

March 2026 Newsletter

The First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Perry is a family that finds ways of supporting growth through the connection of worship and the compassionate care of our church members and community.



Giving Report

	8:15 AM	10:30 AM	6:00 PM	YouTube
2/8/26	38	82	15	13
2/15/25	38	80	17	16
Ash Wed. 2/18	n/a	n/a	42	n/a
2/22/26	34	86	19	16
3/1/26	48	70	14	8

2/8/26	General	\$4,603.35
2/8/26	Restricted-Nav. Trans.	\$57.00
2/15/26	General	\$4,288.00
2/15/26	Week of Comp.	\$40.00
2/15/26	Restricted-Nav. Trans	\$17.00
2/22/26	General	\$1,957.00
2/22/26	Week of Compassion	\$450.00
2/22/26	Memorial	\$50.00
2/28/26	Subsplash	\$2,552.53
2/28/26	ACH	\$400.00
3/1/26	General	\$6,528.53
3/1/26	Quilt Tickets	\$48.00
3/1/26	Restricted-Church Camp	\$100.00
3/1/26	Restricted-Food Pantry	\$100.00
Total:		\$21,191.41



The March 1, 2026, the congregational meeting resulted in a majority vote to withdraw money from the Oklahoma Disciples Foundation. This will allow us to finish the construction and updating of the church nursery.

**Daylight Saving Time is
Sunday, March 8th!**

Josh's Jottings

During the season of Lent, the church takes time to slow down, reflect, and prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter. Lent reminds us that following Jesus is not just about one day of worship but about a daily journey of prayer, repentance, and renewed faith. As we move toward the cross and ultimately the empty tomb, we are invited to draw closer to God and to one another.

At First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Perry, this season offers many opportunities to gather in worship and fellowship. Each Sunday we continue our regular morning services at 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., along with Sunday School between services. On Sunday evenings we also gather for Grace After Sundown, our relaxed evening worship at 6:00 p.m., featuring praise music, a short devotional, communion, and prayer. This service is designed to be simple, welcoming, and accessible for people of all ages and especially for those whose schedules make Sunday mornings difficult.

As we enter Holy Week, we remember the final days of Jesus' earthly ministry and the depth of God's love revealed through Christ. On Maundy Thursday at 6:00 p.m., we gather to remember the Last Supper and Jesus' command to love and serve one another. Immediately following that service, the sanctuary will remain open for a 24-Hour Prayer Vigil, giving members of the congregation an opportunity to spend quiet time in prayer as we reflect on Christ's journey to the cross.

The vigil concludes as we gather again for Good Friday Worship at 7:00 p.m., a solemn service remembering the sacrifice of Christ and the meaning of the cross. These services help us walk through the story of Holy Week together, reminding us that the hope of Easter grows out of the sacrifice of Good Friday.

Finally, we celebrate the joy of Easter Sunday, when we proclaim the good news that Christ is risen. Easter is the heart of the Christian faith and a powerful reminder that God brings new life, hope, and resurrection even in the midst of a broken world.

Because Easter is such an important moment in the life of the church, it is also one of the best times to invite others to worship. Many people are open to attending church during this season, and a simple invitation can make all the difference. Consider inviting a friend, neighbor, coworker, or family member to join you for worship during Lent or on Easter Sunday.

Lent is a season of preparation, reflection, and renewal. As we journey together toward Easter, we invite you to take part in these worship opportunities, deepen your faith, and help us extend the welcome of Christ to our community. Shalom, Joshua



March Birthdays

- Bruce Campbell 3/1
- Karl Klingaman 3/2
- Pam Lightfoot 3/3
- Debby Fuller 3/3
- Rustin Kelly 3/8
- Stephanie Newton 3/8
- Jeff Roberts 3/12
- Marilyn Ring 3/14
- Ashley Bode 3/16
- James Meier 3/17
- Sterling Barrientos 3/20
- Linda Frazier 3/21
- Dustin Dunn 3/23
- Jay DeBord 3/23
- Josh Thompson 3/23
- Brannon Bolay 3/24
- Pam Cunningham 3/31

March Anniversaries

- Bobby & Melanie Cunningham 3/10
- Lyn & Wanda Kay Canady 3/7
- Randy & Donna Parrish 3/17
- Ted & Shelia Loring 3/11
- Robert & Linda Oberholzer 3/12



Quilt Raffle

\$1.00/ticket

Made & Donated by Diana Noteware, Ruth Williams & Charlotte Archer. Top pieced together by Linda Oberholzer.

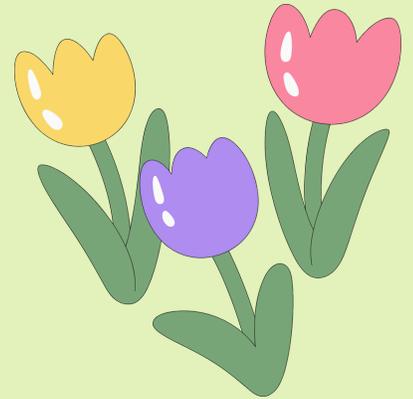


Proceeds go towards the FCC youth camper fees.
Raffle ticket drawing will take place March 8th.

Approx. 80" x 70"

FUNDRAISER FOR CHURCH CAMPS

Spaghetti Dinner & Bake Sale



March 8th after the 10:30 AM service.



CHURCH CAMP 2026

Registration now available online and through the Subsplash app! See Pam Cunningham for more details.



Announcements

Reoccurring Events:

Sunday School : Sundays at 9:30 AM
Sunday Worship Services: 8:15 AM 10:30 AM
Grace After Sundown Sundays 6:00 PM
Caraway Street: 3rd Sunday at 9:30 AM.
Disciples Kids: Wednesday after school
Youth: Sundays at 5:00 PM
Chancel Choir: Wednesdays @ 6:00 PM
(except when Board meetings are scheduled.)
Bell Choir: Wednesdays @ 7:00PM (except
when Board meetings are scheduled.)
Bible Study: Bible Study Tuesdays at 9:00 AM
Disciples Women: 3rd Thursday of the month
6:00 PM
Quilters: Thursdays 1:00 PM
Pickleball: Tuesdays & Fridays at 10:00 AM
Christian Women's Fellowship: Events
scheduled throughout the year.
Christian Men's Fellowship breakfast: 3rd
Saturday of the month 7:00 AM.

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HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY

March 29th 8:15 AM & 10:30 AM
CWF Brunch Fundraiser b/t services
Grace After Sundown Evening Worship 6:00 PM

PRAYER LABYRINTH

March 29th -April 3^d

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 2nd 6:00 PM
24-hour Prayer Vigil begins 7:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY

April 3rd service 7:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY

April 5th
Sunrise service @ CCC lake 6:30 AM
services 8:15 AM & 10:30 AM
Grace After Sundown Evening Worship 6:00 PM

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Rev. Dr. Joshua Bell, Sr. Minister
Shiloah Kennedy, Administrative Assistant
Emily Androes, Children's Ministry Coordinator
Paula Shryock, Music Director
Nancy Wells, Organist
Karen Douglass, Pianist
Bobby Cunningham, AV tech
Ted Loring, AV Tech
Sharon Worrell, Custodian

Thank you for reading!

March 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1</p> <p>Congregational meeting both services</p> <p>Nav. Trans. Book Signing 3:00PM Youth 5:00 PM Worship 6:00 PM</p>	2	<p>3 Bible Study 9:00 AM Pickleball 10:00 AM</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Disc. Kids 3:30 PM Chancel 6 PM Bell 7PM</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Bad Girls of Bible 10:00 AM Quilters 1:00 PM</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Pickleball 10:00 AM</p>	7
<p>8</p> <p>Spaghetti Dinner/Bake Sale 11:30 AM</p> <p>Nav. Trans. Book Club 3:00 PM Youth 5:00 PM Worship 6:00 PM</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Deacons' mtg. 5:30 PM Elders' mtg 6:00 PM</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Bible Study 9:00 AM Pickleball 10:00 AM</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Disc. Kids 3:30 PM Board 6:00 PM</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Bad Girls of Bible 10:00 AM Quilters 1:00 PM</p>	<p>13</p> <p>No Pickleball</p>	14
<p>15</p> <p>No Youth</p> <p>Worship 6:00 PM</p>	16	<p>17</p> <p>No Bible Study Pickleball 10:00 AM</p>	<p>18</p> <p>No Disc. Kids</p> <p>Chancel 6PM Bell 7PM</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Church office closed.</p> <p>Quilters 1:00 PM Disc. Women 6:00 PM</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Church office closed.</p> <p>Pickleball 10:00 AM</p>	<p>21</p> <p>CMF breakfast 7:00 AM</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Nav. Trans 3:00 PM Youth 5:00 PM Worship 6:00 PM</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Stewardship mtg. 6:00 PM</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Bible Study 9:00 AM Pickleball 10:00 AM</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Disc. Kids 3:30 PM Chancel 6PM Bell 7PM</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Quilters 1:00 PM</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Pickleball 10:00 AM</p>	<p>28</p> <p>PHS Band dance</p>
<p>29 Palm Sun. Caraway St. 9:30 AM CWF Brunch b/t services. Youth 5:00 PM Worship 6:00 PM</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Bible Study 9:00 AM Pickleball 10:00 AM</p>	<p>Prayer Labyrinth 3/30-4/3 in the Big Room</p>			

Prayer Requests for March 4, 2026

The Family of:

Lizzie Trude, relative of Pam Cunningham

Recent Health Concerns:

Norman, Norma Hughes Klingaman's nephew-tests being ran for lesions on the brain & tumors.

Caroline Foote, great, great niece of Norma Hughes Klingaman, hernia procedure.

Jerry Carson & wife Dee. Jerry has throat cancer and will be having surgery & radiation.

Chelsie Taylor's brother

Jennifer Williams

Kristie Cook

Diesel Dillon-in the hospital with an infection in his neck. Update: Diesel is now at home.

Tracey Klingaman

Raquel Bauer

Everett Lighty

Bryan Parrish-in the hospital with low oxygen levels. Update: Bryan is now at home

Nita Hodges

Nathan Smith-heart surgery 3/3

Steve Warden

On-going Health Concerns:

Hattie Fischer

Tammy Kelly

Terri Morrow

Sally Frazier

Joyce Choplin

Bruce Force

Lindsey Wiley

Edna Dillon

Kenneth New

Jim Gall

Kim Hughes

Rev. Bill Hemm

Tracey Klingaman

David Frazier, Sr.

Unspoken & General Concerns:

The country, the President, & the military

Praise:

Rain in the forecast

Evelyn Mann, Donna & Randy Parrish's granddaughter, won her swimming competitions.

Cancer:

Pat McAllister

Brenda Coats

Nancy Mitchell

Shari Bross

Bev Klingaman

Lindsey Wiley

Doris Lewis

Doug Butler

Roger Ediger

Junene Whiteley

Tom Nelson

Becky Ambrosini

Tammy Daniels

Paige Dunham

Tiffany Hager, cousin of Shelley Hawkins

Judy Winters

Shanda Holcomb, friend of Ashley Bode

George Cunningham, Robert Cunningham's brother

Lyle Smith

Victor Chavez

Emily Koch

Travis Wilhelm

Roger Gierhart

Brian Fuller

Matt Frazier

Brian Boyea

Tracey Klingaman

Sheryl Jackson

Jerry Carson