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First Christian Church

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday, April 21, 2024

Please sign and pass the attendance pads located at the end of your pew. If you are a visitor with us today, welcome! Please leave your contact information so that we can extend a fuller welcome!

WORDS OF WELCOME

CAMP MOMENT

CALL TO WORSHIP

SEARCH AND CALL MINISTRY TEAM UPDATE

PRELUDE

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written by James E. Janecek

Dr. Brooks

Leader: Come, listen to the One

- who speaks and summons the earth, from the rising of the sun to its All: setting.
- Leader: Come, see the One

who shines forth in the perfection of beauty. All:

Leader: Come, bring thanksgiving, the sacrifice that honors the One

All: who shows the salvation of God.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

David Akamine

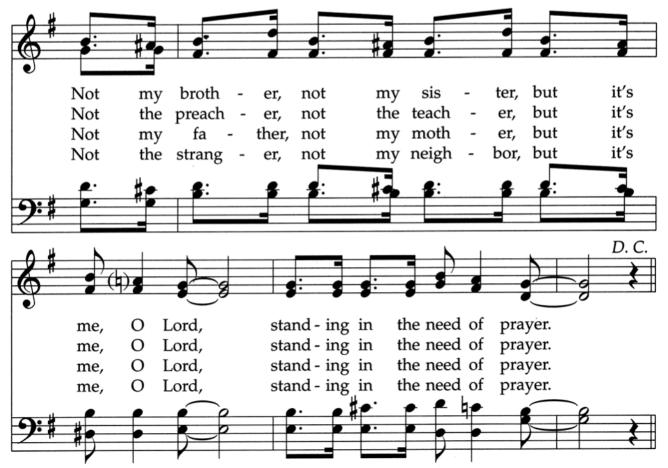
Rev. Dr. James R. Brooks

Mr. Matthew D. Albright

Ms. Emily Swett

Mrs. Ellen Strock





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*INVOCATION PRAYER (Unison)

Elder Jay Koch

Compassionate God, your love finds full expression in the gift of Jesus Christ your Son, who willingly met betrayal and death to set us free from sin. Give us courage to live obediently in these days until we greet the glory of our risen Savior.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray by saying:

(The Lord's Prayer)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen. Glory Be to the Father





Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying; Chalice Hymnal; #305; Words and Music: Ken Medema, 1973; Copyright © 1973 Hope Publishing Company; CHILDREN PRAYING; Irr.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Dr. Brooks

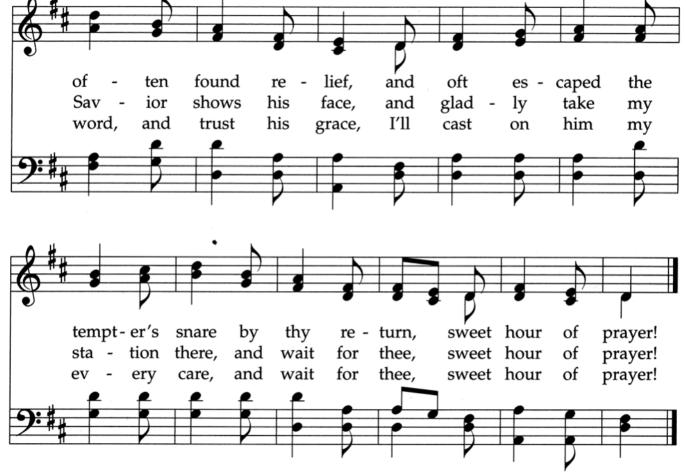
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INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Many names and images are used in the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures to describe 'God'. We gather today to worship and celebrate That which is beyond any of those names and images; That which is always More Than we can think or put into words or experience, yet that same 'God' is present here, about us and within us. Let us be aware that we gather on Sacred Ground.



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Sweet Hour of Prayer!; Chalice Hymnal #570; Words: William Walford, 1845; Music: William B. Bradbury, 1861; SWEET HOUR LMD

PRAYER FOR THE ELEMENTS

DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

COMMUNION MUSIC

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PARTAKING OF THE ELEMENTS

Individually packaged communion elements are provided for your safety and convenience. To open, gently bend the tab down to separate the clear film and peel it back to expose the wafer. Carefully pull the remaining foil tab to open the juice cup. You may partake of the elements at the same time as the minister.

CHANCEL CHOIR	<i>The Lamb</i> John Ferguson; Copyright © Augsburg Publishing. All rights reserved.	Chancel Choir
SCRIPTURE	Luke 22:39 - 46	Elder Koch
SERMON	"Invitation to Prayer"	Dr. Brooks

Elder Koch

Deacons

Mr. Albright

Dr. Brooks

I Stand Amazed in the Presence



I Stand Amazed in the Presence; United Methodist Hymnal #371; Words: Charles H. Gabriel, 1905 (Lk. 22:41 - 44); Music (MY SAVIOR'S LOVE 87.87 with Refrain): Charles H. Gabriel, 1905

INVITATION TO STEWARDSHIP

God has given us his only Child, Jesus Christ, as the way of our salvation. Let us then give generously, as God has given to us. As you go forth from this place today, you are invited to make your offering in the black donation boxes provided in the Narthex and Upper Tower Room.

BENEDICTION

Dr. Brooks



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*Please rise whether in body or spirit. **Please remain seated until the Minister processes out of the Sanctuary, thank you.

Kindly remember to take your empty communion cups with you and deposit them in the trashcan provided as you leave the Sanctuary.

Elder Koch

Please take time to sign-in on the **RED Hospitality Notebook** each week as it's important to help us stay in touch with each other.

If you are accustomed to giving to the Church using cash, please help us maintain that record by placing money and checks in the envelopes provided in the pews and please write your name on the envelope.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE Sunday, April 14, 2024 In-Person - 191; FaceBook - 160; YouTube - 38 = 389 Total

Children birth through 5th Grade: 14

Last Year on Sunday, April 16, 2023 In-Person - 169; FaceBook - 152; YouTube - 43 = 364 Total

CHURCH FINANCIAL - 2024

Operating Budget: \$685,619.23

Contributions Received thru February 29th: **\$101,402.57**

Just a friendly reminder...We have **Electronic Giving**... Please fill out an ACH form which is located on the Bulletin Board outside the Church Office. Once you have completed the form, please give the form and Voided Check to Dianna in the Church Office. For more information, please contact her at 301.733.0144.





We will be voting on our 2024 - 2025 Nominations and other Church Business

RSVP TODAY!

Join Fel Us! 11:0

Fellowship Hall 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM RSVP to diannaplotner@fcchagerstown.org



Ellen Catlett, Leon Catlett, Helen Coleman, Joe Coleman, Jennifer Colvin, Bonnie Fouke, Jeff Gerberich, Sue Gerberich, Brooks Myers, Erin Myers, Jennifer Plummer, Denise Sigler, Tajah Sprecher, Brock Bricker, and Dianna Plotner for helping to clean our beautiful Church!

ANNUAL YOUTH Spaghetti Dinner (Reat Mom to Dinner

Saturday May 11th

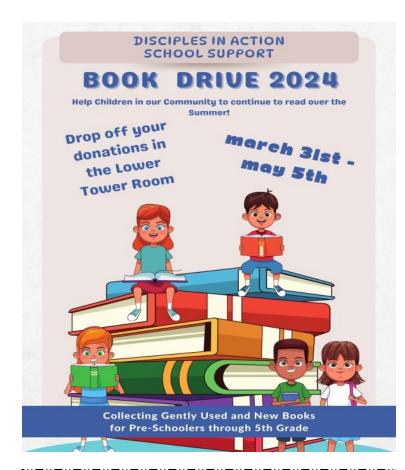
Tickets go on sale April 7th. Call the Church Office for more information, or tickets 301.733.0144

Adult Tickets (11 & older) - \$15.00 Childreh Tickets (2-10) - \$10.00 Birth to I year old - Free Desserts available by donation!

4:00 - 7:30 PM FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH 1345 POTOMAC AVE, HAGERSTOWN, MD

PROCEEDS SUPPORT OUR YOUTH MISSION TRIP TO BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS, NORTH CAROLINA JUNE 2024

Tickets on Sale - Lower Tower Room 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM



Join us for the next Book Club meeting!

We meet on the second Monday of each month at **Hoffman's All American Grill** to share fellowship and thoughts about our book. Our next meeting will be on **Monday, May 13th at 12:30 PM**.

The book we will be discussing is **The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot,** by Marianne Cronin.

If you are interested in joining us, contact Judy Kofoet and she will send you a reminder email prior to the meeting. In the meantime, read **The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot** and plan to join us!

The Seniors In Ministry will be having a Brownbag Lunch and Games on Wednesday, April 24th from 11:30 AM to 3:30 PM in the Library.

Come and see friends, meet new friends, have lunch, and play games.

All are invited to join them!

Guest Wi-Fi Password - Disciples4me

Join us for our Welcome Wednesday Excitement Programs this Wednesday, April 24th.

Programs for the entire family!

5:00 PM - 5:30 PM - Children/Youth Choir 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM - Children/Youth Chimes 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM - WWE Dinner for All (RSVP is requested by Sunday at 1:00 PM) 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM - Adult Bible Program 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM - Children's Bible Program 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM - Youth Group 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM - Brass Ensemble Rehearsal 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

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> Slate of Officers July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

Recommended to the Leadership Board By the Nominating Committee* First Christian Church Hagerstown, MD April 8, 2024

Leadership Board

Moderator (2-Year Term) - Larry Black Vice Moderator (1-Year Term) - Mary Elkind Secretary (1-Year Term) - Debbie Hoffman Treasurer (2-Year Term) - Gil Crumrine Member At Large (1-Year Term) - Carol Rogers

Additional Elected Positions Nominating Committee (2-Year Term) - Bonnie Fouke

Personnel Committee (3-Year Term) - Susan Latimer

Trustee (5-Year Term) - Melisa Cline Trustee (5-Year Term) - Don Risser

Elder (2-Year Term) – Erica Aranha Elder (2-Year Term) – Susan Gerberich Elder (2-Year Term) – Christopher Goddard Elder (2-Year Term) – Dr. Thomas Haywood Elder (2-Year Term) – Jay Koch Elder (2-Year Term) – Jay Kofoet Elder (2-Year Term) – Lara Shepherd Elder (2-Year Term) – Liara Shepherd

*Nominating Committee Members: Mary Elkind (Chair) Mark Goller and Debbie Hoffman Rev. Dr. James R. Brooks and Dianna Plotner

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The above list of Nominations were presented and approved by the Leadership Board on Monday, April 8th. The Congregation will yote on

Sunday, May 19th.

Micah's Backpack Team

For April, we are in need of individual Microwavable Popcorn Bags and Microwavable Mac and Cheese Cups.

Food donations may be placed in our cart in the Lower Tower Room or purchased through our Amazon Wish List.

The Amazon Wish List link is located in the FCC Weekly Eblast. Instructions are also posted on our cart in the Lower Tower Room. We welcome all who would like to participate in this Ministry. If interested, please contact Rebecca Yeakle at FCCMicahsBackpack@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continued support!

Zion Soup Kitchen

The Soup Kitchen at Zion Reformed United Church of Christ, located at 201 North Potomac Street, provides dinner every Tuesday night for anyone who needs a hot meal.

Our Team cooks and serves the meal every 3rd and 5th Tuesday of the month. The next serving date is **Tuesday, April 30th.**

If you would like to volunteer to cook and serve (4:00 PM to 6:30 PM) or if you're interested in donating supplies, please contact Lori Schmidt, 717.701.3407.

Church Women United May Friendship Day Friday, May 17th at 6:00 PM Manor Church of the Brethren, located at

18511 Manor Church Road, Boonsboro.

Dinner Cost - \$15.00 Reservations are due by Thursday, May 9th by contacting Tammy Coyle tammy.coyle93@gmail.com or 240.409.2410

Program begins at 6:45 PM Speaker: Marty Blake, Coordinator of Health Kits distributed to Homeless Students in Washington county. Also, the Young Christian Women Awards will be presented.

FCC's Diaper Ministry

FCC's Diaper Ministry is hard at work!

In March, we provided **82** families with a portion of the diapers they need each month.

We want to continue to help our local children and are currently in the middle of our fund drive.

If you haven't picked up a baby bottle yet, there is still time!! Fill it with spare change, a few bills, or a check and drop it off in the diaper bag in the Upper Tower Room by the display. We're half way to our goal of \$3000.00!!

Help us go over the top to cover their bottoms!!

Little Pantry

Thank you to all for your support and contributions.

Some kind folks have been putting fresh produce into the Little Pantry, this is a welcomed addition, as long as it is not too hot nor too cold outside.

As usual, non-perishable items are always welcome.

Please consider a financial contribution: make checks payable to First Christian Church and put "Little Pantry" in the memo line and we will do the shopping.

> For more information, please contact Dale Philp 301.730.4232

When you walk into the Church and are greeted at the door with a smile and "good morning," we hope that it makes your day better!

Tim Shepherd is recruiting **Greeters** for Sunday Mornings to greet folks with a smile and a welcoming "hello." Also, to greet visitors and welcome them to FCC and direct them where to go.

If you are interested, please contact Tim at 301.739.8835.

SIGN-UP TODAY! Área Churc Softball League Practices and Game

in the evening

AREA CHURCHES

"Sow the Field, Prepare for Harvest, and Claim their Team for Christ." We feel that each team is a miniministry and extension of the churches for which they represent.

check our their website http://www.hagerstownareachurchsoftball.com/ or see Tyler Jones

EMPTY NESTERS

Are you looking for some fun events and fellowship? Then this is the group for you. Not an Empty Nester? No problem at all!

All are welcome.

Some highlights of upcoming events include:

Bus Trips

- New York Yankees at Baltimore Orioles
- Museum of the Bible, Washington, DC
 The story of Daniel, Sight & Sound
- Sunfest, Ocean City MD, a day on your ow
- New York City, a day on your own

Local / Ride Share Events

- 2nd Sundays at Big Cork live music/activities
- Staten Island FerryHawks at Hagerstown Flying Boxcars
- Canal Boat Tour and Lunch, Georgetown
- Historic Harper's Ferry and lunch
- Winter City Lights, Olney, MD
- Historic Houses of Worship Tour

If you would like more information about upcoming events or have some event ideas to share, please contact Rebecca Yeakle at FCCEmptyNesters@gmail.com.

Why Choose Us: Safe, nurturing environment

QR CODE

- Educated and experienced staff
- · Opportunities for your child to learn and grow cognitively, physically, socially, and emotionally that will prepare your child for Pre-K & beyond!
- Continuous communication

For more information, contact Alicia Catherman

301.733.0144 (office)

301.788.0036 (cell)

Snack provided

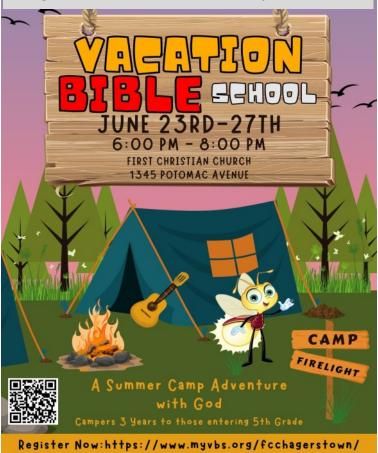


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Register for VBS by Tuesday, April 30th you will be registered into a Raffle for a Campfire Basket!

NORTHERN CROSS

RESCHOO







Join us for an afternoon of fi Bingo! Bounce House Games Food Music Raffle and Fellowship more details to follow....

www.fcchagerstown.org

4:00 PM - 8:00 PM





We are looking for a Chair Person or 2 Co-Chairs!

Would you like to help plan activities for our Congregation?

Would you like to help care for our Congregation?

The Mission of the Congregational Care Ministry Team is to serve Christ by helping and supporting our Congregation.

We currently have 13 Team Members and over 11 Sub-Committees.

If you are interested in the Chair or Co-Chair position, please contact Dianna in the Church Office, 301.733.0144 or diannaplotner@fcchagerstown.org



Please provide us your name, activities you participated in (sports, choir, etc.), any special honors/certificates you're graduating with, plans after High School / College, and what you thank God for, by Friday, May 31st at Noon - diannaplotner@fcchagerstown.org

12th Annual HARC Hike - Hunger & Hope Main Hike - Saturday, June 8th Challenge Hike - Saturday, May 18th

4K (2.5 miles); 10K (6.3 miles); Half Marathon (13 miles)

Sign-Up Today! https://harccoalition.org/hike/

All proceeds benefit Micah's Backpack Program!

How many Baby Bottles can We FILL?

Our 2024 Goal is \$3,000.00!

Help us keep covering the bottoms of children in our community! We help cover the bottoms of over 120 children in Washington County!



Grab a Baby Bottle, fill it with coins from the couch, from the car floor, etc., or bring a box or two of diapers or pull-ups and place them in the Pack-N-Play in the Upper Tower Room

Sunday, March 17th through Sunday, April 28th

Altar Flowers

If you would like to donate flowers on a Sunday Morning in Memory or In Honor of someone, please either sign-up on the Flower Calendar located on the bulletin board outside of the Church Office, or contact Dianna in the Church Office, 301.733.0144.

The cost of the arrangements are: \$70.00 for Altar Pieces and \$60.00 for Pulpit or Lectern Pieces. Please make checks payable to First Christian Church, memo line: Flowers. The Over the Hill Gang will be meeting on Friday, May 17th from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM at the Western Sizzlin' located at 17567 York Road.

Come and see friends, meet new friends, and have lunch.

All are invited to join them!

CHILDREN AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES - DURING WORSHIP

Childcare is available for Birth - Pre-School: Room 02 with Ms. Melanie Fouche

Children who are in 3rd through 5th Grade will have class in Room 202 with Ms. GeorgeAnn and/or Ms. Vickie Children who are in Pre-K (entering Kindergarten in Fall 2021) through 2nd Grade will have class in Room 102 with rotating teachers

Middle and High School Youth 6th - 12th Grade will have class in Room 108 with Mr. Brock Bricker

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Christian Heirs meet in Fellowship Hall at 11:30 AM.

They will be discussing "Animate" and "Making Sense of the Bible."

For more details, please contact Cal or Carolyn Scholl, or join them on Sunday morning. All are welcomed! **The Samaritans** meet in Fellowship Hall at 11:30 AM.

They will begin a study "Bible Stories for Grown Ups," by Pastor Josh Scott.

For more details, please contact David Yohman or Sue Gerberich, or join them on Sunday morning. All are welcomed!

MUSIC PROGRAM REHEARSALS

Young Adult / Adults

Next Sunday Morning (04/28/24)

11:00 AM - 11:30 AM -Disciple Bells - Choir Room

Wednesday Evenings Young Adult / Adults

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM - Brass Ensemble -Music Room

Contact - Matthew Albright - 304.671.6975

Wednesday Evenings Children / Youth

5:00 PM - 5:30 PM - Children's Choir (from Pre-K - 8th Grade) - Sanctuary

5:30 PM - 6:00 PM - Children's Chimes (2nd to 8th Grade) - Choir Room

Wednesday Evenings Young Adult / Adults

7:30 PM - 9:00 PM - Chancel Choir - Sanctuary

Calendar for the Week of Sunday, April 21st - Saturday, April 27th

Sunday	Worship Service Sunday School for Children and Youth - Room 202, R Fellowship Time, Fellowship Hall Adult Sunday School, Fellowship Hall	10:00 AM Room 102, and Room 108 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Monday	TOPS (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly), Fellowship Hall Washington County Consort Rehearsal, Room 102	7:00 AM - 11:30 AM 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Tuesday	Women's Ministry Prayer Partners, Parlor Boy Scout Troop #66, Fellowship Hall Girl Scout Troop #166 Meeting, Room 202	9:30 AM 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Wednesday	, Seniors In Ministry Brownbag Lunch and Games, Library Combined Children/Youth Choir, Music Room Combined Children/Youth Chimes, Music Room WWE Family Dinner, Fellowship Hall WWE Children's Program, Room 102 WWE Adult Bible Program, Library Youth Group, Fellowship Hall Brass Ensemble Rehearsal, Music Room Mother's of Teens (MOT's), Parlor Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Music Room	11:30 AM - 3:30 PM 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM :30 PM - 8:30 PM 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM
Thursday	Meritus Health - Prevent T2 Class, Room 108	10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Friday	Haywood / Gaskey Wedding Rehearsal, Sanctuary	5:00 PM - 5:45 PM
Saturday	Haywood / Gaskey Wedding, Sanctuary Birthday Party - Sakura Riley, Fellowship Hall	3:00 PM - 5:30 PM 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Our tha	PARTICIPATING IN OUR SERVICE THIS MORNING anks to those who make our morning worship a special experience.	
Greeters:	MaryAnn Faulders and Sue Higgins	
Elder:	Jay Koch	
Camera Tech:	Diann Smith	
Security:	Jamie Taylor	
website: www.fcchagerstown.org		