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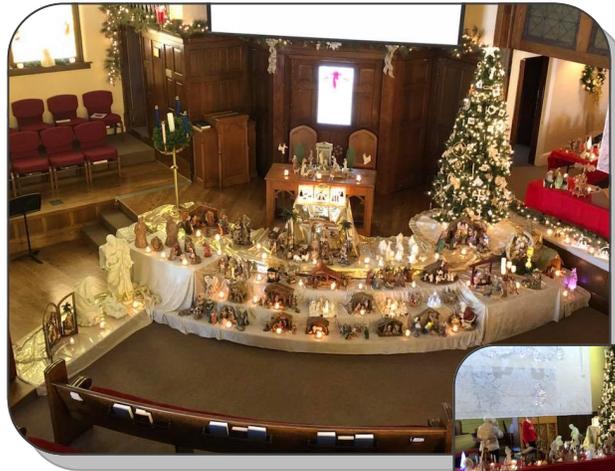
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FESTIVAL OF THE CRECHE

Jean Vaughn

First Christian Church will host the "Festival of the Creche" again this year. The event will take place Friday, November 30, 6:00-8:30 pm and Saturday, December 1, 3:30-6:00 pm during Macomb's Dickens on the Square. Admission will be free including refreshments.

**To make this event happen, the committee would like to display your nativity scene(s)!
There is no such thing as too small, too big or too old! We love to display them all!**

You may bring your scene(s) to the church anytime from Sunday, November 18 through Thursday, November 29. Please place them in the Memory room off the parlor. Be sure your name is on the box/container and on each figurine. Someone on the committee will put them in place. You may pick them up after Worship Service on Sunday, December 2.

Volunteers consisting of men and women are needed, see signup sheets on the bulletin board by the parlor kitchen.

For questions, please contact Jean Vaughn.

Kelly's Korner

We can complain because rose bushes have thorns, or rejoice because thorns have roses.—Alphonse Karr, A Tour Round My Garden

Cultivate the habit of being grateful for every good thing that comes to you, and to give thanks continuously. And because all things have contributed to your advancement, you should include all things in your gratitude.—Ralph Waldo Emerson

Piglet noticed that even though he had a Very Small Heart, it could hold a rather large amount of Gratitude.—A.A. Milne, Winnie-the-Pooh

Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase Thanksgiving, to the glory of God.—2 Corinthians 4:15

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

—Psalm 107:1

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.—1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

I give thanks for you! On Sunday, October 14, our Board Chair, Char Carden, spoke some beautiful words near the close of our worship service. We gathered in the parlor for cake and punch, delaying our lunches for a few moments. Clergy Appreciation is extremely appreciated by your clergyperson. All of the cards received have been read with joy in my heart. Comments spoken as we entered the parlor settled in my soul and provide encouragement and positive energy for my work. You are an awesome congregation and I love you all. Thank you!!

Let us not lose sight of this, though: there is not just one minister at FCC Macomb. All of us are ministers. The work of this church is shared by all. Calling on each other, providing funds for area and denominational missions, bringing supplies for the Emergency Cupboard, doing kindness, being hospitable, sharing the love of God made known to us in Jesus...everything WE do is ministry and exemplifies our faith to the world.

Gratitude and joy are uniquely linked. Whatever makes us happy also fills us with gratitude. Whatever makes us grateful brings joy to our lives. May we continue to receive God's love (and grace and hope) and share God's love (and grace and hope) with the world. In so doing, may we not only live our mission, but also find our joy and gratitude!

Peace,



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Jean Vaughn



Stephen Ministry met on Monday, October 8, 2018, at 1:00 pm with 4 present.

stephen
MINISTRY

The Stephen Series, St. Louis, recently sent the dates for Stephen Ministry Leadership Training. The one closest to Macomb will be held in St. Louis from April 28, 2018 – May 4. This training is open to any member of our congregation who desires to care for those who are hurting. The early registration deadline is March 19, 2019. If interested in this faith-growth experience, contact Jean Vaughn.

On Sunday, November 4, Rev. Ingersoll and Stephen Ministry will offer a SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE during the All Saint's Day Worship Service. We will focus on loved ones who have passed away during the last eighteen months. It is our hope to well remember your loved one and all those of our church family. As we remember, a name will be read, a chime will be played, a candle will be lit and a flower will be placed.

This Service is also a hope to honor all those who have passed before us giving the opportunity of growth and faith.

We had made 4 phone calls, 4 visits, and sent 9 cards. Then we went over the prayer list.

Our next meeting will be November 12, 2018, at 1:00 pm.

SECOND CHANCES

Ben Kersey, Youth Minister

Second Chances. The phrase that we all love to hear but struggle to say. It's always been difficult to forgive and know that there's another chance to be hurt. What we sometimes forget is that we're working on a second chance ourselves, as Christians. When our savior, Jesus Christ, went up on that cross, he gave us our second chance to live a life devoted to God.

As children of Christ, we are called to forgive and we have a perfect example. Everyday, when we wake up, it's a new chance to change how we live for Christ. It's no longer a second chance, it's a five thousandth chance, and it feels like love.

So I implore you to give a second chance. Forgive that friend that wronged you and try that food a second time, maybe you'll like it. Just keep your mind and your heart open to the possibility that another heart can change.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Norma Kentner

Exciting News: FCC was able to purchase **four new Kala ukuleles** to use during the Children's Choir time. Allie Hulen, one of our music interns, will supervise the use of the ukuleles. The plan is to use the ukuleles at our Christmas Pageant this year!

We are in the planning stages for our **Christmas Pageant**, Sunday, December 16th (snow/ice date, December 23) in the Fellowship Hall at 9:00 am. Mark your calendars for this meaningful event.... the birth of Jesus story, singing, ukuleles, costumes, artwork made by the Sunday School classes, scenery, and refreshments.

As always, please invite your friends and neighbors to join us at Sunday School at 9:00 am for meaningful discussion and friendship.

FCC BOOK CLUB

Norma Kentner

In October, our **FCC Book Club** met to watch the movie, **Unbroken**, in the Youth Room. Tim Adams assisted with the movie set-up, so a big thank you to Tim! On Thursday, November 1 at noon, we will discuss the book, **Unbroken**, by Laura Hillenbrand, the stirring story of an Olympic Gold runner, Louis Zamperini, a POW captive during WWII. We will not meet in December, but meet on Thursday, January 3 at noon in the Fellowship Hall to discuss **The Five People You Meet in Heaven** by Mitch Albom. Let Norma know if you wish to read and discuss the book with the club. We always have a good, thoughtful discussion after our book reads and we always welcome new readers!

OUTREACH AND ACTION

Jan Rockwell

November = Thankful For A Home!

This year's collection of household products for the Men's & Women's Shelters will be taken on Sunday November 11. Please check the list for items you could bring for our neighbors at the Well. Laundry baskets will be in the Parlor that morning & in the Fellowship Hall during the Thanksgiving dinner.

Twin size bed covers
Twin size sheets
Queen size sheets
Foil
Laundry Detergent
Bleach
Dishwasher Detergent
Fabric Softener Sheets

Toilet Paper
Paper Towels
14 gallon (tall kitchen) Trash bags
Zip lock gallon bags
Zip lock quart bags
Plastic Wrap
Kleenex.

6th ANNUAL SECRET SANTA CHRISTMAS PARTY

for people with special needs

WEDNESDAY, December 5, 2018

Arrival 5:00-5:30 (Program begins at 5:30) Ends at 7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

All friends and members of FCC are invited for a joyful way to celebrate Christmas! *Special needs guests must fill in a **registration by November 14** as the gifts are limited to the first 75 to register.* The evening includes a light supper (WIU Dietetics students under Dr. Emily Shupe), games (Kelly & the Outreach Department), carol singing (Tim & Sue Adams), gifts (FCC members) and a visit from SANTA!

How to join the fun?

1. An angel tree will be set up in the Parlor to sponsor a special needs person by taking an angel name off of the tree either of the two Sundays, Nov 18 or 25th. Please return a **\$10 gift card** with the name to the tree by **Sun., Dec. 2nd.** The older Jr./Sr. High School Youth will write cards to include with the gifts for all 75 guests.
2. Volunteer for helping as a greeter, dessert maker (DW, Char Carden), party mingler
3. ATTENDING for an evening of laughing & good times.

For information, contact Babs Becker, Chair of the Secret Santa Party, Outreach Committee or the church office.

EMERGENCY CUPBOARD

Jan Rockwell

Temperatures Drop, Needs Rise

As the Fall brings cooler days and frosty nights, the needs of our Emergency Cupboard clients are changing & increasing. The Cupboard needs restocking daily! We now need items that won't be harmed by freezing and personal hygiene items for colder weather.

Below are suggestions: (Avoid canned goods)

Dry Packaged soups/pastas
Chicken/Tuna in foil packs
Dried fruit & nuts/peanut butter
Tea/ Coffee /hot chocolate packs
Single serve oatmeal/ boxed cereals

Breakfast & snack bars
Knitted caps/mittens/socks
Toilet paper, Kleenex
Soap/ wash cloths
Lip balm/ lotion/deodorant

Bring your donations for the children to collect on the First Sunday of the month.

Thanks for helping our community!

DISCIPLES WOMEN

Char Carden

THANKSGIVING DINNER

NOVEMBER 11th, 6:00 pm in the FELLOWSHIP HALL

DW women will furnish turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, noodles, rolls and drinks.

Everyone is asked to bring a salad or vegetable or dessert. Bring your own table service.

Guaranteed you will not leave hungry!

Ruth Parks will be playing the piano for our entertainment before dinner.

Thanks-giv-ing.....The expression of gratitude - especially to God.

It is a national holiday in North America celebrated the fourth Thursday in November. A similar holiday is held in Canada on the second Monday of October. As Christians, we are called beyond simple thanks for the good things God has sent our way. We also give thanks for what He has done FOR us and for WHO He is.

We are thankful for what GOD has GIVEN us...

His "unfailing" love...Psalm 107

We are thankful for what GOD has DONE..

He has answered me(and) become my salvation.....Psalm 118:21

We are to be thankful for who GOD is....

He is faithful and just.....1 John 1:9

Training our hearts to be thankful does many good things. It gives credit where credit is due. It keeps us humble and reminds us of our need for God.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING EVERYONE.

.....Upcoming event....

Women's Salad Luncheon....December 1st in Fellowship Hall. All women invited.

Remember..

GOD IS GOOD...HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER. 1 Chronicles 16:34

DISCIPLES MEN

Dean Hansen

Disciples Men will meet at The Old Dairy
November 3 at 8:00 am.

Third Thursday Men's Group will meet at Chubby's
November 15 at 7:30 pm

TRUSTEES

Dean Rockwell

There are TWO trustees meeting in November.

November 12 at 5:30 pm.

November 19 at 5:30 pm followed by the
Church Board meeting at 7:00 pm.

THANK YOU

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to everyone
who planned, volunteered and/or attended the FCC Fall Festival!!
Though the cold & rain kept some away, those who came had a VERY FUN time!

Thanks especially to our committee chairs:

Bob and Karen Chatterton, Joyce Randall, Rod Burg, Kelly and Anne Ingersoll, Barb Houck,
Carolee Sellers, Allen and Cheryl Andrews, Dean and Jan Rockwell.

THANK YOU FROM NITA BURG AND FAMILY

Rod, Nanci and I would like to thank those who sent cards, flowers, and memorials or who
attended the visitation and/or funeral for my mother, Margaret Reedy. Thank you for the
prayer shawl for my sister and for all the caring and concern that you have shown to us.

This is a wonderful church family.

Dates to Remember



November 11



November 22

November

Birthdays and Anniversaries

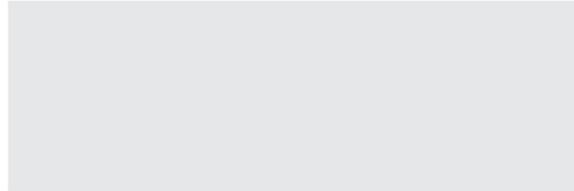
- 9 - Judy Graves
- 11 - Stan & Carolee Sellers (a)
- 13 - Emily Bennett
- 14 - Heather Craig-Bailey
- 16 - Cindy Moon
- 18 - Larry Ellis
- 19 - Don Crawford
- 22 - Richard Foster
- 24 - Brianna Meunier
- 25 - John & Char Carden (a)
Chris & Linda Dace (a)
- 29 - Roger Rouse
- 30 - Teresa Bennett
Stan Sellers
Rev. Kelly and Anne Ingersoll (a)



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**NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES FOR COLLEGE AGE
YOUTH (grades 6-12) and JYF (grades 3-5)**

College Age

4 - 8:00 pm
18 - 8:00 pm

Youth - 6 - 12 Grade

4- 5:00-7:00 pm Movie Night
11 - All Church Thanksgiving Diner—No Meeting
18 - *Gratitude*
25 - Noon-3:00 pm Lunch and Sanctuary Decorating

JYF - 3 - 5 Grade

4- 5:00 pm *JYF*
11 - All Church Thanksgiving Diner—No Meeting
18- 5:00 pm *JYF*