

Weekly Newsletter



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PRAYER LIST

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

- ◆ The Unkraut Family
- ◆ Debra Zeis
- ◆ Diane Feiler
- ◆ Harper
- ◆ Kathy Lybrook & Family
- ◆ Hunter Hollingsworth
- ◆ Sharon Simonds
- ◆ Pauline Hurst
- ◆ Margie Blackburn
- ◆ Lonnie Kidd
- ◆ Gail Vaught
- ◆ Family & Friends of Bob Elkins

Since February 24 2022, more than 5 million people have fled Ukraine.

More than 7 million are internally displaced (having fled their homes, but remain within the country).

The United Nations High Commissioner on Refugees (UNHCR) has declared a 'level 3' emergency in Ukraine - the highest level they have - and level 2 in the surrounding nations that are rendering aid.

The refugee and displacement crisis continues to affect predominantly women, children, and the elderly.

From the beginning, Week of Compassion has been engaged with ecumenical partners to do the work of alleviating suffering. On behalf of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), we serve together - individuals, congregations, denominational colleagues, and ecumenical partners - to not only envision but work for a world where God's people transform suffering into hope.

Week of Compassion is responding through partners to support Ukrainians all along their arduous journey - welcoming and hosting refugees as they flee, getting them safely to where they need to be, and preparing to provide trauma care as they rebuild their lives.

As refugees flee to bordering countries, our partner International Orthodox Christian Charities (IOCC) is working in Eastern Europe, busy with evacuations, transporting people from border areas to safe accommodation, offering humanitarian distributions, and establishing online learning centers for refugee children to continue their education remotely. As of last week, nearly 4 million refugees have entered Poland and Romania.

With their significant expertise in the area, IOCC is preparing their first trainings for next month, ready to implement a spiritual and emotional counseling program, as one way to address the

immense and often well-hidden wounds embedded in this cycle of conflict, escape, and resettlement.

That escape is reaching further into Europe as well. As Greece receives thousands of refugees, Perichoresis, a ministry of the Evangelical Church of Greece, a partner through Global Ministries, is working to provide family apartments, including utilities and food supplies, plus medical care, language lessons, and job skills and vocational training. In addition, they are extending support for children and families with group meetings and individual case assessments, to be sure each family's needs are known and cared for.

As the situation unfolds and many refugees are able to flee, many congregations across the country have reached out to Week of Compassion to prepare for receiving refugees in the near future. You can [contact Week of Compassion](#) anytime to prepare your congregation and community to welcome refugees, and to care for those already awaiting assistance.

In every place and every way possible, countless partnerships are nurtured to offer hope and healing into the lives of the world's most vulnerable, and Week of Compassion is grateful to serve, in the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of the whole church.



UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT NAME	EVENT DETAILS
Saturday, 04/30/22	KY Disciples' Women 2022 Spring Retreat	FCC will be hosting a viewing in our church of the live-stream as we gather together with refreshments and conversation! The conference will have worship, music, Bible study, prayer, workshops, and more! Or join from home from the KY DOC Facebook page.
Sunday, 05/01/22	FCC Book Club	This month's book selection is "The Great Alone" by Kristin Hannah. Contact the church office if you need help getting a copy to read or if you'd like the link to the Zoom call.
Thurs-Sat, 11/03-11/05	Regional Assembly 2022	The Regional Church of Kentucky will gather in Georgetown this fall. The Assembly team is planning for a feast of workshops, fellowship, worship, and prayer. They are also preparing a digital assembly experience for those who cannot make it to Georgetown.

RECURRING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT NAME	EVENT DETAILS
Sundays 10:45 AM	Morning Worship	Join us in-person or from home during our live-stream!
Tuesdays 2:00 PM	Women's Bible Study	Join the weekly Zoom call for a prayer and Bible study session! Please contact the church office for the Zoom link if interested.
Saturdays 5:00 PM	Community Dinner	We prepare and serve a community dinner every Saturday and are always looking for volunteers! Contact Sheri Jackson to get involved.

EASTER SEASON SERMON SERIES

Happy Easter!

Like The 12 Days of Christmas is a season beginning Christmas Day, Easter is a season that is the 40 days from Easter to Pentecost. During the Easter season, we remember the times the Risen Christ appeared to His Disciples.

Below are the Scriptures and dates for the Easter season sermon series. The collage of items on the cross on the altar are symbols of the stories we will hear during the Easter season.

I look forward to celebrating the Easter season with you and remembering the grace of Christ's resurrection appearances to His Disciples and the message of hope and love we read in those stories.

- April 24th / John 20:11-18
- May 1st / John 20:19-23
- May 8th / John 20: 24-29

- May 15th / John 21:1-14
- May 22nd / John 21:15-19
- May 29th, 2022 / Acts 1:1-11

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