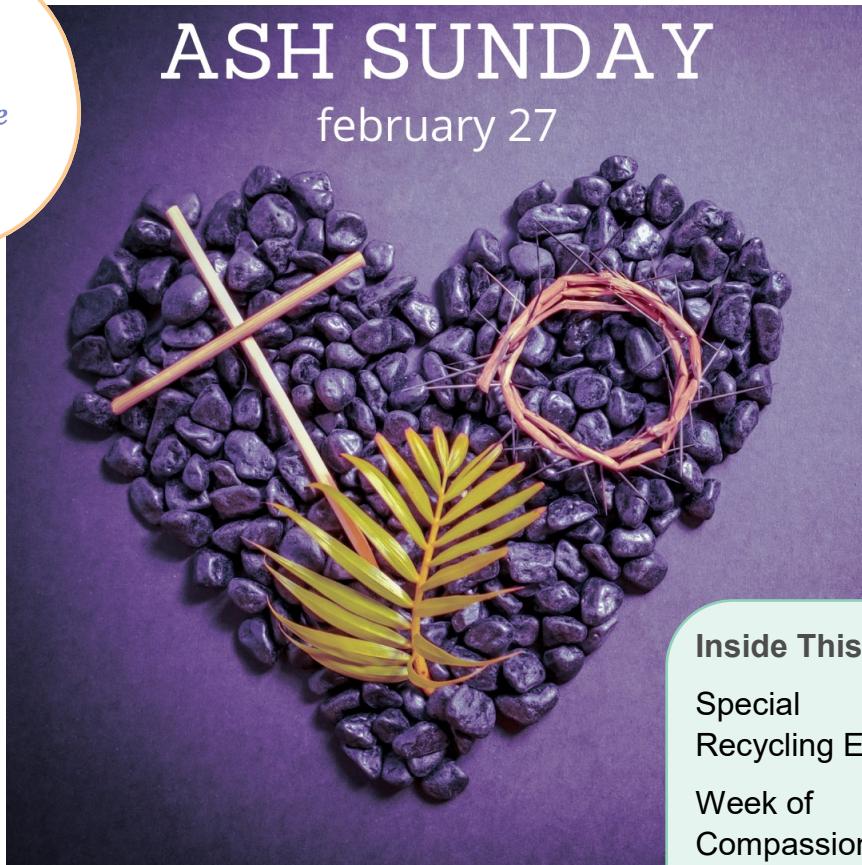


Weekly Newsletter

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Keep reading to find
unique suggestions
for how to celebrate
Lent this year!



FROM THE PASTOR

We will observe Ash Sunday, this Sunday February 27th. We will do the things traditionally associated with Ash Wednesday, including confession, repentance, assurance of grace, imposition of ashes and communion.

Ash Wednesday is a good time to fast. Observing Ash Wednesday on Sunday morning will make it easier to fast before the service.

-Pastor T

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As a reminder, Hilde will be taking items that Rumpke typically will not recycle and delivering them to the Cincinnati Recycling and Reuse Hub for us. Thank you, Hilde, for taking on this work!

In case you need it, here is a list of items you can bring into the church—dry and clean—to be recycled:

- ⇒ Straws
- ⇒ Styrofoam, including cups
- ⇒ Lids from paper coffee cups
- ⇒ Party cups (for example: solo cups)
- ⇒ Old pens and markers
- ⇒ Plastic tags and twist ties
- ⇒ Batteries
- ⇒ Coffee bags
- ⇒ Produce nets



SPECIAL RECYLING EVENT



We will be collecting donations for the Week of Compassion giving campaign from February 20th through February 27th. Week of Compassion is the relief, refugee, and development fund of the Disciples of Christ.

When you give, you help rebuild communities recovering from disaster. You also empower farmers to grow new kinds of crops in a changing climate; you support refugees; you empower youth through education, and empower women through vocational opportunities. In so many different ways, your gifts of love have the power to transform lives.

Some ways donations can be made are [online](#) via [Givelify](#) with the message “WoC”, or a check with the memo “WoC”, or via text following the graphic above.

Love is a shelter. Love is a listening ear. Love is community. Love is a hopeful future. Love is a path forward. When all else seems lost, love remains.

**Love
remains**

**Week of
Compassion**

**Special Offering
FEBRUARY 20-27**



WEEK OF COMPASSION



We lift up these names to God, in hopes that their needs will be met:

- ◆ The Unkraut Family
- ◆ Tim & Sandy Taylor
- ◆ The Baldridge Family
- ◆ Sharon & Melinda Simonds

- ◆ Dottie Wilke
- ◆ Barb Lee
- ◆ Paul Stevenson
- ◆ Debra Zeis
- ◆ Family & Friends of John Huff
- ◆ Yuri Schottenstein

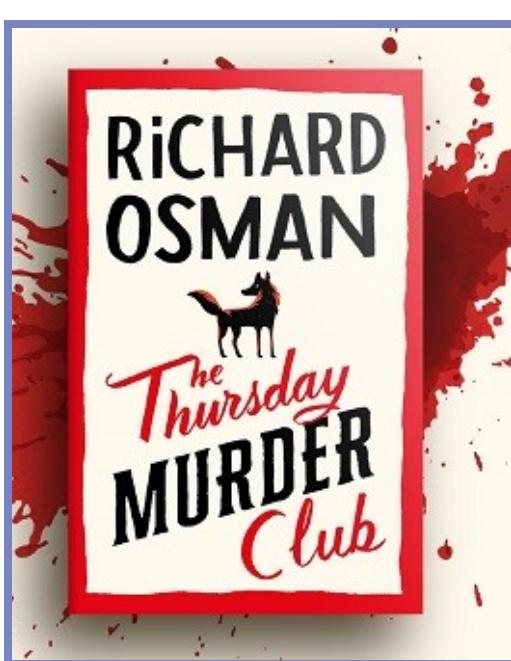
PRAYER LIST

AUDIO/VISUAL HELP NEEDED!

Our audio/visual team is looking to expand!

Recently, one of our A/V team members has notified our team that they are no longer able to be working upstairs to help run the service. We are now looking for additional volunteers to train so we can be sure to have help whenever it is needed!

If you are interested in learning what it takes to be part of our audio/visual team, please contact Richard Addison or Alex Gallenstein, or reach out to the church office for more information.



BOOK CLUB UPDATE

Thank you to all who attended themselves and participated in our recent Murder Club. Then, when a book club discussion of "This local developer is found dead Tender Land" by William Kent with a mysterious photograph left next to the body, the club suddenly find themselves in the middle of their first live case! Pick up this book and find out if they are able to catch the killer — before it's too late!

The group has chosen their next book and would like to invite YOU to join in the fun!

The next book up for discussion will be "The Thursday Murder Club" by Richard Osman, in which four unlikely friends meet in their retirement village to discuss unsolved crimes, calling

The book club will be meeting April 3rd at 2:00 pm over Zoom. [Contact the church office](#) if you'd like more information or need help getting a copy.

HOW TO: LENT

I know it is often a Christian's tradition to give up something for Lent, like chocolate. Lent is not just about giving up chocolate; Lent is about making more room for God to be present in your life and work in and through you. Here are some possibilities of practices that you may take on to open yourself to the movement and indwelling of the Spirit:



1. **Forty Items in Forty Days** – Each day of Lent, remove one item from your closet or home that you no longer wear or need and put it in a trash bag. At the end of the forty days, donate these items to a place that can share them with someone who will use them. As with the next practice, making space in your home makes space for the Holy Spirit.
2. **Forty Bags in Forty Days** – Each day of Lent, try to fill up a bag (plastic shopping bag or trash bag) with stuff you'll trash, donate, recycle or repurpose. Divide your home into 40 spaces (i.e. a closet = 1 space, a drawer = 1 space, a cupboard = 1 space, a shelf = 1 space). Go through one space everyday and remove things from that space that you no longer need. Trash and recycle as you go; donate and repurpose items at the end of the forty days. The book *Life Changing Magic of Tidying Up* by Marie Kondo or the Netflix series *Tidying Up* based on the book may help you with this process.
3. **Carbon Fast** - A “[Carbon Fast](#)” is a way for individuals and communities to engage in a conscientious and earth-honoring spiritual practice. Review the ideas on the [Lenten Carbon Fast Calendar](#) and [Carbon Fast Report Form](#). Reflect, pray, and decide which carbon emitting behaviors you would like to reduce or eliminate during Lent or choose to simply follow the Carbon Fast Calendar as best you are able.
4. **Forty Acts of Faith in Deed Devotion** - [Sign up for a challenge](#) to do 40 acts of generosity this Lent to impact your community. This challenge asks the questions: What if Lent could be about more than just giving stuff up? What if it could be a time of radical generosity as well as spiritual discipline?
5. **Christ Walk: A 40-day Spiritual Fitness Program** – [This book](#) claims to combine physical fitness and spiritual practice. “*Christ Walk* outlines a 40-day program for individuals and groups to focus on improving physical health while engaging in spiritual and mental reflection and growth.”
6. **Lenten Photo A Day Devotional Challenge** – Try this new [Lenten Devotional](#) from St. John's Lutheran Church in Bloomington, IL! Created for both families to use together or for folks to use individually, each day's devotional will have a theme word to focus on. Considering that word and what it means devotionally; as you go throughout your day and see something that reminds you of that word or evokes a response, snap a picture! Your photos can be shared to your favorite social media, blogged about, documented in a diary/journal, or you can even create a Lenten scrapbook!



All are welcome to join the new Thriving Together workshop series starting in March!

The workshop, led by Dr. Jerry Sumney, is titled "Strengthening Our Churches by Working Together" and is ideal for Pastors and Faith

Formation Leaders of any age! Join to discuss how to make the most of our Bible study classes and preaching by studying together and formulate a coordinated message for

lesson plans and sermons alike. The hope is that this will serve to help teachers and pastors work together in similar ways in their congregation.

Dr. Jerry L. Sumney earned his Ph.D. at Southern Methodist University and has been teaching since 1986. He is an Elder and Sunday School teacher at Central Christian Church in Lexington, KY.

The workshop will be held on March 10th from 7:30 PM—9:00 PM EST. Interested parties should register for the workshop [online](#). Registration is free.

[Contact the church office](#) if you have any other questions or have difficulty registering.



THRIVING TOGETHER WORKSHOP SERIES



TORNADO RECOVERY

Saturday, March 5
10:00 a.m. Central
First Christian Church of Princeton
510 Hopkinsville St.

Help us turn our church into a mission site for **Operation Recovery**. We will have jobs for everyone as we build beds and clear rooms to prepare dorm spaces in our church building for hosting long-term recovery groups for our community in partnership with Crossroads Mission.

fccprinceton.org

I know that many of you have been waiting for a chance to help with tornado recovery efforts so I wanted to let you know about a couple of opportunities for volunteers in the West Area.

- The Fuller Center has a [long-term recovery site](#) being hosted by First Christian Church in Madisonville.
- First Christian Church in Princeton (510 Hopkinsville St.) is hosting a work day on **Saturday, March 5** to prepare their church building to be a long-term tornado mission site. They need our help to make this possible. They will be cleaning out Sunday School rooms and building beds.
- First Christian Church is also hosting volunteer groups and individuals every Thursday to help their community and area with tornado recovery. Watch [their Facebook page](#) for the jobs they'll be tackling in their tornado recovery efforts (they will announce the list on the Tuesday prior). Contact Rev. Dr. Jonathan Webster, if you have questions.

TORNADO RECOVERY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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firstonfifthcc@gmail.com



Visit our website

<https://firstchristiancovington.org>

RECURRING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	EVENT DETAILS
Every Sunday 10:45 AM	Morning Worship	Join us in-person or from home during our live-stream!
Every Tuesday 2:00 PM	Bible Study	The women of FCC meet every Tuesday via Zoom for a weekly prayer and Bible study session. Please contact the church office for the Zoom link.
Every Saturday 5:00 PM	Community Dinner	We prepare and serve a community dinner every Saturday and are always looking for volunteers! Contact Sheri Jackson at (859) 240-7817 to get involved.

UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	EVENT DETAILS
Sunday, 02/27/22 10:45 AM	Ash Sunday	In order to make our services more accessible, we are having our ash service on Sunday instead of Wednesday night. If you are unable to make it and would like ashes delivered to your home, contact the church office .
Sunday, 02/27/22 2:00 PM	Elder's Meeting	The Elders will meet via Zoom for their monthly discussion. A link will be sent via email the day before.