

April 2024

April Birthdays

Jim S. – 2nd

Tricia W. – 5th

Michael V. – 12th

Worship Leaders Wanted

On April 28th, after worship, we will have a worship leader meeting and training for anyone interested in being a worship leader here at FCC



APRIL CHURCH EVENTS

Sunday Faith Gatherings 9:30am, Sunday Mornings

Join Pastor Mat in the Fireside Room each Sunday to take a dive into scripture. These gatherings will involve discussion and activities to better engage you with the Bible. These gatherings are great for all ages and abilities.

Educational Opportunity April 10 at 4:30pm

Lexington Theological Seminary provides educational opportunities for everyone through their *Lay School of Theology*. This spring, they are offering a course titled “Early Christian Spiritualities” led by Rev. Dr. Tomeka Jacobs, Professor of Spiritual Formation. *Learn more on Page 2*

“Season of Love” Easter Sermon Series March 31- May 19

The Love experienced during the day of Easter is not limited to Easter Day, in fact the season of Easter runs until May 19 this year. At FCC Missoula, we will be discussing the LOVE of the church in formation and how we continue the legacy of LOVE today as followers of Christ.

“... and he said to him, “Follow me”. And he got up, left everything, and followed him.” Luke 5: 27b-28

BOOSTING SOCIAL MEDIA

FCC Missoula is now on TikTok. This means that we have 7 media accounts (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, TikTok, YouTube, Nextdoor, Spotify). We will be seeking to increase the content we have available for those within the congregation and those outside. Please make sure to like and subscribe to our accounts and make sure to like and share to help boost our reach! It really does help!! *If you are interested in being part of this project, please reach out to Pastor Mat (no social media experience required).*

PRAYER REQUESTS

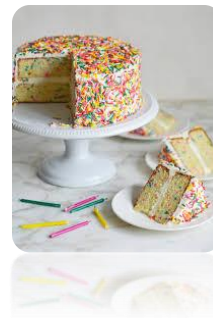
Debbie Ruth, Wayne DeMinck, Combs Family, Marie Hall, Charlotte Hanger, Linda Richards, Hayden Tucker, Michael Call, Judy Carter’s family, Karen Whipple, Tricia, Phillip, Jasper, Sandy, Shelia, Isobel (Trudy’s Daughter), Hayley, and all who are suffering through natural disasters and war in this world

If you no longer wish to receive the Newsletter, please email newsletter@fccmissoula.org.

RECIPE SPOT

Happiness Cake

From "A Loving Helping of Christian Hospitality" by the FCC Christian Womens Fellowship
(Copies of this cookbook are available in the office)



~Ingredients~

1 c Good Thoughts	2 c Sacrifice	1 c Kind Deeds
3 c Forgiveness	1 c Consideration for others	4 c Humility

Mix thoroughly. Add tears of Joy, Sorrow, and Sympathy. Flavor with Love and Kindly Service. Fold in 4 cups of prayer and faith. After pouring all this into daily life, bake well with the heat of Human Kindness. Serve with a Smile any time and it will satisfy the hunger of starved souls.

Submitted by Betty Raney

Lexington

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

LAY SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

(APRIL 10TH AT 4:30PM)

This course seeks to challenge traditional narratives and center women from the early Christian experience as an aim to empower you to critically engage with early Christian Spirituality. Through this brief introduction we will engage in contemplative and meditative practices of these early Christian mothers a ways towards a more just and inclusive spiritual path for the present and future.

FCC Missoula will be streaming this in our sanctuary, come and join in the wonderful opportunity

COFFEE HOUR

Below is our wonderful people helping with Fellowship time.



April 7	Carma G.
April 14	Betha & Bekah M.
April 21	Doreen & Caitlin B.
April 28	Jan T.

We are Disciples of Christ,

A movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.

• Disciples of Christ Statement of Identity.



Churchy Word of the Month

Evangelism

Evangelism comes from the Greek words euaggelion — a good message, or gospel — and euaggelizo — to announce, declare, bring, or preach this good news. This means that the word evangelism basically means sharing Jesus Good News, it is what we are called to do as Christians. One of the best ways is to show by example how your faith has changed your life.

Church Camp Registration is Open

Registration for Summer Camp is Open at Northern Lights Disciples website.

You can find a link at fccmissoula.org/camps

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Venture Scouts: 630p	Jim S Bday 2 TOPS: 730-1130a Scouts: 630p	3 FVCC: 6p	4 Girl Scouts: 6-730p	Tricia W. Bday 5 Al Anon: 12-130p	6 Al Anon: 9:30a AA: 7p
7 Worship: 1045 Coffee: Carma FVCC: 3p	8 Venture Scouts: 630p	9 TOPS: 730-1130a Scouts: 630p	10 LTS Ed.: 430p FVCC: 6p	11 Girl Scouts: 6-730p Mineral Society: 7p	Michael V. Bday 12 Al Anon: 12-130p	13 Al Anon: 9:30a AA: 7p
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Elders 7-Debbie B. 14- Tricia W. 21- Jim S. 28- Nancy L.	Worship Leader Doreen B.	Educational Opportunity <i>LTS Lay School of Theology</i> streamed to sanctuary 4:30-5:30pm, April 10	Save the Date! <i>Cane Ridge West Work Weekend</i> May 17-19 @ CRW. Help keep CRW Beautiful, work for all ages/abilities.
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MINISTER REFLECTION

I am quite excited to be in the Easter Season! After Holy Week, I must admit that I am quite tired, but I also have the wonderful feeling of Hope and excitement for what is to come.

I have been reading up on and witnessing the importance of community and how the lack of community is having such a negative effect on the world. I believe the church has the opportunity to be sacred community for people, but I also see that Church has been part of the reason for people leaving community. Be saddened by that, but do not lose hope.

I will say, I am not sure exactly how we move forward to reach out into the darkness of people's lives and invite them into loving community, but I know that God will guide us towards many different ways, we just have to be open and willing to create space for people to feel welcome and part of community. I know that I am not the only one who has ideas, so I encourage you all to think of and put together plans to help welcome people in.

The season of Love is here (EASTER !!!) and so let us celebrate the love we find in Christ and share that love with the world. May this time be a blessing for us all.

In Christ's Love, Pastor Mat

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