

# The Peoria Christian



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Current Sermon Series

JAMES

## Living Faith

This Sunday ~ April 14, 2024

Rev Petie McClean, preaching  
Scripture - James 2:8, 18-24

Jubilate Ringers  
"Hallelujah! What a Savior!"  
arr Lloyd Larson

My friends,

This Sunday, April 14, we will welcome Rev. Petie McLean as our guest preacher. Petie is a retired pastor who served several Disciples churches in Kentucky. She also will be the speaker at the CCIW Disciples Women's Retreat that is being held here at First Christian on Saturday, April 13. During worship on Sunday, she will continue our series on the book of James by preaching on James 2:8,18-24 with a message entitled Love...Faith...Works. I know that you will enjoy hearing Petie, and I look forward to seeing you as well.

God bless, Hank



## Serving

Presiding Elder	Mike Buckley
Table Elders	Sandy Surface Steve West
Deacons	
Chancel Head	Joe Rex Tim Dougherty Dana Powers Laura Buckley Lorie Mansfield
Lay Reader	Kate Speilman
Acolyte	Natalie Woods
Greeters	Carney Lewis <b>NEEDED</b>
Counters	Mike & Laura Buckley

## Prayer Requests

- Middle East & Ukraine - pray for peace
- Beth Reynolds - Brian fell off the ladder, prayers for healing
- Kevin Wolfe - cousin Becky for her lung resection
- Tim Dougherty - Jan, struggling with grief
- Gouldens - big thank you for all the love shown
- Randy Williams - ablation happening Thursday
- Kate Spielman - uncle in nursing home
- Jane Davis - husband, James, passed one year ago



# CHURCH LIFE



## Potluck

April 28th we will have our monthly Potluck following the Worship Service. Sign up at the information desk or online if you can help with Prep and Cleanup. Bring your own tableware to help reduce waste!



## Brown-Bag -It Lunch & Games:

At First Christian Church Pekin, April 18 at 12 p.m. Bring a sack lunch and join us for a fun afternoon! A variety of table games will be available. You may also bring your own favorite games and snacks to share, if you wish. Invite your friends and join the fun!



## Disciple Women

We will meet on May 14th at noon. Susie Ryan will once again join us to complete our ceramic mugs. Bring a lunch! Sign up at the information desk or online.



## Sunday Morning Study

Frank Wheeler will lead the class for the first two Sundays in April on "Paul's Ministry in Corinth."

We will look at the historical, cultural, and religious background for Paul's ministry with the church(es) in Corinth.



## Bible Study

Wednesday morning Bible Study at 10:30 a.m. We will continue working through the book of Mark.



## February Giving

Disciples Mission Fund - \$1258.25  
Jolt Harm Reduction - \$200



## Food Pantry

In April, items donated will be going to St Thomas School. Any non-perishable items are much needed, thank you!

## Creation Care Tip



Eat a plant-based meal or meals with ingredients from local farms.

## SAVE YOUR BOOKS!

Christian Education is looking for used books for a Book Fair they are holding on June 30th, Potluck Sunday. Novels, self-help, devotionals, etc. Books can be brought to the church beginning May 1st. A freewill donation will be taken and this money will go to Look It's My Book. Please save your books for us!



## A NOISY OFFERING

On Sunday, May 19, we will be collecting a noisy offering during worship for Disciple Women's Heifer Bee Project. We will then add it to what has already been raised and send it to Heifer. Bees are critical to our planet and this money will be used to help folks overseas get bees and hives so they can enrich their families and communities. Please save your change and be ready to give to the noisy offering!



# CALENDAR

## This Week

Tues	4/9	6pm	PACC
Wed	4/10	10:30am	Bible Study
Sat	4/13	7am	Private Group
		9am	Regional Disciples
			Women Event
		10:30am	MLT Meeting
Sun	4/14	9am	Adult Studies
		10:30am	Worship
		12:30pm	Jubilate Ringers
		1pm	Sanctuary Choir
		7pm	Private Group
Mon	4/15	7pm	Administrative Board
Tues	4/16	6pm	PACC

## Birthdays

Barb Turner	4/16
Monica Hinrichs	4/17
John Goulden	4/20



## Upcoming

### Tasting Peoria - Jalapenos April 18th @ 6pm

Located in the Metro Center, this Peoria staple serves up delicious Mexican fare and some of the best service in town.



### Movie Night - Moonstruck April 26th @ 7pm

No sooner does Italian-American widow Loretta accept a marriage proposal from her doltish boyfriend, Johnny, than she finds herself falling for his younger brother, Ronny. She tries to resist, but Ronny lost his hand in an accident he



blames on his brother, and has no scruples about aggressively pursuing her while Johnny is out of the country. As Loretta falls deeper in love, she comes to learn that she's not the only one in her family with a secret romance.

### Book Club - Prodigal Summer April 30th @ 6pm

We will be meeting on April 30th at the home of Sandy Surface: 643 Micken Parkway, Washington at 6 p.m. The book will be "Prodigal Summer" by Barbara Kingsolver it is a stunning novel that



weaves together the lives of three unforgettable characters, all connected by their deep love for the natural world. Set in the lush mountains of southern Appalachia, this book delves into themes of love, loss, and the intricate web of life. Snacks and refreshments provided. Sign up at the information desk or online.



## Stewardship

"We are not owners; we are stewards of God's blessings. Let our stewardship reflect gratitude and responsibility."

- Discipleship Reflections

# DISCIPLE WOMEN



## **THE SPRING GATHERING: TIES THAT BIND Saturday, April 13, 2024 9am-4pm First Christian Church, Peoria Registration deadline- March 22 If mailing, mail by March 19.**

For generations, women have gathered in sewing circles and created both practical and beautiful works of art by piecing together small pieces of fabric. The quilts have warmed babies and provided comfort on cold winter nights. They provided a map for those seeking freedom from slavery.

This year at the CCIW Disciple Women's Spring Gathering we will consider quilting as a metaphor for the spiritual life. In the morning we will consider the history of quilting and how quilting helps build community and provides a powerful countercultural message of hope. In the afternoon, we will work together to cut, piece and sew quilts that will be donated to the Linus Project in Central Illinois.

\*\*No experience with sewing or quilting is necessary. All skill levels can participate. We will need folks to cut and iron and other jobs that will help to create the blankets.\*\* Our keynoter is Petie McLean, a retired Disciple Minister, who has quilted for much of her life. She has led the Kentucky Region's quilt retreat for many years.

Lunch will be provided as well as pastries in the morning and cookies in the afternoon. The day will conclude with the dedication of the Blessing Box Offering and worship that includes communion.

You won't want to miss this!! Please register online. The cost of the event is \$60. And each person is asked to bring 1 yard of cotton or cotton flannel fabric with a children's theme in green, yellow or purple.

**First Christian Church is looking for help with morning-of setup. This event starts at 9am. Help needs to be here by 8am. We will also need help setting up the lunch and afternoon snacks. If you are able to help please reach out to Linda Williams at 309-648-8677**