



## First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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### Sunday Schedule

#### Church School

9:15 a.m.

#### Worship

10:30 a.m.

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*Be still, and know that I am God (Psalm 46:10, NIV)*

As I said in my message during our live stream last Sunday, it is probably the understatement of the millennium to say that we are living in scary times right now... a virus with the power to kill... shelves of grocery stores picked clean by people in a panic... not even being able to gather in our various churches for worship on a Sunday morning. Then, yesterday the county issued a “stay at home” order that may only increase our anxiety over the current situation. But, I know that, even in these scary times, God is always working for good. So, in that spirit, maybe we can use this time of social distancing and isolation for good as well. Maybe this time will help us slow down from the usual fast pace of life and learn to appreciate the little things that we often take for granted. In fact, at the onset of this crisis, a writer named Laura Kelly Fanucci published some thoughts that might help us reconnect with one another. I shared these in an email last week, but I think they deserve to be repeated again and again. Fanucci wrote:



When this is over, we may never again take for granted a handshake with a stranger, full shelves at the store, conversations with neighbors, a crowded theater, a Friday night out, the taste of communion, a routine checkup, a school rush each morning, coffee with a friend, the stadium roaring, each deep breath, a boring Tuesday, life itself.

When this ends, may we find that we have become more like the people we wanted to be, we were called to be, we hoped to be. And may we stay that way – better for each other because of the worst.

During this time of isolation, maybe we can use this time to finally be still... to be quiet... to simply *be* and know God. Because, as our busy lives unfold, we often neglect the spiritual. But, God is constantly trying to break in to our lives. And, especially during a crisis like this, God is trying desperately to remind us that we’re not alone and to help us see all the good that he is doing in this world. Yes, there are people taking advantage and being selfish because they are afraid, but I believe there are even more examples of people being kind and generous and maybe even more understanding than they might normally be. I’ve even witnessed many of those acts of kindness and generosity through members of FCC. That, my friends, is the presence of God working through people for the good of our world. So, when you witness something like that yourselves, take a moment to be still and know that God is working for good. Then, when this is all over, maybe we will become more like those people we want to be, and the world will know we are Christians by our love. Be safe. Be kind. Be still.

Peace and Presence,  
Rusty

## Thoughts on Stewardship

These past few weeks have shown us one more thing we have in common with our neighbors. The fear of the unknown. Maybe fear is a strong word from where we are located; after all, until a few weeks ago, there were no known cases of COVID-19 (Coronavirus) in Nueces County, but we knew that could change. But, I have to ask, if fear is too strong a word, why were/are all the shelves at our grocery stores emptied? I think that fear replaced concern quickly when we were made aware of restricted travel, school closings, event cancellations, restaurant dining rooms closed, etc. We weren't in control.

First Christian Church wants to make sure that our congregation is safe. That is all of us. We need to look out for one another in these uncertain times. Not just checking to make sure we all have enough food, water, or other needs being met, but also that we are getting the Love of Jesus from one another. We can take comfort that God is in control and share that with others.

*"For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline."*

1 Timothy 1:7

The pandemic has required that we close the doors to our building and worship God through an Internet feed for our church service. Yes, we will miss the familial closeness and security when two or more are gathered in His name. We will miss the community we form in the name of Jesus. We better know the needs of our church family when we are together, but this ~~might~~ will give us an opportunity to communicate and worship in a new way – we might not love it, but Thank God that we have this option. We say that church is not the building, but what we do outside of the building is church. The Coronavirus may be our opportunity to put an exclamation point on the end of that sentence!

In the recent weeks, we have all been given repeated direction for hand-washing, disinfecting surfaces, proper coughing techniques, and we have even learned a new term, "social distancing". These are all important things to do for our health and safety, but most mainstream churches have suffered in attendance numbers, so "social distancing" does not do anything to correct that specific trend. During these uncertain times people are probably more receptive to the love of Jesus we can give. It's what the church does best; show Christ's love to all we meet even while waving and smiling from a distance or through a window.

Every FCC Ministry is funded by cheerful givers. Summer is typically a time when we see attendance wane a bit, but Coronavirus may make this a reality. When attendance is down (or not available) so are pledges and giving. We may not be present in church, for whatever the reason (and I hope the current reason concludes quickly), but I encourage you to continue making your regular pledge or gift to the church even when you can't be present. Some have set-up bill payment through their bank and others mail it to the church (ATTN: FCC Financial Secretary). It is important.

This is a tough time for us emotionally. This is the kind of event that can take our focus from God and his amazing plan for each of us. Whether we are focused on God or not, He is still there; waiting for us to run to him for comfort, peace, and love. God will provide enough comfort, peace, and love for us to share with others. God is in control, indeed!

*"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

Colossians 3: 15-17

I pray that everyone is able to stay safe and worship with us on the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Corpus Christi Facebook page for our Facebook Live Sunday Worship we will be using until we are able to meet together, in-person again.

Rev. Kellē Clark

FCC Youth & Stewardship Minister

## ELDERS CHAIR MESSAGE

Please do not hesitate to contact an Elder if we can be of any assistance, Pastor Rusty, Rev Kelle, Linda Butler and several volunteers are working together with the Elders to meet the needs of our church family. In the event that you are aware of a need and you are unable to assist with that need please pass it on so that someone else can assist.

Do not isolate yourself, it is important that you are in contact with others thru emails, texts & phone calls, it is also important that you limit social media and news viewing and listening regarding the Covid-19 virus. Remember that misinformation, inaccurate interpretation, and fear mongering is running rampant, don't get stressed by everything you read and hear. Take time to go for a walk, sit on the porch, be still and just relax. Stay home and don't roam, now is a good time to do those chores that seem to never get done and now is a good time to send a note, make a phone call and or send an email to someone you have meant to contact but haven't had the time to do that until now.

Please keep in mind that many individuals do not have technology to reach out and do not forget those who will not ask for help, we need to offer our help. Do not forget your neighbors who may be alone and isolated. Depression and loneliness will increase as time goes on, remember to not isolate yourself and know that your church family is available, a chat on the phone can be uplifting and don't forget a chat through prayer will lift your spirits.

Praying for our church family,

Terry Klinger

### **Please make note of the following cancellations or postponements for your calendar**

**Property Ministry** — All meetings for the Property Ministry has been postponed until further notice.

**DWM** — has cancelled the board meeting scheduled for April 7.

**Bible Study** — has been postponed until further notice.

# April Celebrations

## Happy Anniversary to . . .

- 2 Sue & Gary Haxton
- 5 Dorothy & Gary Cowan
- 6 Patsy & TJ Bird
- 8 Linda & Jon Garrett
- 9 Shirley & Allen Lowe



## Birthday Wishes For . . .

- 3 Judy Hampton
- 4 Judie Terry
- 5 Delbert Isley
- 5 Lori Rockwell
- 11 Dorothy Cowan
- 11 TJ Bird
- 13 Karen Whelan
- 14 Trey McCampbell
- 14 Julianne Lovvorn
- 23 Julie Klinger
- 26 Ann Nabours-Palacino
- 28 Vicente Juan
- 30 Jerry Hampton
- 30 Richard Crews



**Editor's Note:** If your birthday or anniversary is not on our list, we may not have it in the church records.

## Remember in Prayer . . .

**Nancy Moore, Ann Jaynes, Harriet Null, David & Gladys Green, David & Gerry Holloway, Cathy Harrison, Patricia Bibbs, Lloyd Holmes, Phyllis Allen, Marion Newkirk**

**Lois Chesney** (Holmgren)

**Doris Williams** (Homewood)

**Verlyn Nolen** (The Villa, South)

# Calendar

April 1 — April 23

This calendar is only a guess as to what activities will be meeting for the month of April. I think most things are cancelled through at least the middle of the month.

Wed, Apr 1		Wed, Apr 15	11:00 a.m. Cluster Mtg 6:30 p.m. Ministry Council
Thurs, Apr 2	8:00 p.m. AA	Thurs, Apr 16	6:00 p.m. Praise Team 8:00 p.m. AA
Fri, Apr 3		Fri, Apr 17	1:00 p.m. DAR
Sat, Apr 4		Sat, Apr 18	12:00 p.m. Tai Chi
Sun, Apr 5	<b>Palm Sunday</b> 10:30 a.m. Worship 8:00 p.m. AA	Sun, Apr 19	8:00 a.m. Music Dept Rehearsal 9:15 a.m. Sunday Classes 10:30 a.m. Worship 5:00 p.m. Youth Group 8:00 p.m. AA
Mon, Apr 6		Mon, Apr 20	
Tues, Apr 7	8:00 p.m. AA	Tues, Apr 21	9:00 a.m. Tai Chi 6:30 p.m. Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Tai Chi 8:00 p.m. AA
Wed, Apr 8		Wed, Apr 22	9:00 a.m. Tippi Toes 10:30 a.m. Karate 7:00 p.m. Tai Chi
Thurs, Apr 9	<b>Maundy Thursday</b> 6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service On-line 8:00 p.m. AA	Thurs, Apr 23	10:00 a.m. Music Club 10:30 a.m. DS Chapel 6:00 p.m. Praise Team 6:30 p.m. Handbells 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir 8:00 p.m. AA
Fri, Apr 10	<b>Good Friday</b>		
Sat, Apr 11			
Sun, Apr 12	<b>Easter Sunday</b> 10:30 a.m. Worship 8:00 p.m. AA		
Mon, Apr 13			
Tues, Apr 14	8:00 p.m. AA		

# Calendar

April 24 — May 10

<b>Fri, Apr 24</b>	9:00 a.m. Tai Chi	<b>Mon, May 4</b>	5:30 p.m. AIR Group
<b>Sat, Apr 25</b>	12:00 p.m. Tai Chi	<b>Tues, May 5</b>	<b>10:00 a.m. DWM Board</b> <b>6:30 p.m. Bible Study</b> 8:00 p.m. AA
<b>Sun, Apr 26</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. Music Dept Rehearsal</b> <b>9:15 a.m. Sunday Classes</b> <b>10:30 a.m. Worship</b> <b>5:00 p.m. Youth Group</b> 8:00 p.m. AA	<b>Wed, May 6</b>	9:00 a.m. Tippi Toes 10:30 a.m. Karate 7:00 p.m. Tai Chi
<b>Mon, Apr 27</b>		<b>Thurs, May 7</b>	10:00 a.m. Music Club <b>10:30 a.m. DS Chapel</b> <b>6:00 p.m. Praise Team</b> <b>6:30 p.m. Handbells</b> <b>7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir</b> 8:00 p.m. AA
<b>Tues, Apr 28</b>	9:00 a.m. Tai Chi <b>6:30 p.m. Bible Study</b> 6:30 p.m. Tai Chi 8:00 p.m. AA	<b>Fri, May 8</b>	9:00 a.m. Tai Chi
<b>Wed, Apr 29</b>	9:00 a.m. Tippi Toes 10:30 a.m. Karate 7:00 p.m. Tai Chi	<b>Sat, May 9</b>	12:00 p.m. Tai Chi
<b>Thurs, Apr 30</b>	<b>10:30 a.m. DS Chapel</b> <b>6:00 p.m. Praise Team</b> <b>6:30 p.m. Hand Bells</b> <b>7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir</b> 8:00 p.m. AA	<b>Sun, May 10</b>	<b>Mother's Day</b> <b>8:00 a.m. Music Dept Rehearsal</b> <b>9:15 a.m. Sunday Classes</b> <b>10:30 a.m. Worship</b> <b>5:00 p.m. Youth Group</b> 8:00 p.m. AA
<b>Fri, May 1</b>	9:00 a.m. Tai Chi		
<b>Sat, May 2</b>	12:00 p.m. Tai Chi		
<b>Sun, May 3</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. Music Dept Rehearsal</b> <b>9:15 a.m. Sunday Classes</b> <b>10:30 a.m. Worship</b> <b>5:00 p.m. Youth Group</b> 8:00 p.m. AA		

# April

## Serving Schedule

### Elders Serving at the Table

**Apr 5** Bud Sutphin, Teri Sutphin

**Apr 12** Rick Ott, Richard Crews

**Apr 19** Drew Terry, Judie Terry

**Apr 26** Molly Bates, Linda Hicks

### Greeter:

Adore Trowbridge

### Communion Servers

**March** Rick Dupriest, Terri Dupriest

### Flower Delivery

**Apr 7** ??Alice Sutherland

**Apr 14** No Delivery

**Apr 21** Linda Garrett

**Apr 28** Shirley Evans

## Worship During the Crisis

Since we cannot gather for our regular worship service, FCC has designed a modified worship service that we will share through a live feed on Facebook at 10:30 every Sunday morning until the restrictions for gathering are lifted. To access the feed, all you have to do is search for “First Christian Church Corpus Christi” and click on and “like” our page.

But, if you don't have access to Facebook, you can now watch a video of our worship on our website at [fcc-cc.com](http://fcc-cc.com). Simply click on “sermons” under the “what's new” tab then follow the prompts. The video should be available for viewing by 11:30 Sunday morning.

We are all doing the best we can during a difficult time in the life of our community and our world, but we have a Good Shepherd and we *will* get through this. In the meantime, we will continue to worship God and do our best to maintain the connections within our church family. So, please pray for FCC, for our community, our nation, and our world. And, to God be the glory.