



# **THE CURRENT WEEKLY**

**May 11th - 17th, 2025**

**Smithville First Christian Church**

**(Disciples of Christ)**

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## **A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR**

Have a great week,

This weekend, I will be in Des Moines for my niece's wedding. She asked me to officiate, and I'm excited to be a part of her special day. Worship here at Smithville will include Scholarship Sunday and leadership from Johnny Viebrock, Cara Massie and Stacy Sapp. I'm so grateful for their willingness to step in and give me a Sunday off, and I'm looking forward to watching the service online!

I hope you received the Candidate Nominations and Volunteer Interest form in worship. We will have them available again this Sunday, but you can also [fill it out online at this link](#). The deadline for either the online form or paper form is this Sunday, May 18. Sometimes doing the business of the church seems "unspiritual" or even "unimportant." But the business of helping our church be faithful to God's call is holy work, and we need dedicated people to do it. Please take a moment to fill out the form and return it. As I said in worship, you are welcome to nominate yourself. It's not egotistical, but rather, it's helpful for the Nominating Committee to know who is interested in serving and in what roles. And even if you don't know who to nominate for Elder, Deacon or Trustee (maybe you're new here), please fill out the volunteer interest part so we have that information, too. Incidentally, the Nominating Committee decided to create two different kinds of deacons - prep deacons and serve deacons. This is in response to people who said they would be happy to prepare communion or clean up afterwards, but they didn't feel they had the physical strength to carry the trays in worship. Whatever your gifts and abilities are, we have a place for you to serve. As we sang in worship, "Many gifts, one Spirit of Love!"



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## WATCH LAST SUNDAY'S SERVICE:

Click link below to watch the May 11th Service:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/16HiMW8Sat/>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:



### **Candidate Nominations for 25-26 Official Board and Volunteer Interest Form**

We will have the Candidate Nominations and Volunteer Interest form available again this Sunday, but you can also fill it out [online at this link](#). The deadline for either the online form or paper form is this Sunday, May 18.



### **Office Vacancy**

Jennifer Carr's last day as our Office Administrator was Monday, May 5th. Jennifer was always pleasant and welcoming to those visiting the office, and we will miss her. We will try to have volunteers cover the office from 9:00 – 12:00 Monday – Thursday.

Please understand if no one is available in the office as we go through this transition. If you would like to be an office volunteer, please contact [Cheryl Parks Hill](#). Thank you!



### **Praise & Prayer Request Form:**

Hello church family! It's been some time since we reviewed the *Continuing Concerns* on our Prayer Request List. This week, in the bulletin for Sunday, 5/18, we will be starting fresh - combining Praise & Prayers with Continuing Concerns. Please submit any prayer requests - new or continuing concerns - through the [Prayer Request Form](#) by the end of the day on **Wednesday, May 14th**, for inclusion in Sunday's bulletin for 5/18.

Going forward, please use the form to submit prayer requests of any type by Wednesday to have it appear in the Sunday Bulletin. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Deanna Barnes , [deannalbarnes@gmail.com](mailto:deannalbarnes@gmail.com) or Pastor Laura, [laura.guy@smithvillefirstchristian.org](mailto:laura.guy@smithvillefirstchristian.org).

Thank you for your help in keeping us informed of the needs in our community! Here is the [link to the new form](#).

## NEW! Women's Group Gathering:

**Our first get-together will be Sunday, June 1st at 5:30 PM!**

With the blessing of CWF, we are launching a new women's ministry that we are 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 5:30 pm. She will have a fun craft for us to try, and then we will roast hot dogs and marshmallows around the fire pit. We hope you can join us! Please RSVP to Jonica, 816-807-3144.



### Thank You

Thank you all so much for the constant prayer, support, check-ins, cards and love you have provided in recent months as Dad declined and over the last two weeks since he passed. We have felt so cared for and are so grateful for our loving church family.

With Love,

Jen and Scotty Schoonover

### Pentecost Picnic: June 8th at 5pm

Please join the Northland Disciples of Christ Churches for a Pentecost Picnic at The Oak Grove Park, Shelter House #1, 800 NE 76th St., KCMO 64118. Hot dogs & burgers provided, please bring a side to share, your own drinks and chairs.

#### **Special Guests**

- Rev. Ron Routledge - Interim Regional Minister for Greater KC
- Rev. Dr. Jose Martinez - Minister for New Church Strategies



#### **Our Goal**

To bring our communities together, learn from one another, and celebrate our unity in fellowship and worship. All are welcome - come as you are!

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

### May Food Pantry:



For May, the food pantry is requesting Ramen Noodles (Beef and Chicken flavors) and Rice/Pasta Side dishes.

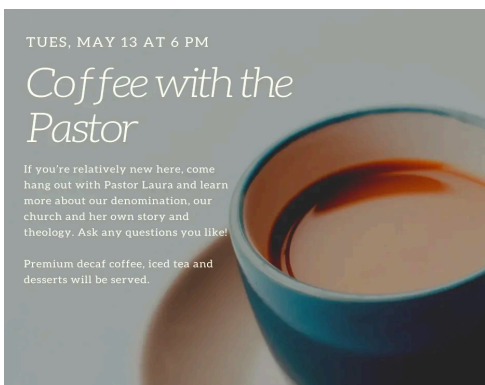
Donations can be dropped off at the church:

**Monday - Thursday from 9 AM - 12 PM**

The food pantry is open to anyone in the community on

**Tuesdays from 8:30 - 11 AM**

## FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



### Coffee w/ the Pastor: Tuesday, May 13 at 6 PM

If you're relatively new here, come hang out with Pastor Laura and learn more about our denomination, our church and her own story and theology. Ask any questions you like! Premium decaf coffee, iced tea and desserts will be served.

### Sunday, May 18 Fellowship Dinner

Join us for Fellowship Dinner after 10:30 am Worship Service on Sunday, May 18th. Please bring a dish to share.



### 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

**Tall Oaks Summer Camps** <https://www.talloaks.org/doc-camps>

Summer camps are open for registration. **Scholarship funds available** for ALL of these camps and retreats. Please apply here. <https://bit.ly/4jCQ7VZ>

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

## SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS:

### Worship Service Schedule for May 18th, 2025

**Pulpit** – Johnny Viebrock

**Elder** - Cara Massie

**Lay Leader** - Stacey Sapp

**Prep & Serve** – Argel Merideth & Cheryl Merideth

**Serve & Clean-up** – Sue Boswell & Becky Crosby

**\*Greeter** – Connie Murphy & Donice Ratliff

**(Attention Greeters: Since both Entrances are now open, we will need one Greeter at the East Entrance, and one Greeter at the West Entrance. Thank you!)**

**Cash Counter** – Greg Atkins

**Acolyte(s)** – Keaton & Case Crosby

**Nursery** – Linda Neer

\*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>.

### Worship Service Schedule for May 25th, 2025

**Elder** – Jennifer Schoonover

**Lay Leader** - Kathy Hamilton

**Prep & Serve** – Belinda Miller & Kathy Hamilton

**Serve & Clean-up** –Janice Roberts & Scott Schoonover

**\*Greeter** – Denney French & Shirley French

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**Cash Counter** – Phil French

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

**Nursery** – Suzanne Becker

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

**Office Hours:**

Monday thru Thursday: 9 am - Noon

Friday/Saturday/Sunday: Office is Closed