



Holy Week

Stations of Remembrance

Apr. 14-17: 10 am-1pm & 3-6 pm

Our Journey of Remembering continues during Holy Week as we invite our church community and the wider community beyond to join us in experiencing and rediscovering "the you that was never lost" with Stations of Remembrance.

We will have seven stations located throughout the main floor with inspirational decorations, messages, and activities to lead you through your personal meditation journey at your own pace during the set times Monday through Thursday during Holy Week. Pick up a map to begin your experience and take your time going through each station. Stations include:

1. Pause, finding the sacred stillness
2. Receive, tuning into the station that is you
3. Afraid, questioning everything
4. Who's that, recognizing your transformation
5. Bridging, bringing the sacred to the secular
6. Release, merging what was with what is
7. Resurrection, remembering the fullest expression of you

Experience this journey of remembering and rediscover the you that was never lost.

**Invite your
neighborhood!**

*Pick up your
Easter
yard sign
Today!*

**start your
journey
with us**

*Holy Week:
Stations of Remembrance
Apr 14-17
10 am-1pm & 3-6 pm*

*Easter Sunday Breakfast
Apr 20 8:30 am*

*Easter Sunday Celebration
Apr 20 10:30 am*

Welcome Home



FCC
MARYVILLE, MO
You belong here.

Sunday Mornings

Last Supper Leftovers
Sunday School Class
9 a.m. Room 106

Children's Sunday School
(K-4th Grade)

Youth Sunday School
(5th - 12th)
9 a.m. - 10 a.m.
Downstairs

10:30 a.m.
Service in the Sanctuary

Monthly Worship Attendance

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Keeping in touch with our church families

Our Community Prayer List...

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Maddie Kauffman
Emily McLain
Sue & John Schenkel
Karla Parman

Linda Davison
Kathy Jackson
Jody T.
Steve & Heather F.
Joyce Davison



2025 Dates and Hostesses

Circle of Joy, our Women's Fellowship group,
Meets on the first Monday of the month
At 1:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
unless otherwise noted

Please contact hostesses to RSVP

Apr. 7	Linda Baker	Aug. 4	Karen Brown
May 5	Donna Rickman	Sep. 1	Carol Peters
Jun. 2	Betty Praiswater	Oct. 6	
Jul. 7	Lenda Kling	Nov. 3	
		Dec. 1	

Sign up to be a hostess for 2025

Call or email today!

Our Staff

Gina Johnson
Senior Pastor

Anita Dew
Organist

Virginia Ripple
Office Administrator

Pat Immel
Technical Director

Deena Poynter
Music Director

Peggy Dowis
Custodian

Pastor's Pen

A message from my heart to yours



I'll be honest. I haven't always enjoyed asking questions. There was a time when questions made me uncomfortable because I felt like I was displaying ignorance or lack of trust in an area where I should be stronger. I also felt vulnerable with some of the fears I had that would lead to the questioning. Then I never liked being asked something that my own jury was still out on because then I felt pressured. But, I have grown and something beautiful called curiosity and trust has been stronger as I continue in my unfolding journey of me.

I'm learning to love the questions. Not because I always find answers right away, but because I've come to trust that the answers are already present. They don't come from striving or stressing. They come from tuning in. They come when I am willing to ask with sincerity and trusting expectancy. Curiosity is my comforting friend and helped me see that no matter the situation, it's okay to be unsure, curious, or afraid so then the sacred call of questioning invites me into something deeper. And it humbles me as well as opens me to receive what has been there all along.

I'm discovering that the more I ask, the more I receive. Not always what I expected, but always what I needed. This past few years of my journey has reminded me that asking questions is not a lack of faith, it's trust at its finest. It's also learning and it's helping us enhance our levels of awareness. It says, I am open, listening, and peacefully ready to see what's next in this amazing journey for me. In this season of unfolding and resurrection, I am beginning to see that every honest question brings me closer to the highest version of myself.

So homework time...what questions are stirring in you? What have you been afraid to ask? What would happen if you gave yourself permission to ask and trust? Like Jacob, we may not get quick answers. and we may walk away feeling it, however we will also walk away transformed. Lean into you and question everything. By asking the questions, that resurrection is already at work in you.

Confidently Walking Across the Bridge in the Fog,

Gina ❤️



March 30, 10:30 a.m.

Graduates' Sunday

Join us as we celebrate our high school and university graduates this Sunday, March 30, in a special service followed by a delicious lunch and photo booth opportunity.

Find out more at:
[www.fccmaryvillemo.com/
event-details/
graduates-sunday](http://www.fccmaryvillemo.com/event-details/graduates-sunday)



Akanksha Mamidiga



Bhumika Korraprolu



Diva Gnana Deepika Mukku



Lillian Minny Golla



Mitchell Meyers



Salkiran Rangineni

The Bulletin Board

Following the Progress of FCC's Leaders

Church leaders met Monday, March 10, in a regularly scheduled meeting to discuss a few upcoming changes in church business. The following is a brief summary of what was decided:

Building Insurance Company Change: Property Chair Phil Poynter brought a recommendation to the Board for a vote to change building insurance providers from Brotherhood Mutual to Church Mutual. Brotherhood's annual premium quote is \$21,369 and a building value of \$3.5 million, with a 1% deductible on wind and hail. Church Mutual's quote is \$17,400, guaranteed for a year, with a building value of \$4.5 million and with a 1% deductible on wind and hail. The monthly savings would be \$325. Board Moderator Jason Ripple asked if the quoted price was likely to continue past the one year guarantee. Phil responded that at this time we don't know, but that they were told that Brotherhood's premium will be going up due to insurance premiums in general being increased, though timing for the increase was unspecified. A vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Custodian hours to change: Pastor Gina Johnson reported that Custodian Peggy Dowis has requested a reduction in allotted hours from 15 to 12 for two reasons: she does not need the full amount of hours to complete the tasks and she plans to begin drawing Social Security soon will need to adjust her income to match their requirements. For those times when extra cleaning is required, Peggy's hours will be made flexible to accommodate that. Pastor Gina let the Board know Peggy has done an excellent job and she has full confidence that the reduction in time will not change that.

New Business: Property Chair Phil Poynter reported that the Property Team is looking into possibly leasing the van barn as storage space. If that decision is made, then a rental lease would be drafted with the renter be required to provide their own renter's insurance so we're not assuming liability. The question of replacing the church sign at the Northeast corner of the building that blew down during a recent windstorm was tabled in deference to keeping church spending within already budgeted plans. Board Moderator Jason Ripple reported that he fixed the brass memorial cup that was in need of repair. Music Director Deena Poynter requested ideas of where to put various items such as cushions for under the bells tables and music stands that have been stored behind the bell choir rail. She would like to have everything moved before she retires in May.

Minister's Report: Pastor Gina Johnson reported on the Legacy Sunday celebration March 2 and on the upcoming Graduates' Sunday scheduled for March 30. She will be working with Worship Chair Guy Ebersole on Holy Week plans and other ideas with Music Director Deena Poynter. Currently she is working with a message series and integrating it with a weekly small group study, as well as finding other opportunities to connect within the community.

If you have any questions or concerns related to church decisions, or would like to jump on board and be a part of a team, please contact one of the leaders listed below, Pastor Gina, or Office Administrator Virginia Ripple.

FCC Leadership

Board Moderator: Jason Ripple
Property: Phil Poynter, Marcia Jordan
Worship/Diaconate: Guy Ebersole

Christian Life: Terry Immel
Christian Education: Gina Johnson
Treasurer: Donna Rickman



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 Youth Sunday 8:00 AM–9:00 AM Sanctuary Open 9:00 AM–10:00 AM Sunday School 11:30 AM–1:00 PM College Graduation Celebration	31 7:00 PM–9:00 PM Nodaway Chorale	1 4:30 PM–5:30 PM Youth Choir of NWMO 5:30 PM–6:45 PM Troop 2220 6:00 PM–7:00 PM Maryville Garden Club	2 12:00 PM–1:00 PM Small Group Study 5:30 PM–7:00 PM Praise Team rehearsal	3 5:15 PM–6:15 PM Troop 5720	4	5 8:00 AM–10:30 AM The Giving Tree (appointments only)
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A Moment with Your Moderator

Good day All,
Wow! The first quarter of the year has passed in what seems to be the blink of an eye when we look back on it even though the day to day seems like a slog. We've had some great fellowship activities going on at the church. The Legacy celebration and dinner was really a super time as we honored members of a certain age within our congregation who have been here for 50 years and more. The youth served a wonderful pancake dinner for "Fat Tuesday." In the coming weeks we are going to have some interesting worship activities for the holy week. I would like to encourage everyone to come and participate as we prepare our hearts for the celebration of Jesus' death and most importantly resurrection. Our God is faithful and keeps promises made to us for eternal fellowship with him. Let's remember that as we move into our next quarter.

An Historical Conundrum

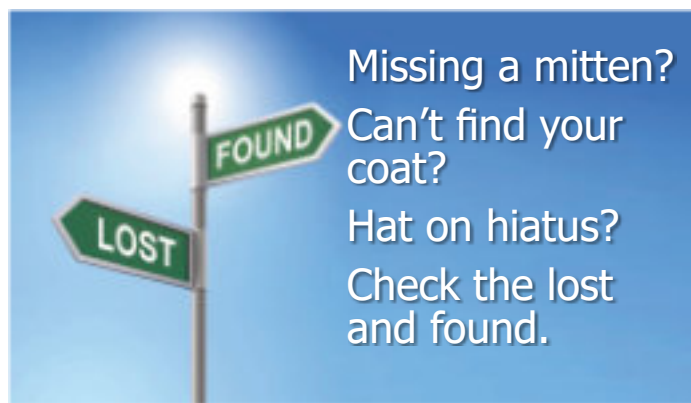
The FCC Historical Group is requesting your help identifying the church history behind these objects found in our classrooms and storage closets. If you know the story behind any of these items, please contact Marcia Jordan, Donna Rickman, or Lenda Kling.

Is your info up-to-date?



Has your family grown recently? Have you moved or changed your phone number in the last year? Do you have a new favorite picture of yourself?

If you answered yes to any of these, it's probably time to update your information in our directory. It's easy and only takes a few minutes. You can call or email to update your information or you can update it in the member app or on the member website.

Need some help figuring it out? Go to <https://help.instantchurchdirectory.com/article/1295-how-members-submit-updates-to-their-information> for more information or contact Virginia in the office at 660-214-3414.



Have an event idea? Share it at www.fccmaryvillemo.com/upcoming-events

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Graduates' Sunday

March 30, 10:30 a.m.

Whether you're graduating high school or college,
let us celebrate you Sunday, March 30,
in a special service followed by
a delicious lunch and photo booth opportunity.

We will recognize graduates during the service, then have a reception afterward to continue the celebration. Graduates will have an opportunity to tell a little about their plans for after graduation during the reception. If you have a favorite appetizer/finger food you would like to prepare, we invite you to do so. Some Indian snacks will also be provided as a special treat.

Find out more at:

<https://www.fccmaryvillemo.com/event-details/graduates-sunday>

Looking Ahead...

- Mar. 12-Apr. 9:** Small Group study, 12-1 pm
- Mar. 25:** Scholarship applications due
- Mar. 29:** Prayer Walk Club, 9:30 a.m., Maryville Living Center
- Mar. 30:** Graduate Celebration Luncheon
- April 7:** Circle of Joy, 1:30 p.m., FCC Board Meeting, 6 p.m.
- April 14-17:** Holy Week: Stations of Remembrance, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., 3-6 p.m.
- April 20:** Easter Breakfast, 8:30 a.m. Easter Service, 10:30 a.m.