

THE MESSENGER

“CHOOSE LIFE AND LOVE GOD”

December 20, 2017

*The goal for our Christmas offering is \$2,000 for CCIW ministry.

*Please sign your greetings and see the others on our Congregational Christmas card.

*December 24 we will have regular 8 & 10 AM worship and Sunday School at 9 AM.

*Our evening service of “Carols, Communion, and Candlelight” will be at 7:00 PM, Sunday, Dec. 24. Parent-Child Dedications available, please call the office.

*Sunday, Dec. 31, will be one-combined service at 10:00 AM only, relaxed style. No Sunday School.

*The last day for end-of-year giving is Dec. 31.

*Offering envelopes are in the hallway for you to pick up. If you didn't have them last year and want them for 2018, sign the sheet. You can also sign-up for electronic giving.

*Jan. 7 we will have regular worship and Sunday School. Dedication of Leaders will be at 10:00, and introduction of the theme at both services.

* Program committees will meet Jan. 7 at 2:00 PM. Turn in names & officers.

*KOINONIA will meet at Barbara Dick's Thursday, Dec. 21, at 9:00 AM. Bring a hearty soup.
CIRCLE OF LIGHT will meet Jan. 2, at 6:00 PM.

*The Youth Group will have their overnighter Fri., Dec. 29 at 7:00 PM to Sat. Dec. 30 at 7:30 AM. Bring snacks/drinks if you can.

MICE will leave from FCC Sun. Dec. 31 at 1 PM to swim at Marshall & eat pizza. Bring swimwear and towel.

*The Mid-Winter Retreat is Jan. 20-21 at Eureka. Cost \$20, register online/forms in office by Jan. 5!

*Turn in yearbook reports, notes, & church keys.

*Next newsletter will be Jan. 3, 2018.

*It's official - John Snidle is our Youth Pastor! and will begin January 1, 2018 (actually Tuesday, the 2nd). We look forward to fitting him into our FCC life and to getting acquainted asap! FYI - his cell phone # is (618) 838-5646, and he has rented a place on 322 E. Madison in town. (There is a need for a washer/dryer.)

*News from the Pews: Congratulations to JC Foley & family on his graduation from EIU with a Master's degree in Science & Technology with a specialization in Training & Development.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from your Church Staff





January 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Happy New Year! ~ Offices Closed ~	2	3 6 PM Youth Group 6:30 PM Chancel Choir	4 9 AM PMF Mtg.	5 9 AM Knitters & Crocheters	6
7 Theme/Leaders 8, 10 AM Worship 9 AM Sunday School 2 PM Program Comm. Mtgs.	8	9 10:30 AM Bible Study 7 PM Board Mtg.	10 6 PM Youth Group 6:30 PM Chancel Choir 7:30 PM Joyful Ringers	11	12 9 AM Knitters & Crocheters	13
14 8, 10 AM Worship 9 AM Sunday School 4 PM Community Kitchen	15	16 10:30 AM Bible Study 1:30 PM Fellowship Circle	17 6 PM Youth Group 6:30 PM Chancel Choir 7:30 PM Joyful Ringers	18 9 AM Koinonia Circle	19 9 AM Knitters & Crocheters	20 8 AM Disciple Men's Bkfst. in FCC kitchen Mid-Winter Youth Retreat...
21 Blanket Sunday 8, 10 AM Worship 9 AM Sunday School ...youth return from Eureka	22	23 10:30 AM Bible Study 12 NN Golden Age	24 6 PM Youth Group 6:30 PM Chancel Choir 7:30 PM Joyful Ringers	25	26 9 AM Knitters & Crocheters	27
28 8, 10 AM Worship 9 AM Sunday School 11:30 AM Soup Luncheon 1 PM MICE to Bouncy Barn	29	30 10:30 AM Bible Study	31 6 PM Youth Group 6:30 PM Chancel Choir 7:30 PM Joyful Ringers	6 PM Trustees Mtg.		



JANUARY 2018



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	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6	
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
Heather Berlin Elizabeth Kennedy Aubrey Sanders		Monica Rollings Linda Driver A-Greg & Tammy Terry	Jim Hoge Grace Ward	Corky Davidson Sue Elliott	Star Harris Dick McFarland * Pat Stark Graham Templeton		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
Marge Houghland Bernita Moore		Cathy Clawson Connie Houston Mya Smittkamp	Jennifer Osborne	A-Roger & Cynthia Faulk	Candi Milam Tiffany Ogle Pete Templeton Benjamin Young	Ryne Donaldson Dean Smittkamp A-Daryl & Lori Bridwell	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
Amy Arnett Carstan Stiles		Johnna Sanchez Eisie Vaughn	A-Doug & Cassie Boatman		Reigan Kennedy	Dena Dosch Elisabeth Johnson Pam Lobb	A-Chris & Candi Milam
28	29	30	31	<p><i>Congratulations</i></p> <p><i>Milestone Celebrants!</i></p>			
Brooke Bartley Melba Eveland	Jaci Tapscott	Danny Simpson	Sue Bennett * Grace Spencer				



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COME WORSHIP WITH US

EARLY WORSHIP 8:00 AM ~ SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 AM ~ WORSHIP 10:00 AM

MISSION STATEMENT First Christian Church's mission is to grow disciples who are:

"Believing in Christ,

Behaving as Christ,

Becoming like Christ"

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

ATTENDANCE

We count because you count!

Dec. 17: 8:00 - 54 10:00 - 112 Nursery - 6

TOTAL WORSHIP = 172

SUNDAY SCHOOL TOTAL = 62

OFFERING TOTALS

December 17, 2017

General Fund	\$5,228.50
Envelopes	1.00
Sunday School	22.00
Love Offering	885.00
Emergency Fund	150.00
Food Pantry	75.00
Youth Pastor Fund	100.00
Disciples Outreach-Missions	142.50
Christmas Offering	245.00
Memorial Fund	10,000.00
Scholarship Fund	500.00
Building Fund	752.50
TOTAL	\$18,101.50

SERVING SCHEDULE: Dec. 24, 2017 continued

SOUND/PROJECTION: Chris Milam

SCRIPTURES: Luke 2:1-20; John 3:16-18, 36

SERMON: "The Words of Christmas: Believe" by Rev. Dixon

7:00 PM: WORSHIP LEADER: Nels Kasey

BREAD ELDER: Steve Webb

DEACONESS: Lisa Smittkamp

PROJECTION/SOUND: Tony Peel

SCRIPTURES: Matt. 21:22; John 5:43, 13:20; Col. 2:6-7

SERMON: "The Words of Christmas: Recieve" by Rev. Dixon

SERVING SCHEDULE: Dec. 24, 2017

8:00 AM: ELDER: Dick James

DEACONESS: Amber Tegeler

PIANIST: Peg Dixon

9:00 AM: Sunday School

10:00 AM: GREETERS: East: Monty & Peg Raley

West: Dean & Coralie Smittamp

ACOLYTES: Kyle Tapscott, Graham Templeton

WORSHIP LEADER: Tammy Terry

BREAD ELDER: Pete Templeton

DEACONESS: Ellen Webb

DEACONS: Team #3

JR DEACONS: Team #2

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Rev. Dixon

NURSERY: Emily Thomas, Montana Boatman

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Jan Smittkamp

DEC. USHERS: Ken Dennison, Dean Smittkamp,

Ron Stickler

SERVING SCHEDULE: Dec. 31, 2017

10:00 AM ONLY: GREETERS: East: Cody Vaughn Family

West: Jim & Sue Bennett

ACOLYTES: Will & Drew Templeton

WORSHIP LEADER: Kim Woods

BREAD ELDER: Doug Hasler

DEACONESS: Carolyn Ray

DEACONS: Team #1

JR DEACONS: Team #1

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Tammy Terry

NURSERY: Candi Milam, Cindy Robinson

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Edna Creech

SOUND SYSTEM: John Chittick;

PROJECTION: Tony Peel

SCRIPTURES: Romans 13:11-14

SERMON: "Wake-Up Call" by Rev. Michael C. Dixon