

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*



“Blessed Are You Among Women” Luke 1:39-55

Advent 4C, December 22nd, 2024

What is the message about? . . .

“Mary did you know?” is a popular song that is heard during the Christmas season. It has a beautiful melody, and I have a great memory of it as being one of the first solos I sang at Church at First Christian in Jefferson City. The song asks a series of questions about whether Mary knew the significance of the Child she carried, and the way that the human relationship with the eternal power of creation would be forever altered by this “baby boy”. The scripture text for this week makes clear that in Luke’s eyes, Mary certainly did know. The “Magnificat” as it is known, is a prayer that Luke puts in the voice of Mary herself. Did Mary know? Let’s explore this question Sunday morning. Join us for Advent’s fourth Sunday, focusing on a song of love. See you there!

ADVENT MOMENT

A Fond Winter Memory

By Karen Renfro

I was the middle of three daughters born 7 years apart. When I was 7 years old and my baby sister was rocked in front of the Christmas tree, my mother taught me this song:

Hang up the baby's stocking

Be sure you don't forget

The dear little dimpled darling

Has never seen Christmas yet!

I told her all about it

She opened her big blue eyes

She must have understood it,

She looked so funny and wise!

It was my mother's way of encouraging me to welcome her into our family.

Caroling is Tomorrow at 5:30, Don't Miss the Fun!!

Join the Harmonayres
Christmas Caroling
Thursday December 19th
Leave from the church @ 5:30pm
Carol up Gay Street and wind up on
the square for dinner at a local favorite

Grab 'N Go Needs Volunteers and desserts!

Christmas Day is Wednesday, December 25th. Chris Simon's team will be serving as usual and will need help from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm. Grab 'N Go, also, needs desserts donated, please! Some regular team members are unable to be there. If your plans don't conflict with this time frame and you would be willing to help, please contact Chris or the FCC Office, 660-747-6815. Thank you for considering helping those in your community that need a good hot meal!

Prayer Concerns & Praises

Prayers for Nancy Rogers.

Prayers for Rick Dooley.

Prayers for David Cadle.

Prayers for John Landreneau, friend of the Simons.

Prayers for Bob and Shelly Burrow's Grandfather and Grandmother.

Prayers for Sam Jones.

Prayers for Debbie Whitmore's Father and Grandmother.

Prayers for Ashton Dennis.

Prayers for Chris Howard.

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 Dylan Godfrey who graduated from UCM last Saturday with a degree in Kinesiology!

Praises for Karen Renfro's daughter and son-in-law who are feeling much better!

Praises for the Bell Choir & Harmonayres.

Praises for our wonderful Church Community during this busy time of year!

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
- 28 - Abigail Lang Duke
- 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, December 8th = 125

Sunday, December 15th = 120

Elders for 12/22:

Traditional Service, Handly

Celebration Service, Granger

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Weekly Calendar

Wednesday December 18

11:00 to 12:00 – Grab ‘N Go
5:30 – Fellowship Meal
6:15 – Study Groups & Youth Group

Thursday December 19

11:00 – Devotion, Warrensburg Manor
5:30 – Harmonayres + are Caroling

Sunday December 22

9:15 – Sunday School
9:15 – Traditional Service in the Sanctuary
10:15 – Coffee Connection
10:45 – Celebration Service in the CLC

Tuesday December 24

The Office is Closed
5:30 – Christmas Cookies & Coffee
6:00 – Christmas Eve Service in the Sanctuary

Tuesday through Thursday December 24-26

Merry Christmas! The Office is closed

Sunday December 29

9:15 - Sunday School & Combined Service
10:30 – Potluck Brunch
3:00 – Benefit Holiday Concert “Warrensburg Recorder Consort” with Cookies and Coffee

Tuesday and Wednesday Dec. 31 & Jan. 1

Happy New Year! The Office is closed

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Christmas Eve Service

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

CHRISTMAS COOKIES &
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP 5:30 PM

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE
(SANCTUARY) 6:00 PM

All are welcome.



101 E. GAY STREET WARRENSBURG, MO

WE NEED CHRISTMAS GOODIES!

We will have a special COFFEE CONNECTION time at 5:30 pm on Christmas Eve, prior to our 6:00 service. We are asking members to bring, cookies, candies, and other goodies to share. The Christmas Eve Coffee Connection will be in the CLC lobby area, followed by Service in the Sanctuary. We hope to see you there!!



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

HAPPY 5TH SUNDAY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29TH

COMBINED WORSHIP:

9:15 IN SANCTUARY

POTLUCK BRUNCH:

10:30 IN CLC

LET'S CELEBRATE THE
COMING YEAR TOGETHER!



Warrensburg Recorder Consort



Benefit Holiday Concert

Sunday, December 29, at 3:00

First Christian Church

101 E. Gay ~ Warrensburg, MO 64093

Enjoy ancient & traditional music

Coffee & cookies will be served

***All donations will benefit the charitable outreach
of the Warrensburg Ministerial Association***