

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Youth** are meeting following the 11 a.m. service today and will continue until approximately 3 p.m. Please see Jordan Lardner with any questions or concerns.

**Please consider signing up to host a meal for the youth soon!** A Sign-Up sheet is on the bulletin board, or you can do so digitally with Sign-up Genius QR Code below



Youth  
meal Signup



In-Depth  
Bible Study

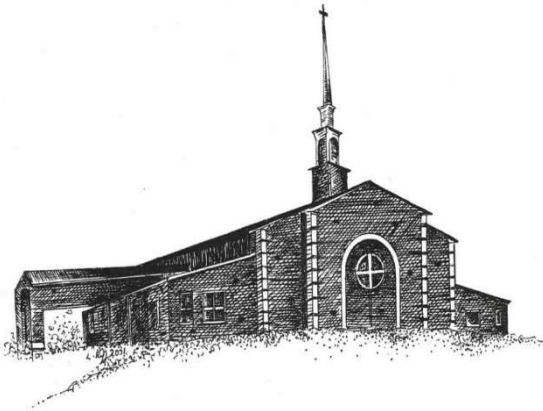
**In-Depth Bible Study** begins on Mondays in February! Pastor Tracy will start with Genesis 1 and walk us through the Bible, digging into the original languages and all the nuances we miss with just cursory readings. If there is enough interest, she will have a day-time study and an evening session. Please let the church office know your intent to join in learning more about these sacred stories. Any interested individuals can be a part of this study. Invite your friends to join you! Register your time preferences with this QR Code above to our survey:

**Jesus and Women Bible Study**, led by Holly Likes, will begin on **January 17<sup>th</sup>** at 9 a.m. in the upstairs parlor and will meet weekly for 7 weeks. See Holly for details!

- Monday: Church office closed, Disciples Women’s Ministry 6 pm
- Tuesday: Nuture 6 pm
- Wednesday: Choir 7 pm
- Friday: CUP Deadline

**PRAYER CONCERNS** Rick Albrink, Lee Barnett, Bill Baskett, Susan Beagle, Amy Bramlette, Bessie Mae Carriss (Tony Carriss’ mother), Dean Cantrill, Jeanie Coleman, Carroll Cunningham, Jim Fegenbush, Lou & Wayne Gunnell, Kay Hall, Henrietta Hardin, Ann Hayes, Emmy Houweling, Tommy Hower, Mike Jeffries, Mark Jessee, MajBritt Johnson, Juanita Jones, Patsy Jung, Kenji Knight, Brenda Lea, Jenny Logsdon, Annie Long, Ida Lyons, Jane Martin, James Mulcahy, Adriane Murphy, Tabitha Parker, David Pilkinton, Larry Roach, Family of Lillian Searcy, Marty Shaver, Ron Simmons, Cheryl Souder, Sandra Tennill, Eloise Terhune, Pam Ward, and Mary Joe Wright. *\*\*Names will remain for 2 weeks, then will be removed unless notified otherwise.*

2025 – 2026 Elders			
<b>A-Bea</b>	<b>Rev. Sally McClain</b>	<b>I-L</b>	<b>Lydia Turner</b>
<b>Beb-Bz</b>	<b>Jesse Gilbert</b>	<b>M-O</b>	<b>Gary Smith</b>
<b>C</b>	<b>Julie Mulcahy</b>	<b>P-R</b>	<b>James Mulcahy</b>
<b>D-G</b>	<b>Sarahbeth Farabee</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>Rev. Dr. Howard Griffith</b>
<b>H</b>	<b>Jeff Manning</b>	<b>T-Z</b>	<b>Diane Bland</b>



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**Mission Statement**

*We are Christians committed to reaching the unchurched and challenging the faithful in the loving service of Jesus Christ.*

**January 18, 2026**

**Worship Service 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.**  
**Sunday School 10 a.m.**

**Rev. Tracy Parker**, Interim Senior Minister  
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**Sharon Lee**, Music Accompanist

Sunday Worship Service

Welcome, Announcements	Elizabeth Huling	
Prelude	Sharon Lee	
Call to Worship	Elizabeth Huling	
Hymn of Praise	“Lift Every Voice and Sing”	**CH #631 vs. 1,2
Joys and Concerns	Elizabeth Huling	
Morning Prayer	(11 am) Jeff Manning	
Special Music	Sarahbeth Farabee and Denise King	
	“It Only Takes a Spark” by Kurt Kaiser	
Scripture	Luke 16:19-31 (NRSV)	
Message	Rev. Dr. Howard Griffith	
	“How I Lost My Innocence — A Personal Journey!”	
Song of Invitation	“Lift Every Voice and Sing”	**CH #631 vs. 3
Stewardship Meditation	Rev. Dr. Howard Griffith	
Doxology (Please Stand)	**CH #47 vs. 1	
Communion Hymn (11 am only)	**CH #628 vs. 1	
	“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”	
Communion Meditation		
Communion Prayer	(11 am) Diane Bland	
Lord’s Prayer	(11 am) Jeff Manning	
Communion		
Benediction Song (11 am only)	**CH # 434 vs. 1	
	“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”	

Please Note

Our 11 a.m., and some special services, are broadcast live and recorded. By entering the sanctuary, you consent to your image and voice being captured. If you prefer to not appear on camera as a closeup, please sit in the designated non-filming area against the back wall (wide shots are sometimes often used in the video). Let us know in advance if you have special concerns and we will make every attempt to accommodate you.

**OBSERVING COMMUNION**

Communion is central to worship in Disciples churches. As part of our communion service, we observe an open table, inviting everyone to partake of the communion elements with us. The bread and the cup are taken in unison following the words of institution.

**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. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR THE BREAD**

“This is my body, which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION FOR THE CUP**

“This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

**Ways to Give:**

**In-Person:** Place offerings in the plate or donation box at the sanctuary entrance. Envelopes are available for cash donations (please include your name and address).

**Electronic Options:**

**Zelle:** shelbyvillekyfcc@gmail.com

**Website:** Click "More" → "Donate"

**Vanco Mobile App:** Create a profile to set your gift amount, frequency and preferred fund (general operations, building reserve or designated offerings).

**Thank you for your generosity!**

## Call to Worship

Leader: Once we thought the world was simple—that suffering was distant, and choices were easy.

**People: But we have learned the world is broken, and we are part of it.**

Leader: We have passed by gates we did not notice and needs we did not name.

**People: We have lost our innocence and discovered our responsibility.**

Leader: Yet God does not abandon us to guilt or regret. God calls us to open our eyes and our hearts.

**People: To see the ones at our doorstep, to hear the voices we once ignored.**

Leader: Today we gather not as the righteous, but as the awakened.

**People: Ready to listen, ready to repent, ready to be changed.**

Leader: Come, worship the God who speaks through Moses and the prophets, through mercy and justice, through Christ who bridges every divide.

**People: We come to worship—to lose what blinds us, and to find the life God offers all.**

## Our Hymn of Praise

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

This stirring hymn was written by the Rosamond brothers in 1921 and has since become known as the African-American “national anthem”. It is a hymn of freedom, struggle, and remembrances of past sufferings with a call to vigilant and faithful living in these present days.

This question comes to mind. Can we, as a predominantly white congregation, sing this song? Yes- we can! Because we are called as Disciples of Christ to:

“Join with all disciples to live the Word indeed, to share the cup of water and bread with all in need, to work till God’s compassion and righteousness prevail, till all this planet’s people know justice without fail!”

- from “We Call Ourselves Disciples” Hymn number 357, verse 3, in the Chalice Hymnal.

That hymn can preach! I challenge you to read the words of all the verses. They stir my heart and my vision of the church and its mission on earth is sharpened and brightened by these words. I could not sing it last Sunday without praising God.

May today’s hymns minister to your soul. May you be inspired to praise and to service by their commanding lyrics. May you be comforted and reassured by their poetry and beautiful melodies.

Elizabeth Huling  
Director of Music