

First Christian Church Remembers Remembers Its Past, Looks to Its Future this Sunday

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Marietta, Georgia will celebrate its anniversary this year on Sunday, April 11, at 11 a.m., with its current senior minister, Rev. Wilma Zalabak, D.Min., preaching. Seeing that one of First Christian Church's missions is against food insecurity, and in light of the biblical story of the first Christians, her sermon title is "Not a Hungry Person among Them." Attendees are invited to bring an item or two of non-perishable food to help celebrate the FCC Food Pantry.

It was on April 3, 1949, that First Christian Church was chartered on the same lot where its building now stands. Dr. Zalabak did her doctoral project on Franklin Gateway, which is not far from the church, and for her project she researched history and stories of old Marietta. "There are so many stories that need to be told," she says, "and I intend to tell some of them this Sunday."

The eventful year, 1949, was in the era of the "Bell Bomber" plant turning into Lockheed Martin and the Rickenbacker Field becoming Dobbins Air Force Base. This was the era of the establishment of the Cobb County Library system and a music program in our schools, pioneered by the vision of Ken Stanton and the start-up of Ken Stanton Music.

The public is invited to a COVID-precautioned worship highlighting Marietta, First Christian Church, and the FCC Food Pantry as they grew together, and remembering how the new church grew after Jesus' resurrection. Dr. Zalabak says, "Our past can point the way to our renewed future. Remembering our past can inspire our innovative future. Let's do this together!"

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Marietta invites all. Bring a can of food to give away if you want to. Worship begins at 11 a.m. Sundays. Come to 569 Frasier St. Marietta,

GA, two blocks north of the Cobb County Civic Center. Or watch on Facebook LIVE, or on YouTube later.