

# Newsletter

November 2018 Edition

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## A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

The season of thanks-giving and we have so much to be thankful for at 1<sup>st</sup> Christian. What a great community of caring, loving Christians. There are all kinds of ways to give your time and talents during this time of year. One is to help with decking the halls of the church. It is fun to decorate our own houses, but it is a wonderful feeling to be a part of decorating God's house for the coming Messiah. The Christmas season is almost upon us! So save the date for Sunday, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>. We will decorate and then fellowship together over a light lunch.

I can hardly wait to sing the old favorites and maybe a new one or two. Our worship series for the season is *Calm and Bright*, a celebration of the 200<sup>th</sup> birthday of the cherished *Silent Night*. I think you are going to love it. Last year it was feathers, this year stars will abound! I am excited too, because the Sanctuary in all its festive glory is simply gorgeous; a gift in itself for the Christ-child.

Then, when all the presents have been unwrapped and the food in the refrigerator is all leftovers, we will be having our December 30<sup>th</sup> service in the Fellowship Hall. Bring the goodies you have too much of and we will enjoy a casual worship service in the Fellowship Hall.

See you at the Table! Laurie

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will be decorating the sanctuary for Christmas on November 25th after worship.

Preschool Thanksgiving  
Program  
11:10a  
Nov. 19th

Meeting-3:30pm on Nov. 21st

## Dinner on 17th Update

Well, I just told you about our church serving dinner on 17th on Dec. 13 and because of circumstances beyond our control we will be doing the dinner on Nov. 29th. We plan to use the same menu we had planned for the other date. It will include: turkey and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, Christmas jello salad, and homemade Christmas cookies. We can use help with purchasing turkeys and some of the ingredients for the salad and cookies. A list will be in the Narthex with specifics of items needed. Thank you again for your support,  
Barbara

The next Home Communion will be on November 18th.  
Thank you for all those who serve in this outreach ministry.

Please join us in celebrating the 90th Birthday of Lillian Smith. Come and Go Reception on Saturday, November 17th from 1:00-3:00pm at the church. No gifts please but cards are welcomed. If unable to attend, birthday wishes can be mailed to Peggy Cramer, 1601 Clark, Parsons, KS 67357. Hosted by her children: Don Smith, Peggy Cramer, and Brenda Martin.

Carol Anne's Senior Recital will be December 8th at 4 pm.

## CYF NEWS OR...YOUTH AT THE FIRSTS Y@1

We are having a wonderful time mixing it up with the youth groups of 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist and 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian. We alternate locations each week and who is responsible. 1<sup>st</sup> Christian has the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. Which means we will host November 28<sup>th</sup> because of the Thanksgiving holiday. The trio of churches hosted the SEK disciples Youth Explosion in October. Disciples from Girard and Columbus came to hang out. Including all the amazing kitchen help there were 54 of us! We are so blessed to have a great group of talented and fun kids.  
Laurie and Chris

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1-Elaine Hudson  
4-Maribeth Long  
7- Shirley Beneke  
10-Greg Harris  
11-Kyla Nash  
14-Rick Smith  
15-Betha Proffitt  
20-Joan Gartner

3-Sydney Proffitt  
5-Christine Miller  
10-Rutheen Hammack  
11-Carol Fauster  
12-Kevin Brownwell  
14-Martha Willems  
19-Lori Ray  
21-Carolyn Steele

23-Jason Alexander  
26-Stephanie Bush  
29-Warren Koogle

24-Michele Ramirez  
28-Tyler Beardmore

## THANK-YOUS

Thank you to everyone who supported the Chicken Annie's Preschool Fundraiser. Without your help we could have never did as well as we did.  
Again thank you-Sunbeams Preschool

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Our nation's leaders and military, Church Minister & Staff, Regional Church Staff  
Care Homes/Homebound: Doris Brenner, Jimmy & June Dodds, Rutheen Hammack, Bill Hogelin, Iona Shipps, Doris Drummond, Martha Tredway, Betty Olmsted, Eunice Blaich, Lydia Lorimor, Jean Daetwiler, Bertha Proffitt, Mary Lea Ashcraft, June Miller, Jim Miller, & Jack & Loretta Stice.  
Health Concerns: Carol Fincher, Martha Cubbage, Dale Alexander, Pete Hughes, Michelle Brooks, Steve Martin, & Teresa Fuentez

## WEEKLY EVENTS

**Sundays: 8:30am Elder's Meeting, 9:30am Worship, 11am Sunday School**  
**Wednesdays: 6:00pm Youth Group, 6:15pm Choir Practice**