



THE CURRENT WEEKLY

May 25th - 31st, 2025

Smithville First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

A NOTE FROM

Pastor Laura

I'm so appreciative of the Nominating Committee who has been working hard this past week to identify candidates and make calls for the leadership positions of the church. And thanks to everyone who has received those calls and prayerfully considered how to serve. There are so many behind-the-scenes people who give so freely of their time to keep the church running smoothly. We have office volunteers and food pantry volunteers and kitchen volunteers and people who cook meals for the youth, and all the committees doing all the things! There are Threads of Faith sew-ers and Care Connection care-ers and building and grounds spruce-ers who are busy every week. And I know there are lots of other people who quietly give their time but I don't even know about all the things they do. All of the time you give to the church is really a way of giving back to God!

You have two opportunities next week to give some of your time to help us make our church more welcoming and effective.

The Hospitality Task Force will meet on Monday, June 2 at 6 pm. We're going to talk about adding signage to make it easier for guests to find their way into the building and around to where they want to go. We'll also talk about how to help our Greeters identify new guests and give them a thank you gift (made by Threads of Faith). Please let me know if you'd like to join us because Suzanne will be bringing dinner for us.



Jim Michel with
Christian Church Extension
will be in our building on
Tuesday, June 3

Jim Michel from Christian Church Extension will tour our building on Tuesday, June 3rd in the afternoon, and then at 6 pm, he will lead a church-wide conversation about how we can best improve and utilize our building for effective ministry for decades to come. This conversation is for everyone! We won't make any decisions. We'll just hear his ideas and begin to pray and dream about what God has in store for us.

Have a great week!
Pastor Laura

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WATCH LAST SUNDAY'S SERVICE:

Click link below to watch the May 25th Service: <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1QqRpDVGDD/>



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](#)

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. If it rains, we’ll cook and eat inside. We hope you can join us! Please RSVP on [SignUp Genius](#). We have 13 women signed up to go so far. The more, the merrier!





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.



Christian Church Extension Fund - 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!



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!

[RSVP to the Pentecost Picnic](#)

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

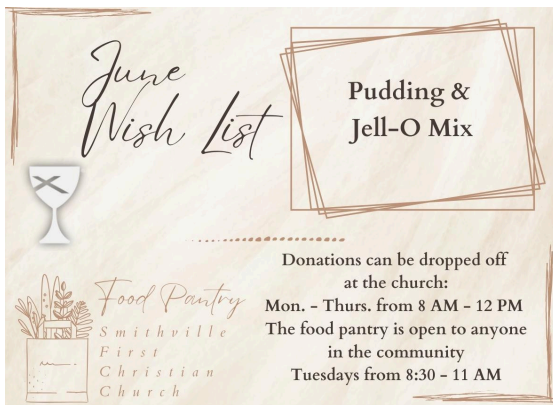
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June Food Pantry:

For June, the food pantry is requesting Pudding Mix and Jell-O Mix.

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. If you'd like to give online for the special offering, go to this page, and on the Designation Dropdown, choose Pentecost Offering. <https://disciplesmissionfund.org/give/>




Fellowship Opportunities

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](#)



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!

Worship Service

Volunteers



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

(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) – Lincoln Viebrock

Nursery – Suzanne Becker

Worship Service Schedule for June 8 , 2025

Elder – Johnny Viebrock

Lay Leader - Kathy Hamilton

Prep & Serve – Argel Merideth & Susie Clower

Serve & Clean-up – Amy Heath & Danny Heath

***Greeter** – Jan Heath & Jancie Roberts

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Cash Counter – Susie Clower

Acolyte(s) – Beckett & Brinley Milne

Nursery – Lynda Pendleton

*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>.

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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