

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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ForeThoughts

November 2017

Pastor's Post

October was a busy month; I hope you had the opportunity to participate in all the events and services that caught your attention. November will be memorable as well. We will have a chance to light a candle before church and during the prelude for the Saints we remember in our lives. All Saints Sunday is the 5th and we will honor the 8 people we have said goodbye to this year. And don't forget the time change!

If you are a Veteran or active duty remember to bring in or email a picture for Ruth to scan as we honor those who served our country on Sunday the 12th. How about some soup and fun on the 19th? After worship there will be glue guns at work as we make feathery decorations for our *Angels Among Us* worship series; and on the 26th everyone is invited to help decorate the church after worship.

Then there is the Angel tree for Missions, the Parsons community Thanksgiving Service at 6 pm, on the 19th at St. John's Episcopal Church, CYF, Choir and much, much more. What better way to celebrate the holidays with our friends and neighbors than to invite them to join with you in all the fun!

See you at the Table each and every week - that's the best part of all!

Laurie

CYF NEWS...

We are excited about the opportunity to attend the Kansas Regional Youth Convention November 10-12 in Hutchinson, Kansas. We have 5 youth and 4 adults attending! Expect them to come back full of energy and ideas. Thank you Missions Team!

We want to thank all the people who made pies for our fundraiser. The pies were delicious and we raised \$259! We appreciate all the support *including* all the people who bought pie too. This is a great start for raising money toward our work trip this summer. Information is starting to come in from Week of Compassion about where we can go to help with relief efforts after Hurricane Harvey. If you might be interested in going with the kids to help in Texas or Louisiana sometime in June, look for more information on dates and costs as it becomes available. We hope to have a week reserved by February 1st to begin making plans.

And thank you for helping our kids help other children around the world with our *Trick or Treating* for UNICEF. The kids collected \$126.02 for UNICEF. It's a great way to learn the importance of giving to help others.

Hear us ring during one of the hymns on Thanksgiving Sunday. Thank you Dori Howerter for your unbelievable patience with us as we try to get the hang of hand bells; and a shout out to Chris Robbins for agreeing to be one of our sponsors!

Thanksgiving Offering November 2017

From the very beginnings of the movement, Disciples have founded institutions of higher learning, encouraging students in their intellectual pursuits. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is still committed to higher education. Currently, over 50,000 students attend our fourteen Disciples related colleges and universities or seven seminaries and divinity houses. And in the past twelve months, over 12,000 students have graduated from these fine schools.

On November 12 and 19, Disciples churches across the US and Canada will collect the Thanksgiving offering. Your gift to the Thanksgiving offering helps to support the work of our institutions of higher learning in many ways: financially supporting Disciples related schools, providing undergraduate scholarships and support for spiritual life offices, and providing scholarships and support for those pursuing theological education.

This November, please give generously to this year's Thanksgiving offering. Your gifts make a world of difference as Disciples continue our legacy of supporting education and our institutions of higher learning.

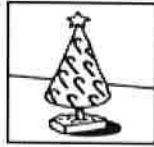


Remember our Veterans – November 11th. On Sunday, November 12th we will honor our veterans during worship service.

Happy Thanksgiving!

It's time to prepare for the Advent Season!

After worship on Sunday, November 19th we will be making special ornaments for our tree and enjoying a soup lunch. Soup, bread and crackers will be provided. There will be a sign up sheet for desserts. All are invited.



On Sunday, November 26th we will be decorating the church for Christmas. All are encouraged to help make our church beautiful for the holiday season.

Care Packages for College Students

We will be making care packages in December for our college students. The Mission Committee will provide the postage so we can send our college students who have been active in our church, some snacks and words of support and encouragement. We currently have 10-12 youth in college. Help us let them know they are still in our thoughts and prayers. A box will be in the Narthex throughout the month of November to collect snacks such as nuts, crackers, fruit snacks, ramen noodles, homemade cookies, etc...anything small they might enjoy. Notes of encouragement would also be appreciated.

Disciple Women



November 2017 Project

Let's make this an extra-special Christmas. We're asking each and every one of you to be Santa Claus.

We have a special Angel Tree in the narthex adorned with cards containing the Christmas wish list for a boy or girl – a child in a foster home.

We're asking you to "adopt" a child for Christmas. Living in a stranger's home can be difficult, but waking Christmas morning and seeing Santa found you will put a smile on a lonely child's face.

Christmas is a time of love, hope, and joy. Pick a card from our Angel Tree, or ask a friend or friends to go in with you. We all know God loves a cheerful giver. Bless you for blessing a child. May the joyous spirit of Christmas abide within you.

Bring your unwrapped gifts to the church before December 8th.

Nursing Home Party – Nov. 2 @ 2:30 pm

DW Executive Board Meeting – Nov. 7 @ 9:30 am

All DW groups meet at Kitchen Pass Nov. 13 at 11 am
All FCC Women are invited

Daylight Savings Time ends Nov. 5th.
Remember set your clocks back 1 hour!

From the Board...

The new security features have now been installed in the church. When there are no activities going on during the weekday, the church doors will be locked. If you come to the church and find the front door locked, knock and the office administrator can unlock the door for you from her desk. This feature is to protect the minister, office administrator, the pre-school staff and children from unwanted intruders. We want everyone in the church to always feel safe and secure.

The next church board meeting will be Tuesday, November 28 at 7 p.m. in the church library.

Sunbeams Preschool News

Sunbeams Preschool's Chicken Annie chicken dinner fundraiser was held on October 1st with over 300 tickets sold. The preschool received half of each \$10.00 ticket. Thank you to everyone that baked desserts for our dinner. Special thank you to Elaine Hudson for providing dessert trays, Ruth Hutley for printing the tickets, Sharon Ryan, Anne Maloney, Sherrie Coltrain, Dean Cramer, Pastor Laurie and the preschool parents who helped serve the dinners. Our winners for the \$25.00 Walmart cards were Jimmy Dodds and Don Dean. Thank you everyone for your support of Sunbeams Preschool. God bless each of you!

Recycling Information

Please be sure to bag plastic items and bundle newspaper and magazines. This makes loading items to transport to recycling centers much easier.



Special thanks to Jean Reeves and Barbara Robbins who so faithfully take the recycling to the drop off centers. They use their own vehicles, gas and their time. You are both such wonderful stewards of our earth!

Fore Thoughts is Going Electronic

Our Fore Thoughts Newsletter is published once a month. Beginning January 1st we will be updating our format and will mail the newsletters via email instead of by bulk mailing. This will not only save postage expense, but also paper, ink cartridge and photocopying expenses. We ask that everyone with the capability of receiving their newsletter via email, to please contact the church office at 620-421-4790 to get on our email list (if you haven't already done so.) For those without email, printed copies of the newsletter will be available on the table in the Narthex. For anyone who would still wish to receive a mailed copy of the newsletter, please contact the church office to be added to the mail list.

Attendance & Financial Report October 2017

	Average: 62	Total: \$7,543.00
Oct. 1	64	\$1,800.75
Oct. 8	55	\$1,069.75
Oct. 15	61	\$1,844.75
Oct. 22	76	\$2,006.50
Oct. 29	54	\$ 821.25

Budget: \$196,159.00

(Monthly \$16,346.59; weekly \$3,772.00)

ALL Elders and Deacons are asked to meet in the parlor at 9:00 am for prayer.

If you are unable to serve on your scheduled Sunday, please exchange with someone and inform your team captain and the church office. (421-4790 or fcc_church@sbcglobal.net)

Sunday, November 5

Elder/Sacraments: Anne Maloney
Elder/Offering: Dean Cramer
Deacons: Jerry Janssen, Sandy Womeldorff,
Sharon Ryan, Dori Howerter
Worship Leader: Diane Watkins
Nursing Home Devotions: Sherrie Coltrain,
Jewell Reed (Good Sam 2 pm, Woodrige
2:45 pm)
Sound Board: Lori Ford

Sunday, November 12

Elder/Sacraments: Janie Barcus
Elder/Offering: Don Barcus
Deacons: Marlene Wegner, Elaine Hudson,
Peggy Cramer, Elaine Harris
Worship Leader: Sharon Ryan
Sound Board: Lori Ray

Sunday, November 19

Elder/Sacraments: Steve Fincher
Elder/Offering: Lori Ray
Deacons: Barbara Robbins, Jean Reeves,
Valerie McElroy, Jeanette Horton
Home Communion –Steve Fincher, Sherrie
Coltrain, Anne Maloney
Worship Leader: Marlene Wegner
Sound Board: Dean Cramer

Sunday, November 26

Elder/Sacraments: Sherrie Coltrain
Elder/Offering: Marian Johnson
Deacons: Jerry Janssen, Marlene Wegner,
Dori Howerter, Sharon Ryan
Worship Leader: Jewell Reed
Sound Board: Lori Ford
Board Prayer (Nov. 28): Sherrie Coltrain

Funeral visitation: Don & Janie Barcus



November Birthdays:

01 Elaine Hudson
04 Emily Langston
07 Shirley Beneke
10 Rutheen Hammack
16 Lori Ray
19 David Miller
20 Joan Gartner
25 Sharon Dillinger
28 Tyler Beardmore
29 Warren Koogle

Wedding Anniversaries:

27 Don & Janie Barcus
28 Ron & Glenda Buddenhagen
29 Keith & Anne Maloney



Surrounding in prayer

Our nation's leaders and military
Church Ministers & Staff
Regional Church Staff
Andrew Shipps (Iona's grandson)
Victims of recent hurricanes

Prayers and Sympathy for the family and friends of Kathleen Seward

Care Homes/Homebound

Doris Brenner	Jimmy Dodds
June Dodds	Rutheen Hammack
Bill Hogelin	Barbara Wills
Iona Shipps	Doris Drummond
Martha Tredway	Betty Olmsted
Eunice Blaich	Crystal Jump
Debra Myers	Ivan & Lydia Lorimor

Health Concerns:

Sharon Dillinger	Richard Burger
Carol Fincher	Betty Thomas
Dick Ryan	Marian Johnson
Martha Cabbage	David Womeldorf

Our friends with continuing concerns:

Sam Blubaugh (Betty Thomas' friend)
Dick Holroyd (Brad Bayless friend & neighbor)
Don Dean's nephew, Rick
Melissa Paynee
Sonny Johnson
Barney Ellis
Dick French (Jay's dad)
Ingrid Schneickert (Jonna Gabbert's cousin)
Doris Stice (Sherrie Coltrain's friend)
Dick Marlow
Kristi Brown
Erlene Cares



ELDERS PRAYER LIST

As part of their commitment to pray for each member of FCC, the Elders are remembering these members and their families in prayer during each week (and invite you to join them.)

November 5 – November 11

Vince & Jeanette Horton	Bill Hogelin
Debbie Hoppes	Mike & Dori Howerter

November 12 – November 18

Lewis & Carol Hoyt	Alan & Elaine Hudson
Phil & Kelly Hurst	LD & Jerry Janssen

November 19 – November 25

Marian Johnson	Ruby Johns
Sharon Keal	Jason & Taffy Langston

November 26 – December 2

Terry & Debbie Lamb	Cynda Lavender
Jackie & Debbie Lansdown	Megan Lawrence

NOVEMBER

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Daylight Savings Time All Saints Day Nursing Home Devotions Good Sam 2 pm Woodridge 2:45 pm	Noon - Preschool Board meeting	9:30 am - DW Exec. Board Meeting 7 am - 7 pm - ELECTION	11:00 am Staff Meeting 6 pm - CYF 6:15 - choir practice	DW Nursing Home Party 2:30 pm -	SEK-CAP mtg. Fellowship Hall all day Youth Convention in Hutchinson			
12 Veterans Appreciation Thanksgiving Offering Youth Convention in Hutchinson	13 11 am - DW meet @ Kitchen Pass all FCC women invited	14 WIC	15 11 am - Staff Meeting 3:30 - Worship mtg. 6 pm - CYF 6:15 - choir	16	17 Youth Convention in Hutchinson			18
19 Soup & ornaments after worship Thanksgiving Offering 6 pm - Com. Service at St. Johns Episcopal Home Communion	20 11:10 - Preschool Program-sanctuary SEK-CAP meeting in Fellowship Hall	21	22 No Preschool No choir No CYF	23 THANKSGIVING DAY	24  Will Be Closed:			25
26 Decorate for Christmas Season after worship	27	28 Board Mtg - 7 pm	29 11 am - Staff Meeting 6 pm - CYF 6:15 - choir	30 WIC Dinner on 17th hosted by FCC	Sunday Worship Schedule 8:30 am - Elders meeting 9:30 am - Worship 10:30 am - Fellowship 11:00 am - Sunday School 11:00 am - CCF			