

Our Mission

We are an open and welcoming community that God calls, 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*



“Be Alert” Luke 21:25-36

Advent 1C, December 1st, 2024

What is the message about? . . .

This Sunday is the beginning of the season that in Christianity is called “Advent.” The name comes from Latin *adventus* ('coming; arrival'). Starting the fourth Sunday before Christmas, we anticipate the celebration of Jesus arrival and the wonderful scene of the nativity in Bethlehem. You might have at home an Advent calendar. In our sanctuary we have the Advent wreath. It is a time to look forward expectantly and be still in the expectation of Christ. However, the percentage of adults in the US who say they feel stressed during the holidays ranges up to 88%! What is so stressful about the “most wonderful time of the year?” It can become a frenzy of shopping, traveling and financial strain. Social expectations and strained family dynamics. What are some ways that we can make this season different this year? Let us explore this further on Sunday morning. See you there!

Hanging of the Greens: Please join us on December 1st for the Hanging of the Greens. We will be ushering in the Advent season. We will also hear wonderful readings from our children and youth. We are encouraging everyone to bring an ornament from home to help us decorate the trees in the sanctuary and the CLC. The Christmas season is upon us. A time of anticipation, expectation, and JOY! Join us for our 9:15 or 10:45 service. Let the celebrating begin!



**YOU ARE INVITED TO...
WOMEN OF FCC'S
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY**

WHERE: DEB CADLE'S HOUSE

ADDRESS Deb Cadle's home:
130 Cedar Court
Warrensburg, MO 64093

DEC. 5TH • 6:00 PM

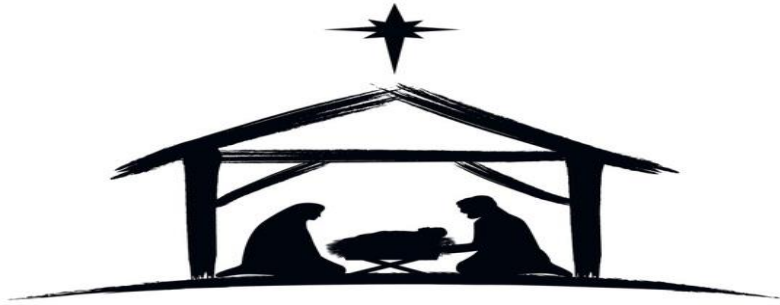
**PLEASE BRING A SNACK TO SHARE!
CWF WILL PROVIDE SOUPS, GAMES,
AND A CRAFT!**

**ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME TO JOIN IN
THE FUN AND FELLOWSHIP!**

PLEASE RSVP TO THE CHURCH OFFICE

ADVENT MOMENT: *Advent is the celebration of the coming of Christ. Whether you open windows on an Advent calendar, light candles, or watch as the Christmas decorations go up around town, you are honoring this special holiday.*

The next few weeks before Christmas, you will receive 'Advent Moments' by email and in the weekly newsletter written by people in our congregation to whom we are truly grateful. Enjoy!



Prayer Concerns & Praises

Prayers for Karen Renfrow.

Prayers for Leslie and Sydney, Janice Wolff's Daughter and Granddaughter (moving).

Prayers for Jack Burrows, Bob and Shelly's Grandfather who is now in Comfort Care.

Prayers for Sam Jones.

Prayers for Jim Wilson, Debbie Whitmore's Father.

Prayers for Ashton Dennis.

Prayers for Chris Howard.

Prayers for Jody Miller.

Prayers for Larry Bryan, friend of Anita Grigsby.

Prayers for Ann Patterson Scott.

Prayers for Chuck Eaton, son-in-law of the Elliott's.

Prayers for Kathy's nephew, Eric Mueller.

Prayers for our members who are homebound, in an assisted living community and nursing homes.

Praises for Penelope, Janice Wolff's Great Granddaughter, she is gaining weight and doing much better!

Praises for Kathy's nephew, Eric Mueller, who has been doing physical therapy and doing well with it!

December Birthdays

- 1 - Evan Stuck
- 5 - Nancy Miller
- 5 - Patricia Cook
- 6 - Lynn Hicklin
- 7 - Tina Venable
- 7 - Anita Gosney
- 9 - Larry Elliott
- 16 - Vicki Goodwin
- 17 - Ryan Wiss
- 18 - Elmer Schumann
- 21 - Lyman Hannah
- 21 - Patricia Smith
- 24 - Benjamin Huff
- 28 - Adam Lang
- 29 - Hayden Cox
- 30 - Kristal Shaumeyer

December Anniversaries

- 7 - Nancy & Chuck Eaton
- 12 - Mark Goodwin & Kathy Ramser
- 16 - Lee & Tammie Crabtree
- 16 - Travis & Karla Seigfreid
- 22 - Noel & Shirley Dougherty
- 28 - Taylor & Elizabeth Bell



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(Disciples of Christ)
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Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 9:00-2:00

Sunday Worship Services:

Sunday, November 17th = 120

Sunday, November 24th = 113

Elders for 12/1:

Traditional Service, Simon

Celebration Service, B. Goodwin

Read on please!

Weekly Calendar

Wednesday November 27

The Office is Closed
11:00 to 12:00 – Grab ‘N Go
No – Fellowship Meal
No – Study Groups & Youth Group

Thursday November 28

Happy Thanksgiving Everyone!
The Office is Closed
No - Harmonayres Practice

Friday November 29

4:00 – Bell Choir Practice

Sunday December 1

Hanging of the Greens! Featuring special readings from the youth.
First Day of Advent
9:15 – Sunday School
9:15 – Traditional Service in the Sanctuary
10:15 – Coffee Connection, CLC Lobby
10:45 – Celebration Service in the CLC
Thanksgiving Special Offering ends

Tuesday December 3

6:30 – Advisory Council

Sunday, Dec. 8th at 10:15 is the Congregational Meeting in the Sanctuary! Please come and vote!



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

December
SERVICES/EVENTS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1ST

HANGING OF THE GREENS 9:15 | 10:45
FEATURING SPECIAL READINGS FROM YOUTH

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

FCC - WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY 6:00

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST 7:30-10:30

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19TH

CAROLING & FELLOWSHIP 5:00

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

CHRISTMAS COOKIES & COFFEE 5:30 PM
CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 6:00 PM

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29TH

COMBINED WORSHIP 9:15
FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH 10:30
BENEFIT HOLIDAY CONCERT 3:00

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101 E. GAY STREET WARRENSBURG, MO





Christmas Store 2024

Dear Friends,

In December our surrounding community will come together to host The Christmas Store 2024. This will be the 51st year we have worked to help provide a Christmas meal for those struggling with food insecurity.

While the need for The Christmas Store has unfortunately increased, the ability for smaller churches and many individuals to volunteer has diminished. Therefore, we will once again rely on financial contributions to enable this worthwhile mission to continue. Our plan is to distribute vouchers to those in need to purchase food for a Christmas meal. Last year we signed up 419 families and this year we again anticipate over 400. To meet this need, we expect to spend approximately \$50,000.

One way you can support our efforts is by sharing this information with your friends, neighbors, churches and civic groups and by writing a check to The Christmas Store. Please note that The Christmas Store is under the tax-deductible umbrella of The Food Center. As such, all correspondence and donations should be sent to:

*****The Christmas Store*****

P.O. Box 872

Warrensburg, MO 64093


Or donate online at: thefoodcenter.org

It would be helpful to receive your donations by Dec 1 for planning purposes. If you need more information, call 660-624-9015.

Sincerely,
Christmas Store Co-chairs
Kathy Ray-Smith, Life Church of the Nazarene
Pat Cook, First Christian Church



**CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING
SUNDAY DEC 8, 2024**



**10:15am
Sanctuary**

Voting on:
**-Board appointees
-2025 Budget**



All members are encouraged to attend