

Friday February 9, 2024

Good Friday Friends,

Once again, I pray that this week is finding all of you in good spirits and ready for Wednesday! Valentine's Day, the beginning of Lent, Ash Wednesday. Check out the news in the updates for a Linten Lectio.



We are so happy for Theresa Spear, her ordination is scheduled February 25, Congratulations!

Please continue your prayers for Paula Holiday and Jan Aerie.

Our next zoom gathering is February 24 that's a Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. from the comfort of your home, work or wherever you would like. If you don't have the Just Women Bible Study Magazine, read the scripture and the questions, and you will be able to join us!

Our next Bible study is brought to us by Rev. Dr. Cristal L. Williams.

Scripture verse is from Numbers chapter 27:1-7 The title is The Daughters of Zelophehad Versus the People. Her questions for consideration:

1. What do you believe is the cost for women speaking out in the 21st century?
2. What would it take for you to be a conduit of change?
3. Is there a gift in this story for you? What is it?
4. Who are the women in your life, church, circle that have used their voices to bring hope, change, and inspiration?
5. What makes you uncomfortable about the story?
6. What does God's redemption look like to you in this story? And in the story of your own life?

Some news from The Weekly Update:

FCC Frankford's Monthly Mission

Led by their Mission Committee, First Christian Church in Frankford focuses on a special mission project every month. In December they collected 5,042 diapers for the Pike County Diaper Bank which distributes the diapers to low-income families.

In January, the congregation collected more than 340 toiletry items for AVENUES in nearby Hannibal. AVENUES is a shelter for domestic and sexual violence victims and provides services in 11 Northeast Missouri counties.

For February they are filling Valentine's Day Boxes of Goodies for their homebound friends and those living in nursing homes!

FCC Troy Donates to Bright Futures

First Christian Church in Troy collected and received funds and articles of children's clothing for Bright Futures, an endeavor of the Lincoln County R-3 School District to assist children who may have clothing and other needs during the school year. Every year, the church collects during the month of January, and this year received \$705 in donations, and several totes filled with brand new leggings, underwear, socks, and other items. Cindy Finley is the Outreach Chair for the church.

Linten Lectio

Associate Regional Ministers David Woodard and Phil Snider are offering a Linten Lectio. Tuesday, February 13, 2024 11:00 AM 12:00 PM

Join us [on Zoom](#) for this online Lenten spiritual journey focusing on **centering, reflection, and prayer**. We're hoping this will be a time to step away from the routines of the week, be with others you don't normally get to see, and engage the Word of God for the people of God. Join us every Wednesday, or only a few as your schedule allows. All are most welcome!

<https://www.mid-america-disciples.org/upcoming-events/2024/2/13/linten-lectio-11>

News from the farm:

Not much going on at the farm. Tim and I made a quick trip to Mexico to visit our daughter and her family this week. We had a lovely time. A good friend of ours watched the farm and our cats, and dogs, and goats, and cows, and chickens. I know they were thankful for his care, and so was I, but they all seemed happy to see us home, and we were happy to see them.

As we turned on our drive, we saw Bartholomew sitting high on top of a bale of hay, and his girls were down below. The cows were resting in the hay we left for them, and the chickens were comfortable in their pen. The cats and dogs were here and there but when they heard our voices they came running. They all seemed to find peace and joy knowing we were there.

It made me think of how we are with God, with Christ. We are comfortable in the care of friends and loved ones, but there is no comparison to the love and care we receive from our Lord.

As we begin our Lenten journey, I pray you find God's love and care.

Blessings,

Pastor Jennifer

Jennifer Long is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Disciples Women

Time: Feb 24, 2024 09:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81653914930?pwd=d0RWRmZHUHpFeVdJcHdqdBByZW03UT09>

Meeting ID: 816 5391 4930

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kcstxuY43y>

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Micah 6:8 Message: Do what is fair and just to your neighbor,

be compassionate and loyal in your love, And don't take yourself too seriously— take God seriously.

C.S. Lewis : "Believe in God like you believe in the sunrise. Not because you can see it, but because you can see all it touches."