



Chalice Tidings

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November Sermons Giving Thanks

11/9 - Remembrance Sunday
Nehemiah 12:27

Rebuilt Gratitude

11/16 - Luke 17:11-16

Thank You
Jesus

11/23 - Genesis 46:28-31

I Can
Die Now

Worship at 10:30 am



November Sermons

Living Thanks

11/9 - 1 Samuel 2:1-2

Hannah

11/16 - Mark 5:18-20

Legion Man

11/23 - Philippians 1:18

Paul

Worship at 6:30 pm





Let me start by saying thanks! What a great source of comfort and joy you are to Anne and me. Your kindness and appreciation during Minister Appreciation is always overwhelming. Believe it or not, I read every word of every card. The ones from Hallmark. And the ones you write. For kind words and gifts, Thank You! A special thanks to Judy Graves and the worship committee for all their work. And, especially, thanks for the yummy cake and punch.

You are all amazing!

This month, we will turn our attention to gratitude and thankfulness and living thankfulness in this world. The Bible provides many great illustrations of gratitude. During this month, let's ask ourselves: In what ways are we thankful? For whom are we thankful? Why should we be thankful? How does being a thankful person draw us close to our God?

The signs of the times do not point to gratitude. At the time of this writing, the government is still shut down and many folks will not receive paychecks and assistance usually provided by the government. (We are seeking new ways to use the Emergency Cupboard to provide for folks in need.) Wars and violence still persist. Politicians are not working together and have forgotten what kindness means. Social media posts often reflect such meanness. Are you worried what conversations might occur around your holiday tables?

In these days of trial and struggle, we who are faithful must live differently. We must seek the goodness. We must be the goodness. God's kindness and love and hope lives through us. We teach others faith by the way we approach life.

An attitude of gratitude is the faithful-tude.

May we who follow Christ see goodness in this world. May we live this goodness. May we be grateful. See you soon!

Peace,

Evangelism

Anne Ingersoll, Chair

During the month of November, we find ourselves in a season filled with rich traditions and opportunities to reflect on the blessings in our lives. With Thanksgiving just around the corner, we are reminded of the importance of gratitude and the transformative power of sharing God's love.

In this month of thankfulness, let's take a moment to consider how we can extend God's love in practical ways within our community and beyond. Here are some suggestions:

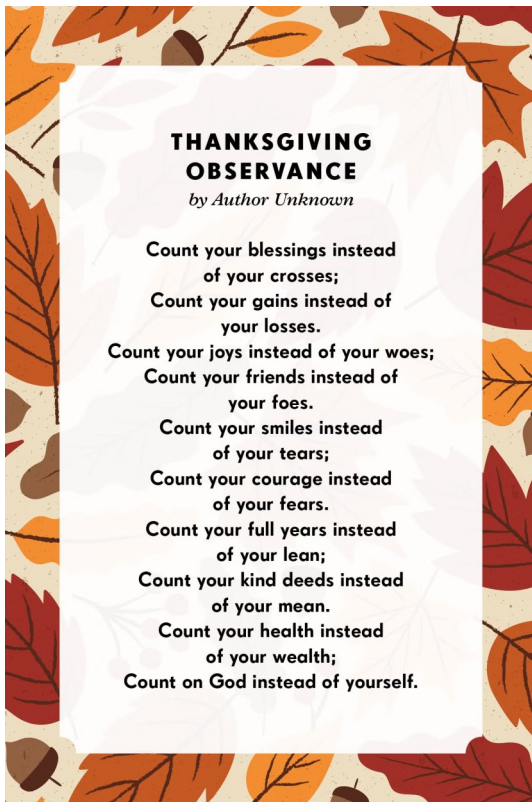
1. **Acts of Kindness:** Small acts can have a significant impact. Whether it's helping a neighbor with groceries, writing a note of encouragement, or simply offering a smile and a listening ear, let your actions be a reflection of Christ's love. Look for opportunities to show kindness each day; you never know how a simple gesture can brighten someone's day.
2. **Volunteer Opportunities:** November is the perfect time to get involved with local charities and organizations that serve those in need. Consider volunteering with our Emergency Cupboard, signing up to ring the bells with the Salvation Army, or helping at the animal shelter. Don't forget to volunteer to help with our Thanksgiving meal on November 15th. This is also a good opportunity to invite your neighbors and friends to join us for a hot meal!
3. **Sharing Your Abundance:** Let's remember to share our resources with those in need. *We are a generous church.* There are organizations such as Samaritan Well that are in need of household items, paper goods, personal care products. Even a small contribution can make a difference and help spread the spirit of thanksgiving.
4. **Family Gratitude Practices:** Encourage your family to practice gratitude together. Share what you are thankful for during family meals or gather to create a gratitude jar where each member can add notes throughout the month. These practices cultivate a heart of thankfulness and open doors to discussing God's grace and love.
5. **Invite Others to Church:** November is an excellent time to invite friends, neighbors, and coworkers to join us for worship services, especially as we approach Advent. Many people are looking for connection during the holidays, and your invitation could be the bridge that brings them closer to experiencing God's love within our church. We have our service of remembrance on November 9th. If you know someone who is grieving and may need a connection with God, this may be a nice service to invite them to.

As we enter this month of thankfulness, let us make an intentional effort to share God's love in all we do. Together, we can create ripples of kindness that reflect God's grace in our community. May we be encouraged to look beyond ourselves and embrace the call to love, serve, and act justly—as we seek to honor God and uplift those around us.

Disciples Women

Char Carden, President

The Disciples Women General Meeting met a week early on October 21st. The women brought bingo prizes for several local nursing homes — items like toilet paper, Kleenex, toothpaste, brushes, combs, deodorant, lotion, large-print books, small knickknacks, scarves, and socks. Residents must buy their own personal supplies, so they truly appreciate the gifts we collect. Thanks to the generosity of our members, the bingo prize tables will be full of surprises! The supplies are divided among three to four different nursing homes twice a year. A big **thank you** to all the women who brought *many* bingo prizes. If you'd like to donate additional items, please see Char or Joyce, or drop them off at the church office. We'll be doing this again in the spring!



The Disciples Women are also taking up a **collection for the WIRC Christmas Children's Fund**. Financial contributions can be taken to the church office by **November 9th** (WIRC is already starting to shop). This year, WIRC has been swamped with requests — they received 700 applications and had to close registration because they couldn't take more. Your generosity will make a meaningful difference for families in need this Christmas season.

Mark your calendars for two upcoming gatherings! There will be a **Ladies Luncheon on Monday, November 25th at 11:00 am**, followed by the **Disciples Women General Meeting at 12:00 pm**. Then, join us for our **Christmas Party on December 4th at Park Place in Macomb**. Reservations are due by November 25th. Please let Char or the church office know if you'd like to attend — all women are invited! More details will follow as plans are finalized.

The Disciples Women of FCC wish each of you a **very Happy Thanksgiving** and thank you for your continued support, generosity, and fellowship!



Join the Kringle Club!

WIRC's Project Santa program needs volunteers and donations to help make Christmas brighter for local families. You can get involved by shopping for gifts, sorting donations, sponsoring a child, or giving cash, toys or clothing.

Volunteer Registration Deadline: November 5th

Donation Deadline: December 12th

Learn more or sign up at wirpc.org/projectsanta or email projectsanta@wirpc.org

Thank You From The Burg's

Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended our 50th wedding anniversary celebration. Thank you also for the many cards and nice comments we received. Our church family is very special to us! - Rod and Nita Burg



give the food. Thank you very much!

Park Golf Scramble

Our Park Golf Scramble was a huge hit! Thank you to everyone who participated, donated, volunteered, and everything in-between! We raised over \$2,500 for the Emergency Cupboard! We appreciate your generosity in helping us continue to help those in need. We couldn't have done it without you!

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Shopper Donate your time to shop for gifts on family wish lists.	Gift Sorter Donate your time to sort purchased gifts for delivery.
Donor Give cash or toys/clothing to support the program.	Sponsor Donate your time and money to purchase gifts for children.

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Thank You to Edison Elementary School

First Christian Church is so grateful to Edison Elementary School for their very generous contributions of food and basic supplies for the people who come to the Emergency Cupboard! (FCC's Aaron Meunier organized the food drive.) With costs rising and help dwindling, these things they donated will be put to very good use. We are so happy that they decided to do this food drive and that our Emergency Cupboard is the place they chose to



Environmental Stewardship

Kathy Fischer and Jack McKinnon

Of the many suggestions we've made for ways to be a good steward of God's creation, recycling is one of the easiest. So we thought it would be a good idea to review the opportunities for recycling in our community, and mention one more that's coming soon.

A review of the recycling projects

1. Ripple Glass Project: Place rinsed glass jars and bottles in the purple bin in the Farm King parking lot. Labels can be left on. (If you can't lift your container, just throw the items in one at a time). Note: no bags
2. Green Tree Plastics (caps and lids): Bri is heading up this project at our church. Just place your lids and caps (as designated on the sign) in the containers, and she will take them to the YMCA Daycare where they're sorted and sent away for recycling. Thanks, Bri!
3. Aluminum Can Recycling: The Lions Club in Colchester takes aluminum cans for recycling. Address is 207 Fulton Street. Drive through the driveway and you'll see 8 bins. Cans should be rinsed, and can either be loose or in bags.
4. Coming Soon: Recycling prescription bottles and caps.
 - Will be collected in a marked bucket in the church (separate from the Green Tree project), stored by Kathy, and then sent to the recycling center in OH.
 - Guidelines: #5 plastic only (to keep it simple).
 - Hopefully this project will be in place by late November.



Pumpkin Smash

Saturday, November 8: If you are looking for a way to get rid of those leftover pumpkins, bring them to the **Pumpkin Smash at Veterans Park** from **10:00 am to 1:00 pm**. Pumpkin Smash is more than just a fun event, it is a community initiative to reduce waste and up-cycle pumpkins into something the community will benefit from. This event is sponsored by Macomb Park District and University of Illinois Extension Service.

November Event Calendar

November 2: Emergency Cupboard Collection & Daylight Savings Ends

November 8: Disciples Men - 8:00 am @ *Old Dairy*

November 10: Second Monday Women's Group - 6:00 pm @ *Los Charros East*

November 15: Thanksgiving Dinner - 6:00 pm @ *Fellowship Hall*

November 17: Board Meeting - 7:00 pm @ *Fellowship Hall*

November 20: Third Thursday Groups

- Meditation - 12:15 pm @ *Parlor*
- Men's Group - 7:00 pm @ *Buffalo Wild Wings*

November 25: Women's Events

- Ladies Luncheon - 11:00 am @ *Old Dairy*
- Disciples Women General Meeting - 12:00 pm @ *Old Dairy*

November 25: MACMA Community Thanksgiving Service

- 6:30 pm @ *Wesley United Methodist Macomb*

November 27: Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed

You're Invited!

Join us on Saturday, November 15th at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall for FCC's Thanksgiving Dinner! We will be serving up turkey, dressing, noodles, mashed potatoes, rolls, and drinks! If you would like to bring something, you can bring table service, a dish to share, your appetite and friends! Everyone is invited and we can't wait to see you there!





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