



First Saturday of the month at 8 am, Disciples Men at Old Dairy. Please join us for a morning of fun fellowship.

First Monday of the month, calling all women of the church! Spirit Sisters is one of our church social groups and meets at 7 pm on the first Monday of each month. We meet at Diamond Dave's for refreshments and chips, and you are welcome to eat dinner there as well. We chat about a given topic in a safe environment, share our experiences, and learn a bit more about each other. You are always welcome to bring a friend! Come join us! **Does not meet in Jan.**

First Thursday of the month, FCC Book Club at 12.00 pm. Please come join us for a morning of fun.

Second Tuesday of the month, Prayer Shawl at 1 pm. Come join us for a lovely social hour.

Third Thursday Men's Group at Rocky's at 7:30 pm.

Fourth Tuesday Disciples Clergy at 9:30 am.

Last Tuesday of the month, Martha Shemwell group meeting at 1:30 pm, Itoko Maeda dinner at 6:00 pm at Chicks followed by a meeting at 7:15pm.

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ELDERS
Myrna Osborn

A new year, new dreams, new responsibilities, new beginnings. Now is the time to decide what new activities you would like to participate in. Perhaps you would like to pursue a certain talent that you have had on hold for various reasons. Could it be that you enjoy knitting or crocheting? The Prayer Shawl Group may be just the right fit for you. Maybe you love to read books of all kinds and would like to join in discussions about them. The Book Club at our church could be exactly what you are seeking. Have you always had a talent and passion for music? Do you play an instrument or enjoy singing? The choir may be the answer. The church is a wonderful place to start looking for something you are interested in. Check out all the committees. Find out what each one does and how your talents may be exactly suited to it. Also, give some thought to volunteering in community activities. Follow your dreams; take part in activities that bring joy to your heart and soul. It is a new year and a time to try new pursuits. May this be your best year!!!

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Kelly's Korner

We would like to thank the congregation for their moral and financial support throughout the year. It is beneficial to know our congregation understands the challenges we face throughout the year. No words can express our gratitude.

Peace,



Debbie

Raul

Carol

Bill

Tad

Sarah

Hannah

Natasha

Scriptures and Sermons

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| <i>January 1, 2017</i> | <i>Matthew 2:13-23</i> | <i>Dreams and Travels</i> |
| <i>January 8, 2017</i> | <i>Matthew 2:7-12</i> | <i>Overwhelmed with Joy</i> |
| <i>January 15, 2017</i> | <i>Luke 2:39-40</i> | <i>Dear, Lord, Baby Jesus</i> |
| <i>January 22, 2017</i> | <i>Luke 2:41-45</i> | <i>Pre-Teen Jesus</i> |
| <i>January 29, 2017</i> | <i>Matthew 3:13-17</i> | <i>Up from the Water</i> |

EMAIL SAFETY

Recently, some members have received emails that indicated they were from First Christian Church Macomb with the subject "I never would have thought it possible." The body of the message had very little information other than a link to click on. This is known as "phishing" and is an attempt to gather personal information for erroneous purposes. If you are unsure about an email you receive from the church, please call the church office to verify the accuracy of the email before clicking on any links.

Thank you ,

The Technology Committee

December was a great month for Disciples Women. Our annual Salad Luncheon served over 80 women and was a great time. The Candy Sale was a home run for the sweet tooth lovers. Lots of great candy with lots left over to share with some not so fortunate. The Itoko Maeda Group gathered at Magnolia's for great food and fellowship. Looking forward for the year to come!

Something to think about: Faithfulness requires that I use the gifts God has given me!

A LOOK AHEAD AT JANUARY:

2. No Spirit Sisters meeting in January
3. 7:00 pm DW Executive Board Meeting
4. 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
5. 12:00 pm FCC Book Club
7. 8:00 am Disciples Men (Old Dairy)
8. De-decorate the church
9. 5:30 pm Outreach & Action
6:00 pm Christian Education
6:00 pm Stephen Ministry
6:30 pm Property
10. 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl
11. 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
16. Day of Service
5:30 pm Trustees
7:00 pm Elders
17. 5:00 pm Pastoral Support
18. 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
19. 7:30 pm Third Thursday Men's Group at Rocky's
22. 7:00 pm State of the Church
23. 5:00 pm Evangelism
5:00 pm Church Board
24. 9:30 am Disciples Clergy
1:30 pm Martha Shemwell Meeting
6:00 pm Itoko Maeda Dinner at Chick's
7:15 pm Itoko Maeda Meeting
25. 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal



8. Jim Schauble
9. Norma Sims
11. John Carden
Anne Ingersoll
12. Betty Landis
17. Dan Reed
Marilyn Robinson
Kolette & Krista Rutledge
23. Tweed Mummert
24. Aaron Meunier
25. Rev. Kelly Ingersoll
29. Brixton Call

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Char Carden

I hope everyone had a wonderful Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Best wishes to everyone in the year ahead.

I have been on the Worship Committee for a few years and been chair for two. It is a great committee. I want to thank those who have helped serve on this committee with me...Dorothy Loop, Judy Graves, Phyllis Shields and Cindy Moon. Great job, girls, I could not have done it without you. I will be passing this committee on to a great gal..Anne Ingersoll. I know she will be doing a great job. Thank you to EVERYONE who has helped me these past years and especially those who helped decorate and de-decorate the church for Christmas.

The Five Finger Prayer

- 1.) The thumb is the closest finger to you. So start praying for those who are closest to you. They are the persons easiest to remember.
- 2.) The next finger is the index. Pray for those who teach you, instruct you and heal you. They need the support and wisdom to show direction to others. Always keep them in your prayers.
- 3.) The following finger is the tallest. It reminds us of our leaders, the governors and those who have authority. They need God's guidance.
- 4.) The fourth finger is the ring finger. Even though it may surprise you, it is our weakest finger. It should remind us to pray for the weakest, the sick or those plagued by problems. They need your prayers.
- 5.) And finally we have our smallest finger, the smallest of all. Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. When you are done praying for the other four groups, you will be able to see your own needs but in the proper perspective, and also you will be able to pray for your own needs in a better way.

Here's a thought I leave you to ponder, Light has no shadow! The Bible says "God is light; in him there is no darkness at all" 1 John 1:5.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
Jonelle Schauble

Christian Education and Community Outreach are hosting a one day mission event on Monday, January 16 at Genesis Gardens Emergency Shelter on Calhoun Street. Anyone interested in participating can meet at the church in the Fellowship Hall. We will be working from 9 am to noon. We will return to the church for chili, grilled cheese, relish and cheese tray, chips, dessert and drinks. Those interested may return to the house after lunch to enjoy a movie/craft. Childcare will be provided for those who need it. A sign-up sheet will be on the parlor bulletin starting January 1, 2017. As part of this mission there is opportunity to volunteer to cook, serve, and/or childcare. Sign-up will be on parlor bulletin also starting January 1, 2017

On January 8, there will be a young adult class starting. Please see Kelly or Anne for more information. It is my hope that the class I was teaching for those members of our church who are intellectually challenged will also start on January 8. It will meet in the room across from the choir room. Please join us.

Christian education thanks those who helped on any event held in 2016. It was fun hosting those events. Please read and return the insert that will be in the Jan 1st and 8th bulletins. Looking forward to 2017, we wish you a Happy New Year.

During the past year, we hosted events geared toward the families of the church and community. Some of the events hosted were movies in the parking lot, an Easter egg hunt and Bingo. Since we want these events to grow, we need your input. Please answer the following questions and return them to the church office, put them in the offering plate or give them to Jonelle Schauble by January 16th.

Please circle any of the following events you or your family would like to attend:

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| Movies in the parking lot | Date Night | Cooking With Mom |
| Craft Night | Spaghetti Dinner | |
| Board Game Night | Paint Night | |
| Bingo | Clay Night | |
| Mothers' Day at the Spa | Card Making | |
| Karaoke | Bowling With Dad | |

What are some things you would like to see us host?

What is the best day of the week for you to attend these events?

Would you be more apt to come if we offered transportation to and from these events?

Thank you for your input.

