

The Current Weekly

March 4th, 2026

A NOTE FROM

Pastor Laura



Dear Church,

What a joyous day on Sunday when we blessed five children in our service! Everything made by Threads of Faith is always beautiful, but the four baby blankets were especially fun and creative. We were also happy to give the older child a Bible of her own, one that includes stickers to mark some of her favorite Bible stories (Polly has been using these Bibles upstairs with the kids, and she says they really enjoy them.)



I know that we'd all like to have more babies and kids and youth in the church every Sunday. That's certainly a goal we want to work on. Young families are busier now than ever before, and churches have a lot of competition on Sunday mornings. But I also think more young families are hungry for connection, for community. They are turning away from screens and seeking ways to raise their kids with real human interactions. That's where the Church can shine! I'm so excited that we are beginning to build these kinds of interactions for all ages during Bread & Broth. Thanks to Polly, Cara and Jonica for creating opportunities for kids and youth to engage on Wednesday nights.



It's time change this weekend, so don't forget to "spring forward" before you go to bed. We will learn about two more Disciples in our sermon series. My hope is that we're starting to memorize all of them. Can you name the first four, both sets of fishermen brothers?

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 will be on the 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:

Lent is a season of forty days of contemplation, prayer and fasting beginning with Ash Wednesday and then going to Easter. This year we will again be doing a 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.

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.



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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 service will remind us how much Jesus loved us. Join us for a special Good Friday Service at 7 pm.

Donate Candy to Easter Egg Hunt by March 25th

While we will be a gold ticket sponsor for the Smithville Chamber of Commerce Egg Hunt the Saturday before, we will be filling eggs for our own Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday before church service at 10 am. Please donate candy by giving wrapped candy or child safe egg-size prizes. Candy can be placed on the Puzzle Table in the Fellowship Hall in the marked box or in the Church Office.



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. laura.guy@smithvillefirstchristian.org

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.

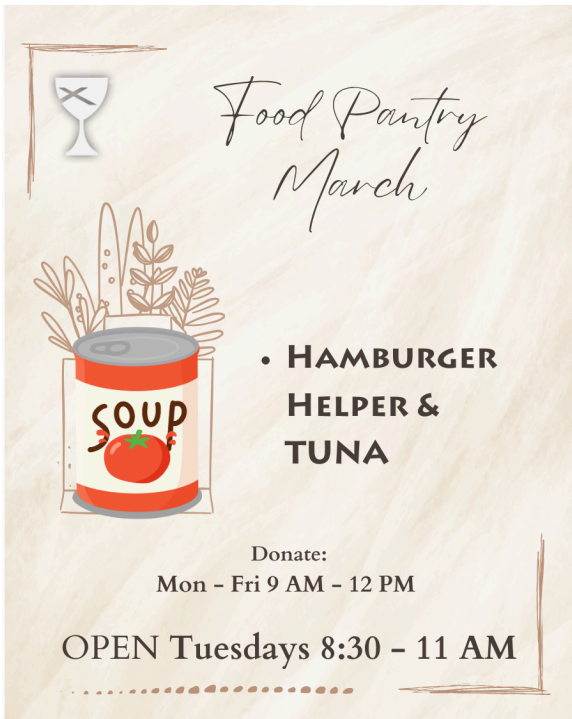


Ramadan Presentation & Dinner
with the Dialogue Institute of KC

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

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 or to volunteer.

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

PRAISE & PRAYER

requests



WEBSITE <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/179yvMwm2E/>

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>.

Whom have I in heaven but you?
And earth has nothing I desire besides you.
My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart
and my portion forever.

Psalm 73:25-26, NIV



March 8, 2025 WORSHIP

Pulpit: Rev. Laura Guy
Elder: Susie Clower
Lay Leader: Jan Howard
Greeters: Les Neer & Linda Neer
Prep & Serve: Cheryl Lewis & Volunteer

Serve & Clean-up: Argel & Cheryl Merideth
Cash Counter: Greg Atkins
Acolyte(s): Kyla Kays and Clay Hickman
Nursery: Linda Neer

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

**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>.*