



The Christian Visitor
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Our Mission: Bring people to Christ, grow as disciples, and together serve God

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Annual Congregation Meeting and Thanksgiving Dinner



Please join us for our annual First Christian Church Congregational Meeting and Thanksgiving Dinner on November 17th at 11:41 AM. Following Sunday School, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for the Congregational Meeting to affirm our 2024 budget and new slate of officers. After the meeting we will enjoy a Thanksgiving meal. The turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, rolls, drinks, and tableware will be provided. Please bring you favorite dish to share (salad, vegetable, dessert) as well as a non-perishable food item for the blessing box.

In addition to the meeting and meal, we will be celebrating the conclusion of our campaign to Walk with Jesus in essential practices of The Christian Life.



Let's decorate the church for Christmas on November 24th after worship and Sunday School! Christmas is a special time of the year, a time of celebration, family, and the birth of our Lord. You are invited to join us as we decorate our church to celebrate His birth. There are jobs for every skill level, so everyone can help.



Elder Reflection

I've been doing a lot of reflecting about God and His plan for us on earth. Jesus went to the people. Not just some but ALL of the people. The ones who lived differently spoke a different language or were of a different race. I see that people are angry and upset in this country. No matter how people act or feel about each other, the bottom line is Jesus gave himself for our sins so that we can have eternal life.

My grandpa was a Christian man who would be appalled at the division of our people. He landed at Pearl Harbor on December 8, 1941 to help raise the U.S.S. Nevada which was sunk the day before. He had faith, family and country to help him believe that as Americans we would come together to overcome. He worked side by side with other soldiers to bring the Nevada out of 14 feet of water in 7 days and made it operational so that the ship could sail to Normandy and D-Day. If there was division and conflict, the greatest generation would never have been able to overcome such great odds!

As Christians, we must come together now to lead people to faith. Jesus is the way to heaven. We must remind people why we break bread together every Sunday. As Disciples we differentiate ourselves because of weekly communion. I personally think we should use sharing communion to our Christian advantage. We should go to the people who are hurting, in need and angry and share our faith. If we as Christians work together, we can show the world that all the glory is to God.

Doug Miller



Teaching Moment Tuesday X

Join Pastor Mike live on Facebook on Tuesdays at noon or catch the recording anytime on our Facebook page. We are studying the Old Testament book of Exodus. It will be good to explore THE defining moment of The Old Testament.

Christmas 2024 Sign-up for Poinsettias

If you would like to purchase a Poinsettia for the Sanctuary in honor or memory of a loved one this Christmas season, contact the church office or there is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

The cost of the poinsettias are \$18.00. Please make check payable to First Christian Church and mark it "For Poinsettias".

List your name, person in memory or honor of and how many you would like.

There are 12 poinsettia available.



Prayer List

*Key: Person's name (description; who submitted request).

Our Mission Co-Worker in **East Timor**

Bob Gottschalk 11/10 home with Hospice, Pray for Bob, Elaine and the family. No visitors please.

Laura Fortner 11/10 surgery scheduled for 11/13 to remove spot on her lung; sister of Stacey Harsh

Candy Zartman 11/10 fighting Depression; by Allen Glassburn

Andrew Gray 11/6 went to the hospital to have fluid removed from from his abdomen and lungs due to liver cancer; brother of Amy Van Heyningen

Aaron Nelson 10/27 diagnosed with colon cancer; by Doug Morton

Lance Musgrave 10/27 having to place a steroid capsule in eye and another surgery in 6 months; by Judy Musgrave

Carla Reynolds 10/27 recovering from hip surgery; by Allen Glassburn

Cathy Ralstin 10/27 three bedsores are almost healed, but she has a new sore on her heal. Prayers for healing so therapy can start again; by Dave Ralstin

Laurie Long 9/27 upcoming surgery to replace aortic valve and clear blockage; by Cheri Hogan

Victims, clean up and restoration following hurricanes Helene and Milton

Carlene Musselman 9/10 finished IV chemo treatments, started monthly chemo injections, still in congestive heart failure, she is grateful for all the prayers & feels blessed; by Judy Evans

Fred Jones 9/3 cancer has not spread, receiving treatments; by Sandra Hoffarth

Marcia Smith 7/22 diagnosed with stage 4 breast cancer; cousin of Jacque Douglas

Barbara Swihart 6/24 home with hospice; aunt of Gayle Rodriguez

Lincoln Lukens 2/12 hospice care; by Judy Musgrave

Jim Riffle 1/7 stage 4 liver cancer; nephew of Barbara Tibbets

**Pray for Israel/Hamas/Gaza/Lebanon
Russia and Ukraine conflict**

Joys

Cathy Ginther 11/6 back home after having a pace maker put in Monday

Erica Covington Abbott 11/6 back home from the hospital, all tests ruled out a stroke, diagnosed with hemiplegic migraine; granddaughter of Stan and Judy Musgrave



Little Lamb Gift Tree

There soon will be a small tree in the Fellowship Hall filled with names, gender and age of students in our Little Lambs Daycare. You are invited to take a name card off the tree, write down whose name you took, then purchase a \$10-\$15 gift for them, wrap it, and return it by December 1st. The children will open their gifts with Santa on Friday, December 6th.





11/20 Ken & Christina Hughes
11/23 Glen & Amy Bode



11/12 Ashley Taylor
11/17 Marty Houlihan
11/19 Annis Dekeyser
11/22 Bill Vance
11/26 Michael Jackson



Special Thanks to:

“The Walk” Small Group hosts and leaders:
Lori Simpson, Stacey Harsh, Jan Houlihan,
Joyce Jefferies, Deb Tyler, Nancy Murphy,
Charlotte Miller, Stan and Judy Musgrave.

Judy Evans for helping us remember and
honor those from our congregation who died
in the past year.

Avery Gerwin & Ashley Taylor for sharing
special music on the choir’s Sunday off.

October 2024

October Financials

Income 29,699.11
Expenses 16,852.98

YTD Financials

Income 196,794.43
Expenses 192,794.88

Attendance

November Average
YTD Average

In-person

Attendance 76
Attendance 78

On-line

20
21

CHURCH CALENDAR

Tuesday, November 12

Noon Teaching Tuesday
6:00 pm “The Walk” Group Joyce Jefferies
7:00 pm Elder Meeting

Wednesday, November 13

6:30 pm Choir Practice
7:00 pm “The Walk” Group Musgraves

Thursday, November 14

4:00 pm “The Walk” Group Nancy Murphy
5:00 pm Property Team
6:00 pm Praise Team

Sunday, November 17

9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Fellowship Time
10:45 am Sunday School
11:41 am Congregational Meeting/Thanksgiving
Dinner

Monday, November 18

Noon Ladies Brown Bag Luncheon
6:00 pm Little Lamb Board Meeting

CHURCH CALENDAR

Tuesday, November 19

Noon Teaching Tuesday
6:00 pm Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday, November 20

6:30 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, November 21

6:00 pm Praise Team

Sunday, November 24

9:30 am Worship
10:30 am Fellowship Time
10:45 am Sunday School
Decorate the church

Tuesday, November 26

Noon Teaching Tuesday
6:00 pm Ladies Bible Study