



THE CURRENT WEEKLY

May 18th - 24th, 2025
Smithville First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

A NOTE FROM

Pastor Laura



It was great to be with my family in Des Moines last weekend and to officiate at my niece Amanda's wedding. She was married in the beautiful First United Methodist Church in downtown Des Moines.

It was also great to get to watch the livestream of worship here at Smithville First Christian and hear Johnny share his own story and how it connects to the story of Jonah. I also love the story of Jonah, and I plan to preach on the whole book later this year.

This Sunday we will think about what it means to remember. On Memorial Day weekend, we often pause to remember loved ones who are no longer with us and also remember lives lost in war. Remembering is a sacred act, and we'll reflect on that this Sunday.

Please read through all the announcements in this newsletter because there are all kinds of activities and events for you to participate in. Sunday, June 1st is the first Women Together gathering at Jonica Merritt's house at 5:30 pm. Monday, June 2nd is the next meeting of the Hospitality Task Force at 6 pm, and everyone is welcome to attend and join the conversation about how to be more welcoming. And Tuesday, June 3rd, we will have a special visit from Jim Michel with Christian Church Extension Fund (one of our denomination's General Ministries) as he helps us assess the challenges and blessings of our historic building. He will discuss his findings that evening (June 3rd) at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come hear what he has to say!



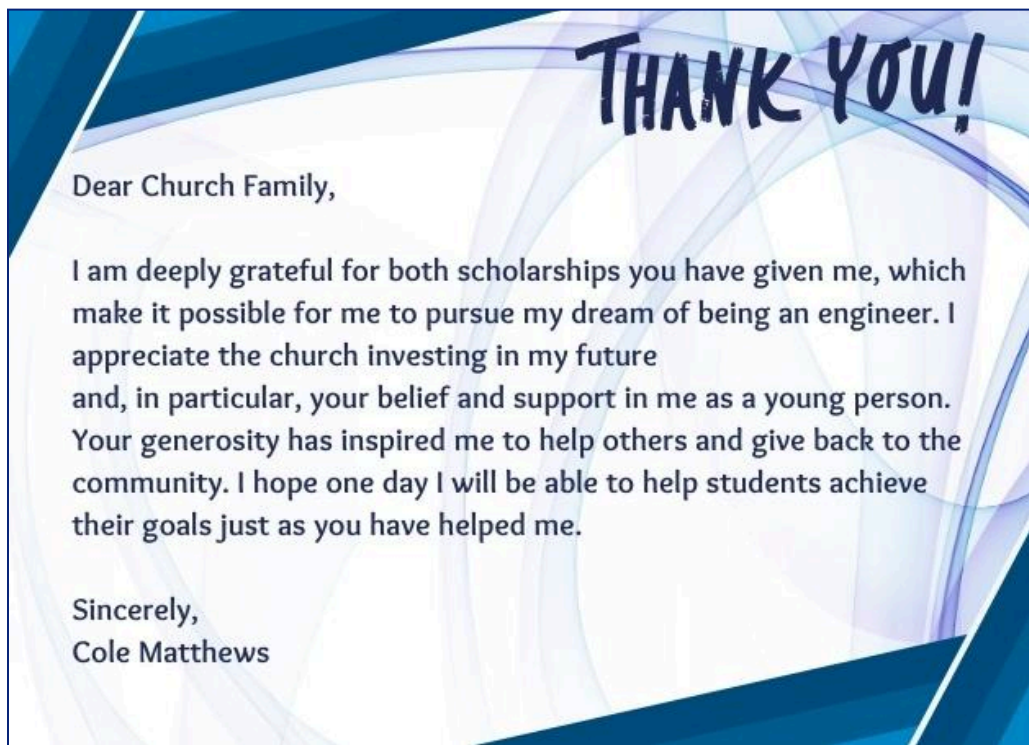
Have a great week,
Laura

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WATCH LAST SUNDAY'S SERVICE:

Click link below to watch the May 18th Service: <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/14F7uHxZZsq/>



Food Pantry Thank You Notes (From May Board Report)

Things in the pantry are going well. We continue to have around 30 families each week, and have had new people each of the past three weeks. We are happy we're able to serve these new people.

Mid-Continent Public Library held their "Food for Fines" food drive the week of May 11th , and we received a large donation from this drive. We appreciate the partnership we have with the library.

We also want to thank those of you who continue to donate to our pantry, as well as some new donors this month. Thank you Brian Hall, James Pendleton, Barbara Krueger, Marcia Hayes, Ashley Hall, Gary Luppert, John and Kathy Hamilton, Frank and Jane Bagley, Shirley and Denney French, Mike and Mary Gordon, Jan Howard and Bill Swendson, Kent Bridges, John Armstrong, Paradise United Methodist Church, Mt. Olivet Christian Church, Little Platte Baptist Church, The Church of Good Shepherd, and all those who donate to our pantry. Thanks to your donations, we are able to continue serving those in need!

announcements & EVENTS

First Christian Church
Smithville



Office Vacancy

Until we fill the part-time Administrative Assistant position, we are looking for volunteers to cover the office from 9 am – 12 pm, 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!



Now Hiring: Part-Time Administrative Assistant

We are looking for a part-time Administrative Assistant to work Monday - Friday from 9 am - 12 pm. The Administrative Assistant will serve as the “hub” of church communication, coordinating the office, facilitating information distribution, and providing hospitality to all who interact with the church. This person will also assist the Treasurer with processing invoices, paying bills, and providing employees’ time sheets and other information to Miller Management Systems (MMS). To apply or ask

questions, please email jobs@smithvillefirstchristian.org. [View the Full Job Description](#)



Next Hospitality Task Force Meeting, Monday, June 2nd

Monday, June 2nd is the next meeting of the Hospitality Task Force at 6 pm, and everyone is welcome to attend and join the conversation about how to be more welcoming.



NEW! Women’s Group Gathering Sunday, June 1:

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 on [SignUp Genius](#).



Christian Church Extension Fund - June 3rd

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Pentecost Worship Service

Sunday, June 8th is Pentecost Sunday! Please celebrate with us by wearing RED to our 10:30 am Worship Service!



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!



Women’s Group Gathering Saturday, June 28:

Our second Women’s Group Gathering will be Saturday, June 28th. We’re taking a trip to Marceline, Missouri to visit the Walt Disney Hometown Museum and have lunch! We’ll leave the church at 10 am! Please let us know if you can make it! [RSVP on Sign-Up Genius](#)

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

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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:

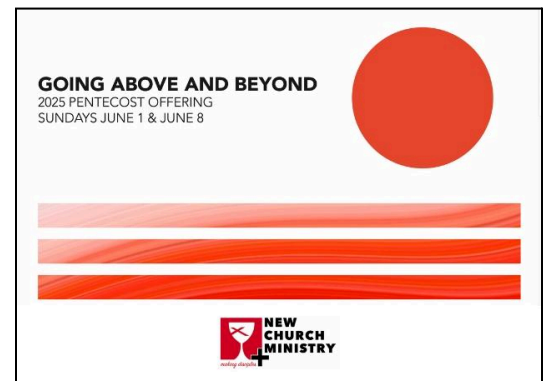
Monday - Thursday from 9 AM - 12 PM

The food pantry is open to anyone in the community on

Tuesdays from 8:30 - 11 AM

Going Above & Beyond: 2025 Pentecost Offering

Gifts made through the Pentecost Offering go to support the new church movement in your region and beyond. Make a gift June 1 and 8 to support creating new communities of worship, spreading God's word, and multiplying disciples. Be a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. More information at pentecost-offering.com



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!





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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](#)

Worship Service

Volunteers



Worship Service Schedule for May 25 , 2025

Elder – Jennifer Schoonover

Lay Leader - Cheryl Merideth

Prep & Serve – Belinda Miller & Susie Clower

Serve & Clean-up –Jonica Merritt & Scott Schoonover

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

(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 – Phil French

Acolyte(s) – Beckett & Brinley Milne

Nursery – Suzanne Becker

*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 June 1st, 2025

Elder – Greg Atkins

Lay Leader - Susie Clower

Prep & Serve – Sandra Matthews & John Matthews

Serve & Clean-up –Sue Boswell & Kathy Hamilton

***Greeter** – Glenda Cantwell & Marilyn Simrall

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Cash Counter – Phil French

Acolyte(s) – Lincoln Viebrock

Nursery – Suzanne Becker

PRAISE & PRAYER *requests*



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Please submit any prayer requests - new or continuing concerns - through the [Prayer Request Form](#) by the end of the day on **Wednesdays** for inclusion in Sunday's bulletin. Thank you for your help in keeping us informed of the needs in our community!

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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