



# April 2024 Circuit Rider

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“We seek to demonstrate God’s Spirit through worship, witness, and ministry to the needs of the people in the church and the community.”

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## Church Office Hours

Tuesday ~ 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Wednesday-Friday ~ 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

# Message from OUR CHURCH Moderator

I seem to have a habit of talking about how the congregation needs to be more active, and involved, to keep our church going. I leave out those who are doing their share, and more, to support this organization we call "Our Church".

We have a Board of Trustees, made up of 9 members, that work together to keep our facilities and financials in order.

We have a Board of Deacons, made up of 7 members, who are involved with all aspects of the spiritual involvement of the church.

We have the Board of Christian Education, made up of 7 members, that work very hard at teaching our children the story of Jesus and how to live a life respecting others. Also, the involvement in other programs for the children in town (i.e. Halloween, Christmas Tree Lighting).

The Board of Christian Outreach, made up of 7 members, work hard to support the needs of our local communities.

Then there are the Committees; Archives, Flower, Music, and Stewardship made up in total of 17 members doing their part in supporting their individual committees and responsibilities.

I can't leave out the Clerk, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and Head User. These individuals keep the church's records in order.

There are also the Ad Hoc Committees. The Hospitality Committee provides refreshments and fellowship time after worship. The Food for the Soul Committee is awesome in putting on great dinners throughout the year and providing refreshments at the different events on the green.

I also can't forget the staff: Administrative Assistant, Music Director, Christian Education Director. This is an outstanding group of people that not only work for the church but are strong supporters of Our Church in every way.

This is a makeup of 53+ positions, filled by people that have one goal in mind, and that is to support and keep "Our Church" going. Many of the members of the boards and committees are serving in multiple positions.

I can't forget all the volunteers that just do what they can to help.

There are a few other groups that I have missed, such as the main fundraiser chairs (Strawberry Festival, Hamburger Booth, Harvest Fair, Summerfest). Without their hard work we would not have the input to help with our financials.

I personally cannot thank all these people enough for what they do.

THANK YOU to all that help this church be what we are, "Our Church".

"Be Active, Join In!"

Art Wallace - Moderator



The Board of Christian Education's

# Earth Day Celebration

April 21 12p-3p



## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Bake a goodie!
- Buy a goodie!
- Save some recyclables (contact Teresa for details)
- TELL YOUR FRIENDS!

## ACTIVITIES

- Labyrinth
- Bake Sale
- Recycle Relay
- Lingering Litter Challenge
- **And more!**

The Flower Committee would like to remind the congregation that if you would like to place an arrangement in the sanctuary for Sunday service there is a sign-up calendar in the foyer or call the church office. If it is a last-minute thought just call a flower committee member by Saturday morning. We also invite everyone to please consider sharing flowers, grasses, branches of beauty, from your gardens or yards for any Sunday morning. Thank you!



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

## April Birthdays

- 3rd ~ Karen Fuller
- 4th ~ Jesse Soileau
- 5th ~ Tim Fields
- 10th ~ Ed Endsley
- 11th ~ Izabella Garceau
- 12th ~ Danielle Boisvert
- 21st ~ Marilu Randall
- 29th ~ Amy Hopkins
- 29th ~ Peggy McCarthy

ATTENTION SOCIAL MEDIA USERS:

## IF YOU SEE IT, SHARE IT!

SHARE ALL OF THE WONDERFUL THINGS HAPPENING IN OUR CONGREGATION! WHEN YOU COME ACROSS ONE OF OUR POSTS, DON'T JUST LIKE IT, **SHARE IT!**



## Holiday Fair Crafters April 13th ~ 9:00 a.m.

Join us as we create more items to sell at our Holiday Fair! If you have some ideas you would like to share with the group, please bring them.





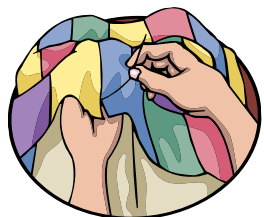
## ROUND ROBIN CRAFTERS

CAN SOMEONE BUILD AN ARK TO HOLD AND DISPLAY ABOUT 6 STUFFED ANIMALS? A COUPLE OF GIRAFFES, LIONS AND ELEPHANTS - ALL MADE OF BRIGHTLY COLORED FABRICS.



WE NEED A KNITTER OR TWO TO KNIT MAYBE 12 OR SO SMALL SWEATERS TO BE HUNG ON WIRE HANGERS TO MAKE A GARLAND. I HAVE PATTERNS TO FOLLOW. ALSO, A GARLAND OF SMALL CHRISTMAS HOUSES WOULD BE LOVELY. I HAVE A PATTERN FOR THESE AS WELL.

WE WOULD LIKE A CHILD'S WAGON TO CARRY 6 RAGGEDY ANN AND ANDY DOLLS. IF IT IS OLD AND BEAT UP THAT WOULD BE FINE. IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE NEW.



PLANS ARE UNDERWAY FOR THIS YEAR'S QUILT. THE PATTERN IS NAMED "GATHERING BASKETS". I LOOKED UP THE DEFINITION OF "GATHERING" AND FOUND "GATHER" TO MEAN, TO BRING TOGETHER, TO ASSEMBLE, TO CONGREGATE, OR TO BRING TOGETHER IN ONE GROUP (CONGREGATION) TO RECEIVE WITH HOSPITALITY. THE DEFINITION OF OUR CHURCH.

IF YOU HAVE ANY TIME TO GIVE US, WE WILL NEED A FEW PEOPLE TO CHOOSE FABRIC, TO CUT, IRON OR SEW. WE MEET WHEN WE CAN, SO PLEASE GIVE EITHER OF US A CALL WHEN YOU MIGHT BE AVAILABLE. WE HAVE PLANS FOR A COUPLE OF SMALL QUILTS, WALL-HANGINGS, AND PIN CUSHIONS. FROM TIME TO TIME, YOU WILL FIND A FEW KITS IN THE MEMORIAL ROOM, THE FIRST BEING AN OVEN MITT TO SEW WITH A WOODEN SPOON, A SUGAR COOKIE PLACKET, AND COOKIE CUTTER INCLUDED. WHEN COMPLETED, THIS WOULD PROBABLY MAKE A SPECIAL GIFT FOR SOMEONE ON YOUR LIST.

REMEMBER IT IS NOT TOO EARLY TO BE THINKING OF OUR CHURCH HOLIDAY FAIR! WE DO NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE THIS YEAR THE BIGGEST AND BEST HOLIDAY FAIR YET.

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