

THE MESSENGER

“MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH”

January 23, 2019

DISCIPLES OUTREACH COMMITTEE

In the weeks ahead, we hope to use this section as an introduction to what goes on behind the scenes from each of our Program Committees: Christian Education, Community Outreach, Disciples Outreach, Evangelism, Membership, Stewardship/Finance and Worship.

The Disciples Outreach Committee is responsible for understanding, explaining and asking for outreach support of the mission work of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). This is to include education and promotion of regular giving, special offerings, and other emphases or needs.

We set denominational goals for our six special offerings each year and committee members give a “Minute for Mission” to promote each offering. We explain to the congregation the goal for each special offering, why we collect it, and how it is to be used. Offerings for Disciples Outreach can be given anytime by using the line designated “Disciples Outreach” on the regular offering envelopes. We keep our goals and the giving totals updated on the Disciples Outreach poster located in the hallway by the entry steps.

In July our emphasis turns to Christmas in July. Each year we choose a recipient, ask their needs, and do our best to fulfill their requests. Last year the recipient was Camp Walter Scott. You, the congregation, gave and many of their requests were met. We had life jackets, twin sheets, water bottles and much more, even two kayaks!

When received, we recommend to the Board how to use the Frazier interest income for both Disciples and Community Outreach. We also recommend to the Board how to use and distribute the 15% interest from the Permanent Fund. Whenever appropriate, we recommend to the Board how the 10% portion of Undesignated Bequests are to be distributed.

Twice a year, Easter and Christmas, we do mailings to the congregation to help meet our monetary goals.

We want to thank our committee members for their service to the mission work of First Christian Church and you, the congregation, for helping us reach our goals. Together we can move forward in faith.

Joel Glesler & Karen Newhart, Co-Chairs



Soup Luncheon



A Soup Luncheon will be provided by the Circle of Light this Sunday, January 27, following the second service at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is invited. A variety of soups will be offered for a freewill donation. Proceeds go to fund Circle of Light outreach projects.

Report on Congregational Meetings

The congregational meetings were held last Sunday and the vote passed to call Mark Parkinson as our Interim Minister. As of this writing, there is no information on his official start date, but we will let you know when that is finalized. You can check out the blog about him on our website at: <http://fccparis.org/welcome-pastor-mark-parkinson/>

YOUTH SUNDAY

Youth Sunday will be February 3 with ONE service at 10:00 AM. (Sunday School will still meet at 9:00 AM.) The youth will be in charge of the service from the Welcome to the Benediction. Rehearsal is Saturday, Feb. 2, at 1:30 PM. Parents, be sure to call Pastor John and see what your child/youth is to do! Everyone, please attend and give our youth your support and encouragement!



Hospitalized: Gary Waters, Union
Literally, the "News" must come "From The Pews!" Please let the office know to update this section. Thank you!



- Joel Gleckler & Pastor John for taking lunch to Bridges last week;
- Jim Bennett, Tony Peel, JC Foley & Dan Smittkamp for snow removal;
- Edna Creech & Marge Houghland for the Soup Luncheon announcement;
- Pete Templeton for the 8:00 piano accompaniment;
- Angel Templeton for the Children's Sermon;
- Elisabeth Johnson for sharing information on the Interim Minister;
- Steve Webb for leading the Congregational Meetings and the Program Committee Meetings;
- Donna Garver for helping with the Program Committee Meeting set-up;
- Pastor John & Riley Snidle for taking the youth on a Ski Trip to Michigan last weekend;
- Mary Carriere for the "Blanket" presentation and devotions at Golden Age;
- Dennis & Lewis Thiel for the Golden Age program on Nepal.

BECOMING LIKE CHRIST

Christians, keep the faith - but not from others.

JANUARY PRAYER

"Dear Lord, we know that all things work together for the good of those who love You and are chosen to be part of Your plan. Help us to rely on You and remember You are in control. Amen."

2019 ELDERS

The FCC Elders have requested that their phone numbers be made available for our members to contact. Below is their information:

Daryl Bridwell	822-1948
Mary Carriere	(217) 494-5313
Kristin Chittick	251-2016
David Dick	251-7700
Nels Kasey	(217) 254-8705
Rick Kennedy	822-5362
Dan Lynch	822-0317
Dan Smittkamp	822-6328
Pete Templeton	822-0798
Tammy Terry	251-6130
Dennis Thiel	251-9968
Kim Woods	822-8775



GOD'S GANG PLANNING MEETING

The God's Gang planning meeting will be on Thursday, Jan. 31, at 6:00 PM. All those helping out, please attend.

- ◆ Plans are for God's Gang/Crossroads to begin February 13!
- ◆ Registration forms are available in the hallway and our website at:
 God's Gang <http://fccparis.org/gods-gang-2/>
 Crossroads <http://fccparis.org/crossroads/>

TALENT SHOW

Sign-up for the Talent/Variety Show coming up Sunday evening, February 24. The supper will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 5:00 PM with a menu of pulled pork, chips and desserts, followed by the Talent Show at 6:00 PM in the sanctuary. Get your act signed up to be part of the 2019 show!

BIBLE STUDY

We've had a volunteer step forward to lead Tuesday morning Bible Study during this interim period. Thank you, Janean Gilliland! It will begin next Tuesday, Jan. 29, at 10:30 AM in the Jerusalem Room. All are welcome!

2019 OFFERING ENVELOPES

There are still several Offering Envelopes on the table in the hall. Please look at them to see if they are yours, or if they belong to someone you know; help us by making a delivery.

2019 DESK CALENDARS

The 2019 FCC desk calendars have arrived and are located at the entryways. Pick some up for yourself and to give to others!

2018 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The 2018 financial statements from FCC were mailed last week. You should have received yours, or may shortly. If you do not, call or email the church and let us know!

TRUSTEES MEETING

The Trustees meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 24, at 6:00 PM.

~ LIKE US ON FACEBOOK! ~

BLOGS / FCC WEBSITE

Keep in touch with updates on our website by signing up to receive FCC Blogs by email. It's free and easy to do! Did you know you could also listen to the Sunday sermon on our webpage? Don't miss out, check it out!

RELAY FOR LIFE

The Edgar County Relay For Life is starting to organize for this year. Anyone who wants to help on the main Edgar County committee or be part of the FCC Relay Team, please contact Sue Bennett or Tammy Terry for further information.

2018 HISTORIAN BOOK

The Historian Scrapbook for 2018 is out in the hallway on the podium by the elevator. Check out some highlights from last year. (We also display the previous year's scrapbook on the podium next to the coatrack, if you'd like to check it out as well).

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Program Committees met last Sunday afternoon and made plans for the 2019. If you are on a committee and were unable to make the meeting, contact your committee chair for information/instructions.



BIRTHDAY PARTY

Marge Houghland's birthday party has been rescheduled for Sunday afternoon, Feb. 3, from 2:00-4:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Elders Meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, February 7, at 5:00 PM.
- The Memorials Committee has scheduled a meeting for Thursday, Feb. 14, at 1:00 PM.

PRAY FOR PARIS

Remember to pray for - Wenz School - and your own personal Paris Prayer Focus.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School meets at 9:00 AM for all ages. The new teacher for the Open Door Sunday School class is Allen Englebright. Come join us!



YG/CR/GG Youth Group has resumed y'all, every Wednesday from 6 -7:30. Cross Roads and God's Gang will resume February 13th. Registration IS AVAILABLE either at the church or on the youth page on the church website, so sign up now!

Attention all God's Gang leaders! We are having a planning meeting for God's Gang on January 31 at 6 to discuss any and all issues, and make a game plan together for this upcoming semester. If you are involved I highly suggest you be there!

Friday January 18, several members of the church delivered lunch to Bridges School. Why? Because they didn't have any! Every once in a while, about once a month, whenever PHS doesn't have school, Bridges often does, and since Bridges piggy-backs off PHS's lunch they don't have lunch on those days. So we have agreed from henceforth to provide lunch to Bridges on those days; sometimes we'll just drop it off, others we'll stay and eat with them. We're very blessed to have been given this opportunity to serve, if you would like to participate next time this happens, let Pastor John know!

Ski trip was this last weekend and boy oh boy was it a good time. Everyone, besides myself, that went had never been on the trip before and most had never even skied before! All anyone had to say about it was "I can't wait for next year!" and I have been told that after somebody bragged about how great it was to a youth that didn't go, he regretted not going. Everyone came back in one piece, no concussions or broken clavicles (both have happened before), we all made new friends, and learned some real good things about Jesus, how we need to trust God all the time and die to ourselves. All around, great event and we are definitely planning on returning next year, so don't miss it!

Upcoming Events Youth Sunday is eerily close, February 3rd! All spots have been filled, but not everyone knows what their part is (or that they are even signed up) so all youth need to check in with me to make sure you know your role. We will have a practice service Saturday Feb 2nd at 1:30 so everyone can be perfectly smooth Sunday. Youth Sunday will be only one service, per the norm at 10am, and we will have a quick rehearsal at 9 during Sunday school to make sure it's perfectly perfect. Also, pizza party afterwards for all youth who participate! The senior preachers will be Aubrey Sanders and Brooklyn Ward, and they are preaching "How do we overcome struggle?" If you see either of them before then, give them an encouraging hug!

Our next youth event is Mid-Winter (Jan 26-27), this weekend! Leaving Saturday morning, we will head to Macomb IL and stay at First Christian Church. There will be the usual games, messages, and free time that we all know and love. Sign up is closed so if you haven't signed up yet, sorry Charlie you're too late. If you have signed up and haven't told me that you have, please do!

- John Snidle, Youth Minister



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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. 20: 8:00 AM - 38 10:00 AM - 94 Nurs. - 2

TOTAL: 134

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Nursery - 0; PreK-1st - 0, 2nd-5th - 2, Jr & Sr High - 0, New Disciples - 4, Open Door - 20, New Horizons - 8

TOTAL SS = 34

OFFERING TOTALS

January 20, 2019

General Fund	\$4,796.00
Envelopes	29.00
God's Gang/Crossroads	40.00
Food Pantry	50.00
Reimbursements	72.13
Community Kitchen	25.00
Bell Choir	50.00
Disciples Outreach/Missions	210.00
Blanket Sunday	506.00
Building Fund	709.00
TOTAL	\$6,487.13

SERVING SCHEDULE: January 27, 2019

8:00 AM: Elder: Mary Carriere

Deaconess: Cynthia Faulk

Pianist: Mary Helen Hamilton

9:00 AM: Sunday School

10:00 AM: GREETERS:

EAST: Chris, Candi, Kenny & Sammy Milam

WEST: Allen, Nancy, Jesse Englebright

ACOLYTES: Mya Smittkamp, Nora Adams

WORSHIP LEADER: Kristin Chittick

BREAD ELDER: Daniel Smittkamp

DEACONESS: Janean Gilliland

DEACONS: Team 1, Doug Smittkamp, Captain; Cory Craig,

Candi Milam, Doc & Donna Moody, Kevin Woods, Margo

Yeargin, Bruce Young

JR DEACONS: Team #1, Greg Johnson, Capt., Gage

Johnson, Austin Kirk, Cydney Miller, Jaydin Seeley

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Dan Smittkamp

NURSERY ATTENDANT: Jenny McMahan

NURSERY HELPER: Claire Young

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Jenelle Adams

SOUND SYSTEM: Tony Peel

PROJECTION: Dan Smittkamp

JANUARY FRIENDSHIP VISITOR: Autumn Kasey

JAN. USHERS: Randy Creech, Chris Milam, Dwight Robinson

SCRIPTURES: Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:8-14

SERMON: "Forget The Past" by Rev. Jerry Klug



Don't Forget!

SHARE WHAT YOU KNOW!

We are "Moving Forward in Faith"! Individuals and groups are stepping up and filling in where needed. Thank you so much! BUT... don't forget to share what you know with the church office. In order to move forward "together" we all need to know who, what, when, where and why. Call, email, drop a note or stop in the office to "share what you know!"