the tasks that you enjoy. Talk to Phil French or Pastor Laura and let us know you're available to help.

Thinking About a Beautiful Spring?

It's the perfect time to start planning our flower beds and landscaping. We appreciate any and all willing hands who will help our outdoor appearance look beautiful. Sign up in the fellowship Hall or fill out our online Survey.

Landscaping Volunteer [Survey Here.](#)



Good Friday Service: April 3rd, 7 pm

The path to Resurrection leads us through the cross first. This reflective traditional tenebrae service will remind us how much Jesus loved us. Join us for a special Good Friday Service at 7 pm.

Easter Day Activities

Annual Potluck Easter Brunch 9:00 AM
Pancakes are provided. Bring your fave breakfast dish to share. Easter Egg Hunt for the kids at 10 AM, followed by the Easter Service at 10:30 AM. Please donate candy to the box in the Fellowship Hall **by March 25th.**



Thinking About Getting Baptized? How about Sunday April 5th?

Easter is the perfect day to enter the waters of new life! If you have not been baptized but you've been thinking about it, contact Pastor Laura to answer your questions. Easter is a perfect day to get baptized.

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Ramadan Friendship Meal: March 15th 6:30 pm

Save the Date - Our Turkish friends from the Dialogue Institute will be at SFCC to give a presentation about Ramadan, and then they will break their fast by sharing a traditional Turkish meal with us. Regional congregations are invited to join us. Sign up in the fellowship hall.

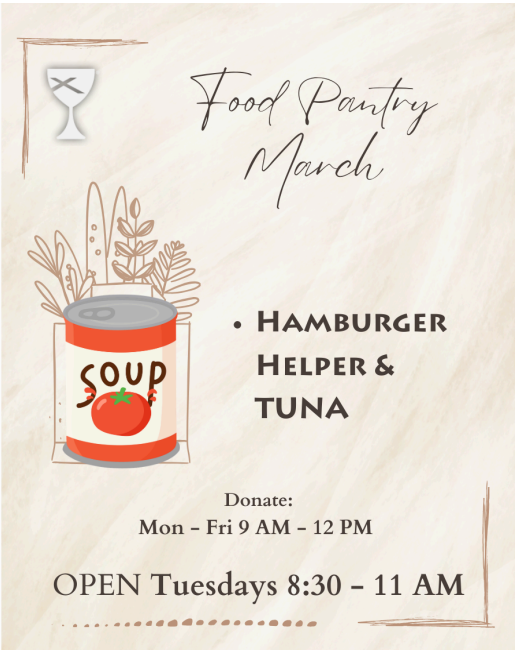


Ramadan Presentation & Dinner
with the Dialogue Institute of KC

Sunday, Mar 15th
6:30 pm

The community is invited!
RSVP
816.532.0773

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Food Pantry
March

- HAMBURGER
HELPER &
TUNA

Donate:
Mon - Fri 9 AM - 12 PM

OPEN Tuesdays 8:30 - 11 AM

March Food Pantry

CWF's "Souper Bowl Sunday" collected 143 cans of soup! Eagle Heights Elementary School donated eight PACKED boxes of food! Thank you! This month we are asking for hamburger Helper and Tuna. The food pantry is open to anyone in the Smithville community on Tuesdays from 8:30 - 11 AM. Contact Cheryl Parks Hill with questions.

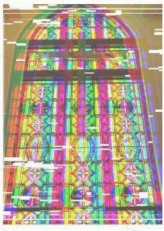
Coffee & Donut Fellowship Every Sunday at 10 AM

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.



Coffee Time
Weekly Fellowship
Sundays 10 am



WATCH LAST SUNDAY'S SERVICE

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

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1C5ZTZjcQP/>



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>.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his one and only Son, that whosoever should believe in him should not perish but have everlasting life."

John 3:16, NIV

March 15, 2025 WORSHIP

Pulpit: Rev. Laura Guy
Elder: Greg Atkins
Lay Leader: Cheryl Merideth
Greeters: Janice Roberts Mary Gordon
Prep & Serve: Sue Boswell and Belinda Miller

Serve & Clean-up: Jack Massie Larson Viebrock
Cash Counter: Phil French
Acolyte(s): Brinley & Beckett Milne
Nursery: Linda Prout

March 22, 2025 WORSHIP

Pulpit: Rev. Laura Guy
Elder: John Merritt
Lay Leader: Susie Clower
Greeters: Barbara Arnold, Bob Arnold
Prep & Serve: Diane Soetaert & Earl Soetaert

Serve & Clean-up: Jonica Merritt, Kathy Hamilton
Cash Counter: Susie Clower
Acolyte(s): Kyla Kays & Lincoln Viebrock
Nursery: Joyce French

**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 scanning this QR code or going to <https://bit.ly/4ktjhGm>.*