

The Central Christian 411

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1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God, and he who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ He who does not love does not know God; for God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God, but he loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No man has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³ By this we know we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his own Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ Whoever confesses Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶ So we know and believe the love God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. ¹⁷ In this is love perfected with us, that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and he who fears is not perfected in love. ¹⁹ We love, because he first loved us. ²⁰ If anyone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹ And this commandment we have from him, that he who loves God should love his brother also.

You can see them alongside the shuffleboard courts in Florida or on the porches of the old folks' homes up north: an old man with snow-white hair, a little hard of hearing, reading the newspaper through a magnifying glass; an old woman in a shapeless dress, her knuckles gnarled by arthritis, wearing sandals to ease her aching arches.

They are holding hands, and in a little while they will totter off to take a nap, and then she will cook supper, not a very good supper, and they will watch television, each knowing exactly what the other is thinking, until it is time for bed.

They may even have a good, soul-stirring argument, just to prove they still really care. And through the night they will snore unabashedly, each resting content because the other is there.

They are in love, they have always been in love, although sometimes they would have denied it. And because they have been in love, they have survived everything that life could throw at them, even their own failures.

Jesus taught us to love one another, to love our neighbor as ourselves. Why? Because we will survive everything that life can throw at us, even our own failures, if we do so. Love triumphs. So let us be triumphant. Let us love as he loves us.

Amen.



APRIL 26, 2024

The United States was one of the first countries in the world to celebrate Arbor Day, a holiday dedicated to tree planting.

National Arbor Day in the USA is celebrated on the last Friday in April. Besides, each state celebrates its own state tree planting holiday. Arbor Day was founded by Julius Sterling Morton, a Nebraska newspaper editor, agriculturalist and statesman. Morton was a respected agriculturalist fascinated with trees he planted numerous trees on his estate.

Currently, his former mansion and estate serve as Arbor Lodge State Historical Park. Morton came up with the idea of celebrating Arbor Day in the early 1870s. The first celebration was held in Nebraska on April 10, 1872.

Its participants planted an estimated one million trees throughout the state. By the 1920s, each state had passed laws that stipulated a certain day to be state Arbor Day. In some states, the holiday was named Arbor and Bird Day. In Nebraska, Arbor Day is a civic holiday. National Arbor Day in the United States was established as a state holiday in 1885.

It was moved from April 10 (its original date proposed by Morton) to April 22 (Morton's birthday). In 1989, the holiday was moved to the last Friday in April. On this day, Americans are encouraged to plant trees, bushes, and plants (if weather conditions allow) and care for their national environment.



COMING
APRIL 27TH!
OUR ANNUAL
FISH FRY & AUCTION!

Tickets: \$20 Adults/\$10 Kids 10-

Doors Open at 6 pm

Begin Serving at 6:30 pm

For Auction: Bring New Items in Advance.

Bring Baked Goods
on Day of Auction.



SUNDAY, APRIL 28th

**WE WILL BE SERVING OUR LOCAL
RANDY SAM'S SHELTER**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO
HELP SERVE THE HOMELESS
PLEASE COME JOIN
IN.**

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Matthew 25:40

And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.'



Mental Health Awareness Month (also referred to as Mental Health Month) has been observed in May in the United States since 1949. The month is observed with media, local events, and film screenings.

Mental Health Awareness Month began in the United States in 1949 and was started by:

Mental Health America (MHA)

(then known as the National Association for Mental Health).

Each year in mid-March Mental Health America releases a *toolkit of materials* to guide preparation for outreach activities during Mental Health Awareness Month.

During the month of May, MHA, its affiliates, and other organizations interested in mental health conduct a number of activities which are based on a different theme each year.

BINGO

MAY 4TH

FAMILY BINGO

IN HeBREWS

PRIZES!  **PRIZES!**  **PRIZES!**

FROM 1 to 3 PM

Fun4theBrain

Y'ALL COME!!

**Happy
Mother's
Day**

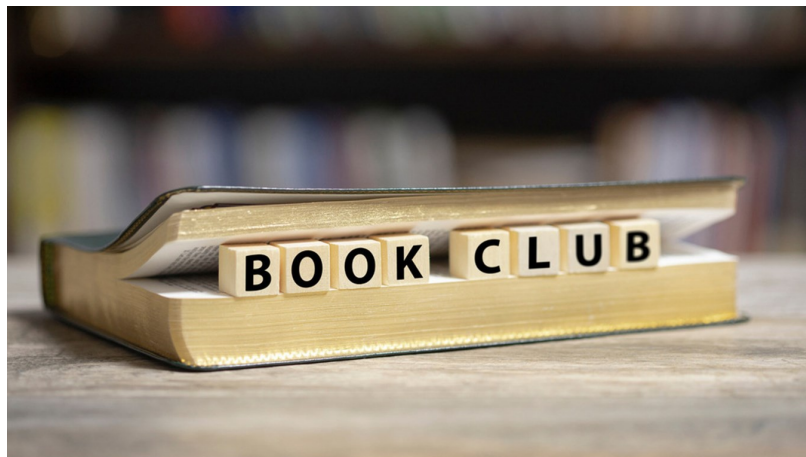


**SUNDAY, MAY 12TH, WE WILL BE
CELEBRATING**

MOTHER'S DAY

**HERE AT
CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

**BRING YOUR MOTHER TO
CHURCH ON THIS SPECIAL DAY
AND EVERY SUNDAY!**



ON MONDAY, MAY 13TH

THE CCC BOOK CLUB WILL MEET AT 1 P.M.

IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM.

TO DISCUSS

LESSONS IN CHEMISTRY: A NOVEL

BY

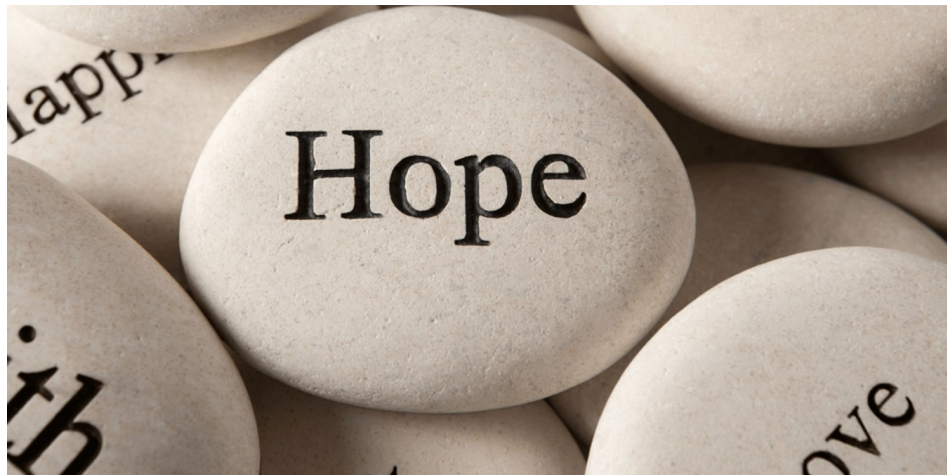
BONNIE GARMUS

Chemist Elizabeth Zott is not your average woman. In fact, Elizabeth Zott would be the first to point out that there is no such thing as an *average* woman. But it's the early 1960s and her all-male team at Hastings Research Institute takes a very unscientific view of equality. Except for one: Calvin Evans; the lonely, brilliant, Nobel-prize nominated grudge-holder who falls in love with—of all things—her mind. True chemistry results.

But like science, life is unpredictable. Which is why a few years later Elizabeth Zott finds herself not only a single mother, but the reluctant star of America's most beloved cooking show *Supper at Six*. Elizabeth's unusual approach to cooking ("combine one tablespoon acetic acid with a pinch of sodium chloride") proves revolutionary. But as her following grows, not everyone is happy. Because as it turns out, Elizabeth Zott isn't just teaching women to cook. She's daring them to change the status quo.

Laugh-out-loud funny, shrewdly observant, and studded with a dazzling cast of supporting characters, *Lessons in Chemistry* is as original and vibrant as its protagonist.

This Book Club is for Men AND Women, and we hope both will read this book and join the discussion.



HOPE REMAINS WILL MEET TUESDAY, MAY 14TH, IN HeBREWS

It has been said, “We never truly get over a loss, but we can move forward and evolve from it.” While this is true, it is a process many of us never fully move through, especially if we experience the loss of a child. So often, we get “stuck” in a stage of grief and remain there. This is the reason groups that deal with grief are so important; they help us move through the stages so we can move forward and evolve. Sadly, such groups are often not advertised, promoted, or supported by local organizations.

Here at Central Christian Church, we are very blessed to have such a group and we want to promote this organizations work. The ***Hope Remains*** Chapter of Texarkana meets in the Community Room on the ***2nd Tuesday of each month from 6 to 8 p.m.*** The focus is for parents and grandparents grieving the loss of a child or grandchild.

The mission of Hope Remains is to offer a safe place where any and all emotions may be freely expressed. There may be tears shed at the meetings. There may be laughter and smiles shared as precious memories of a child, grandchild, or sibling is recalled. And there will always be acceptance, friendship and hope offered at the meetings.

If you have suffered the loss of a child or grandchild and wish to join this greatly needed organization, please contact Cindy Sanford at (903) 280-4130.



THE
CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
(CMF)

WILL BE MEETING

Friday, MAY 17TH

at 7:30 A.M. at

Old Tyme Burger Shoppe

Located at 1205 Arkansas Blvd.

Come join us!



MAY 19TH

IS

**PENTECOST
SUNDAY!**

**BE SURE TO WEAR
RED**

**FOR THIS CELEBRATION OF THE
HOLY SPIRIT.**



SUNDAY, MAY 19th

WE HAVE OUR

MONTHLY

POTLUCK LUNCHEON

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

OUR

WORSHIP SERVICE

A-H Vegetable or Salad

I-Z Meat

BE SURE TO ATTEND THIS VERY

SPECIAL MEAL TO CELEBRATE

GOD'S BLESSINGS!

Board Meeting



THERE WILL BE A
GENERAL BOARD MEETING

MONDAY

MAY 20th

AT 6 P.M.

IN

THE COMMUNITY ROOM.

ALL BOARD MEETINGS ARE VERY

IMPORTANT SO ALL

BOARD MEMBERS

ARE ENCOURAGED TO BE

PRESENT.



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MAY 27th IS MEMORIAL DAY

The Civil War ended in the spring of 1865 when Robert E. Lee surrendered the last major Confederate army to Ulysses S. Grant at the Appomattox Court House on April 9. Over 620,000 soldiers died in the four-year conflict. General John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic (an organization of Union veterans) would eventually select May 30, 1868, as a day to pay tribute to the fallen:

“The 30th of May 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land...”

Logan apparently chose May 30 because flowers would be in bloom all over the country. By the end of the 19th century, Memorial Day ceremonies were being held on May 30 throughout the nation. States passed proclamations, and the Army and Navy adopted rules for proper observance at their facilities. The crowd attending the first Memorial Day ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery was approximately the same size as those attending today’s observance — about 5,000 people. Small American flags were placed on each grave — a tradition still followed at many national cemeteries today. In recent years, the custom has grown in many families to decorate the graves of all departed loved ones.

By 1890, each Northern state had made Decoration Day an official holiday. But this was not the case in the South, where states continued to honor their dead, on separate days until after the First World War.

The May 30th date held for decades. But, in 1968, Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act, which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May in order to create a three-day weekend for federal employees. The change took place in 1971. The same law also declared Memorial Day a federal holiday.



THE CHURCH OFFICE

WILL BE CLOSED

MONDAY, MAY 27TH

FOR

MEMORIAL DAY

AND

WILL REOPEN ON

TUESDAY, MAY 28TH

HAVE A BLESSED

MEMORIAL DAY!!!



***The Journey Sunday School
Class will continue our study of
1st, 2nd, and 3rd John***

We hope you will join us.

The Journey class meets **in the
Library** in the Community
Center.

First John maps out the three main components of saving knowledge of God: faith in Jesus Christ, obedient response to God's commands, and true love for God and others. This letter shows how Jesus expects His followers to honor Him daily wherever they are.

Second John encourages believers to stay the course, responding to one another with love and the truth of the gospel. This letter challenges readers to remain steadfast in their faith and hope in Jesus Christ, eventually receiving a "full reward" from Him.

Third John underscores central Christian convictions and testifies to the God-centeredness of the Christian faith. Jesus and the Holy Spirit are not mentioned specifically, but in the writer's view, both are included when referencing God in this letter.



The **TNT** Sunday School Class
is continuing its study of

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

We study various books of the Bible
and recently completed the
BOOK OF DANIEL.

If you enjoy a wide range study of scripture, we would
love to have you join us
in class or **on FACEBOOK.**

We meet every Sunday in the Community Room.



WE WILL NO LONGER
LEAVE THE ALLEY DOOR
TO THE SANCTUARY BUILDING
UNLOCKED
DUE TO UNWANTED GUESTS WHO
MAKE THEIR HOME UPSTAIRS.
IF YOU ARE A KEY HOLDER,
PLEASE
DO NOT UNLOCK
THE ALLEY DOOR.



NOW AVAILABLE!!!

OUR BEAUTIFUL

CCC BALL CAP

AND

T-SHIRT

CAN BE YOURS FOR

ONLY \$20 EACH!!!

To purchase your

CCC Ball Cap

and

T-Shirt

Call or come by the

Admin. Office today!!!



In our Sanctuary/Education building we have three areas where we try to maintain an energy efficient temperature; that can be adjusted as needed. These areas are the sanctuary, the parlor, and HeBrews. Each area has their own controls.

In an attempt to help us control the cost of heating and cooling our Sanctuary/Education building we are asking everyone to help keep doors in these areas shut at all times. When doors are left open, the heat goes up the staircases to the hallway and upper rooms and the A/C goes into rooms we are not using downstairs.

The parlor has two doors we need to keep closed, HeBrews has two doors into hallway we need to keep closed, and the kitchen door to the hallway we need to keep closed. In the area where the water fountain and women's restroom are, the door going up the steps into back of the sanctuary and the door in the hallway leading to HeBrews need to be kept closed.

With everyone's help we can save on the cost of gas and electricity.

Thank You!

Your Property Committee



BE SURE TO JOIN US FOR WORSHIP EVERY MONDAY

VIA

OUR CHURCH FACEBOOK PAGE.

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE WILL BE POSTED **BY 4:00 P.M.**

AND

YOU WILL BE ABLE TO VIEW IT

EACH AND EVERY MONDAY ON FACEBOOK.

REMEMBER:

WATCH WORSHIP ON MONDAYS **AT 4:00 P.M.**

ON

OUR CHURCH FACEBOOK PAGE

[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/CCCTXK/](https://www.facebook.com/ccctxk/)



Honorariums/Memorials

JUST A REMINDER

HONORARIUM

&

MEMORIAL

GIFTS ARE WELCOME

ANYTIME.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO GIVE AN

HONORARIUM OR MEMORIAL

PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK TO CCC

WITH A NOTE STATING WHO YOUR

HONORARIUM OR MEMORIAL

IS IN HONOR OR MEMORY OF.



FLOWERS!!!!

Be sure to purchase flowers for
the sanctuary to honor
Friends or Family or
in memory of a loved one.

The cost is only
\$40.

Office Hours

JUST A REMINDER TO
OUR CONGREGATION

OUR

OFFICE HOURS

ARE

8 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

MONDAY

THROUGH

FRIDAY



If you are looking for a safe way to give to the church, download the “Givelify” app onto your phone.

You can find it at the [App Store](#) or at the [Google Play Store](#) under:

“Givelify Mobile Giving App.”

Our church is listed, and this is a safe and fast way to give. Please

be sure you find

Central Christian Church Texarkana.

411 REMINDER

Just a reminder that any articles you would like to submit for publication in the 411 must be submitted to the office **no later than noon** on Tuesdays.

After that time, we cannot guarantee your article will be published.

Day & Time may vary during holidays
CHURCH BULLETIN

Any information you will like in the Church Bulletin must be submitted to the office no later than 10am on Fridays

Day & Time may vary during holidays.



DO YOU PREFER RECEIVING TEXT MESSAGE OR PHONE CALL REMINDERS FOR MEETINGS?

Central Christian will be sending out text messages and phone calls to remind members of upcoming meetings and inform every one of prayer needs.

If you would like to receive text messages, please text cctxk to 292929, as shown above, to have your number put on our list.

If you do not receive text messages but would like to be added to our call list,

Upcoming Events & Services

April 24	5pm	Choir
April 26	all day	Arbor Day
April 27	6pm	Fish Fry and Silent Auction
April 28	4pm	Randy Sams prep
April 28	6pm	Randy Sams drop off
May 1	5pm	Choir
May 4	1pm	Bingo
May 5	11:45am	Fellowship Committee
May 8	5pm	Choir
May 12	all day	Mother's Day
May 12	10:40am	Pentecost offering
May 13	1pm	Book Club
May 14	6pm	Hope Remains Grief Support Group
May 15	5pm	Choir
May 17	7:30am	CMF
May 19	10:40am	Pentecost



Be sure to keep up-to-date
with Church Activities

By visiting

www.ccctxk.com

to see what's new!

Our site is easy to navigate and
there is a lot of information.

Prayer Requests



IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT PRAYER LIST

In recent discussions with the Southwest Region, it has come to our attention that “The Prayer List” may be cause for litigation if we place people on it that have not given their personal consent to be placed on it.

It is a violation of HIPAA Law to release information about anyone without their personal consent. Therefore, we ask that you not call requesting that a “friend” be placed on the list unless you have their consent.

THANK YOU.

May 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>Potluck Luncheon: Last name beginning with: A-H: Vegetable or salad I-Z: Meat</p>	<p>May is Mental Health Month</p>	<p>We will be taking up our Pentecost Offering on May 12th and 19th</p>	<p>1 5pm Choir</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 1pm-3pm Bingo</p>
<p>5 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 11:45am Fellowship Comm.</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 5pm Choir</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12 Mother's Day 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service</p>	<p>13 1pm Book Club</p>	<p>14 6pm Hope Remains Grief Support Group</p>	<p>15 5pm Choir</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 7:30am CMF @ Old Tyme Burger</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 Pentecost 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 11:45am Potluck Luncheon</p>	<p>20 6pm General Board Meeting</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 5pm Choir</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 9am Elders in Prayer 9:30am Sunday School 10:40am Worship Service 4pm Randy Sams Prep 6pm Randy Sams drop off</p>	<p>27 Memorial Day Office closed</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 5pm Choir</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	

May Birthdays

Bob Wilmoth	05-09
Richard Martin	05-13
Isabelle Fowler	05-13
Gabriel Fowler	05-16
Richard Burkhart	05-17
Diane Pope-King	05-20
Nick (Cowboy) Mathison	05-23
Aaron Dobby	05-24
Midge Cooney	05-28
Wes Byas	05-28
John Beeson	05-29

May Anniversaries

Richard & Glenda Burkhart 05-03



Servers for the Weeks Ahead

May 5, 2024

Greeters: Jack & Joan Carter
Worship Leader: Teresa Crow
Hospital Elder: Jim Spears
Flower Elder: Connie Spears
Deacons: Mae Kidd & Ethan Cole

May 12, 2024

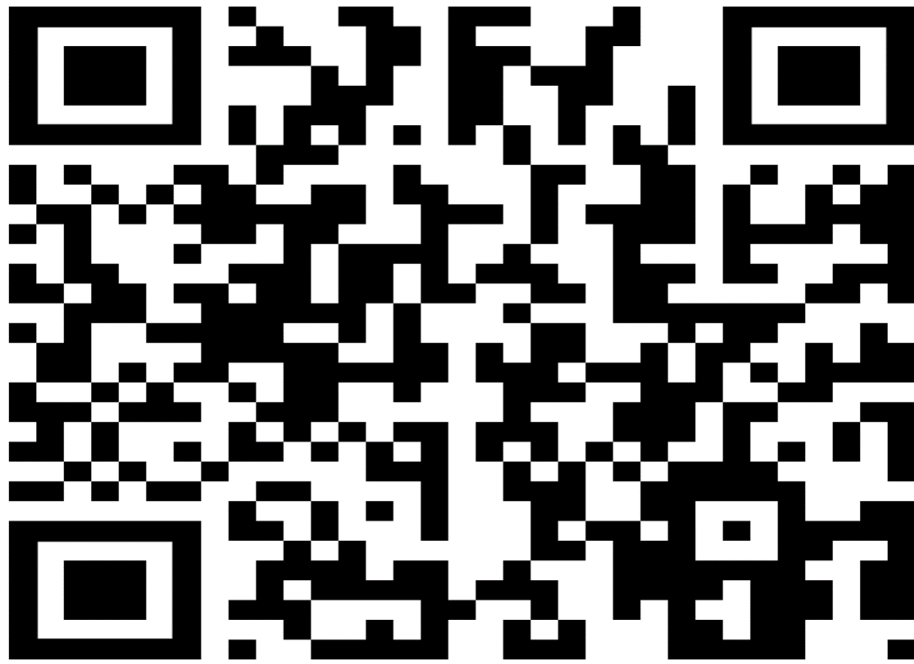
Greeters: Tom & Teresa Crow
Worship Leader: Alice Coleman
Hospital Elder: Mike Martin
Flower Elder: Tom Crow
Deacons: Pat Taylor & Judy Shilling

May 19, 2024

Greeters: Mike & Martha Clinton
Worship Leader: Lee Nailling
Hospital Elder: George Carpenter, Jr.
Flower Elder: Julia Carpenter
Deacons: Bob Wilmoth & Glen Hudspeth

May 26, 2024

Greeters: Betty Caudle & Alice Coleman
Worship Leader: Jim Spears
Hospital Elder: Jack Carter
Flower Elder: Joan Carter
Deacons: Glenda Burkhart & Sheri Thomas



SCAN THIS
QR CODE
TO SEE
OUR
CHURCH VIDEO!

SHOW
FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

Weekly Info

Prayer Need

Our Church

Wes Byas

Adam Stone, Sharon Minx's grandson

Michelle Bowers, Lois Moore's niece

Larry Freeze, John & Margie Beeson's son

Ann Lewis, friend of Tom & Teresa Crow

George Carpenter, Jr.

David Potter, friend of Julia Carpenter

Shelly Labriola, Jerry and Sheri Thomas' niece

Alan Bennett

Lynn Groening, Julia Carpenter's cousin

Judy Mason, Sheri Thomas' sister

B.J. Adams, Glenda Burkhart's brother

Mitch Anderson, friend of George & Julia Carpenter

Ongoing Concerns

Carolyn Walker

Anthony Johnson

Ed Shilling, Judy Van Hooser Shilling's husband

Kathy Bearden, friend of Julia Carpenter

Bill Griffin, Glenda Burkhart's son-in-law

Jeane Duren, Beth Brine's aunt

Homebound

Joe Frost, Sr., home

Betsy Spencer, The Villa Room 211

Elizabeth Cooney, home

Herb Hamilton, The Oaks room 34

Elaine Hamilton, son's home

Jane Watson

Nancy Bair, home

James Thompson, home

Susie Howdeshell, home

Bobbie Roberts, Pat Taylor's mom, The Villa room 207

Jeffrey Turner, Abundant Life



Serving this Sunday

April 28, 2024

Greeters: George & Julia Carpenter

Worship Leader: John Beeson

Hospital Elder: Jack Carter

Flower Elder: Joan Carter

Deacons: Sondra Bedwell & Jack Duncan

April 21, 2024

Attendance: 33

Offering: \$479.54

This Sunday:

"Initiative"

Scripture:

Acts 8:26-40

LECTIONARY FOR APRIL 28, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12

Psalm 23

1 John 3:16-24

John 10:11-18