



Chalice Tidings

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
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What: Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

When: Sunday, November 13 6:00 pm

Where: Fellowship Hall

Disciples Women will provide:

turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, noodles and rolls.

Those attending are asked to bring a vegetable, salad, or dessert to share.

Please bring your own table service.

Kelly's Korner

First of all, let me say thank you for the wonderful Minister Appreciation recognition and reception. Everyone is so kind. I am grateful to be your minister. It was a perfect cap to the weekend on which I was installed as the Moderator for the Christian Church in Illinois/Wisconsin. Thanks again!

Moving forward, there are some dates I would like for you to add to your calendar for some events that I would like for you to attend. On Saturday, November 12, (yes, I know this is one day before our Thanksgiving meal) the western edge of the region will have a ministry and vision discussion. FCC Macomb will host starting at 10:00 am. Please come to be good hosts. Please come to have input on the hopes and dreams for the future of CCIW. The information gained will assist the Personnel Committee as they seek to staff our region according to our needs to fulfill our dreams.

On Monday, November 14 (yes, I know this is the day after the Thanksgiving meal) we will open our doors to the community to come and hear about the ministry of INK 180 and Chris Baker. Chris is a member at one of our Disciple congregations, Big Life Community Church, in Oswego, IL. He runs a tattoo parlor. How is a tattoo parlor a ministry, you ask? Chris removes tattoos from former gang members and women who have suffered in human trafficking. He gives them opportunities to escape lives they are no longer leading by removing a mark that reminds them daily of oppression and negativity. He provides them new life. Please come to be good hosts. Please come to learn more about this important ministry. Keep an eye out for more details.

Please keep our Trustees and Board members in prayer as we are putting together lists for leadership and crafting a budget for 2017. Please be in prayer for yourself. Please consider how you might be able to act on the promises you have made to use time, talent and treasure to serve God and church in the following year. We have lots to be excited about. We have lives to transform. We have a community to impact. May God be at work through all of us daily. See you soon!

Peace,



Upcoming Sermon Topics

November 6, Hateful Haman - Esther 3: 1-6

November 13, Courage of Esther - Esther 4: 15-17

November 20, Purim - Esther 9: 20-23



YOUTH MINISTRY

Tad Goldner

November:

- 6: Youth Group: Who Has Your Back?
- 13: Thanksgiving Dinner
- 20: Youth Group: Movie Night
- 27: No Youth Group: Happy Thanksgiving!

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Jean Vaughn



Thank you for helping us recognize Stephen Ministry during Worship on October 9. I hope and pray the short video of persons who had been visited or were being visited by a Stephen Minister made an impression on you. Thanks to Kelly for allowing us to show the video.

If Sunday sparked an interest within anyone who would like to become a Stephen Leader or Stephen Minister, there is training for both. During April 2017, there will be training for Stephen Leaders in St. Louis and beginning July 2017, there will be training for Stephen Ministers at the church. In the meantime, I would like to ask everyone, men and women, to seriously consider and pray about this ministry and about becoming part of this ministry by being a Stephen Leader or Stephen Minister. For questions or comments you may contact Rev. Ingersoll (837-6473), Pauline Dunn (837-2058) or Jean Vaughn (837-4406; 255-6525; jeanvaughn468@yahoo.com).

“FESTIVAL OF THE CRECHE”

The Planning Committee met and decided FCC will host the “Festival of the Creche” this year. The event will take place Friday, Dec. 2, 6-8:30 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 3, 3:30-6:00 p.m. during Macomb’s Dickens on the Square. Admission will be free including refreshments. To make this event happen, members of the congregation will be asked to bring one or all of their nativity scenes to the church. A member of the committee will place them, date and time TBA. For questions, please call Jean Vaughn 837-4406; 255-6525; email her jeanvaughn468@yahoo.com

WORSHIP

Char Garden



Decorating the church for Christmas will be Sunday, November 20 at 1:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to help.

If you want to order poinsettia's, please let Nancy Reed know by November 10. The cost will be \$12.50. You can order a red or white poinsettia.

Anyone wishing to volunteer for Worship Leader, or Children’s Moment, please contact Dorothy Loop or Judy Graves by November 28. Alcolyte volunteers are also needed please contact Char Garden.

OUTREACH AND ACTION

Jan Rockwell

Samaritan Well Activity



Our FCC collection for Samaritan Well (Thankful For a Home) will be done this year during the annual Thanksgiving Dinner on November 13. The youth will be posted at each doorway as you enter the church that evening. You may drop off items of checks for the Samaritan Well with the young people as you enter the Fellowship Hall. There will be a blessing on the gifts that evening. Please consider supporting the work in our community at the Men and Women shelters. The following list include needs at the shelter at this time.

Laundry detergent, Bleach, Dishwasher detergent, Fabric softener sheets, Toilet paper, Paper towels, Tall trash bags, Ziploc gallon bags, Ziploc quart bags, Plastic wrap and Kleenex.

Human Trafficking Awareness Activities



WITS (Western Illinois Traffic Stop) is conducting a human trafficking awareness training for CASA volunteers on November 9 at the Presbyterian Church. Several members from the Action & Outreach Committee are involved in WITS.

Kelly, for WITS, has arranged for Chris Baker, the Chicago area tattoo artist/human trafficking rescue worker INK101 (Disciples member), to come to Macomb starting on Monday, November 14 where he will speak at FCC at 7 pm. On Tuesday November 15 he will speak to students at West Prairie High School. Stay tuned for more information!

Secret Santa Special Olympics Christmas Party



Save the date: Friday, December 9 to join a seriously fun group of athletes and special needs parties! Christian Action & Outreach will host a community party to celebrate our area Special Olympians and Special Needs Friends. We will set up an angel tree for members to sponsor a party-goer with a \$10 gift card. You'll have the opportunity to select a name off the tree starting November 20. The gift cards must be returned to the church by Sunday, December 4. The congregation is welcome to come and party or help. Please contact Jan Rockwell if you would like to assist in planning the party.

Thank you



Thanks to Kelly and my church family for all your prayers, hospital and home visits, cards, phone calls, text messages, food, flowers, and to the ones that took me to my physical therapy sessions during my knee surgery and recovery. I can't begin to tell you how much I appreciated everyone's concerns and help during my surgery and the last five months. I got through all this because of my wonderful church family. God Bless! Joyce Randall

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Jonelle Schauble

Whew, where has the year gone? I love fall, the pumpkin pie smells, the beautiful fall colors, the hint of cool air.

November is a busy month in the life of the church, so I hope you will all mark your calendars with these upcoming events and join us.

Since the children will be out of school for Thanksgiving break, we thought we might offer a solution to the "Mom, I'm bored." On, Saturday, November 26 from 2pm to 4 pm, Christian Education is hosting a Dessert Bar/Bingo Day, in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a variety of desserts, sure to be something for everyone. After enjoying desserts, bingo will be played. Transportation will be provided. Sign up sheet will be on parlor bulletin board beginning November 6th. Hope to see everyone there.

Then, to end the year, we are hosting a New Year's Eve party in the Fellowship Hall from 6pm to 8pm. There will be food, drinks, crafts, games, lots of fun. Bring the family and join us for a night of noise and loads of fun.

If anyone would like to become a member of Christian Education please see Jonelle Schauble or Jack McKinnon. We meet on the second Monday of the month.

As we approach this holiday season, I find myself more thankful and blessed this year. Never take for granted the family and friends in your life, tell them how you feel, and above all, thank the man upstairs. Happy Thanksgiving.

TRUSTEES

Donna Bainter

We need to have your 2017 Budget Requests by November 13, 2016. The Trustees are going to meet on November 14 or 15 to work on the Budget. If you increase any item, please elaborate. If you have questions please call Jeff at 255-0397 or Donna at 836-8648. Thank you.

DISCIPLES WOMEN

Karen Chatterton

Plans were discussed for the Thanksgiving Dinner, November 13.

Joyce will chair the Christmas Tea on December 3. Six local churches will be invited to attend. More plans will be made later.

Ladies night out will be April 11, 2017.

The Bertha Gilchrist Group will dissolve and join the Martha Shemwell Group.

It was decided to send \$50 to Youth for Christ in place of a basket for the banquet.

Something to think about:

Christian living is an adventure with Christ.

DISCIPLES MEN

Dean Hansen

Disciples Men will meet November 5 at The Old Dairy at 8:00 am, and the Third Thursday Group will meet at Rocky's on November 17 at 7:30 pm.

PERSONNEL

Jack McKinnon

The Personnel Committee will meet on November 7 at 5:30 to discuss and set our budget for 2017. Personnel Committee members. please plan to attend this very important meeting.

OUTREACH AND ACTION

Jan Rockwell

Stuff the bus at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, November 9 at First Presbyterian Church. All help is deeply appreciated.

ELDERS
Myrna Osborn

Coming to the Table

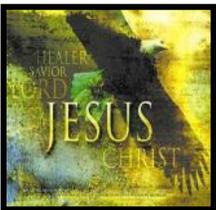


November is here! This month is defined as the beginning of the holiday season. Thanksgiving comes in, joining families and friends around a heavy laden table of traditional and favorite foods

As we join together, let us pause for a few moments to recall the past times we have gathered at the table. Oh, the stories the family table could tell. Memories flood our minds as we remember our grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, cousins, siblings, as well as friends that were so dear to us. We shared many happy occasions together laughing and joking, as well as those sad times when our hearts were heavy and tears flowed easily. But, we survived those sad times, because at this table we shared together food for strength and love for the soul.

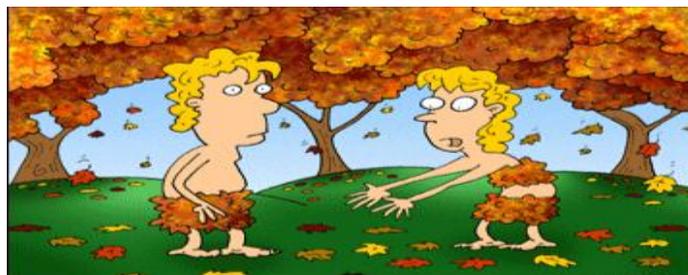
The communion table in the sanctuary evokes nearly the same type of memories. As we join together at this table, we recall the faces of all the dear friends in this church as they delivered prayers for the bread and the cup each Sunday. At this table we are joined together with Christ as our host, and because of his unselfish sacrifice on the cross, this table is open to all who believe. Here our faith is strengthened and our sins forgiven through the bread and cup.

As we enter this holiday season, let us pause to give thanks to the Lord for his everlasting love, and for the multitude of blessings given to us each day throughout the year. Tell your family and friends how much they are loved and how they are always welcome to come to your table, as we are always welcome to come to the Lord's table. May all those wonderful memories of holidays past bring joy to you and those you hold dear, and may God always be present at your table.



EVANGELISM
Anne Ingersoll

We are all called to be evangelists. Following in the command of Jesus which tells us to go and make disciples. Some of us may share the gospel in response to a God of love and grace – reflecting our love for people and our love of God and of Christ's church. Each of us is unique and has our own way of evangelizing. But we all share a common call with brothers and sisters in Christ: to invite others to experience the promise and the hope that God has provided to all through Jesus Christ. It is my hope that we are motivated by the good news at work within us and to use this motivation to honor God through the sharing of Jesus Christ with others.



WILL YOU PLEASE PICK UP ALL YOUR CLOTHES?

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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

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!

First Thursday of the month, FCC Book Club at 11:30 am. 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.

Join the 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.

A LOOK AHEAD AT November:

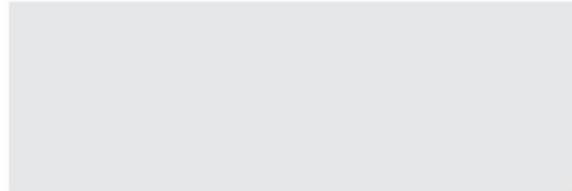
1. 7:00 pm DW Executive Board Meeting
 2. 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
 3. 11:30 am FCC Book Club
 5. 8:00 am Disciples Men at Old Dairy
 7. 7:00 pm Spirit Sisters at Diamond Dave's.
 8. 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl
 9. 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
 11. Annual Banquet
 12. 10:00 am Decorating Tables - Thanksgiving
 13. Thanksgiving Dinner
 14. 5:30 pm Outreach & Action
 - 6:00 pm Christian Education
 - 6:00 pm Stephen Ministry
 - 6:30 pm Property
 15. 5:00 pm Pastoral Support
 - 6:00 pm Itoko Maeda Dinner @Guadalajara
 - 7:15 pm Itoko Maeda Meeting
 16. 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
 17. 7:30 pm Third Thursday Men's Group at Rocky's
 21. 5:30 pm Trustees
 - 7:00 pm Church Board
 22. 9:30 am Disciples Clergy
 - 1:30 pm Martha Shemwell
 23. 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
 28. 5:00 pm Evangelism
 - 7:00 pm Elders
 30. 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
 - 7:00 pm Advent Study
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- An illustration of several wrapped gifts in various colors (yellow, green, blue, pink) with colorful ribbons. In the background, colorful birthday candles spell out "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" in large, multi-colored letters. The candles are lit, and the scene is festive.
4. Barbara Blevins
 9. Judy Graves
 - Maddie Dace
 - Stan & Carolee Sellers (Anniversary)
 13. Emily Ann Bennett
 14. Heather Craig-Bailey
 16. Bob & Sheryl Donnell (Anniversary)
 - Cindy Moon
 22. Richard Foster
 24. Brianna Meunier
 25. Chris & Linda Dace (Anniversary)
 29. Roger Rouse
 30. Teresa Bennett
 - Stan Sellers
 - Rev. Kelly & Anne Ingersoll (Anniversary)



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