

THE MESSENGER

“MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH”

February 20, 2019

We are using 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. As you read about what they do, if you are not already on a committee and want to be, let us know!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

At First Christian Church, we believe that learning by educating our congregation is how we learn to live to be more like Christ. The Christian Education committee is the committee that furnishes the tools for our members to do this.

One of our many duties is to provide for Sunday School classes. We not only seek out our teachers, help guide them, but supply the educational materials they use in their classes. We have classes for all ages such as pre-K to 1st, 2nd to 5th, junior/senior high, and many adult classes to choose to attend. Our committee records the attendance and offering from the Sunday School classes each week and gives the information to the office. We also arrange promotional activities in order to promote Sunday School and thank our teachers.

The Christian Education committee oversees many activities for youth and adults as well. Our younger children are provided with special events such as God's Gang, MICE (Monthly Inspirational Children's Events), summer activities, and Vacation Bible School. We secure leaders/teachers for Children's Church and Nursery. We also provide promotional Bibles for our 1st and 5th graders. For our older youth, we help promote Church Camp, SUMMIT and other events. We order and present gifts to graduates for 8th grade, high school, and college, including the high school "Memory Books". We are also going to start sending out "Finals" care packages for our college students who are going through end of the semester finals this year. For adults, we offer Bible study as well as video series and educational events when possible.

It is our committee's hope that by providing Christian educational materials, classes, events and more, that you and your family will be able to grow in knowing the Lord and living to be more like Him. You are always welcome to join in on a class or event!

Candi Milam, Chair

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ~ Interim Minister Arrival

Preparations for the Parkinson's at 702 Ten Broeck are underway. Barbara Dick will head up a cleaning crew THIS Friday, 22nd, at 10:00 AM and requests all volunteers to call her at 466-1665 or 822-9997. Please bring your own cleaning supplies as there are none at the house. The Parkinson's will arrive THURSDAY, Feb. 28th, so that is the actual move-in date, and David Dick will head up the unloading crew. Volunteers, please call David at home or 251-7700. Thank you!

WEEK OF COMPASSION

Our goal for this year's Week of Compassion offering is \$1,200 to go toward helping those who find themselves in disastrous situations like floods, tornados, earthquakes, etc. Your donations help provide blankets that victims use for warmth, shelter, and as a way to carry belongings.

TALENT SHOW

We regret to inform you that the Talent Show has been cancelled due to a lack of enough entertainment signing up. There are years it is very popular and years when it's not. We will hope to have it again next year. Thank you to those who did sign-up - please do so again next year! For those who didn't, think about doing so next time.



Hospitalized:

Pam Lobb, Paris
Ken Dennison, Union
Elvis Ward, Union

Home from Hospital: Charles Schaich

Shirley Edwards will be turning 90 on Feb. 27 and you are invited to participate in a "Card Shower." Cards may be brought to the Golden Age Luncheon on Feb. 26, or mailed to her at: 503 Milton St. Happy Birthday, Shirley!



-- Pastor John, Angel Templeton, Saunny Preston and all the volunteers helping make God's Gang happen this semester;

- Sandy Templeton for the 8:00 piano accompaniment;
- Cathy Clawson and Dorothy McGee for the Minutes for Mission;
- Elisabeth Johnson for the interim minister report;
- Pastor John Snidle for the Children's Sermon;
- The Joyful Ringers for the Special Music;
- Marsha Thomey and the Community Kitchen volunteers;
- Roseann Moss and Donna Moody for the interior decorating of the pastor's office;
- Dan Dayton & Tony Peel for painting the trim and cabinet doors in the pastor's office & library;
- Jim Bennett, Elisabeth Johnson, David & Barbara Dick, and Roseann Moss for overseeing the details of the interim minister's arrival.

BECOMING LIKE CHRIST

We could take a lesson from the weather.
It pays no attention to criticism.

FEBRUARY PRAYER

"Heavenly Father, during this month where love is so prominent, let us not forget the greatest love of all. Your Son, and our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen."

YOU ARE INVITED

Rev. Laurie Williams, our guest speaker last Sunday, is recently retired from the Presbyterian Church and invites you to her celebration of ministry to be held there. The Open House will be Feb. 24, 1:30-2:30 PM. Cards may be sent to her at: Paris Presbyterian Church, 241 W. Court St.



UPCOMING MEETINGS

- Trustees - Thursday, Feb. 28, 6:00 PM
- Elders - Thursday, March 7, 5:00 PM
- Board - Tuesday, March 12, 7:00 PM

ASH WEDNESDAY

We are nearing the season of Lent that leads up to Easter. The Lenten season begins on Ash Wednesday and FCC will have a service that evening, March 6, at 6:00 PM. The new interim minister, Pastor Mark Parkinson, will be leading the worship time. All are welcome.

LENTEN PRAYER PACKETS

Each year we devote the season of Lent to praying for one another. Our Lenten Prayer Paks will be available on Ash Wednesday. They will contain names of people to pray for and an instruction letter, along with a Lenten devotional booklet. The packets will be available until they are all taken.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study is each Tuesday at 10:30 AM in the Jerusalem Room. You're invited!

SECRET PLACE

The Secret Place devotionals for March-April-May are available. Look for them this Sunday at the entryways.

2019 SCHEDULES

The Elders, Deacons, Pianists, Deaconesses, Jr. Deacons, Acolytes, Children's Church, Evangelism, Nursery, Projection, Sound System, and Usher schedules are on the bulletin board by the office and online at: www.fccparis.org There are a lot of people involved in worship - and if you are scheduled, you are needed!



AED CLASS

You still have time to sign-up to let us know if you are interested in a class to be certified to use the AED unit that is mounted on the wall at the top of the Washington Street entry steps. If anyone who is already certified would be able to instruct the class, please let us know.

CIRCLES IN FEBRUARY

KOINONIA CIRCLE: meets Thursday, Feb. 21, at 9:00 AM in the church kitchen.

CWF BLESSING BOX CALENDAR

Enclosed in this week's newsletter is the March CWF Blessing Box calendar. Use it as a guide each day to thank God for His blessings. Note on your gift, "CWF Blessing Box".

GOLDEN AGE

The Golden Age luncheon will be next Tuesday, February 26, at 12:00 NN. Sign-up for the lunch! The program will be by John & Marilyn Wright on "The Belize Mission Project".

GOD'S GANG & CROSSROADS

It's not too late to register for God's Gang or Crossroads. A ministry donation of \$30 for God's Gang and \$25 for Crossroads covers the entire semester. God's Gang is for kids in K-5th grades and Crossroads is for junior high students. Sign-up!

MICE IS THIS SUNDAY!

Our Monthly Inspiring Children's Event will be this Sunday, Feb. 24, at Shewey's Arts. Meet there at 2:00 PM; pick up kids at 3:00 PM.

2019 ELDERS

If you have a need or question, here is the 2019 Elders list and their contact 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

Thank You!

Thank you for the Valentine bag and to all the children for making cards! - Bernita Moore

Thank you for the nice Valentine bag of fruit and candy that I received. - Gladys Wright

Thank you for the Valentine bag of goodies. I really appreciated being thought of. - Ron Barath



YG/CR/GG Youth group is every Sunday from 6:30-8 PM; please join us! Cross Roads and God's Gang has resumed! Hazzah. The theme this year is "Everyday Superheroes," we are learning about how people we know and love can be our heroes. Registration is available either at the church or on the youth page on the church website, so sign up now!

Unfortunately, due to everyone being lame and not signing up, the annual dinner/talent show that was to take place this Sunday has been cancelled. No free food, no live entertainment, no fun whatsoever. Our apologies to those who had signed up, your willingness to entertain was appreciated!

Pastor Mark and his wife Kendala will be leaving Virginia on February 27th. Please pray for their move to continue smoothly and for their travels to be safe. They will have two U-Haul trucks that will need to be unloaded on Thursday, Feb. 28. We will need as much help this day as we can get! If you are not able to do much lifting, you could help Kendala unpack. I am sure there will still be things to unload or unpack after school, so if any young men and women are available please stop by after school. Call David Dick to volunteer. Thank you for your continued prayers and all the help you have given to help make this move happen.

Saturday, March 2nd, I will be heading to X-Treme Lazer Tag in Terre Haute; I have also invited the youth group to come because they might like it and I'm nice like that. It will cost about \$15+snacks per shooter, and we will leave the church around seven. All are invited to join!

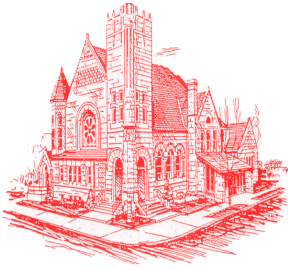
- John Snidle, Youth Minister



PRAY FOR PARIS

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

**Like our Facebook page: FCCParis
- don't accept substitutes! ;)**



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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!

Feb. 17: 8:00 - 36 10:00 - 90 Nursery - 4

TOTAL: 130

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Nursery - 0; PreK-1st - 0, 2nd-5th - 4, Jr & Sr High - 0, New Disciples - 9, Open Door - 14, New Horizons - 0

TOTAL SS = 27

OFFERING TOTALS

February 17, 2019

General Fund	\$5,615.16
Sunday School	37.40
Food Pantry	50.00
Emergency Fund	20.00
God's Gang	25.00
Community Kitchen	50.00
Cell Phone Reimbursements	132.32
Youth Fund	25.00
Lunch On the Lawn	50.00
Disciples Outreach/Missions	179.00
Week of Compassion Offering	90.00
Church Bus Fund	50.00
Permanent Fund	12.00
Memorial Fund (PayPal)	100.00
Building Fund	344.00
TOTAL	\$6,779.88

SERVING SCHEDULE: February 24, 2019

8:00 AM: ELDER: Dennis Thiel

DEACONESS: Pam Lobb

PIANIST: Kathy Peel

9:00 AM: Sunday School

10:00 AM: GREETERS:

EAST: Richard & Cathy Melendez

WEST: Ken & Mary Helen Hamilton

ACOLYTES: Drew & Graham Templeton

WORSHIP LEADER: Kim Woods

BREAD ELDER: Kristin Chittick

DEACONESS: Lisa Smittkamp

DEACONS: Team 1, Doug Smittkamp, Captain; Candi

Milam, Doc & Donna Moody, Dean Smittkamp, Kevin

Woods, Margo Yeargin, Bruce Young

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

Johnson, Austin Kirk, Cydney Miller, Jaydin Seeley

CHILDREN'S SERMON: Steve Webb

NURSERY ATTENDANT: Jenny McMahan

NURSERY HELPER: Aubrey Sanders

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Riley Snidle

SOUND SYSTEM: Joe Gill

PROJECTION: Evie Gill

FEBRUARY FRIENDSHIP VISITOR: Dan Smittkamp

FEB. USHERS: John Chittick, Steve Coombes, Lloyd Maggert

SCRIPTURE: John 15:14

SERMON: "Simple Discipleship" by John Cutshall



COMMUNITY BLOODMOBILE

The Paris Community Blood Drive happens every fourth Monday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 614 N. Main St. You are encouraged to give blood, if you can. This month the bloodmobile will be on Monday, February 25, from 11:30 AM-5:30 PM. For an appointment, please contact Nancy Englebright at 465-6494.