



March 2016
Newsletter



Calendars

by Pastor Chris Fillingham

We sat on the couch with three calendars in hand. One was on my phone, which is also connected to my computer. Another was on her computer with things she needs to remember—appointments, dance recital, vacation, boy scouts. Some of those things were synced into my calendar; some were not. The third was of the more old-fashioned kind, a paper calendar that hangs in the kitchen with pictures on the top and pencil markings on the bottom trying to help us make sense of it all.

“Why do we need this calendar, too?,” I asked. I’m not sure of the answer, but I do know that it is difficult to keep all of these calendars straight. One of them knows things that the others have never been told. Rumor has it, that the older our kids get, the harder this will become. Calendars conflict, confuse, and all fight for dominance in our lives.

Truth be told, most of us have at least four calendars hoping for our attention, each asking to be #1 at any given time. Of course there’s the annual calendar that starts Jan. 1 and ends Dec. 31. It has the marked holidays and doesn’t determine too much except when to start and end the counting of profits for the year.

Then there is your work calendar with its own demands and rhythm. It has its high important days and tends to wax and wane with seasons of a performance nature.

Third is the school calendar, which might have more sway over your life than any of the others. It may determine your vacation time, your weekly energy level, your sports involvement, and more. Even if you don’t have kids in school, the academic calendar has a power over you simply by the way it shapes our society. It can change your commute time and the price of an airline ticket, for example.

The fourth calendar is sometimes called the Liturgical Calendar, or the Church Calendar. No, it’s not the schedule of the next potluck. It’s the sacred rhythm of seasons like Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter and Pentecost. This calendar is less forceful than the others. In fact, it’s the easiest to put aside when it conflicts with the others. And yet, it is the only one that grounds our life in meaning and significance. It’s the only one that offers us healing and wholeness along the way.

As you wrestle with your calendars, I hope that you’ll notice which calendars you are allowing to determine your life and which are taking a secondary importance. What determines the essence of who you are, and what is just another piece in the puzzle of a busy life?

Embracing the journey,
~Chris



Holy Week

Tuesday

March 22

6:30 PM

Guided Stations of the Cross
Sanctuary

Wednesday

March 23

6:15 PM

Lenten Vesper Service
Delmar House living room

Maundy Thursday

March 24

6:00 PM

Dinner and Communion at the table
Anniversary Hall.

Good Friday

March 25

7:00 PM

Tenebre Service
Sanctuary

Easter Sunday

March 27

9:30 AM

Continental Breakfast
(no Sunday School classes)

10:00

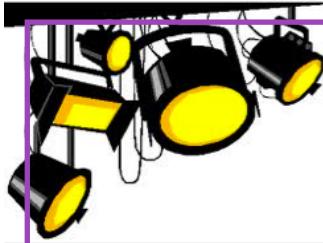
Easter Egg Hunt

10:45

Worship

March Birthdays

- 1 Orpha Johnson
- 3 Terry Crow
- 5 Tiffany Murphy
- 6 Kaylin Dofing
- 12 Ashley Homsher
- 15 Ben Crow
- 16 Tommie Cole
- 16 Cole Allee
- 17 Eliza Jane Sullivan
- 21 Simon Roland
- 23 Liam Sullivan
- 29 Emily Dofing



Dayspring Variety Show & Dessert Auction

Sunday, April 24, 6 PM

Uncover your hidden talents and step into the limelight at our 5th annual VARIETY SHOW and DESSERT AUCTION.

Gather some friends or work up your own solo act. You can sing, dance, tell jokes, or do a skit. Or you can share your creativity in the kitchen by making a dessert for the auction. Make plans now to participate in a fun evening to help raise funds to send our kids to camp!

March at Dayspring

1	Tues.	White Cross, 10 a.m., Anniversary Hall.
2	Wed.	Lenten Vespers, 6:15 p.m., Delmar House.
6	Sun.	Manna and Youth, 5 p.m.
8	Tues.	MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers), 9:30 a.m. Leadership Team, 7 p.m.
9	Wed.	Lenten Vespers, 6:15 p.m., Delmar House.
15	Tues.	Elections, Dayspring is a polling place.
16	Wed.	Lenten Vespers, 6:15 p.m., Delmar House.
19	Sat.	Men's Breakfast, 7:15 a.m., Dayspring Baptist.
20	Sun.	Manna and Youth, 5 p.m.
22	Tues.	Guided Stations of the Cross, 6:30, sanctuary.
23	Wed.	Lenten Vespers, 6:15 p.m., Delmar House.
24	Thurs.	Maundy Thursday dinner, 6 p.m.
25	Fri.	Good Friday Service, 7 p.m., sanctuary.
27	Sun.	Easter (see page one for schedule).
29	Tues.	White Cross, 10 a.m., Anniversary Hall.

Meeting Every Week

Sundays	9:30 10:15 10:45 Noon	Sunday School Choir warm-up Worship Service Coffee & Conversation
Mondays	9:00 a.m.	Volunteer group to Gateway 180
Wednesdays	Noon 7:00 p.m.	Lectionary Lunch, Anniversary Hall Adult choir rehearsal, sanctuary

On-Line Donations



We are excited to tell you that you now have the option of making your donations to Dayspring electronically through the church's website. Look for the "Give" link in the upper right corner on the home page at DayspringStl.com. Be sure to use the "Click to designate gift" drop-down box to let us know how you want your donations to be used, eg. general, building, missions, etc.

Sermons Online

Do you ever leave church on Sunday morning wishing you could hear that sermon again? Remember, Pastor Chris's sermons are available on our website at dayspringstl.com. Click on the Worship tab at the top to find the sermons page.

Lectionary Lunches

Wednesdays, Noon-1:30

Join us at noon each Wednesday for a tasty shared potluck lunch, followed by a lectionary-based Bible study looking ahead to the following Sunday text. We are finished by 1:30. All are welcome!

Our Averages in February:

Sunday Worship	81
Sunday School	21
Wednesday lunch	12



Attention Dayspring Foodies!

To help raise funds for our capital campaign, we are compiling a Dayspring Cookbook. Jessi Fillingham is chairing the Cookbook Committee, with support from Trisha Crow, Kim Rokyta, Sarah-Kate Sullivan, Nancy Thompson, and Marsha Hussung.

But it's up to you to supply the recipes. We will be collecting recipes on-line. You will enter your favorite recipes into a program specifically designed for compiling a cookbook. Since you will be able to proofread and edit your submissions yourself, we hope to avoid unfortunate errors in the recipes themselves (like the Chocolate Cake recipe once found in a church cookbook by your newsletter editor that didn't call for any chocolate....).

Submitting online is quick and easy. Here is how:

1. Go to www.typensave.com
2. Log in—
Group name = dayspringstl
Password = onion466
3. Follow directions for submitting a recipe

If you would prefer not to enter them yourself online, you may turn them into the church office and we will enter them for you. Just be sure that your recipe is legible, accurate, and that the directions are clear.

Now, start going through those recipes, pull out your favorites, and let's get this cookbook underway!!

Deadline Submission Deadline

May 1

Open House for International Fellowship

Sunday, March 6, Noon to 5 p.m.

5427 Gravois, 63116

Kirkwood Baptist Church has made a new investment in a property at 5427 Gravois in south St. Louis for the ministry of the "International Fellowship" guided by Sasha and Mira Zivanov. The new building was previously an insurance agency and will be a good space for the needs of the ministry. The Family Food Pantry will continue to be held at Jubilee Church where there is sufficient room and facilities. Jubilee has been very gracious and generous to share this space with the International Fellowship.

What is the purpose of this building? To be a welcoming and supportive space for immigrants and to be a Christian witness in a growing Muslim neighborhood. The building will provide many opportunities to serve – tutoring children, teaching English, teaching a craft, participating in cooking classes, volunteering in the Children's Ministry, or serving at a men's breakfast. Please pray for this ministry to be the presence of Christ in the city.

This new expanded ministry space will provides opportunities, in addition to the food pantry, for our church to serve in this community. Consider what talents and skills you could share with those integrating into a new country and culture or struggling in poverty. Are there classes you could teach or time and friendship that you could share? You're invited to an open house to see this new facility Sunday, March 6, noon to 5 p.m.

Facebook Ahoy!

An ongoing challenge for churches is finding effective methods for connecting with the community, telling our story, determining community needs, and inviting participation. But a significant opportunity has emerged with the widespread acceptance and use of social media. Some statistics from just one of several vehicles; Facebook:

- 71% of all online adults use Facebook.
- 58% of the entire adult population use Facebook.
- 66% of all online men use Facebook.
- 77% of all online women use Facebook.
- 87% of all online 18-29 year olds use Facebook.



The Outreach Committee is developing a social media strategy that will start with Dayspring's Facebook page. You will begin to see more content and relevant information on it in the coming months. It will become our messenger and inviter but only to the extent to which members of the congregation embrace and incorporate it into their individual Facebook pages. To begin you are asked to use the Check-In feature frequently, let people know you are attending Dayspring. In April an incentive program will be introduced which makes charitable donations based on the number of Check-Ins during the month. You will need to have Facebook on your mobile device in order to Check-In and you can expect more information during March.

There are a number of other things you can do on Dayspring's Facebook page to tell our story:

- Follow Dayspring's Facebook page.
- Like posts on the Facebook page.
- Post a review – why do you attend Dayspring.
- Check for events and if you are attending check it off.

The multiplying effects of your participation are so important for making connections and telling our story so please join in.

Family News

Matthew Lorberg was baptized on February 7 during the morning worship service. Congratulations, Matthew!

Betty Binch, wife of our former pastor Sam Binch, died last month. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 12, 11 a.m., in the chapel at Kirkwood United Methodist Church. Everyone is invited to the home of Barbara and Art Ackerman for lunch following the service.

Dan Rubright will be joining us in church once a month and adding his beautiful guitar playing to our service. Dan is a well-known guitarist, composer, educator, and bandleader in the St. Louis area. He has performed with the Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra, Opera Theatre of Saint Louis, The MUNY, among other outstanding organizations. Dan studied at the Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music and Webster University in St. Louis and was a mainstay at Webster University for over twenty years teaching undergraduate and graduate jazz guitar students as well as a variety of music courses. He received an Emmy for his original score to the nationally televised PBS documentary, *Oh Freedom After While*. He is currently composing and performing full time while also leading the Sheldon Concert Hall's mentoring program and Online Music Academy. He is currently writing a show for the Sheldon Concert Hall on the science of sound and has just released a new CD of original jazz/world music, entitled *The Short Way Home* with his group The Wire Pilots.

Dan is married to Leslie and together they have two children: daughter Grace and son Aiden, with whom Dan shares a passion for the Cardinals and all things baseball. (We knew he was a good fit with Dayspring!!)



Mission and Outreach

Mission Offering

Our March Mission Offering is designated for the **America for Christ Offering 2016**, sponsored by the American Baptist Home Missions Society. Your donation blesses Christian centers providing after-school tutoring, newly released prisoners struggling for better lives, pastors seeking continuing education, community food pantries feeding the hungry, and more. Make your check out to Dayspring Baptist, designated for "America for Christ." You may give all month.

January's Mission Offering collected \$330 for St. Louis EnergyCare.

Circle of Concern

Present needs (no glass, please; place in the bins in the narthex): Cereal, peanut butter, jelly, macaroni and cheese, bar soap.

White Cross

Anyone is invited to join the ladies of White Cross on Tuesday, March 1 and 29 at 10 a.m. for hands-on work for international and local missions. We work on quilt blocks, roller bandages, and stuffing pillows for surgical patients at Missouri Baptist Hospital.

West Virginia Mission Trip

August 1-5

Please consider joining our annual family mission trip to the mountains of West Virginia, Barbour County. Contact Marsha Hussung or Mat Hartig for details.

Meet our ABC Missionaries from St. Louis

by Peggy Pittenger

We have a unique opportunity to meet our missionaries who hail from St. Louis. Dr. Tim and Kathy Rice were appointed to serve in the Vanga Evangelical Hospital in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) in 2015. They will be home for a few short weeks during March and the beginning of April. Tim is a doctor who served on the faculty of the School of Medicine at Saint Louis University. Kathy is a registered nurse. Both Tim and Kathy had previously served short-term at Vanga Evangelical Hospital. They have learned French in order to serve long-term, contributing to the training of nursing and medical students for Christ-centered, whole person care.

On Sunday afternoon, April 3, all of our St. Louis area ABC churches are invited to meet, to fellowship, and to learn about our rich history of ministry and service across the world. As always we will have time for a hands-on project. Our churches will be collecting and assembling items for newborn kits. More information will follow for items needed.

Kathy Rice has asked for dresses for little girls. WMC has a unique dress pattern that uses pillow cases. In her own words, "Yes, we can use dresses for the little (seriously little!) girls in the nutrition program for the malnourished (and usually impoverished)." Pillow cases and seamstresses are needed to have these ready for the Rice's return to the DRC in early April.

So please put Sunday afternoon, April 3rd on your calendar to meet the Rices.

Donate: A bin will be in the Narthex to collect pillow cases in good condition for our project.



Dayspring Baptist Church

Mission Statement

As followers of Jesus Christ, open in heart and mind, we are seeking God, practicing peace, creating community.

Vision Statement

We strive to love God with all of our heart, mind, soul, and strength--to know God through Christ's life, teaching and enduring presence and through the grace of the Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Core Values

As a congregation, we are nurturing, prayerful, diverse, and hopeful.

*Adopted April 15, 2010
Revised 2015*

Your Church Staff:

Chris Fillingham, Senior Pastor
Marsha Hussung, Music Minister
Stephanie Allee, Accompanist
Hannah Allee, Manna Director
Megan Roland, Administrative Assistant
Kathi Quigley, Nursery Coordinator
Julia Meckfessel, Nursery Assistant

Your Leadership Team:

Peggy Pittenger (Missions liaison)
President/Moderator
Terry Crow (Hospitality liaison)
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