



THE CURRENT WEEKLY

May 5th - 11th, 2025

Smithville First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

A NOTE FROM OUR PASTOR

My Installation Service was such a special day! Thank you to everyone who helped make it so memorable! I very much enjoyed the cake and the flowers and the calendar and the beautiful quilt, but there are two images that will stay with me for a long time. One is the lovely bulletin board with many of your shining faces surrounding me.



And the other is this drawing that my granddaughter made for me, with people sitting at the table eating cake together. She had been told that we would have cake after worship, and she remembered that we ate donuts around round tables. She drew it before she came here on Sunday, and gave it to me as a gift. I think she captured the essence of our fellowship!

This Sunday is Mother's Day, and while I love being a mother - and a grandmother - I still feel a little twinge of sadness on this day every year when I remember my own mother who has been gone for 30 years. This day, and Father's Day, are filled with lots of emotions for a lot of people.

We will be sensitive to those feelings by expanding our gratitude to include all the amazing women God has put in our lives. I hope you will come to worship with all your feelings, and bring some of your favorite women with you.

Have a great week,

Laura

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WATCH LAST SUNDAY'S SERVICE:

Click link below to watch the May 4th Service:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/16REndQnC8/>

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Turkish Food Festival:



Saturday, May 10th is a Turkish Food Festival at The Dialogue Institute. Several of us attended the Ramadan Dinner with them last month, and this festival is another opportunity to share some delicious food with our Muslim friends. This is a fundraiser, so the food is available for purchase. It's an outdoor event at their location, 4215 Shawnee Drive, Kansas City, KS.

Mother's Day:

Sunday, May 11th is Mother's Day! Pastor Laura makes a special effort to honor all women in that service, whether they are mothers or not. There are many ways that women can nurture us and support us, and we'll celebrate all those special women - aunts, teachers, grandmothers, neighbors - and have a gift for all of them.



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](mailto:cherylparkshill@gmail.com). 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. Next week, in the bulletin for 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 or Pastor Laura, 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.



Bridge Street is now open!

(Sunday Morning Greeters, please see note below ↓)

Bridge Street is finally open! This means we will have the East Entrance open again on Sunday mornings!

→ **Greeters:** Please note that we will need one Greeter at the East Entrance, and one Greeter at the West Entrance.

Thank you!



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:

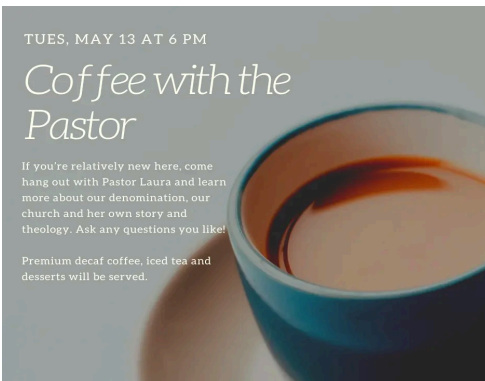
Monday - Thursday from 9 AM - 12 PM

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

Summer camps are open for registration. Scholarship funds available for ALL of these camps and retreats. Please apply here. <https://bit.ly/4jCQ7VZ> Register for camp with Early Bird Prices until May 9th. <https://www.talloaks.org/doc-camps>

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

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS:

Worship Service Schedule for May 11th, 2025 (Mother's Day)

Elder – Cara Massie

Lay Leader - Susie Clower

Prep & Serve – Janice Roberts & Kathy Hamilton

Serve & Clean-up – Danny Heath & Amy Heath

***Greeter** – Charles & Ruth Anne Porter

(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 – Susie Clower

Acolyte(s) – TBD

Nursery – Joyce French

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

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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>.

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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