



# BFCC e-Caller

*Reaching Outward to Connect People with God's Abundance*

## Pastoral Ponderings

As we resume our series on 1 Corinthians this Sunday, we'll find ourselves face-to-face with the Cross. "We preach Christ crucified," Paul says in 1 Corinthians 1:23-24, "a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God." It's a text that one might expect to read during Lent, yet it appears every third year in the Revised Common Lectionary, right here in the middle of Epiphany. More years than not I've found ways to avoid it. But I've concluded that this year we need to give serious thought to what the Cross is all about. We'll do so in the context of 1 Corinthians this Sunday, and during Lent I will offer a more comprehensive study of the Cross in the Sunday morning adult class at 9:30.

The study will be called *Making Sense of the Cross*. We will use a book and DVD talks by the Rev. Dr. David Lose, a Lutheran preacher and professor. Dr. Lose reminds us that there are many theories of the meaning of the Cross; many theories of how the work of salvation is accomplished through the Cross. We are all familiar with the phrase, "Jesus died for our sins." What we will discover in our Lenten study is that this phrase has been understood many different ways over the course of Church history, and those different understandings don't always agree. They reflect the efforts of different people in different times and places to make sense out of the mystery of salvation. It remains a mystery to this day. But every Christian, in every time and place, is called to plumb the depths of that mystery, and draw from that deep well wisdom for faithful living.

I hope that you can join me in the Library, starting Sunday, March 1, from 9:30 to 10:15, for *Making Sense of the Cross*. We'll get a head start on the subject this coming Sunday, February 2, as we dig further into the rich wisdom of 1 Corinthians 1. I am looking forward to seeing you all and being enriched by your wisdom, and your love. The best part of being away for a week or two is that it helps me to realize just how wonderful you all are, and how blessed I am to be your pastor.

Blessings indeed!

Pastor Bruce



## Disciples Women's Fellowship

**Monday, February 10, starting at 7:00 p.m.** We will gather in the Parlor to watch an Easter video and have a short discussion led by Linda Smith. Then it's off to the Fellowship Hall to enjoy some light refreshments prepared by Barbara Sorrells, Suzanne Coleman & Ginny Jones. All women are invited to enjoy this wonderful time of fellowship.

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## Board of Directors Meeting

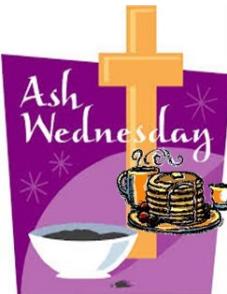
The Board of Directors Meeting will be on **Tuesday, February 11**. It will start at **6:00 pm** in the Fellowship Hall. The meeting is open to anyone in the congregation.

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## Pancakes and Ashes:

### A celebration of abundance as we journey into Lent



The Worship Committee will host a Pancake Supper on **Wednesday, February 26**, in the Fellowship Hall. You are invited to drop by between **5:45 pm - 6:30 pm** to enjoy a pancake supper. Donations accepted. **7:00 pm** is our Service of Ashes, which marks the first day of Lent and the beginning of forty days of repentance and prayer.

Please mark this date on your calendar, hope to see you here.

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Sunday School is not just for kids, you know. We have an adult class at First Christian that meets every **Sunday morning at 9:30 am** in the Church Library. Currently Dr. George Sorrells is teaching a class on the "History of Christianity II: From the Reformation to the Modern Megachurch".



During Lent, Pastor Bruce will teach the Sunday morning class, called "Making Sense of the Cross". That class will begin on **Sunday, March 1, 2020**.

Please, mark your calendar to attend these very interesting classes.



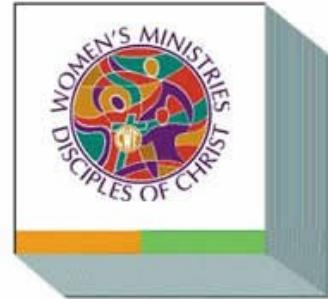
## A Special Thank You

A huge thanks to all who donated food, their time and stayed for our Potato Bar Luncheon. With your generosity, we raised \$264.00 for the "Shop with a Cop" program. Local students will be able to get clothing and school supplies because of your donations. Thank you again from the bottom of our hearts,

The Outreach Ministry

### Blessing Boxes

The Blessing Box was created in 1953, the result of a dream of the women who founded Christian Women's Fellowship. Jessie Trout, who was CWF's co-founder and first executive secretary, developed the idea as an over – and – above way to help fund the wider mission of the church.



The Blessing Box has generated millions of dollars in mission support. From 2000 to December 2018, Blessing Boxes have contributed a total of \$3,612,992 for the mission of the church. Since 2007, 50 percent of the donations go directly to the ministries carried out by the women of our church through the International Disciples Women's Ministries. Your giving makes a significant difference in the mission of the church at home and abroad.

Your giving of "thanks" could be for a sunny day, a birth, a reconciling experience, a welcome phone call, a child's smile, a beautiful snow fall, a flower in full bloom, relief from pain, a good book, and/or a safe journey. The list is endless.

For those who participate, it is a spiritual discipline even more than a financial one. It helps keep a focus on gratitude to God and on the responsibility to share blessings with others. The amount put in may be a dime, a quarter or more. The amount is not nearly as important as the discipline of regularly remembering God's goodness through the acts of dropping in coins and praying prayers of thanksgiving. The Boxes are used in conjunction with your daily reading of your Lenten Calendar which will be available February 23.

**Blessing Box offerings begin on February 26, Ash Wednesday, and the boxes are to be turned in on Palm Sunday, April 5.** Boxes will be available on Sunday, February 23 as you enter the sanctuary. Thank you for participating.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy Birthday  
to you,  
Happy Birthday  
to you,  
Happy Birthday  
dear friends,  
Happy Birthday  
to you.

## February

02/04	Dave Cox
02/04	Ashley Maxwell
02/05	Pat Bell
02/07	Lana Wilkerson
02/12	Benjamin Bellush
02/13	Liz McKenzie
02/13	Kaitlyn Mills
02/19	Mirajoy Dixon
02/25	Marilyn Olson
02/27	Audrey Bunch
02/27	John George
02/27	Pat Romine



Please let our office know if  
we don't have your birthday.

# February 2020



## Feed My Sheep: February 2 - 23

This is a worthwhile endeavor to help restock the shelves of the L.I.F.E. Food Pantry with food items for Lawrence County families. Thank you in advance for your support of this ministry. Any food you wish to donate is welcome any month.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	3	4 4:15 pm Parent Café (Private Event) Fellowship Hall, Toddler Room	5 Choir Practice 6:15 pm	6 Holy Moly! 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm	7	1 10:00 am Children's Choir Rehearsal 
9 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	10 WOMEN'S MINISTRIES DISCIPLES OF CHRIST 7:00 pm Disciples Women Fellowship	11 6:00 pm Board Meeting Fellowship Hall 	12 5:15 pm Elder's Meeting Choir Practice 6:15 pm	13 Holy Moly! 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm	14	15 Community Breakfast 8:00 am - 10:00 am Fellowship Hall 10:00 am Children's Choir Rehearsal 
16 Week of Compassion Offering 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship 12:00 pm Membership Meeting 1:00 pm Homebound	17	18	19 Choir Practice 6:15 pm	20 Holy Moly! 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm	21	22 10:00 am Children's Choir Rehearsal
23 Week of Compassion Offering 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship	24	25 7:00 pm Outreach Ministry Meeting	26 Ash Wednesday Pancake Supper 5:45 pm 7:00 pm Service	27 Holy Moly! 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm	28	29 10:00 am Children's Choir Rehearsal February Children's Worship and Wonder Training Bloomington First Christian

## SERVING SCHEDULE:

### February

#### Elders:

Mitzi Flynn  
John George

#### Deacons:

Van Kavanaugh  
+Carol Mifflin  
\*Bill McFadden  
\*Bev McFadden  
+Bev Wray  
Mike Dixon

If you cannot serve,  
please contact another  
Elder, Deacon or Steward  
and arrange to trade dates.

Deacons marked with \* are  
scheduled to assist the Elders  
with Homebound Communion  
on the third Sunday  
of each month.

Deacons marked with + are the  
microphone runners for  
joys/concerns.



#### \*February:

15th Street	Treva Hooten
K Street	Becky Wright
Canopy	Mitzi Flynn

## Hospitality and Welcome Table

### \*February:

02	Nancy Mains
09	Carol Mifflin
16	Jackie Robbins
23	Pat Bell



\*If you are unable to be a greeter or staff the Hospitality and Welcome Table,  
please find a replacement and arrange to trade dates.



## FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

Bedford, IN 47421

# FEED MY SHEEP FOOD DRIVE

Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

Matthew 25:40

February 2-23, 2020

*Help us restock the shelves of the L.I.F.E. Food Pantry with food items for Lawrence County families.  
It is easy – select your items from the list below and write a check to First Christian Church (cash accepted, also).*

Food Items Prices Change Weekly	# Items Per Case	Price per Case	# cases to Order	Total Price
Apple Juice	6 bottles	5.34		
Applesauce	12 jars	23.40		
Beans (dry, pinto)	12 bags	17.40		
Beef Stew	12 cans	20.28		
Carrots	12 cans	5.88		
Chicken (canned)	12 cans	25.80		
Corn	12 cans	5.88		
Cornflakes	8 boxes	11.92		
Crackers	24 boxes	23.76		
Fruit				
Jelly (grape)	12 jars	15.48		
Macaroni & Cheese	24 boxes	6.24		
Oatmeal (quick)	6 boxes	14.34		
Peaches (canned)	12 cans	10.20		
Peanut Butter	12 jars	26.28		
Peas	12 cans	5.88		
Pork and Beans	12 cans	5.88		
Potatoes (boxed)	16 boxes	22.44		
Rice (instant) Brown	12 boxes	17.40		
Soup (chicken noodle)	24 cans	11.76		
Spaghetti	12 boxes	16.68		
Spaghetti Sauce	12 jars	11.88		
Tomato Juice	6 cans	8.34		
Vienna Sausages	24 cans	9.36		

If you choose to make a cash donation to L.I.F.E. without an order, check here \_\_\_\_\_.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Total Contribution \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this form and payment to First Christian Church, 1101 15<sup>th</sup> St. Bedford, IN 47421  
or place in the offering plate on Sunday. Thank you!

**First Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)**

**1101 15th Street - Bedford, Indiana - 47421 - 812-275-4497**

**We are Disciples of Christ.  
A movement for wholeness in  
a fragmented world. As part of  
the one body of Christ, we  
welcome all to the Lord's Table  
as God has welcomed us.**

\*Disciples of Christ Statement of Identity

**Come Worship  
With Us!  
Sunday School  
9:30 am  
Worship Service  
10:30 am**

**CHURCH STAFF:**

**Pastor:**

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Mary Ruth Yates

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**Custodian:**

Steve Harrell

**UPCOMING WORSHIP READINGS**

**February 2**

**Theme: Crossing a Bridge between Solitudes**

**Text: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31**

**February 9**

**Theme: None of the Above, or All of It?**

**Text: 1 Corinthians 2:1-16**

**February 16**

**Theme: Wise Saints, Working Together**

**Text: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 (especially v. 9)**

**February 23**

**Guest Preacher: Nick Mullis**

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**

**Monday - Thursday:**

**8:45 am - 2:00 pm**

**Closed Friday**

**PASTOR BRUCE'S  
OFFICE HOURS:**

**Tuesday and Wednesday:**

**9:30 am - 2:00 pm**

**CUSTODIAN'S HOURS:**

**Monday - Friday:**

**8:00 am - 12:00 pm**

**SOCIAL MEDIA**

**Web Page: [www.firstccbedford.org](http://www.firstccbedford.org)**

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