*MARCH 2023*

 Community Congregational Christian Church Newletter

Bulletin Board

**CHURCH WEBSITE** information:

You can visit our website anytime to hear the audio of the latest sermon, to view announcements, to read our newsletter and more interesting things about what’s going on.

[www.citrusspingscongregational.org/](http://www.citrusspingscongregational.org/)

**OUR MUSIC MINISTRY…**

The choir rehearses on Friday mornings at 11am. If you like to sing and want to lend your voice please see Carol Baadte, choir director. We also welcome special music if you would like to share your voice in song or music.

**ON THE RADIO…**

Local radio for uplifting music, bible studies, talk radio and music from a Christian perspective:

91.1 FM Moody Radio

90.9 FM THE JOY FM

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**Community Congregational**

**Christian Church**: 352-489-1260

**Mayflower Messenger**

**Pastor’s Ponderings…**

Dear Congregation,

If Florida had a month, it would be March.  March is the month most notably recognized for Spring Breakers.  It is a time when people flock to our beaches and amusement parks as they flee the on-going effects of winter up north.  Even snowbirders can sit back and enjoy another month in the sun before thinking about their trip back.  March, in Florida, is just plain good living.  In the church, it is the month that we celebrate Lent.  The word Lent comes from the Latin word for lengthen because the days get longer during the season of Lent.  I like that analogy better than what is usually associated with Lent.  It is a time when we continue to let more sunshine (Sonshine), more light (Light), into our lives.  As a church, we are certainly blessed.  During the month of March, we enjoy the presence of those who are only with us part of the year.  It is so good to see them.  If you get a chance to visit the Chapel In The Pines, you will see it is ready for St. Patrick's Day all decked out in green.  The committee that is working on the new sign continues to make progress.  The Bible Study is still working away on Wednesday mornings in the book of Genesis.  All things considered, we are doing well with Lent.  We are letting more’ Light’ in and I hope you are doing the same in your life too.

God's peace,

 Pastor Brian

WHAT’S HAPPENING THIS MONTH…

March 11th**: The Women’s Fellowship** will have a Fashion Show here in the fellowship hall with a luncheon. This fundraiser event will feature several of our members modeling clothing from the Wisteria Boutique located in Hernando. This is a sold-out event every year!

**ONLINE GIVING IS NOW AVAILABLE…**

Online giving is now available from our web site at <https://www.citrusspringscongregational.org/> and clicking on "Online Giving".  You will need to create a login, wait for approvals, and then you can setup your payments.  You can either do this manually every week, month, whatever your frequency is, or you can set it up to automatically send us payments.  You can use a credit card or have withdrawals made from your checking account.  If you would like step-by-step instructions on how to accomplish this, they are available in the Narthex.  If you have any questions, please see Mary Prenaveau.

EVERY WEDNESDAY…

Bible study group meets in the fellowship hall at 10 am with Pastor Brian.

… EVERY FRIDAY

The choir meets in the sanctuary at 11 am to rehearse. If you have interest in joining, please see Carol Baadte.

**VFW MENU:**

March 3rd: Chopped Sirloin

March 10th: Fish Fry

March 17th: St. Patrick’s Day Special Dinner $20

March 24th: Pot Roast

March 31st: Friend Shrimp

Dinner meals are 5pm-6:30

Brunch on Sunday: 5th & 19th

**March Birthdays:**

3rd: Nancy Banta

9th: David Felt

17th: Jeff Wright

22nd: Patricia Robinson

29th: Marvin Chapman

31st: Robert ‘Slim’ Owen

**SPECIAL MEETINGS:**

Deacon’s: 3/9/23 @ 10am

Trustees: 3/13/23 @ 10am

 MARCH 2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

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|  Sun |  | Mon |  | Tue |  | Wed |  | Thu |  | Fri |  | Sat |
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|  5Worship 10amVFW Brunch |  |  6 |  | 7 |  | 8Bible study 10am  |  | 9Deacons meeting 10am |  | 10Choir Reh 11amVFW: Fish fry  |  |  11Women’s Fellowship Fashion show |
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|  12Worship 10am |  | 13Trustees meeting 10am |  | 14 |  | 15Bible study 10am |  | 16 |  | 17Choir Reh 11amVFW: St Patrick’s |  | 18 |
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| 19Worship 10amVFW Brunch |  | 20 |  | 21 |  |  22 Bible Study 10am  |  | 23Women’s Fellowship 12:30 |  | 24Choir Reh 11amVFW: Pot Roast |  | 25 |
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| 26Worship 10am |  | 27 |  | 28 |  | 29Bible Study |  | 30 |  | 31Choir Reh 11amVFW: Fried Shrimp |  | 1 |
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THE WOMENS FELLOWSHIP FASHION SHOW

 mARCH 11TH AT 12PM….

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 oUR MEMBERS MODELING:

 Carol Baadte…sandy eblen…linda messenger…vera murphy…phyliss powell…

 claire snyder…susi taylor

CHURCH FINANCES:

Year to date church finances as of 02/20/2023:

Income: $20,462.80

Expenses: $19,683.43

DONATIONS by th**e church:**

$100 to ‘Our Daily Bread Ministries

$150 to ‘The path of citrus county’

The Deacon’s Corner…

Its hard to believe that we are already into March of this new year. If you have not been to the memorial garden recently, please take a few minutes to visit it. There is a lot of green there this month. Our choir is getting ready for our Easter season and we will be doing some special music. The goal of the Deacons is to do God’s will for this wonderful church family. If you have any concerns at all please see us and as always,we are here for you.

God bless you all, Carol Baadte