

Community Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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Elder	Kathy Howard
Elder	Betty Gerdes
Elder	Mindee Kramer
Elder	Melissa Dandridge

Church Staff/Leaders

Senior Minister	Rev. William R. Brown
Pianist	Judy Wingate
Administrative Asst.	Stacy Lynch
Custodian Mgr.	Jenny Gum
Treasurer	Sarah Faes



Have A Question

Community Christian Church is a busy place as we serve God together! We have so many things going on that no one knows *everything* that we do. So.....if you have a question or a curiosity, please ask Pastor Brown, a Board Member, and/or an Elder. We want to create an environment of asking questions and learning together. What a great church we have!



LAMB House has some wonderful volunteers, but we are still in need of more if you're interested, we start at 9:15am and end at 1:00pm on the 4th & 5th Tue. of the month. Please come join the fun as we serve God in our community!

Mission in Middle

April 15th, and therefore Missions in the Middle, falls on a Monday this month. Let's do something loving for someone we know to celebrate! For example, write someone a kind note, buy someone a coffee, take someone out for a meal, etc. Email Pastor Brown (wrbwilderness@hotmail.com) with whatever you decide to do, and Pastor Brown will share these with the congregation. **Spread Christ's love!!!**



8:30 am Worship Outdoors
9:30 am Sunday School (all ages)
10:45 am Worship Indoors (Facebook Live)
Please join us in-person or via Facebook Live at 10:45 am

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Community Christian Church Welcomes All

"To proclaim Christ's love to all people through Worship, Study, Fellowship and Service"



BLUEGRASS & BBQ

COMMUNITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

WELCOMES YOU!

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024- Post Office Shelter House @ Ha Ha Tonk SP
(BURGER, HOT DOGS PROVIDED)

CAMDENTONDISCIPLES.ORG QUESTIONS? 573-346-5546

BRING A SIDE-DISH TO SHARE! BRING A LAWN CHAIR!

Invite your neighbors & friends!

Jackson Hoggatt's Baptism!

On Sunday, March 10th, Jackson Hoggatt was baptized. It is wonderful Jackson loves Jesus so much. As a community of faith, it was wonderful to support Jackson, and it was wonderful to see many of Jackson's family & friends in attendance.

What a wonderful celebration!

**Starting April 7, 2024,
we will return to our
two worship service schedule:
8:30 am Outdoors
9:30 am Sunday School
10:45 am Indoors**

WORDS FROM THE WILDERNESS

Lent and Easter are wrapping up! What a season we have had! Thank you for your participation in church life from Fat Tuesday through Easter!

April is now upon us and the work of Easter now begins. What is it in your life that needs new life? What is it in church life that needs new life? Your attitude, presence, and resurrection-attitude is what makes a difference at Community Christian Church!

As I have hiked recently at Ha Ha Tonka State Park, I realize that it has been a long winter. Even though our winter is not nearly as long as our friends to the north, we are all ready for warmer weather. With the warmer weather, new life emerges. What an inspiration to see new flowers growing and blooming! New life appears when it seemed like it would never come.

Churches can fall into the trap of winter, and forget about new growth and blooming. Things have been blooming around Community Christian Church lately from 5th grade girls talking about church camp to Jackson's baptism to our Wednesday night teams providing wonderful hospitality and food to our elders committing themselves to prayer to the board of directors continuing to make our church better behind the scenes. The new growth and blooms are truly everywhere if we truly open our eyes and see!

As we move into the days of April, let's truly be resurrection people. Let's grow in our faith and bloom all over this Lake area! Hallelujah! Christ is risen!

Our God, Our Community, Our Church!!!

Pastor Brown

Thank
you



to everyone who came out and helped with our
outside Spring clean up.

We would like to give a special thank you for the
help on the outside sanctuary to

Vince & Becky!

The outside sanctuary benches are not
completely finished, we won't be able to complete
it until the fall. And we do have mulch coming in
and we could use help with that.

If you can help, please reach out to
Roger House

ALUMINUM CANS

Did you know? We collect aluminum cans to raise money for our youth. We collect aluminum cans in the Sunday School narthex. If you have recycling other than aluminum cans, PLEASE put those non-aluminum cans recycling items in the large bin outside. Questions?

Contact Pastor Brown or Roger House.



FINANCIAL NEWS AT CCC

If you have any financial questions including your end-of-year giving statements, please contact Sarah Faes (cccfinaancial@yahoo.com).

Don't forget starting **April 7th** we will start having **2 Sunday Services!**

All Are Welcome!



First worship service,
will began at
8:30 am
at the
Outside Sanctuary



Second worship service,
will began at
10:45 am
in the
Inside Sanctuary

April Worship Information

April 7, 2024

HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY

Psalm 133 Laughing at Death

Bring a (legal and appropriate) joke to church!

Wear bright colors too!

8:30 AM Early Worship Outside

9:30 AM Sunday School

10:45 AM Worship in the Sanctuary

April 14, 2024

Acts 3:12-19 Ignorance is Bliss

8:30 AM Early Worship Outside

9:30 AM Sunday School

10:45 AM Worship in the Sanctuary

April 21, 2024

John 10:11-18 A shepherd for a role model?

8:30 AM Early Worship Outside

9:30 AM Sunday School

10:45 AM Worship in the Sanctuary

April 28, 2024

1 John 4:7-21 Love

8:30 AM Early Worship Outside

9:30 AM Sunday School

10:45 AM Worship in the Sanctuary

May 5, 2024

John 15:9-17 Love One Another

8:30 AM Early Worship Outside

9:30 AM Sunday School

10:45 AM Worship in the Sanctuary



You are never too old for Sunday school!

Every Sunday morning at 9:30 am,
there are two Adult Sunday School classes

Wedding Room

Open Door uses that day's scripture and the questions posed by our pastor relating to the scripture as a starting point for prayer, discussion, and sharing our faith stories.

Any questions about this Adult Sunday School class, please reach out to Lee Ann Mitchell.

Library

An in-depth study of the book of Genesis with Lifeway "Explore the Bible" study books.

Any questions about this Adult Sunday School class, please reach out to Jane Martin.



Conversations on Suicide Prevention

April 9th 10:00am to 2:00pm

Community Christian Church
1064 N. Business Route 5
Camdenton, MO 65020

Please join us as we talk about the following topics.

- Saving lives of veterans, family and friends.
- Community resources with Compass Health Network
- Moral injury with Rev. Matthew Mayes BS, NBA, BDIV, BCC

There will be an intermission with lunch served.

Please RSVP to Lcarter416@gmail.com, for an accurate count for lunch.

If you have any questions, please call 314-223-6177.

1 John 1

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—² this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³ what we have seen and heard we also declare to you so that you also may have fellowship with us, and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴ We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.



April Focus Scripture:

How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

Psalm 133:1

YOUTH GROUPS

HAPPEN EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Youth groups (2nd through 12th grade) happen every Wednesday. We will have food at 5:00 pm and youth groups last until 7:00 pm. Thank you for your support through prayer and presence for this important ministry of CCC.

Invite your neighbors and friends.



Al Whittaker, 6514 VFW
314-223-6177



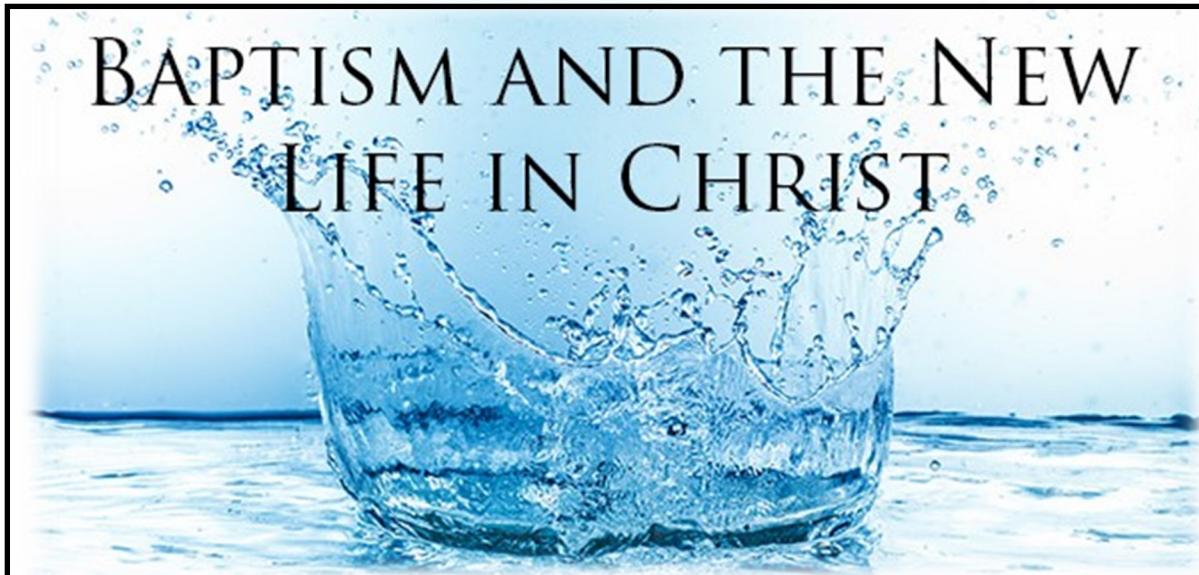
Happenings in the Church



Matt hanging emergency letters above the doors of the church



Hosting Kingdom Dancers



Jackson with his youth friends just before his wonderful Baptism

Pastor Brown with Jackson



Dylan Gum Leading @ Leadership Camden County

Below Randy Gum, Pastor Brown & Dylan Gum



Jane Martin playing the piano at Windsor Estates



High School Youth Group
Doing good deeds and having fun



God is good
ALL THE TIME

God is Love

More Happenings in the Church



Lenten Lunches
Lil Rizzos
First Watch
Bandanas

Wed. Night Community Meal

Pastor Brown at Heather Patten's
ordination @ FCC Fulton



"And I will
give you
SHEPHERDS
after my
own heart,

who will
feed you

with *knowledge and understanding...*"

Jeremiah 3:15

Pastoral Support Team

Pastor Brown meets regularly with his Pastoral Support Team. This is an opportunity for the team to check in on Pastor Brown personally, and also to share what is happening at CCC. The Pastoral Support Team welcomes feedback (positive and constructive) from the congregation to be able to share with Pastor Brown, so that relationship and covenant remain strong between the congregation and the clergy person. Please contact any of the members of the Pastoral Support Team if you have a question, concern, or joy about pastoral leadership at CCC. Team members for Pastor Brown include Tom Cravens, Vince Travnichek, Cindy McKay, Kristin Hoggatt, Scottie Martin, or Becky Thompson.

2024

welcome
April



The Camden County Women's Literary Club meets the second Tuesday of the month at 1:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall at CCC. This club has been serving the community for 91 years. The club provides scholarships for Camdenton High students attending college or trade schools. We invite you to attend our meeting and enjoy our guest speakers and of course great desserts. For more information, contact Bonnie Black or Teresa Smith.



EARTH DAY, APRIL 22 DID YOU KNOW???

- Earth Day has been celebrated annually since April 22, 1970, to demonstrate support for environmental protection.
- It includes a wide range of

events with participation from 1 billion people in more than 193 countries.

- This year's Earth Day Theme is "Planet vs Plastics".
- There is an EARTH DAY MUSIC AND SUSTAINABILITY FESTIVAL in Springfield, MO on April 27, 11:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. earthdayspringfieldmo.org

*Other Earth Day resources:

- Earth Day Official Site: earthday.org
- Earth Day Worship and Educational Resource at info@creationjustice.org
- 20 Earth Day Fun and Free Activities for Kids and Adults www.today.com>life>holidays

"Remember the plants, trees, animal life who all have their tribes, their families, their histories, too. Talk to them, listen to them. They are alive poems."

Joy Harjo

(first Native American U.S. Poet Laureate)

Buddy Packs

How You Can You Help? It is estimated that one in six children in Missouri faces hunger on a regular basis. Studies show children who face food insecurity are more likely to have problems at school and are more likely to suffer from anxiousness and irritability. Each Friday during the school year, Camdenton schools send home a bag of nutritious food to children who rely on free or reduced-price lunches. The bags include ready to eat entrees, a fruit cup, cereal and a nutritional bar with Peanut Butter once a month. The Camdenton schools are sending home approximately 250 Buddy Packs per week to students in Dogwood, Hawthorn and Oak Ridge Elementary schools plus Climax Springs. A donation of \$270.00 provides Buddy Packs for one student for the school year. If you choose to donate to this program, please make your check out to Community Christian Church and write Buddy Packs on the memo line or you may purchase any of the foods on the following list and place them in the grocery cart labeled Buddy Packs found in either the Narthex or the Mission Room. These will be used to supplement each weekend Buddy Pack and also supply extra food for the several four day weekends throughout the year. The Food Bank is not supplying as much this year, so our program needs more help. Let's fill the cart to overflowing. The food list includes: Peanut butter crackers, Pop-top canned fruits, Pop-top canned soup, Pop-top canned meats, Pop-top canned vegetables, Peanut Butter (12oz. plastic jar) supplied once a month, Granola Bars, 100% Fruit Juice. Please help make this a banner year for our children in need. For questions, contact Judy Wingate.

