





**“Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”**  
**—Philippians 4:6-7 NRSV**

“How do you eat an elephant?” Odd question. I never see elephant on the menu at any restaurant. I don’t know why anyone would want to eat an elephant in the first place. They are big, beautiful, majestic animals who have been hunted for their ivory tusks to the point where Asian elephants are considered an endangered species. The question seems silly to me. Oh ... it’s meant to be? Okay. I’ll play along. “How *do* you eat an elephant?” The answer is, “One bite at a time.” Ah. This isn’t about a culinary choice, this is an illustration for how one is to approach something that seems overwhelming. My wife has a better way of framing it. “I feel like a mosquito in a nudist colony. I know what I need to do, I just don’t know where to start.”

We all feel overwhelmed at times. We know what’s in front of us, and we know what we need to accomplish because we see it. But we’re not sure how to tackle it because the enormity of the task seems larger than our available resources. In school, the challenge might be a paper or a dissertation. At work, it may be a particularly challenging project with a looming deadline. In our human relationships, it may be an obstacle in communication that we just can’t seem to get around. It may be a health issue that doesn’t seem to have a resolution. In social discourse, it may be a conflict where there doesn’t seem to be any path to compromise.

It’s tough enough when we face one of these “elephants.” But what if it seems like we’re facing an elephant, a giraffe, a whale, a polar bear, and a crocodile? What’s our strategy supposed to be when we are facing multiple overwhelming problems?

And to complicate matters, a crisis takes place that strips away your resources.

As I mentioned in last month’s column, a number of clergypersons from different faith communities in town have come together to address the spiritual and mental health needs that have come about as a result of the Camp Fire. The team, thus far, includes me, Bryan Plude, Eileen Brownell, Sandi John, Katy Valentine, Ben Colohan, Gail Hill, David Vallelunga, Jim Peck, Ted Sandberg, Lewis Powell, Kathy Fernandes, Steve Schwartz, and Mary Kearns. Our goal is to provide spiritual and mental health care groups for people impacted by the Camp Fire. The group will be funded by denominational disaster relief organizations, local foundations, congregations, and individual donors. We agreed on the name, *Resilience Resources* and we are in the process of being incorporated. Bryan Plude, the pastor of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, has agreed to be the chair of the executive committee, and Eileen Brownell, a local chaplain, serves as vice chair. We are still looking for someone to serve as treasurer. We have also agreed to use funds to hire a director whose name will be made public after our application for incorporation has been approved. We have already received funds from individual congregations and other sources. A Disciples congregation in Texas raised \$2,000 for Resilience Resources at their annual Chili Cook-off. The offerings at this year’s Ecumenical Lenten services will also go toward this project.

The need for spiritual and mental health care is great. So great, in fact, some mental health professionals in the community have said that we may never be able to meet the overwhelming need. That’s okay. Resilience Resources will be to provide the best that we can one bite at a time.

See you in church,

## Thank you!

To all of my dear church “peeps at FCC, I apologize for taking so long to thank you for your generosity after the Camp Fire. Please know I am grateful, and humbled, by you and so many others who have shown your love during this extraordinary event.

The fire has changed us in so many ways: we lost our homes, all the possessions we had, and—worst of all—our lovely town. And now, I and all of my friends, have been displaced. By moving to Oregon, we have lost our dear church family. It is a lot to take in, and we are all wounded in ways we could never have imagined.

But know, please, that hearing from you—and being the recipients of your generosity—has brought some light back into our lives. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

*Love and Blessings,  
Merribeth Carlson*

*P.S. I miss you all terribly! Please keep Diane in your prayers. She is being a trooper as she goes through chemo.*

## Ecumenical Lenten Series

“Who is My Neighbor?”

- April 3rd - Bethel AME Church
- April 10th - First Baptist Church

Services will be held at Faith Lutheran Church (667 East First Avenue, Chico). A soup supper will be held at 6:00 p.m. followed by worship at 7:00 p.m.



## Easter Flowers

Envelopes are in the pew racks in the Sanctuary and on the table near the window in the Chapel. You can place your envelope and check in the offering plate. **The last date to order flowers will be Palm Sunday, April 14th.**

The price remains \$10.00. After the flowers have been displayed in the Sanctuary, Chapel, and Fireside, you may either take your flowers home after the Easter Service, or they may be delivered to those who are homebound.




## April Birthdays

04/01	Michaela Campos
04/05	Velma Crowson
04/05	Merrienne Rawlins
04/09	Angela Rawlins
04/10	Adam Thomas
04/11	Norma Dietz
04/12	Sally Scott
04/15	Carolyn Hicks
04/16	Glenn Story
04/17	Marty Poston
04/19	Jill Monson
04/21	Lulu Erwin
04/24	Diane Steffy




**5 THINGS YOU DIDN'T  
KNOW ABOUT WOMEN  
GLOBALLY**

*UPDATE FROM THE  
UNITED NATION STATUS ON  
WOMEN MEETING*

**WITH REV. PAT DONAHOO,  
REV. CHESLA NICKELSON,  
AND MARILYN WILLIAMS**



**Wed., April 3 at 4:30 p.m. Pacific / 7:30 p.m. Eastern**

Did you know that we have three amazing Disciples Women attending the UN meeting on the Status of women right now...and they will be sharing with you exactly what's going on around the world and how you can connect. We are excited to bring you this FREE webinar on April 3 at 4:30 p.m. Pacific / 7:30 Eastern with Disciples Women staff Rev. Pat Donahoo and Rev. Chesla Nickelson and IDWM President Marilyn Williams. Register here: <http://bit.ly/2HGYKzm> #dwconnect #dsf #globalwomen



## Fun Timers

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#### April

April 9<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, Richvale Lunch and Music. Meet in the parking lot of the Church at 11:45 a.m. or meet us at Richvale Café for a great lunch at 12:30 p.m., and continue on to the musical entertainment at the Richvale Church at 1:45 p.m. The children will do a few songs and there will be music by an exceptional organist, and special guests. Call Bobbi Robinson at 891-9003 if you plan on making the trip to Richvale Café.

#### June

Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, after the 11:00 a.m. service will be our annual Father's Day BBQ. There will be hamburgers, hot dogs and all the trimmings. More news to come.

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE IN FUN TIMER EVENTS.**

#### FUN TIMER COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Nina Jones—Director  
Diane Terrell, Kay Brown, Barbara Meade,  
Richard Meade, Ron Robinson,  
Bobbi Robinson, Glenn Graves, and Lowell  
Terrell, Bus Tour Coordinator

## Meeting Dates

Tuesday, April 2nd

5:30 p.m.—Church Board Meeting, Finance Office

Tuesday, April 16th

7:00 p.m.—Elders' Meeting, Bethany

### Sunday from the Lectionary

#### April 7th

Isaiah 43:16-21

Psalms 126

**\*Philippians 3:4-14**

John 12:1-8

*“What Are We Doing Here Anyway?”*

#### April 14th

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29

Luke 19:28-40

**\*Philippians 2:5-11**

**Psalm Sunday**

**Easter Special Offering**

*“For Humility's Sake”*

#### April 21st

Acts 10:34-43 or

Isaiah 65:17-25

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

1 Corinthians 15:19-26 or

Acts 10:34-43

John 20:1-18 or Luke 24:1-12

**\*Luke 24:1-12**

**Easter Sunday**

**Easter Special Offering**

*“God, I Know I'm Not Perfect”*

#### April 28th

Acts 5:27-32

Psalms 118:14-29 or Psalm 150

Revelation 1:4-8

John 20:19-31

Pastor Jesse at Annual

Gathering, Guest Preacher

TBA

*All texts and sermons subject to change as the Spirit leads.*

Sermons available  
website: [fccchico.com](http://fccchico.com)

 [FCCChico](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

And by email by request  
(contact the church office,  
[chicodisciples@gmail.com](mailto:chicodisciples@gmail.com))



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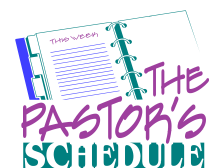
### Pastor Jesse's Schedule

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday

8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Church Office will be closed:

Fridays, April 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>  
and Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>.





**Disciples Women's Ministry (DWM)**

The next Quarterly Luncheon and Business meeting will be Saturday, April 6th at 11:00 a.m. in Koinonia Hall. It is a Brunch Potluck so bring a dish to share and enjoy the fellowship.

The next Church Work Day is Saturday, April 13th, from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

—Barbara Poetker  
DWM Corresponding Secretary

**Faith in Films**

April's Faith and Films will be "First Reformed" starring Ethan Hawke as the minister of a small congregation in upstate New York who grapples with mounting despair brought on by tragedy, worldly concerns, and a tormented past. The movie will be shown on Monday, April 8th at 7:00 p.m. at a place to be determined. Discussion will be on Wednesday, April 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the Bethany Room.



<b>April 2018 Worship/Serving</b>				
	7	14 Palm Sunday	21 Easter	28
Elders W=Words P=Prayer	Barbara Poetker, W Joe Rogers, P	Jacky Smith, W Barbara Stevens, P	Barbara Meade, P Nancy Morgans-Ferguson, W	Mike Caprealian, P Glenn Story, W
Stewards	Ken Chandler Connor Kearns Edy Roberts	Bill Peterson Glenn Story	CC Cantwell Peggy Davidson Barbara Poetker Lowell Terrell	Gary Cantwell Connor Kearns Terry Ridenour
Diaconate of the Month	Boyd Joslyn	Boyd Joslyn	Boyd Joslyn	Boyd Joslyn
Communion Preparation/ Clean up	Barbara Meade Barbara Poetker	LaMoyne Harris Nancy Thompson	Boyd Joslyn Babara Poetker	Kay Brown Marie Henry
AV Sound Booth	CC Cantwell	Gary Cantwell	Blaine Roberts	Jacky Smith
1st Service Pianist	Mary Louise Hunter	Mary Louise Hunter	Patty Smith	Patty Smith
2nd Service Keyboardist	Greg Coates	Nancy Thompson	Greg Coates	Nancy Thompson

2019  
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Summer Camps  
at the  
Community of the Great Commission

Technicolor Tales  
Stories in Biblical  
Proportions

## Summer Camps at the Community of the Great Commission (CGC)

- June 6 - June 9 Young Adult/Adult Camp
- June 23 - June 29 Junior Camp (Graduates of 3rd-5th grades)
- June 23 - June 29 Chi Rho Camp (Graduates of 6th-8th grades)
- June 29 - July 1 JOY Camp (Formerly Grandparents and Me)
- (Entering K-3rd grade)
- June 30 - July 6 CYF Camp (Graduates of 9th-12th grades)

The registration packet is available here: [https://ccncn.org/Outdoor\\_Ministries.php](https://ccncn.org/Outdoor_Ministries.php)

## Administrative Ministry



### Splinters from the Board

The Board of the First Christian Church met on March 5th at 5:30 p.m. At this meeting, a motion was made to get 2 bids to remove wood barriers and cap off one toilet and replace only one with a mid-price, high-rise toilet in the new all gender bathroom near the sanctuary. Motion passed unanimously. A motion was also made to approve getting a bid from Chuck Carey to repair or replace a window frame at the parsonage and to give an estimate on exterior painting. Motion passed. There was also discussion on the need for a back-up custodian. Barbara Mann will inquire about possible candidates. The solar panels have been fully paid for and now we are doing payback on our loan. Moderator Gary Cantwell has listed 4 members of the nominating committee. They are Chairman Peggy Davidson, Barbara Stevens, CC Cantwell, and Rich Campbell. A fifth member will be appointed at the next meeting.

Next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 2nd at 5:30 p.m.

## Outreach Life Ministry



### Baby Hats

A total of 22 baby hats this month. Some of our recent knitters: Barbara Poetker, Edy Roberts, and Carolyn Hicks. A special thanks to everyone who helps with this ministry. The hats will be delivered to Enloe's Maternity wing on Wednesday, March 13th. Remember both crochet and knitting directions are available. If you are interested, just give me a call and I will be glad to send the pattern along.

—Connie Wakefield (345-1023)

### Opportunities for Mission

- **Chico Food Locker: Sunday, April 7th**, be sure to place your canned and non-perishable goods in the box in the narthex. **Chico Food Locker is very low on foodstuffs! Any canned and nonperishable foods you can donate would be greatly appreciated!**
- **Sandwiches for the Shalom Free Clinic: April 14th**, kitchen. Help make sandwiches for the clients of the Shalom Free Clinic.
- **Torres Shelter Meals: Tuesday, April 23rd, beginning around 4:15-5:15 p.m.**, Kitchen (actual beginning time varies with trail boss and meal being made!) followed by serving at the shelter. Sign-ups for helping are on the bulletin board in the entrance of Koinonia Hall. We have partnered with the B'hai Faith of Chico in our ongoing ministry to the Torres Shelter.

### Special Offering Totals

**Week of Compassion** (to support disaster relief and long-term development) \$1,920.00

## Easter Offering

### April 14 & 21, 2019







**Abide in Me**

Demeurez en moi • Permanezcan en mi  
Fè youn ak mwèn • 내 안에 거하라  
John 15: 1-5



*"I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing." —JOHN 15:5 NRSV*


**As Disciples, we all benefit from the fruit, the gifts, of our general ministries.** These fruits are made possible only through the connections and support that grow in collaboration with our regions and congregations. This Easter, let us reflect on the transformative ways that we have been impacted by those ministries, and by the fruits of our shared work.

-  **Disciples Women** provides fruits like Bible studies, international journeys, and educational materials, to support and empower Disciples women everywhere, who, because of those gifts, can grow and spread the Gospel message.
-  So too can the Disciples who thrive in partnership with the **National Benevolent Association**, like young adult XPLORES Residents and health and social service leaders launching and sustaining ministries in their own communities and contexts.
-  **Disciples Home Missions'** fruitful branches include Disciples chaplains offering the touch of Christ beyond the Church walls, Refugee and Immigration Ministries offering refugee resettlement and advocacy for immigrants, and Disciples Volunteering connecting with local mission destinations.
-  Our general ministries abide in each other and in our shared call, by working closely with partners across the United States and Canada, and beyond. **Global Ministries** collaborates with community organizations around the world, and the **Council on Christian Unity** cooperates with ecumenical bodies to further the message of Christ's unending love.

Our general ministries provide other critical resources to Disciples congregations, like stewardship campaign materials, loans and financial services, and space for community building around shared values and traditions.

Our ministries can bear these fruits because of our shared root system. We are rooted in Christ. As one branch of our vine grows, we can share more fruit with more people, from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth.

This Holy Week let us give of our own fruits to tend to the whole. Our ministries grow through your tending, nurturing, and caring. Your gifts to the Easter offering can transform our shared work.



Find more stories from our general ministries and make a gift online at [disciplesmissionfund.org](http://disciplesmissionfund.org).

- ♦ **Prayer Chain:** Be sure to have permission to share names and any specifics with the prayer chain.
- ♦ **Sermons:** Have last Sunday's sermon and YouTube emailed to you.
- ♦ **The Caller:** Monthly newsletter, available in sanctuary and narthex and by email and/or mail by request
- ♦ **The Callerito:** Weekly (mostly) email. Can be mailed by request.

**Monthly *The Caller* deadline:**  
 15<sup>th</sup> of the month  
**Sunday Bulletin deadline:**  
 Wednesdays, 10 a.m.  
**Weekly *The Callerito* deadline:**  
 Thursdays, 10 a.m.

To be included in any mailing, contact the church office at 343-3727, or [chicodisciples@gmail.com](mailto:chicodisciples@gmail.com). Donations of \$13/yr. appreciated but not necessary.

# APRIL

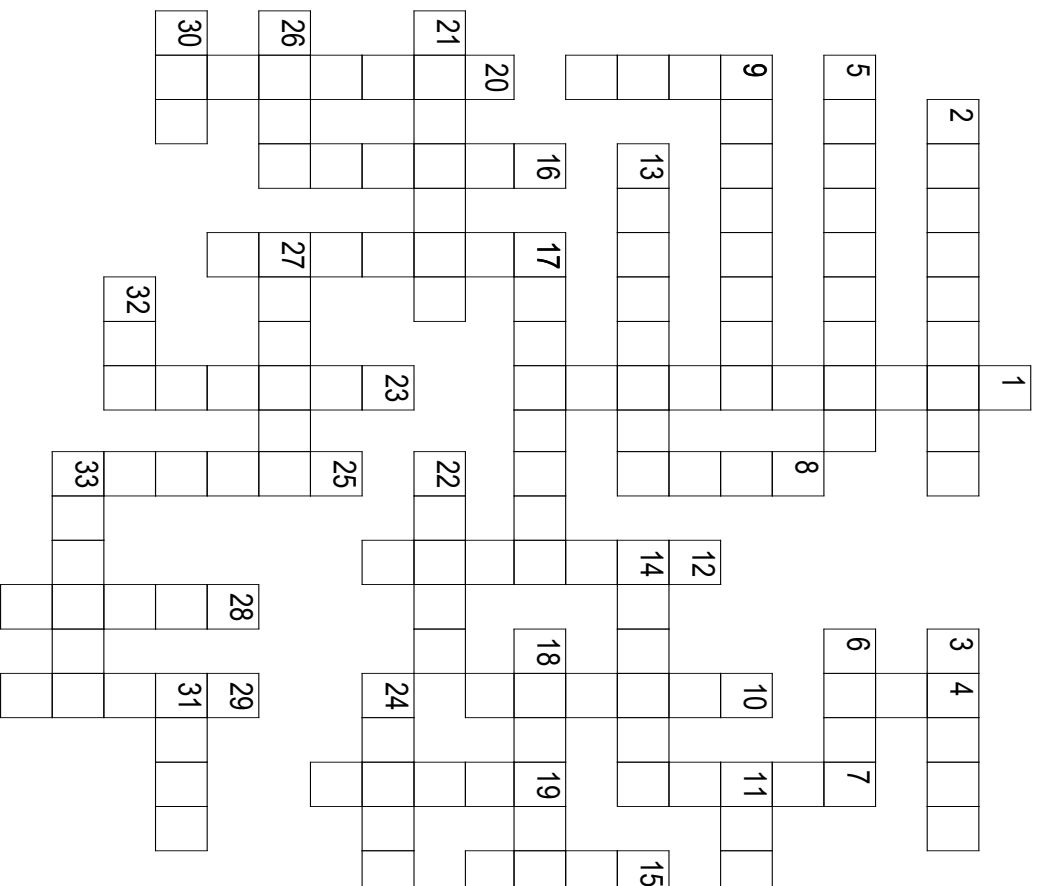
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# Luke, Chapter 24, Puzzle 1

## Across

2. wonderment
3. rock
5. bowed down to, adored
6. burial place
9. down in the dumps
11. consume food
13. silly
14. unobstructed view
17. mighty
18. endure abuse
21. guest
22. Savior of the world
24. lifted up
26. held back
27. seven miles from Jerusalem
30. inquiry
31. elevated
32. disguised angels
33. used for embalming



## Down

1. turning away from sin
4. number of angels at tomb
7. food made of wheat
8. that which we are known by
9. no longer living
10. wrong, immoral
12. unwise
15. woman at the tomb
16. terror
17. one who foretells
19. in human form
20. one who saw
23. paradise
25. holy songs, hymns
28. serenity
29. spiritual being

## WORD LIST

amazement  
ask  
bread  
dead  
downcast  
eat

Emmaus  
flesh  
foolish  
fight  
ghost  
heaven

high  
Jesus  
kept  
Mary  
men  
name

nonsense  
opened  
peace  
powerful  
prophet  
Psalms

repentance  
risen  
sinful  
spices  
stone  
suffer

tomb  
two  
visitor  
witness  
worshipped