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# First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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## FCC's Vision Statement

*First Christian Church seeks to be a family of disciples, growing with God's grace and serving with others in faith, hope and love.*

**Do you ever have trouble praying? Or maybe knowing how to pray? Although I am not often at a loss for words, lately I have struggled to know how to pray.**

**Our world is in a mess. We have governments making decisions that harm their people. We have children who are afraid to go to school for fear they may meet a gun before the day is done. We have people being trafficked across the world. We have folks who can't afford medical care for critical, life threatening issues.**

**We also have situations closer to home. We have friends who are dealing with cancer, families who are torn apart by drug addiction, and parents wondering how they are going to feed their kids over spring break.**

**And in all of this, my words - my prayers – often seem so inadequate, so trite and small. But I am reminded of Paul's words in Romans 8:26.**

*"In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express."*

**So if you find yourself struggling to know how to pray this week (or any week), know that the Holy Spirit will step in and pray for us when we can't find words to pray ourselves.**

**Praying in the Spirit,  
Pastor Lory**

### Wednesday, February 28

9am – Men's Coffee  
2pm – Hope Team  
4pm – Little Lights Tutoring  
6pm – Tech Team  
6:30pm –Choir Practice

### Friday, March 2

12pm – World Day of Prayer (Church Women United)  
7pm – Shushan Purim Party with Beit Elohim

### Sunday, March 4

9:30am- Prayer Team  
9:50am – Sunday School  
10:50am – Worship  
5pm – Youth Group

### Monday, March 5

12pm – Brown Bag Bible Study

#### Kindness Quote:

*One kind action leads to another.  
Good example is followed.*  
-Amelia Earhart

### Shushan Purim Party

Purim recounts the story of Esther. Each year Jews celebrate with a meal, by wearing costumes and through retelling of the story of how Queen Esther, with help from her uncle Mordecai, foil Haman’s plan to kill the Jews in Susa (modern day Iran). After his plan failed, fighting broke out and ended on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the month of Adar. So, Shushan Purim is held on that day in Jerusalem. This year Shushan Purim is Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>.



You’re invited!!  
Shushan Purim Party  
Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm  
Beit Elohim (Biard Youth Wing)  
*Feel free to wear costumes!!*



Dick Towers, Robyn Jackson, Sue McAulay, Linn Scalf, Jean Campbell, Gerald Hutchings, Eulice Howell, Ted and Norma Porter, Connie Gates, Charin Clayton, Don Cook, Robbie and LV Morrow, Tony Guymon, Karen Lodes, Nancy Bailey, Alene Kennemer, Fran Neeley, Bill George, Barbara Towers

### Servers for March 4, 2018

- Elders: Bill George, Martha Harrison
- Deacons: Rosie Fielding, Mary Lindsay, Bobby Scalf, Ethan Kraynaik
- Lay Reader: Rosie Fielding
- Homebound Communion: Mary Jackson
- Communion Prep: Bill Lindsay
- Sound Board: Harrel Harrison

It is not too late to give to Week of Compassion. WoC provides disaster relief around the world. Just put “Week of Compassion” in the memo line of your check!



Scripture: John 2:13-22  
Sermon: The Zeal of Jesus

### Prayer for Search Team:

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of our pastor search team, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Search Team: Jerry Lane (chair), John Fielding, Martha Harrison, Renee Harvey, Raylene Nutt, Kim Penrose, Lynn Sloan