

April Celebrations

Birthdays:

8 - George Kirkpatrick
15 - Debbie Garner
20 - Jim Kendall
21 - Ed Shaw
27 - Jake Smith
28 - Bill Hale
30 - Justin Helman
30 - Buster Johnson

Anniversaries:

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A message from Reverend Michelle Brown is enclosed in this issue.

Pastor Michelle's New Office Hours

Pastor Michelle now has scheduled office hours. She will be available each Thursday afternoon from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Michelle will also do visitations on Sunday afternoons and evenings, or by appointment during the evening on weekdays.

Church Secretary Position

The Trustees of Sixth Street Christian Church are currently taking applications for a part-time secretarial position. For more information, contact Jake Smith at (765) 354-2171.

Time for College Boxes!

Each spring at final exam time, CWF members assemble and send boxes full of "goodies" to sustain our college students through exam weeks. If you have a grand (or great grand) child who is a student, please give their name and address to Jackie Harris.

Christian Women's Fellowship News

CWF will have their regular monthly meeting on **Wednesday, April 3, at 1:00 p.m.**

Christian Women's Conference

The Christian Women's Conference will be held on **Saturday, April 27**, at the Tanglewood Conference Center in Anderson. If you would like to attend or need more information, please contact Jackie Harris by Sunday, April 14.

Family Game Night

Game Night will be **Saturday, April 20, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.** Games, snacks and fun for all ages.

Church Board Meeting

The April meeting of the Sixth Street Church Board will be **Sunday, April 14**, following Coffee Fellowship. Please plan to attend.

Support the Middletown Food Pantry

Please help our church support the Middletown Food Pantry. Your donations of food, household products and money benefit our neighbors who are in need. Please give generously.

"To watch the corn grow, or the blossoms set; to draw hard breath over the plough or spade; to read, to think, to love, to pray, are the things that make men happy."

-John Ruskin 1819 - 1900

**Church Board Meeting
April 14th
After Coffee Fellowship**

*Pastor Michelle's
Bible Study Class
Meets Thursdays at 9:00 a.m.*

Serving in April:

Minister:

Reverend Michelle Brown

Music Directors:

Susan Smith & John Doty

Organist/Pianist:

John Doty

Choir Director:

Susan Smith

Elders:

Jackie Harris - Buster Johnson

Worship Leaders:

7th - Cheryl Tichenor

14th - Jake Smith

21st - Michael Cooper

28th - Jon Dietrich

Diaconate:

*Nancye Scott - _____
_____ - _____*

Communion Prep:

Nancye Scott

Nursery:

Leah & Michael Cooper

*"When Christ, who is our life, shall appear,
then shall ye also appear with him in glory. "*

Colossians 3:4

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



APRIL DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 1st** **April Fool's Day & Fossil Fool's Day**
- 3rd** **CWF April Meeting - 1:00 p.m.**
- 14th** **Palm Sunday**
Church Board Meeting - (Following Coffee Fellowship).
- 18th** **Maundy Thursday**
- 19th** **Good Friday Service – United Methodist Church, 7:00 p.m.**
- 20th** **Sixth Street Family Game Night - 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.**
- 21st** **Easter Sunday – “Praise the God of Resurrection – An Easter Cantata”**
- 27th** **Christian Women's Conference – Anderson.**

Pastor Michelle's Message

Hello my Sixth Street Christian sisters and brothers!

When April begins in Indiana, usually the trees have yet to bud and the sky tends to be overcast at best. It can be a time when winter's end seems not just physically but spiritually far away. It is a time when things are happening beneath the surface that make life possible, but the fact of the matter is that this unseen growth can be hard to believe.

It can be that way in our lives as well. Believing that seasons of darkness will come to an end can be impossible to conceive when you're in the midst of them. I think the disciples felt that very clearly themselves. How could they imagine the crucifixion of Jesus wasn't the end of everything? The day Jesus died and the Sabbath day that followed must have felt like an eternity.

Let's stand with them in their grief while it lasts. We can't ease it; there is nothing we can say to them to relieve their despair. Yet we can be with them; we can wait with them; we can enfold them in love and our sure knowledge that their darkness not only *will* end but *has ended*.

We know, as people of the Christian faith, that the crucifixion was death's last gasp. We know that nothing now or to come will get in the way of God's plan of salvation. No amount of loss or darkness can outlast God's persistent love. Resurrection hasn't just happened; it is happening in every moment. It is happening in us, through us, and for all.

Many blessings,

Michelle