

Church Office Hours: Monday-Wednesday: 8:45 am - 2:00 pm

Custodian's Hours: Monday-Thursday: 8:00 am - 11:00 am

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Sunday Minister:	Rev. Eric Brotheridge
Organist:	Mary Ruth Yates
Administrative Assistant:	Mitzi Flynn
Custodian:	Steve Harrell
Camp Manager:	Chuck Bair
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Camp Bedford Web Page:	campbedford.com
Virtual Coffee Hour	Immediately following worship at 11:30 am
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Prayer List

Paula Austin, Charles Bouldin, Susan Branaman, Bob and June Briscoe, Hannah Brooking, Brandy Busz, Tina Corum, Aaron Evans, Bob Galyon, Ariene Gilbert, Danny Gillock, April Glenn, Todd Glenn, Kim Hostetter, Rita Jenkins, Maddie Lynch, Don Mains, Felix Miller, Steve Mills, Sheila Miskuf, Sarah Mullis, Shelly Perrson, Gregg Romine, Natalie Sides, LaVerne Speer, Steven Taylor, Greg VanCleave, Carol Wieneke, Kristy Williams, Doris Wykoff

Those away from home serving the church, in military, civil service, education and work.

Those unable to be with us in Worship: Barbara Hall, Jacob Householder, Ellie Grissom, Shirley McMunn, Marilyn Olson, Laverne Speer, Carolyn Tumey, Jimmy Waggoner.

Please advise Elder Gary Ochs, or the church office of any prayer concerns or updates.



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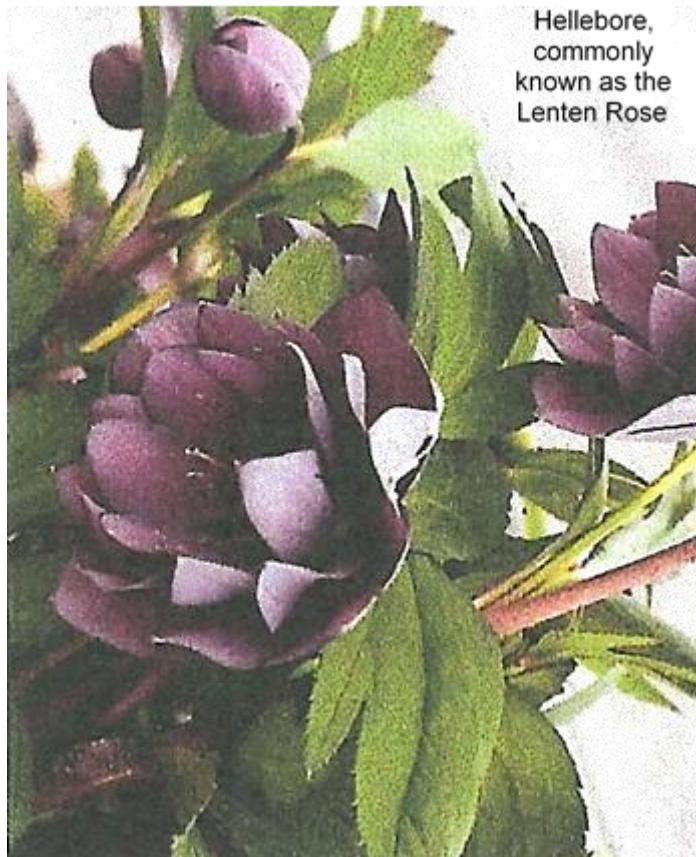
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Reaching Outward to Connect People with God's Abundance

Lent



March 14, 2021

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP

10:30 am

Welcome to Worship. We're glad you're with us.

Face coverings must be worn, they are available at the door, along with bulletins, please pick up your own. Please NO hugs or handshake, NO gathering in the Narthex for fellowship before or after the service. Please try to maintain at least 6 feet of distance from your fellow worshipers. There will be live music, but minimal singing. We ask that all electronic devices be turned off or set for mute. We apologize for all the rules, but we want everyone to stay safe.

Prelude Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing - Robert Hobby

Welcome Pastor Eric Brotheridge

Call to Worship Elder Gary Ochs

Leader: Dearly Beloved...

ALL: The shadows are deep
But the Light is rising.

Leader: Dearly Beloved
Who will we be?

ALL: We're water-washed and Spirit-born.
We're anointed, beloved and free!

By Heather Murray Elkins, 2018

Opening Hymn Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing #16

A Time of Prayer Pastor Eric

Call to Prayer Pastor Eric

Lenten Prayer of Confession (on screen) Pastor Eric

Assurance of Pardon

Pastoral Prayer for Illumination		Pastor Eric
Leader: God, in your mercy...		
ALL: Hear our prayer.		
Lord's Prayer		
Passing of the Peace		Pastor Eric
In Scripture	Numbers 21:4-9	Elder Gary Ochs
In the Proclamation	"The Serpent of Life"	Pastor Eric
Invitation to Giving		Elder Gary Ochs
Doxology		On Screen
Prayer of Dedication		Elder Gary Ochs
Invitation to Christ's Table		Elder Gary Ochs
Words of Institution		Pastor Eric
Communion	Just as I Am, without One Plea - Timothy Albrecht	
Taking of the Bread and Cup		Pastor Eric
Closing Hymn	Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah	#622
Blessings and Benediction		
*Postlude	Jesus, Lead Thou On - Paul Manz	

Blessing Boxes Update



With regard to donating to the Blessing Box project, there will be no Blessing Box containers this year unless you still have yours from 2020 and want to use it for this year. Otherwise, there are labeled envelopes on the table outside the office door in the hallway along with Lenten Lectionary Readings on a purple print out to use as you meditate during Lent. The 2021 offering envelopes are there also.

If you don't want to contribute a bag or container of coins, you can write a check, place it in the Blessing Box envelope, and slide it under Linda's door for safety. The donations should be turned in around Palm Sunday, March 28.

Thank you for participating. Have a wonderful Lenten season.

Feed My Sheep Information

Due to Covid, Feed My Sheep forms will not be available BUT please continue to Support LIFE Pantry. The Outreach Ministry encourages you to purchase extra food when you are shopping and deliver it to the pantry yourself. No matter the amount, all helps bring joy to the hungry of our community.

Peace and Blessings to all! Thank you in advance for your support of this ministry.

You may drop it off at: **LIFE Food Pantry
on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday
or simply mail a check to LIFE
1204 'I' Street, Bedford!**



FOOD DRIVE



A Brief Biography of Reverend Eric James Brotheridge

With the peace and grace of Christ Jesus, hello! I look forward to beginning as your Sunday Minister on March 7. Here is some brief biographical information: I am a fifth-generation minister growing up in a parsonage right next door to my childhood church in Flossmoor, Illinois - a south suburb of Chicago. I now consider myself a Hoosier having lived more than half my life in

Indiana after moving here in 1990. I tend to be more sympathetic to the colors of Black & Gold as I am a graduate of DePauw University. However, Cream & Crimson are growing on me now that I am residing in Bloomington and attending Indiana University seeking a secondary degree in English. I have enjoyed four careers in my brief time on Earth. After graduating from DePauw I spent ten years in the banking industry serving in the pension fund departments of several trust companies in Chicago and Indianapolis. Following a brief stint in Kalamazoo, I “retired” from the banking business, tired of constantly having to change my stationery due to the endless rounds of bank mergers. In 1996, just after the birth of my second daughter, I gave myself the summer off to find myself...and found my true calling - to be a stay-at-home father. About halfway through this line of work, I received the more formal call into the family business of ministry when my eldest asked, while scooping sand in the backyard sandbox, “Daddy, why is God a boy?” I applied to Christian Theological Seminary the following day, receiving the Presidential Scholarship to spend the next four-and-a-half years immersing myself in thousands of years of Judeo-Christian history, tradition and theology only to reply to my eldest, “It’s a metaphor, daughter.” Two weeks before starting seminary God saw fit to bless me with the challenge of advancing through “God’s-school” with a third daughter; first as a newborn, then a toddler, then as a precocious and inquisitive young girl more interested in finding where the faculty and staff hid the candy in their respective desks than in the intricate, prophetic utterances of Second Isaiah. In 2002, I began serving churches, first as a student, then as a senior pastor followed by several interim ministry positions. I have had the pleasure and joy to minister at several churches in central and northern Indiana. I put the ministry on hiatus in 2014 after becoming a single father of my three daughters. I worked in Logistics and Transportation at Amazon.com for six years finding the demands of “punching the clock” more conducive to family life than 24/7 parish ministry. Now that my precocious and inquisitive, youngest daughter is studying at M.I.T. on an Air Force R.O.T.C. scholarship, I decided to join her in pursuing more education...only at Indiana University. I am thrilled to be able to serve First Christian Church as the Sunday Minister! In my spare time I enjoy reading (poetry and fiction and anything good), strumming the guitar and playing video games (RPG’s). When the weather is good I “train” for running by running a few miles a day. Most importantly, I love just being “Poppa” for my beloved daughters.