

THE MESSENGER

“LIVE AS CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT”

January 24, 2018

FROM IDEA TO ACTION

It's one of my loves, and I really appreciate it in others, too.

I love it when we think about something - a need, an occasion, an object, an opportunity - and discuss it to discover a new idea/approach that might work.

Sometimes it's a message, a lesson, an emphasis or celebration - or an object.

Such was the case with the Trustees last fall when we were discussing the tower - and the carved stonework that would have to be removed for a new cap. At first it was talk about how to dispose of them, then find a use for them, then a talk with John Chittick about incorporating one or more in a sculpture of some sort. (Thank you, John.)

Many did not know about John's metal work, but we agreed to explore ideas. And it went

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in the sculpture of the chalice symbol.

To those who did not know what it was at first, I apologize. We did not explain as we probably should have, and you know what assuming does to me and you. That's why I've suggested a plate to be placed under/beside the artwork with some background and explanation.

The red chalice is used as a symbol of our Christian Church to show our emphasis on Jesus and what He did for us, as well as the priority of the Lord's Supper in our worship. There is also a white cross, called the St. Andrew's Cross, which is "inside" and appears tilted - symbolic of the chalice being poured out - both Jesus and us. That's part of the meaning of the artwork.

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Blanket Sunday Offering

Ten dollars provides one blanket to someone in an emergency situation such as a hurricane, fire, flood, etc. Your donations go toward providing blankets to people at home and abroad. The total received so far is \$789. We will collect through this Sunday, January 28 if you would like to donate. Blanket Sunday is sponsored by the CWF for Church World Service.

soup Luncheon

The Circle of Light Soup Luncheon will be Sunday, February 4, following the second service at 11:30 AM. There will be at least 10 different kinds of soups to choose from. Free-will donations will go to fund Circle of Light ministry projects throughout the year. All are invited and welcome.

Talent Variety Show

The FCC Talent-Variety Show is coming up Sunday evening, February 25. Supper will be served at 5:00 PM, with the show following at 6:00 PM. A sign-up sheet is out at the sign-up desk for you to sign-up your act, song, talent and can be done as an individual, duet, group - adults, youth, children welcome!



Youth Sunday

Youth Sunday will be February 4 with one-combined service at 10:00 AM. Senior speakers this year are Montana Boatman and Kyle Daugherty. It is a highlight of the year, so come worship God and support our youth!



Welcome back to our youth from the regional Mid-Winter Retreat in Eureka.

Hospitalized: Tom King, Danville

Our sympathies are extended to Kris Moss & family in the recent death of her father.



-- Clark Haase for the painting in the church sanctuary;

-- Peg Dixon for the 8:00 accompaniment;

-- Mary Carriere for the Blanket Sunday explanation;

-- Rev. Mike for the Children's Sermons;

-- Corky Davidson, Dorothy Farnham, Carolyn Lanker for the Golden Age program, and Mary Helen Hamilton for the devotion;

-- Tony Peel for his work on - and in - the baptistery.

BECOMING LIKE CHRIST

Yahweh
or the
highway?!

JANUARY PRAYER

"Thank You God, for Youth Ministry. Our youth are the future for our city, our nation, our world. Help them want something real, want to make a difference and want to be involved now. Amen."

BIBLE STUDY

Come join us as we study the book of Jonah. We meet in the Jerusalem Room from 10:30 AM-12:00 noon on Tuesdays.

BUILDING UPDATE

We want you to know:

- The sanctuary is now painted, with the Entry and Prayer Room to follow;

- Next week repairs will be done to the Fellowship Hall floor, so it will be closed Monday-Friday;

- Then on Sunday afternoon, Feb. 4, we will empty the sanctuary to get it ready for new carpeting - the installation is scheduled to begin on Monday, Feb. 5;

- Along with that change, plans are to adjust the pews by the hallway doors to make it more accessible.

Stay tuned for improvements.

INSTALLATION SERVICE

The installation of Pastor John Snidle will be held during the services on Sunday, February 11, with Scott Woolridge of the Christian Church in Illinois Wisconsin.

TRUSTEES MEETING

Trustees are schedule to meet this Thursday, January 25, at 6:00 PM.

2017 YEARBOOK REPORTS

If you were a chair for a committee, group, or outreach last year, we need your 2017 Yearbook report!

2018 COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Please turn in the information from your meeting with notes and names of those responsible for assignments and the committee plans for 2018. Notes from last year and church keys should be available from last year's Chair.

NEW CHURCH LIFE BANNER

Check out the new Church Life Banner for 2018!

TRIP TO "PASSION PLAY"

Join our trip to the "Passion Play" in Bloomington, IL on Saturday, March 17. Sign up to either ride the FCC bus (which will include the buffet lunch beforehand - cost \$40) or, sign up to drive on your own (cost \$25 ticket and either the buffet \$15, or your own arrangements). We need to know the number by January 31 to either return or order more tickets!

2018 OFFERING ENVELOPES

Check the table in the hallway for the 2018 Offering Envelopes to see if your name is or isn't on a box!

S.S. OFFERING / CHILD SPONSORSHIP

Yes, we are continuing our sponsorship of Tatiana, the girl in Peru, through "Compassion International". We announced that the Sunday School Offering money would be used for youth scholarships, but that does not mean we are stopping our sponsorship. We have received a new letter from her, and it will be posted and passed around soon.

INVITATION CARDS

Invitation cards are out and available. Look for them and hand them out.

FEBRUARY CIRCLE MEETINGS

CIRCLE OF LIGHT: meets the first Tuesday of the month, February 6 at 6:00 PM, usually in the church parlor.

CIRCLE OF PRAYER: meets the second Thursday of the month, February 8, normally in the home of a participant at 6:00 PM.

FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE: meets the third Tuesday of the month, February 20, usually in a home, but this month at FCC, at 1:30 PM.

KOINONIA CIRCLE: meets the third Thursday of the month, February 15, at 9:00 AM in the church kitchen.

Ladies, you are welcome to visit/join any Circle.

FCC RELAY FOR LIFE

Most of us have been touched in one way or another by cancer. The First Christian Church Relay For Life Team is forming for 2018. If you would be interested in joining, an organizational meeting will be held on Monday, February 12, at 7:00 PM at the church. If you can't make the meeting, but would like to be on the team, please call Tammy Terry or Coralie Smittkamp.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN

The next Community Kitchen is scheduled for Monday, February 19. A sign-up will be out. The weather should be better by then so that it should not be cancelled.

MICE CANS

The last Sunday of the month is the day we collect aluminum cans. Proceeds go to fund MICE events throughout the year. So, bring in your aluminum on January 28. Thank you!

FOOD PANTRY

The first Sunday of each month we have collection baskets at the entryways for donations of food items to the Food Pantry. Bring in your items, Sunday, February 4.

2017 SCRAPBOOK

The Scrapbook for 2017 is out in the hallway on the stand next to the elevator. Check out the highlights of church ministry from last year!

Thank You!

To our Church Family, We thank you for your cards, prayers, and hugs. We are blessed to have such a loving church family in these difficult times. - Chuck & Mary K. Bradford



Mid-Winter Retreat The Mid-Winter Retreat was a success! Troy and I were worn out, but everyone had fun, reunited with old friends, heard some good sermons and enjoyed lots of fellowship. Some pictures of the adventure will be posted on the church Facebook.

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Youth Group Hey everybody, Wednesday night youth group is here! Jr. High is from 6-7 PM and Sr. High is from 6:30-8 PM. Invite your friends! Next week, Jan. 31, there are renovations being done downstairs, so we will leave the church together and go bowling! The church will buy the first game for everyone. Bring your own money for additional games, food, drinks, and arcade games.

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God's Gang/Crossroads God's Gang will be having a leaders meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 24 at 5:30 PM in the Jerusalem Room. If you would like to be involved or just have questions, please attend. God's Gang may start Feb. 7 or be moved to Feb. 14 due to the renovations - details to come. Registration will still open on Jan. 28 - forms will be on the table in the church hallway.

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MICE MICE will start back up Jan. 28, going to the Bouncy Barn in Terre Haute. Meet at FCC to leave at 1:00 PM (IL time) on the bus; will return around 4:00 PM (IL time).

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YOUTH SUNDAY Youth Sunday is fast approaching! It will be Feb. 4, one service, at 10:00 AM. Come support our youth! We have Montana Boatman and Kyle Daugherty speaking on, "Things That Don't Last vs Things That Do Last." Other assignments will come out soon. Rehearsal for youth involved will be Sat., Feb. 3 at 1:00 PM.

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RIGHT NOW MEDIA PRESENTATION We are looking into getting a subscription for Right Now Media, essentially the Netflix of Bible studies. It has many videos and series available to anyone in the church who signs up at no cost to you. On Tuesday, Jan. 30, there will be a presentation given explaining all the benefits in full detail. If you are interested, just show up! For further questions, contact Rev. Mike or myself, Pastor John.

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CHURCH VAN Just recently, I got my J02 License, which means I can drive the church van while it is full of students. While we have several people who also have their license and constantly help with van driving needs, we could use more who are equipped and ready to serve in this capacity. It is a very easy and painless permit to get. If you would like to serve in this area, contact Tony Peel or me.



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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!

Jan. 21: 8:00 - 55 10:00 - 108 Nursery - 6

TOTAL WORSHIP = 155

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Nursery - 0; PreK-1st - 4, 2nd-5th - 3, Jr & Sr High - 3, New Disciples - 11, Open Door - 22, New Horizons - 11

TOTAL SS = 54

OFFERING TOTALS

January 21, 2018

General Fund	\$7,048.25
Envelopes	14.00
Sunday School	22.00
God's Gang	20.00
Emergency Fund	200.00
Community Kitchen	40.00
Reimbursement	302.23
Youth Fund	100.00
Disciples Outreach-Missions	65.00
Blanket Sunday	789.00
Building Fund	325.00
Organ	50.00
Permanent Fund	1500.00
TOTAL	\$10,375.48

SERVING SCHEDULE: January 28, 2018

8:00 AM: ELDER: Dick James

DEACONESS: Carla Keltz

PIANIST: Peg Dixon

9:00 AM: Sunday School

10:00 AM: GREETERS:

East: Pete & Angel Templeton family

West: Tony & Kathy Peel

ACOLYTES: Christopher Gann, Myli Tapscott

WORSHIP LEADER: Chris Milam

BREAD ELDER: Doug Hasler

DEACONESS: Karla Pierson

DEACONS: Team #1, Dan Smittkamp, Captain; Sue Elliott,

Greg Kelly, Dwight & Cindy Robinson, Angel Templeton,

Cody Vaughn, Bruce Young

JR DEACONS: Team #1, Brooklyn Ward, Capt.; Austin

Kirk, Mike Kirk, Greg Johnson

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Nels Kasey

NURSERY ATTENDANT: Emily Thomas

NURSERY HELPER: Brooklyn Ward

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Deena Hasler

JAN. FRIENDSHIP VISITOR: Kristin Chittick

JAN. USHERS: Randy Creech, Ken Dennison, and

Lloyd Maggert

SOUND SYSTEM & PROJECTION:

SCRIPTURES: Psalm 96:1-6; Psalm 137:1-6

SERMON: "What Song Will We Sing?"

by Rev. Michael C. Dixon

