



Notes from the Road

It's good to be back! I won't tempt you to envy by telling you what temperatures we enjoyed in Georgia during my days there, just that our yard is green and yellow with daffodils. The kind weather was a blessing as we completed what I believe may be the last significant structural repair to the house, rebuilding a roof area where water and squirrels had sought to return earth to earth.

Several of you have asked how my Mom is doing; thank you! She had several days in a medical center, but is almost supernaturally improved and back at home. This has convinced her and us that it is time to get serious about relocating to a smaller home closer to civilization. That's probably a good silver lining in that particular cloud.

Speaking of clouds, sure is wet back here in southeast Missouri.

I look forward to seeing you Sunday, if not before, as we continue to "build the Road"!

What I'm listening to ... Bob Dylan's ever-relevant "A Hard Rain's a Gonna Fall": <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T5aloHmR4to>

—Doug

Can you imagine? We sometimes think that "imagination" means something escapist or illusory. Yet imagination is not something unreal or fake; it is essential to God's hope for creation. And God imagines a world where all are safe, all are loved, all are fed. When we use our imaginations in the way that God does, we can begin to envision-and work for-a world where no child goes unfed, un-housed, or unloved; where no one ever fears abuse or violence; where clean water is not a dream but a reality for all; where survivors of natural disasters have the resources they need; where vulnerable immigrants are welcomed in Christ's name. Can YOU imagine these things? Through your gifts to Week of Compassion, what we can imagine becomes ever more a reality for more and more people. Please give generously.



Week of Compassion Offering received February 17 & 24

Prayer Flags Workshop

Prayer flags are a "visual voice," symbolic of our hopes, dreams, concerns, prayers, wishes and good thoughts blown in the wind, spreading good will and compassion, uplifting all. Our February Labyrinth event is a workshop to make new Prayer Flags for the Labyrinth at Abbey Road. (Some years ago prayer flags decorated the pergola; we have pictures to prove it!) On Monday, February 18, drop by the church in the afternoon from 1 to 3 pm or evening from 6 to 8 pm to make something beautiful share. Please bring scissors and anything you'd like to attach to cloth to make a flag (cloth scraps are very welcome too). Jamie Kohler has a Pinterest board for the project. If you're interested, e-mail her at jkoehler1977@att.net so she can add you to the board.



Since at least 2014, Christ Episcopal Church has been sharing a monthly **Community Meal**, open to all. The idea is for those with less and those with more to sit down at a table in common.

ARCC has been invited to serve the meal on February 24. The menu is **chili (meat & vegetarian), peanut butter sandwiches, carrot & celery sticks, crackers, fresh fruit, & cookies.**

Now that the menu is decided, we need your donations of ingredients to prepare the meal. Needed items are: **ground beef, pork sausage, onions, red & green bell peppers, chili beans, kidney beans, tomato sauce, diced tomatoes, saltine crackers, shredded cheddar cheese, sour cream, celery, baby carrots, apples, oranges, bananas, sandwich bread, peanut butter, & cookies (homemade or purchased).**

Call or email the church office for quantities needed of each item or check out the sign up sheet in the narthex.

Ingredients should be at church by Friday, February 22.



Community Meal



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Worship Notes February 10
No service due to inclement weather

February 17
Take Courage
Jeremiah 31:31-34

Serving on Sunday, February 17

At the Table: Karen Piker (c), Darla Snider (o)
Distribution: Peggy Bentlage, Jim Main + ushers
Communion Prep: Linda Hill
Scripture Reader: Jim Main
Greeters: Linda Burns, Judy McLain
Ushers: Dick & Linda Hill
Abbey Road Adventures: Steven Piker
Worship Capt.: Dick Hill
Soundboard: Breedon/Dean

CALENDAR

Wednesday, February 13

6:30pm Movie Night, *Medicine Man*

Friday, February 15

10:00am ARCL: Genealogy

Sunday, February 17

9:30am Worship & Installation of 2019 Board Officers
9:30am Abbey Rd. Adventures for children, K-6th grade
10:30am Fellowship
10:45am Sunday School

Monday, February 18

1:00-3:00pm & 6:00-8:00pm Prayer Flag Workshop, ARCC

Tuesday, February 19

8:00am Golden Boys at My Daddy's Cheesecake

Wednesday, February 20

9:30am Bible Study
6:00pm New Life Singers practice

Thursday, February 21

8:00am Women's Breakfast Group at IHOP
10:00am Bootheel Ministers' Cluster at ARCC
5:30pm Dinner Out with Friends at Yummy Buffet

- **Golden Boys** will meet at 8:00 on Tuesday at My Daddy's Cheesecake. Please join us for breakfast and conversation.
- Following back surgery, **Marian Kramer** is at Chateau Rehab, Room 125.
- **Dinner Out with Friends** will meet at Yummy Buffet on Thursday, February 21, 5:30. Please let Glenda know if you are going to be there.



*It's time to
sign up to
serve in
March!
Get in line!*



John & Deborah Browne, Del Brunton, Connie Gibson, Kenny Werner, Luther Hunt, Mary Ann Heinsman, Maxie McKenzie & family, Mark Faith, Bill Cox, Gerry Thomason, Ada "Dottie" Cruce, Joe Robb Blattner, Debbie McCormick, Susan Spooler, Carol Gleason, Brian Lierer, Liz Meyer, Debbie Bradley, Thelma Nelson, Dawn Knoderer, Conner Propst, Pastoral Search Committee, Kathleen Job, Kim Farrar Frank, George Amick, Ruth Hopkins, Iris Likens, Pat Murray & Wally Allstun, Beverly King, Adrian Wills, Betty Stricker, Marian Kramer, Nita Brackin, relatives & friends serving in the military, all who are hurting, lonely, and afraid.

Do you have someone to add to our prayer list? Please inform the church office or fill out a form found at the back of the sanctuary.