

Upcoming Events . . .

<i>Sunday, April 18</i>	10:30 a.m. Worship - Confirmation Sunday
	6:00 p.m. Youth Group Bonfire @ The Parsonage
<i>Monday, April 19</i>	7:00 p.m. Christian Education Board
<i>Wednesday, April 21</i>	6:30 p.m. Pastor Jeffrey’s Book Study
<i>Thursday, April 22</i>	5:30 p.m. Alleluia Ringers
<i>Sunday, April 25</i>	10:30 a.m. Worship
<i>Monday, April 26</i>	9:00 a.m. Church Council
<i>Wednesday, April 28</i>	5:30 p.m. Jubilate Ringers
	6:30 p.m. “Town Hall” with Pastor Jeffrey
<i>Thursday, April 29</i>	1:00 p.m. Women’s Bible Study
	4:30 p.m. Taproom Hours at The Livery

“We welcome people to faith in Jesus Christ to Discover God, Equip One Another for Life, and Reach Inward and Outward to Serve”

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3rd Sunday of Easter / Confirmation Sunday April 18, 2021 10:30 a.m.

Gathering

Welcome/Announcements

Sharing the Peace [screen]

*You are invited to listen for God's Spirit as we prepare our hearts for worship.*  
Prelude “They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love” arr. Susan Geschke  
*performed by the Jubilate Ringers*

Call to Worship [screen] Kathy Zerler, liturgist

Gathering Hymn [screen] #312 “Christ is Alive!”

Discovering

Children’s Message - *Children participating in Sunday School may be picked up at 11:30 a.m.*

Scripture Acts 3:1-10, NRSV [screen]

Message “Honoring the Process” Rev. Jeffrey Hubers

Message Hymn [screen] #459 “Come, All Christians, Be Committed”

Thanking

Confirmation Naia Dibkey, Jenna Schlipp, Hannah Wier, Jada Overton

Morning Prayer  
Lord’s Prayer [screen]

Doxology [screen] *All stand if able*

**Serving**  
Blessing

Postlude

“Tuba Tune” C. S. Lang

Congratulations to our newest Confirmands: Naia Dibkey, Jenna Schlipp, Hannah Wier,  
Jada Overton. Blessings to you!

Ushers - Cindi Collum, Paula Thompson, Bill and Sue Barr Burrows

### Announcements

The Youth Group will be meeting at Carly and Pastor Jeffrey’s house tonight for a bonfire and s’mores at 6 p.m.

For those who missed the CE Easter Jam, you can find a video of the event here:  
<https://boxcast.tv/view/ce-easter-jam-hmvd1z4ppe17x2jlj16a>

Pastor Jeffrey’s book study on *The Misunderstood Jew* will conclude on Wednesday,  
**April 21 at 6:30 p.m.** on Zoom—pages 191-228  
<https://zoom.us/j/96922719270?pwd=bnl3VHBBQaUR0MThzQUNHeG5xUHNUUT09>

The Women’s Book Group will be meeting on **Tuesday, April 27 at 9:30 a.m.** to discuss *The Nickel Boys* by Colson Whitehead. Meeting held on Zoom:  
<https://zoom.us/j/91867185042?pwd=T3pTSWF5SbHBBYmRQcjlzWHNqNGp0QT09>

On **Wednesday, April 28**, Pastor Jeffrey will be leading a “town hall” discussion, reviewing the recent learning sessions on Open & Affirming, providing a time of reflection followed by Q&A. Join in-person or view online:  
<https://boxcast.tv/view/town-hall-discussion-884783>

Join Pastor Jeffrey and company out at The Livery (190 5th St Benton Harbor) for fellowship and getting to know your community members in a more relaxed setting—come and go as you please from **4:30-6:30 p.m.** on **Thursday, April 29**

Join the walking group at 7 a.m. (weather permitting) Tuesdays and Thursdays.  
Contact Patty Nordberg if interested: 269.369.0629

The **May Friendship Day for Church Women United** will take place on **Friday, May 7 at 1:00 p.m.** on Zoom:  
Meeting ID: 876 0344 3006 Passcode: 137915

Participate in the **Blossomland CROP Walk** by donating to or signing on the FCC team at:  
<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/2021/team/fcc-first-congregational-church-st-joseph>  
**Walk Date: Sunday, May 16**

If you’re interested in participating in either of the bell choirs, please contact Brenton for information on either Jubilate (Wednesday’s 5:30 p.m.) or Alleluia Ringers (Thursday’s 5:30 p.m.)

If you’re new or would like more information, please contact the Church Office  
(office@fcstjoseph.org) 269-983-5519

