

# THE MESSENGER

“LIVE AS CHILDREN OF THE LIGHT”

November 21, 2018

## “CHRISTMAS IN PARIS”

This Saturday, November 24, FCC will be making S’mores at the Chamber of Commerce during the “Christmas in Paris”. We will be there from 3:30-6:30, with shifts running 3:30-5 PM & 5-6:30 PM. Please sign up to help. We also need fudge-striped cookies and regular marshmallows to make the s’mores!!!

## THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

This Sunday, November 25, we will share our thanks as well as review our 2018 Blessings.

## THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Our Thanksgiving Offering goal is \$1350 to go to Disciples colleges and universities.

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 2 is the first Sunday of Advent when we will celebrate our traditions and have the Advent Devotional Booklet ready.

## COMMUNITY ADVENT SERVICE

Also, Sunday, December 2, at 3:00 PM will be the Community Advent Service at the First United Methodist Church. All are welcome and invited.

## ADVENT CELEBRATION & PROGRAM

We will have our Advent Celebration and Christmas Program on Sunday, December 9, at 6:00 PM. It will include our God’s Gang/Crossroads kids and the presentation of the Chrismon. Come join us!

## SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

The adult schedule for Saturday, December 1, is filled. Thank you! But we also have a children’s sign-up for Wednesday, December 12, from 3:00-5:00 PM at Walmart to ring with Rev. Dixon. More are needed!

## 2019 FORMS

We are collecting Plan of Giving, Volunteer, and Pray For Paris forms. Please turn these in asap.

## RETIREMENT DINNER

The Dixon Retirement Dinner, for FCC members, will be January 6, 11:30 AM at the Tingley Reception Center. The sign-up sheet for the dinner is out and available for you to sign up this Sunday. Please remember - only **ONE** name per line, as one line equals one chair/one plate!

## BECOMING LIKE CHRIST

Thanksgiving is good;  
Thanksgiving is better.

## YOUTH NEWS

YG/CR/GG There will be no Youth Group or God’s Gang or Crossroads this week! It’s Thanksgiving. Go get fat and happy.

Upcoming Events “The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear.” – Buddy the Elf December 12<sup>th</sup> we will be caroling around town! There will be two groups going out, the Children and adults at 5 PM and the youth group will go out at 6 PM.

## MOST IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Less than 35 days until Christmas!! - John Snidle

## CIRCLES IN DECEMBER

CIRCLE OF LIGHT: will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 4, at 6:00 PM in the church parlor.

KOINONIA CIRCLE: will be going to Tuscola on Monday, Dec. 10, meeting at the church at 11:00 AM.

FELLOWSHIP CIRCLE: will go to Betty Jane’s Kitchen on Wednesday, Dec. 12, at 12:00 noon.

CIRCLE OF PRAYER: will be going out to eat on Thursday, Dec. 13. Place to be determined.

## ADVENT CHOIR REHEARSALS

The community Advent choir will have rehearsals on Monday, Nov. 26 and Thursday, Nov. 29, both at FUMC at 7:00 PM.

## DISCIPLE MEN’S BREAKFAST

The men’s breakfast will be in the FCC Kitchen on Saturday, Dec. 15. All men are welcome as we give Rev. Mike our “send off”. Sign-up!

## GOLDEN AGE

The combined Thanksgiving/Christmas Golden Age will meet on Tuesday, December 4, at 12:00 NN.

## NEW HORIZONS

Please note the New Horizons Sunday School class will not meet this Sunday, Nov. 25th.

## NEWS FROM THE PEWS

◆ Congratulations to Randy & Edna Creech on the birth of a new grandson to daughter, Erica! (He was born early and has to stay in the hospital.)

◆ Our sympathies go to: Paula Coombes & family in the death of her cousin; Shirley Yeargin & family in the passing of her sister; Katie & Erica Garver & family in the loss of their grandfather.












◆ Congratulations to Susan King & James Brooks, who announced their engagement on Sunday!

~ OFFICES CLOSED THURS.-FRI. NOV. 22-23 ~



# DECEMBER 2018



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRJ	S&TJ
 <p><b>2 First Advent</b> 8, 10 AM Worship 9 AM Sunday School 3 PM Community Advent Service, FUMC</p>	 <p><b>3</b></p>	 <p><b>4</b> 10:30 AM Bible Study 12 NN Golden Age 6 PM Circle of Light</p>	 <p><b>5</b> 12 NN Lakeland Cluster 3:30 PM God's Gang Finale 6 PM Youth Group 6:30 PM Chancel Choir 7:30 PM Joyful Ringers</p>	 <p><b>6</b> 11:30 AM PMF Christmas Lunch @ Tuscan's</p>	 <p><b>7</b> 9 AM Knitters &amp; Crocheters 11:30 AM Lunch with Bridges</p>	<p><b>1</b> 8 AM-5 PM FCC bellringing for Salvation Army, Walmart 9 AM Worship Committee to decorate</p>
<p><b>9 Second Advent</b> 8, 10 AM Worship 9 AM Sunday School 6 PM Advent Celebration Program</p>	<p><b>10</b> 11 AM Koinonia Circle to Tuscola</p>	<p><b>11</b> 10:30 AM Bible Study</p>	<p><b>12</b> 12 NN Fellowship Circle to Betty Jane's Kitchen 3 PM Kids bellringing, Walmart 5 PM Youth caroling 6 PM Youth caroling 6:30 PM Chancel Choir</p>	<p><b>13</b> 6 PM Circle of Prayer 6 PM Trustees Mtg.</p>	<p><b>14</b> 9 AM Knitters &amp; Crocheters</p>	<p><b>15</b> 8 AM Disciple Men's Bkfst, FCC kitchen</p>
<p><b>16 Third Advent</b> 8, 10 AM Worship 9 AM Sunday School</p>	<p><b>17</b> 4 PM Community Kitchen</p>	<p><b>18</b> 10:30 AM Bible Study?</p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p>	<p><b>21</b> 9 AM Knitters &amp; Crocheters</p>	<p><b>22</b></p>
<p><b>23 Fourth Advent</b> 8, 10 AM Worship 9 AM Sunday School</p>	<p><b>24 Christmas Eve</b> ~ Offices Closed ~ 7 PM Christmas Eve Service</p>	<p><b>25 Christmas Day</b> ~ Offices Closed ~</p>	<p><b>26</b> ~ Offices Closed ~</p>	<p><b>27</b> ~ Offices Closed ~</p>	<p><b>28</b> ~ Offices Closed ~ 7 PM Youth Lock-in begins...</p>	<p><b>29</b> 6 AM ... Youth Lock-in ends</p>
<p><b>30</b> 8, 10 AM Worship - Rev. Dixon's Finale</p>	<p><b>31 New Year's Eve</b> ~ Offices Closed ~</p>					



# DECEMBER 2018



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## CONGRATULATIONS MILESTONE

2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Sammy Milam	Kaelan Brown Lyle Hutchings Kenneth Keisheimer	Cecile Craig Janean Gilliland Brandon Moss	Bob West *	Brenda Gordon			Kevin Woods
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Nancy Mink *	Will McMahan	Jesse Englebright Sharon Maggert A-Roy & Diana Rogers	Barbara Dick Mary Alice Foley	Vicky Keys	Mike Kirk III	Betty Milbourn	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		Bea Mae Camp *		Linda Leeth	Peg Dixon	Mary Helen Hamilton Marsha Thomey A-Mark & Elisabeth Johnson	
26	27	28	29	30	31		
Mary Lou Wright	Nancy Englebright *	Donna Moss Lisa Smittkamp		Ashlyn Hays Hilah Steele			
32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39
Parker Craig Andy Martin A-Joe & Evie Gill	Kelly Cornstock Corie Hasler Peggy Hornbrook Roseann Moss A-Cody & Lindsey Keys						



## CELEBRANTS!





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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!*

**Nov. 18: 8:00 - 52 10:00 - 89 Nursery - 4**

**TOTAL WORSHIP = 145**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Nursery - 0; PreK-1st - 2, 2nd-5th - 2, Jr & Sr High - 1, New Disciples - 6, Open Door - 23, New Horizons - 0

**TOTAL SS = 34**

### OFFERING TOTALS

**November 18, 2018**

General Fund	\$2,929.25
Sunday School	18.00
Choices Pregnancy & Health	50.00
Food Pantry	50.00
Dixon Retirement Gift	525.00
Bell Choir	50.00
Disciples Outreach/Missions	259.00
Thanksgiving Offering	246.00
Church Bus Fund	50.00
Permanent Fund	12.00
Building Fund	444.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,633.25</b>

### SERVING SCHEDULE: November 25, 2018

**8:00 AM:** ELDER: Dan Lynch

DEACONESS: Carla Keltz

PIANIST: Faye Eitel

**9:00 AM: Sunday School**

**10:00 AM: GREETERS:**

East: Nels & Autumn Kasey

West: Stuart, Lied, Ari, Calhoun Metcalf

ACOLYTES: Sammy Milam, Ethan Smittkamp

WORSHIP LEADER: Kim Woods

BREAD ELDER: David Dick

DEACONESS: Susan King

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

Greg Kelly, Dwight Robinson, Angel Templeton, Cody

Vaughn, Bruce Young

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

Mike Kirk, Greg Johnson

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Cody Vaughn

NURSERY ATTENDANT: Jenny McMahan

NURSERY HELPER: Montana Boatman

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Cindy Robinson

SOUND SYSTEM: John Chittick

PROJECTION: Dan Smittkamp

NOVEMBER FRIENDSHIP VISITOR: Katie Vaughn

NOV. USHERS: Randy Creech, Steve Eitel, Lloyd Maggert

SCRIPTURES: Luke 17:11-19

SERMON: "Where Are You" by Rev. Michael C. Dixon

### CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS

At the annual congregational business meetings last Sunday, FCC:

- approved the nominations for 2019 and beyond;
- authorized the proposed budget for 2019;
- accepted the appointments made by incoming chair, Steve Webb.

Copies are available, if desired.

### CONTINUED PRAYERS...

We will continue to Pray for Paris with our church focus on Wenz School, along with the specific places you have listed on your forms. Rev. Mike will be sending a note to all of your choices, letting each know someone is praying for them. Please continue to lift them up in your prayers. Thank you.