



EASTER HAS COME!

Even with everything going on in the world, in the midst of pandemic crisis, political wrangling, fear of the future, and an economic downturn, the season of Easter still arrived with all of its glory, and we are better for it. It was not like other Easters, but this will be a season that we will never forget, and that makes it special. As a church family, we are now called to spread the word that Christ has risen! One of the ways we can do this is to support the General Church and all the hard work it has done, and not just in the past few weeks. In this spirit, I have shared with you what our General Minister and President, Rev. Terri Horde Owens, wrote about the Easter offering.

“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

Psalm 118:24 NRSV

Across the United States, Canada, and beyond, Disciples are rejoicing in all that the Lord has made. We rejoice with the Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries (Obra Hispana), National Convocation, and North American/Pacific Asian Disciples (NAPAD), who will be holding their biennial gatherings together this summer for the first time.

We rejoice with the growing number of congregations who, with support from Green Chalice and Disciples Home Missions, find new ways to care for all that the Lord has made – developing recycling programs, installing solar panels, planting community gardens, and more.

We rejoice in all the stories and voices preserved by the Disciples of Christ Historical Society, who work every day to document and share our Church’s heritage.

We rejoice that lives are restored through the work done by the National Benevolent Association’s Prison and Jail Ministry. This collaborative group develops and shares resources to help Disciples serve and minister to those currently and formerly incarcerated.

We rejoice in the work Disciples Women do together to combat human trafficking, working together with Global Ministries, to partner with organizations supporting vulnerable communities around the world.

This Easter, we rejoice together as one Church, as the One Body of Christ. We rejoice in all that we accomplish together, and the work God accomplishes through us.

Let us rejoice that the Easter offering, through Disciples Mission Fund, makes this ministry – and so much more – possible. Through the general ministries of our Church, lives are changed and our world is transformed. Will you rejoice with us and give to this special day offering?

This Easter season, let us rejoice in all the ways our wider Church embodies the Spirit of Resurrection, through life-giving ministry. Find more stories from our general ministries and give online at disciplesmissionfund.org.

See *Easter* on following page...

Deadline for the *Journey* is **Thursday, April 16**, at Noon publisher@fcc-hsv.org

3209 Whitesburg Drive, Huntsville, Alabama 35802 Telephone: 256-881-0150 **Office Hours: 9am - 5pm M-F**
Sunday Worship Services: 8:15 & 10:30 a.m. Christian Education for all ages - 9:15 a.m.

...Easter continued.

If you are able, I hope you will remember your church, and our General Ministries, through the Easter Offering. Moreover, let us continue to celebrate the risen Christ, who changes the world, Amen.



APRIL BIRTHDAYS



(Sorry, the birthday list is normally on the calendar of events but there was not a calendar for April.)

- 1 Peyton Patrick
- 2 J.B. Hodge
- 7 Beverly Cannon & Dr. Brian Roberts
- 9 Janie Clasgens, Andrew Herron, Linda Mayne, & Margaret J. Vann
- 10 Gaylia Roberts, Brenda McDowell, & Alice Watson
- 11 Matt Ball, Jennifer Spain, & Terry Sullivan
- 13 James Mason
- 14 David Uptagrafft & McKenzie Williams
- 15 Lynn Burger & Pam Clasgens
- 17 Craven Gibbs, & Michael Smith
- 18 Braly Beutjer
- 20 Christy Clasgens & Karen Coburn
- 21 Janet Sholes & Mark Stiles
- 22 Tricia Hutchinson, Macey Johnson & Mary McMahan Langevin
- 23 Quilla Rice & John Robinson III
- 25 Linda Hooker & Ron (Chip) Volinski, Jr.
- 29 Sarah Brockway & Sue Seward

CHANGE IN OFFICE HOURS

Because of the April 3 "Shelter in Place" order by Governor Ivey, we are no longer maintaining regular office hours at the church. We are working remotely from home but are going by church to collect mail and perform other tasks that cannot be handled remotely. It may be several days before we get back with you if you call and leave a message at the church. Please call us at home or email us for assistance at paul, laura, alyssa, rick, or matt with @fcc-hsv.org for email.

Thank you for your understanding and please be safe.

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Please give generously by noting Easter Special Offering on your check made out to Huntsville First Christian Church or mentioning Easter Special Offering on your PayPal donation.

HOUSE OF HOPE NEEDS OUR HELP

CWM hope you will join us as we financially support House of Hope (Haiti) during April. Through Global Ministries, House of Hope provides a safe place and educational programs for at-risk children in the Port-au-Prince area with a completion rate of 95%. Haiti has been in political turmoil for years and has also been devastated by several hurricanes. Life expectancy average is 63 years and adult illiteracy is over 51%. House of Hope is making a difference and so can we through a donation. Checks can be made to FCC with House of Hope in the memo line. Sponsorship is \$360 per year per child; CWM would love to sponsor two children, as we did last year.

HELP FROM FCC

If you are over 60 and would like to stay home during this virus outbreak you can call the church and ask for help getting groceries and pharmaceutical items brought to your home. We have several volunteers ready to help you so you can stay well. **We are also looking for additional volunteers** to run short errands for groceries or pharmaceuticals for older church members who cannot get out.

Call Lynn Abernathy at 256 655-4114 if you need assistance or wish to volunteer.

WEEKLY PRAYER CONCERNS

Family of Grace Burks
Ann Crockett, mother of Dave Crockett
Delores Edgeton
Charles Gilliland
J. B. Hodge
Linda Hooker
Gail Killough
Stephen McCreary
Ann McNaron
Bobby Moore
Paul Seward, brother of Jeff Seward
Kay Stegall
Family of Sheryl Stiles

FOOD BASKETS

Food basket donations are provided with the Sunday worship responsibilities and activities (serving at the table, communion, coffee, Children Worship & Wonder, AV support, etc.) list in the *Journey* and Sunday bulletins. This list has not been in the *Journey* beginning with March 16. Below are the Sunday food basket donations that have not been listed.

March 22, in honor of Petra Sue Richey.

March 29, in honor of Nancy Waites by Pat Blackman.

April 5, in honor of Matt Ball's birthday by Karen & Stan Ball.

April 12, in memory of Lynne Ursery by Bill & Janet Sholes, and in honor of our Pastors by Margaret J. Vann.

April 19, in honor of Lee Boles.

We are temporarily publishing, as space allows in the printed version of the *Journey*, the prayer concerns that are usually listed in the Sunday bulletins. Concerns are listed for one month unless we receive an update. Long term prayer concerns are published monthly in the *Journey*. Send requests to publisher@fcc-hsv.org or call the church office at 256-881-0150.

Please notify the Pastors or the church office if you are going to the hospital and would like to be contacted



This QR code is linked to the Church's PayPal giving page for your convenience.

We stream on Sundays at 8:15 am and 10:30 am on our Twitch account, <https://www.twitch.tv/fcchsv/videos>. We also post services on our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/First-Christian-Church-DOC-Huntsville-AL-227266764409>, and our YouTube channel, <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCzQCRY8Vfa-IDhuqUnUhCKw>.

