

CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS



First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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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.*



Holiday Schedule

December 23-Office Closed at 10:45 a.m.

December 24-6:00 p.m.-Christmas Eve Service

December 25-8:30 a.m.-Praise Worship

9:30 a.m.-Sunday School

10:40 a.m.- Worship Service

Merry Christmas!

December 26, Monday-Office will be open

December 27, Tuesday Office open until 12:00 p.m.

December 28, Wednesday-Office Closed

December 29, Thursday-Office Closed

December 30, Friday-Office Open

January 2, Monday-Office Closed, *Happy New Year!*

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

January 10.

**January Board Meeting will be on
Wednesday, January 11 at 7:30 p.m.**



Thanks, as always, to everyone who helped make the Hanging of the Greens service another success. It looked so decorative, as always, and had a completely different feel without the stained glass windows. That service always makes my heart happy and is a great way to begin another Advent journey. Great thanks to Shirley and all who helped get the sanctuary ready. This adds so much to our worship experience.

We will gather for worship on Christmas Eve at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, December 24. I always look forward to this service. We will enjoy the stillness and beauty of the sanctuary as it is filled with the beautiful candle light. As always, we will end with the lighting of the candles and singing of Silent Night. Thanks to the folks who will help make that service happen, also.

I have completed all my hours necessary to keep my standing in the Disciples and also the UCC. We have to have 15 hours of continuing education each year. This year I attended a 2 day workshop at TCU in Fort Worth, Texas. At this event, I heard several presentations on Disciples history, church administration, and had Bible study. This was a good seminar and well worth the time and travel.

I also completed my boundary training which is required every 3 years. (I've taken this 7 times now in 21 years of ministry and it's the same ever time.) We are also now required to take a class called "Pro-reconciliation /anti-racism" every 3 years. I completed this class during annual regional assembly in October in Springfield.

Blessings! Pastor Basye

*Thank you!
I'd like to take a moment to thank all of the members of this congregation for your support over the last two years. It's been exciting to celebrate the 'Mortgage Burning' of the CLC, and begin moving forward with the vital improvements underway in the original church building. The original building turns 128 years old in 2017, and I'm so happy this congregation has decided to repair and refurbish it. I'm truly blessed to be a part of the life of this congregation. Have a fantastic holiday, and happy new year.
In His service,
Brenda Dooley*

Special Committee Members Sought

If you are interested in serving a 3 year term in one of the following capacities, please contact Shirley Dougherty.

- Pastoral Relations Committee
- Newton Scholarship Committee
- Historian
- Publicity Committee
- Worship Committee

THANK YOU

To My Dear Church Youth,

Thanks for coming to visit me at Warrensburg Manor. I love seeing all of you, and I miss going to church and Sunday school. I've gone most every Sunday except this year. I started going to church in Nebraska, and after moving to Missouri, attended church in Calhoun, Leeton, then Warrensburg. I miss you, but thanks for not forgetting me.

Helen Simon

Dear Church Family

Thanks for the beautiful pink carnation. I'm enjoying it very much. I truly miss my flowers as much as I miss people. Love to all of you.

Helen Simon

Thank you for the beautiful flowers and cards. We also feel blessed to have celebrated our 66th wedding anniversary, following Jeanette's birthday.

We appreciate Pastor Basye taking time out from his busy schedule to visit a while and share church news when he brought the carnations. We enjoyed them for a long time on the center of our dining table.

Gratefully,

Lin & Jeanette Welch

POSITION AVAILABLE



Alternant Nursery Attendant

We have an open position for Alternant Nursery Attendant at First Christian. At this time, the Alternant will only be needed when our regular attendants are unavailable. In order to be considered for this position, you need to be at least 18 years of age. Hours of service are 8:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. on Sunday mornings with a possible need for special evening services held at the church. If you are interested in this position, please contact the church office to fill out an application.



December Youth Calendar

December 25 - No meeting - Merry Christmas!

January Youth Calendar

January 1 - No Meeting - Happy New Year!

January 8 - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Holiday Party

January 15 - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Regular Meeting

January 22 - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Regular Meeting

January 29 - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Regular Meeting



The Youth Group thanks everyone for your outstanding support of our recent sale of homemade items.

With your help, we were able to provide a nice Christmas for four children off the Angel Tree.

UPDATED MEMBERSHIP BOOK

Just in time for remembering others at Christmas, we have printed a newly revised Membership Book. Please pick up your copy in the Christian Life Center or in the Sanctuary. If you see any further updates that need to be made, please notify the church office.



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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.

Dave Stuck
 Brenda Dougherty
 Connie Baldwin
 Our Children
 Our Law Enforcement
 Our Military
 Those with continuing health concerns



JANUARY

January Celebrations

Happy Birthday!

1-Missy Whisenhunt	15-Shrley Fitterling	22-Ashlea Forrest
2-Tori Hunter	15-Cynthia Stillwell	22-Roy Milam
3-Clint Godfrey	16-Ivanna McConnell	22-Pat Turner
3-Heather Milam	17-Nick Nichol	23-Robert Cochran
5-Cindy Howard	17-Mary Ann Younce	23-Sterling Granger
5-Kyle Ritchhart	18-Duane Sterling	26-Towanda Lawler
10-Olivia Ellgass	19-Eller Duke	27-Gary Grigsby
12-Karla Seigfreid	21-Melvin Simon	29-Jane Russell

Happy Anniversary

8-Richard & Peggy Dudley
 14-Don & Linda Hoover