



MARCH 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 Baby Shower Jade Corliss 2 pm
4 9 Bible Study	5	6	7	8 	9	10 Soup Kitchen Biscuits & Gravy 8-1pm Fundraiser
11 9 Bible Study 6 Oaks Service 12:30 Pastors class	12	13	14 6:00 Safety training for children workers	15	16	17 
18 9 Bible Study	19	20 2:00 Martha at Gilmores 6:30 Elders 7:00 Board	21	22	23	24 Woman's Pray & Play @Salem FCC 9:30-12:30
25 Palm Sunday 9 Bible Study 12:30 Pastors Class	26	27	28	29 Maundy Thursday,	30 Good Friday	31

Birthdays

Judy Hunter	13
Trysta Gagne	19
Rebecca Olheiser	19
Mackenzie Greenley	21
Marilyn Elliott	25
Grace Johnson	31

Anniversaries

Steve & Barbara Tarrant	March 16
Ken & Marciel Gilmore	March 20

CHURCH EVENTS

Sunday Morning Study 9:00 AM All are welcome!

Baby Shower for Jade Corliss, March 3, 2 PM

Lebanon Soup Kitchen Biscuits & Gravy

Saturday, March 10, 8 AM to 1 PM

Service at the Oaks Sunday, March 11, 6:00 PM

Martha CWF Group Tuesday, March 20, 2:00 PM
Fifth lesson in new study. **All women invited**

Church Board & Elders Meetings Tuesday, March 20
6:30 PM Elders 7:00 PM Church Board

Pastors Class 12:30 following service March 11 & 25th.
Beginning of Easter Celebrations!



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Pastor's Newsletter

Happy March everyone!

As we burst forth from our late Oregon winter into a rainy yet life-giving spring, the spirit of the church bursts forth as well! We continue our Lenten Pastor's classes this month, with our next class being about the Disciples of Christ denomination, and our last class about the sacraments of baptism and communion!

The First Sunday in March, I will preach a sermon called "Temple Foolishness," that covers Jesus' time overturning tables, and invites us to do other foolish things for God! On March 11th I will preach over John 3:14-21 in a sermon entitled "Rejoicing in the Light," and attempt to give a new spin on and old classic. On March 18th I'll be preaching in Hebrews 5 and John 12 on "Father and Son." Finally, the last Sunday of the month is Palm Sunday, and I will preach on the Mark narrative of the entrance to Jerusalem, and that sermon will be titled: "Blessed Hosanna."

On March 14th there is a safety training for all youth and children workers, and our new youth group should launch on March 21st!

We are sad to see David and Shari leaving, but I know I am extremely grateful for their ministry with us these last six months. Our hope is that they go on to other things with our gratitude and blessing.

Please don't hesitate to call or visit your pastor, and please remember that Lent is a time of togetherness as we practice our spiritual disciplines, not isolation or punishment.

God Bless, Pastor Zane

From Shari and David . . .

Dear Pastor Zane and the Congregation of the Lebanon First Christian Church,

We write this note to you holding mixed feelings in our hearts as we look forward to worshipping together with y'all one last time this coming Sunday, February 25. We truly give thanks to our amazing God for you. It has been a privilege and honor to walk with you in the name of our Lord, Savior, Teacher and Friend, Jesus Christ.

We will not miss the long days on Sundays each weekend or drives in uncertain weather. :) But we will miss our fellowship with you. We will remember and treasure our times of breaking bread, engaging the hard questions together, gaining new insights and understanding, laughing, crying, studying, learning, making crafts, and moments of life-giving vulnerability, humble understanding and healing. Zane, we will miss the gift it has been to walk with you over these last many months, holding yours and FCC's ministry with love and grace . . . and maybe sharing a few moments of laughter. :)

We will share with others in years to come what a blessing it was to have gotten to walk with Lebanon FCC and their new pastor these last six months in 2017 and 2018.

We have begun drafting a Covenant of Transition that we aim to complete together with Pastor Zane, Jon, and the Board. This kind of covenant is quite common in any transitions of pastoral leadership. It helps set mutually-agreed-upon boundaries for things like supporting congregations in looking to their new pastor for pastoral care and leadership. It sets clear guidelines for former pastors around being invited back to preach or coming back to visit. We intend for this covenant to provide clarity in these areas, helping us all to be on the same page as both you and we transition forward into the upcoming months and years.

As we prepare to part company with you, we recall the words of Jeremiah to a tired people far from home, "For I know the plans I have for you (y'all)," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11). May you find your way home as you seek together God's call and ministry in your lives as individuals, and in your life as a community of faith.

May you always be aware of God's presence with, and God's love for you and those whose lives you touch,

Shari and David :o)

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ATTENTION WOMEN

If you are new to Lebanon FCC or just visiting, We'd love to have you come to our CWF Martha Group which meets at 2:00 PM on the Third Tuesday of the month in someone's home. Call the office for more information.



"No Way to Treat A Child"

In 2017, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and United Church of Christ adopted [resolutions addressing the rights of children living under Israeli military occupation](#). The resolutions call upon our members to advocate for the human rights of the children of Palestine, and for the United States government to adhere to U.S. laws concerning human rights violations and the disbursement of military aid and assistance to Israeli armed forces.

Rep. Betty McCollum (D-Minnesota's 4th Congressional district) introduced a bill ([House Resolution 4391](#)) in November, 2017. The bill is titled the *Promoting Human Rights by Ending Israeli Military Detention of Palestinian Children Act* and prohibits U.S. tax dollars from supporting human rights violations against Palestinian children during the course of Israeli military detention.

Defense of Children-Palestine and the American Friends Service Committee have developed a campaign called **"No Way to Treat A Child,"** focusing on this issue, and have announced a special webinar for Tuesday, Feb. 27, at 8:00 pm (Eastern time) to discuss the issue, the bill, and action steps. [Please register here to participate in the webinar.](#)



Come to the Biscuits and Gravy (Homemade) Fundraiser
On Saturday March 10, 8 AM to 7 PM.
Benefits The Lebanon Soup Kitchen

Cost is \$10 There will be an eating contest. Entry fee for that is \$20.



March 25

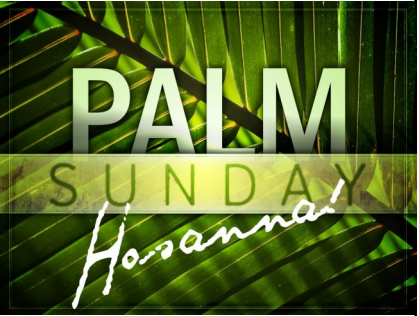
Palm Sunday



Received in most congregations on March 25 and April 1

Like good stewards of the multi-colored grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. 1 Peter 4:10

Your gift to the Easter Offering helps bring life, love and learning through the general ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Ministries that receive funding from the Easter Offering include: the [Center for Faith and Giving](#), [Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries](#), [Communication Ministries](#), [Council on Christian Unity](#), [Disciples Church Extension Fund](#) / [Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation](#), [Disciples of Christ Historical Society](#), [Disciples Home Missions](#), [Disciples Women](#), [Division of Overseas Ministries/Global Ministries](#), [Higher Education and Leadership Ministries](#), [National Benevolent Association](#), [National Convocation](#), [North American Pacific/Asian Disciples](#), and [Treasury Services](#).



Remember Maundy Thursday.
Good Friday Services
Held at the Presbyterian Church
At 7:00 pm



Global
Ministries

Global Ministries welcomes churches to consider prayerfully the idea of taking a journey to meet our partners in person. A mission pilgrimage is a transforming experience through which participants share themselves and receive God's love in a new way. Participants take common steps of faith in walking with our partners, sharing their joys, understanding their challenges and experiencing their unique connection to our wider church.

Is your church considering a mission trip? Global Ministries' People-to-People Pilgrimage program assists congregations in planning and preparing for life changing pilgrimage experiences.

It is through the People-to-People Pilgrimage Program that your local church can connect with our partners and share with them their work and witness.

IN OUR PRAYERS:

Cathy & Van Johnson
Mary Lee Howell
Millie Patterson
Jesse LeSeur
Judy LeSeur
Wayne McIntosh
August Flieshman
Diana Johnson
Dale Johnson
Mike Kizer

Dale & Thelma Olsen
Mariam Swanson
Patricia Love
Vila Adkins
Patricia Heckman
Gerri Myers
James Lenfesty
Cyrus Wendling
John Morgan
Doug Dornhecker

Service People:
Sgt. Coury Gagne,
Sgt. Scot Noss
Cpt. Tory Petersen
1st Lt. Kellen Peterson

**Pray for our Church,
our Ministers,
the Soup Kitchen, and
our Regional Ministers.**

If you know of any updates or corrections to this list, please let the office know in writing or by email.