

CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS



First Christian Church

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Our Mission

*God calls us...
And the Holy Spirit
empowers us to:*

- *Share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all ages*
- *Explore and express a growing faith*
- *Equip believers for ministries which expand the Kingdom of God.*



For All the Saints

All Saints Day-November 6, 2016

All Saints Day grew out of the early church's practice of remembering the martyrs of the church. Special days to recognize Saints developed over time. By the late 300s, such a day was often held on the Sunday after Pentecost. By the mid-700s, All Saints Day became connected with November 1. Early leaders of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) concerned with "restoring the New testament Church" and with "Bible names for Bible things" would have found little justification for All Saints Day. Only in the past 30 years have Disciples found a place for All Saints Day in congregational life compelled by the opportunity to enhance the ministry of the church. Halloween and All Saints Day have a confused connection. Suffice it to say that the end of October was a special time in pre-Christian religious understanding. Halloween literally is The Evening before All Hallows Day or All Saints Day; the day on which all the Saints are hallowed. In some Christian traditions, a vigil of prayer is conducted on All Hollow's Eve to prepare for All Saints Day.

Here at First Christian we will celebrate by taking up an offering in memory of our beloved saints for the benefit of those less fortunate in our city and surrounding area. There is an insert in the newsletter for you to be able to help out. The money collected will go to the Minister's Discretionary Fund and it is for those who come through our doors seeking assistance.

Come to Worship.

All Are Invited.

8:00 Coffee House

8:30 Praise Service

9:30 Sunday School

10:40 Trad. Worship

Noon-Coffee

Fellowship

Next Newsletter

November 8.



During the next few weeks we are taking our annual All Saints' Day offering. We will celebrate All Saints' Day on Sunday, November 6. All-Saints' Day is a Christian festival celebrated in honor of all of the saints, known and unknown. It occurs on different dates but is usually celebrated as November begins.

Christians who celebrate All Saints' Day do so in the fundamental belief that there is a prayerful spiritual bond between those in heaven and those still living here on earth. All Saints' Day revolves around giving God solemn thanks for the lives and deaths of His Saints. As such, individuals throughout the church universal are honored on this day.

At First Christian, we will celebrate and lift up the lives of those in our circle of family and friends who have passed from this life during the past calendar year. This will take place on Sunday November 4. We will list the names and have a short service lifting up their lives.

Also, you have the opportunity to give as a memorial gift in memory of others who have passed on. This is our All Saints' Day special offering which we use for my discretionary fund. This fund helps when I get folks in the office who need immediate help.

We have many folks who stop in seeking assistance and I like to help out so they leave with some sense of hope. There are forms at each service and you received on in this newsletter. Please prayerfully consider this. Thank You.

Don't forgot to set your clocks back one hour on November 5th.

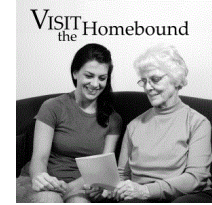
Blessings,

Pastor Jerry



Thanks to my church family for the carnation for my birthday. Also a special thanks to Janette Howard for bringing it and the nice visit.

GAnna Walker



Youth Group

The Youth will be visiting our members in the Warrensburg care centers on Sunday, October 30, from 2:00-5:00 p.m. The group will meet at the church at 2:00 p.m. before going to the care centers. We will eat at a local restaurant following the activity.

Nancy Huff, Youth Leader

LET'S GO ON A HAYRIDE



It's that time again! Hayride at the Dooley's. Bring a side dish and/or dessert. Drinks, dogs & buns will be provided.

RSVP to Brenda @ 909-4220.

Community Help Needed

The food center this month needs cereals, pork and beans, creamed soups, canned vegetables. Leave items in the container in the church lobby.

The community clothes closet needs volunteers to sort clothing items, Tuesday and Thursdays, 9 am to noon at 251 SE Hwy13.

Call Bobby Laney 429-0170.



ON November 5



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Everyone is Welcome!

Coffee House in CLC: 8:00 a.m.
 Praise Service: 8:30 a.m.
 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.-All Ages
 Worship: 10:40 a.m.
 Coffee Fellowship: 12 noon in Parlor

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Return Service Requested



Throughout this week, we invite you to pray for these and others announced in worship.

- Family of Hunter Burton
- Family of Landon Jaros
- Our Children
- Our Law Enforcement
- Our Military
- Those with continuing health concerns



November 8

November Celebrations

Happy Birthday!

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|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1-Jerry Miller | 9-Janette Welch | 18-Doris Schroeder |
| 1-Brenda Dooley | 10-Nathan Piper | 18-Brent Baldwin |
| 1-Katie Smith | 12-Glenn Borum | 19-David Stuck |
| 2-Philip Shumard | 14-Millie Burton | 20-Rick Dooley |
| 6-Austin Frandsen | 15-Whitney Turner | 22-Travis Seigfreid |
| 7-Don Kendrick | 15-Marshall Good | 23-Maggie Stuck |
| 8-Ronnie Goodwin | 16-David Ritchhart | 24-Toni Frandsen |
| 9-Cathy Jones | 17-CL Holdren | |

Happy Anniversary

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| 1-Al & Anita Gosney | 12-Lin & Janette Welch |
| 3-Jerry & Phyllis Evans | 14-Ryann & Shelley Russell |
| 4-Scott & Carol Dunham | 24-Brad & Tori Hunter |
| 5-Robert & Sharon Cochran | 27-Roger & Connie Baldwin |