



## Chalice Tidings

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***Thanksgiving Dinner will be served  
Sunday, November 12, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.  
at First Christian Church in the Fellowship Hall.***

***The Disciples Women will provide  
Turkey, Dressing, Noodles, Potatoes, Rolls and Drinks.  
Please bring a dish to share and your own table service.***

# Kelly's Korner

*The Lord is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts; so I am helped, and my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.—Psalm 28:7*

*Cultivate the habit of being grateful for every good thing that comes to you, and to give thanks continuously. And because all things have contributed to your advancement, you should include all things in your gratitude.—Ralph Waldo Emerson*

The season of Thanksgiving is upon us. We will likely gather with friends and family, eat some turkey, play some games, watch some parades and football, and nibble on some leftovers. Depending on your situation, you may have a couple of Thanksgiving experiences. While the day is filled with much work (for some more than others), it is an opportunity to relax from the normal days of our lives. On that one day, the schedule is different. No work or volunteering. No coffee klatches. Either by those who come to visit or by traveling to visit others, the scenery changes for a day or so.

Thanksgiving Day is a reminder to be grateful. As people of faith we are grateful for the steadfast presence of our God who sees us through the good and the bad alike, who offers grace instead of judgment, who loves us unconditionally. Thankfulness and gratitude are truly expressions of faith. Being a thankful person does not imply that life is perfect. Hardships come. Struggles are real. Gratitude is not intended to be Pollyannish. The quote above from Emerson suggests that even our difficulties can lead us to thankfulness. I believe he may be right, but that is awfully hard to know when we are smack dab in the middle of a horrible experience.

And yet, because God is our strength, we can give thanks continuously. Happy Thanksgiving friends!

Peace,



## **STEPHEN MINISTRY**

*Jean Vaughn*



On Sunday, Oct. 15, the following were introduced to the congregation as the Stephen Ministry Team: Pauline Dunn and Jean Vaughn, Stephen Leaders; Char Carden and Donna Bainter, Stephen Ministers; Sue Adams, Judy Bland and Susan Cooper, Trainees. This is an exciting time for Stephen Ministry. As of Nov. 15 the Trainees will have completed their training and have reason for celebration as they will officially be Stephen Ministers.

If you have a friend, neighbor, co-worker, relative or acquaintance going through a challenge just in daily living, Stephen Ministry has several resources available and soon will have someone that can walk beside that individual to care for them. Just let Pastor Kelly know by calling the church office (837-6473) or contact Jean Vaughn at 837-4406; 255-6525; jeanvaughn468@yahoo.com.

## **FESTIVAL OF THE CRECHE**

*Jean Vaughn*

First Christian Church will host the "Festival of the Creche" again this year. The event will take place Friday, Dec. 1, 6-8:30 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 2, 3:30-6:00 p.m. during Macomb's Dickens on the Square. Admission will be free including refreshments. To make this event happen, members of the congregation will be asked to bring one or all of their nativity scenes to the church to be displayed in the sanctuary and/or parlor. A member of the committee will place them. Watch the announcements in the church bulletin for further details. If you have questions, contact Jean Vaughn 837-4406 or 255-6525 or jeanvaughn468@yahoo.com



## **CHAIR-ITY YOGA**

*Anne Ingersoll*

Chair-ity Yoga will continue in November on Wednesday's at 9:00 am. Yoga can improve one's health in a variety of ways such as:



More focused  
Improved balance  
Better circulation  
Helps you sleep better

Boosts immunity  
Helps with gut function  
Regulates your adrenals  
Lowers blood pressure

And so much more! (You do not have to be flexible!)

Here are a couple articles that share more benefits:

<http://www.osteopathic.org/osteopathic-health/about-your-health/health-conditions-library/general-health/Pages/yoga.aspx>

<https://www.yogajournal.com/lifestyle/count-yoga-38-ways-yoga-keeps-fit>

## **EVANGELISM**

*Norma Kentner*



Evangelism: Please continue to wear your First Christian Church bracelets it is great advertisement and an easy way to start a conversation with those who might be looking to visit a church. If you need a bracelet, see someone on the committee: Norma Kentner, Kathryn Rutledge, Anne Ingersoll, Mary Stipanowich, Sue Cooper or Dorothy Loop. Also, please make sure that first-time visitors sign the Guest Registry and include their email, phone number and address. Our Evangelism Committee does a drop-off “We’re glad you came to FCC” visit with a goody bag and home-baked cookies or bread.

## **FCC BOOK CLUB**

*Norma Kentner*

FCC Book Club: Our ever-expanding group met in October to discuss *Night* by Elie Wiesel. We will have Ray Krey, a local Macomb historian, visit our group on Thursday, November 9 at NOON in the Fellowship Hall to present a Holocaust talk—this would be a follow-up to our book, *Night*, a story about a young man surviving the Holocaust. You will not need to have read the book, nor do you have to be a member of our book club in order to come hear Ray speak. He is an interesting speaker, so please come and join us!

Our next book (to be discussed in January) will be *A Man Called Ove* by Fredrik Backman, a “charming” book that is a New York Times bestseller. If you would like to order a book, please let Norma Kentner know as soon as possible.

## **PROPERTY**

*Larry Loop*



Concrete has been poured for the basketball court. All four poles were saved and new backboards have been ordered. Their installation, landscaping and striping will complete this project.

The old sign in front of the church is being repurposed into a pantry pick up point for anyone in need of household supplies. Thank you John Carden for your carpentry work. Christian Outreach will be in charge of overseeing this project once the renovation is complete.

Bix Basement Systems will level the concrete around the northwest corner of the Samaritan Well home on November 17<sup>th</sup> to correct a rainwater drainage problem. Other than those major projects, it is just the usual normal maintenance needed to keep your church in good shape!!

## **PRAYER SHAWL**

We continue to meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 1 pm in the First Christian Church Library. The group is donating a baby blanket and cap to the McDonough District Hospital Raffle to be held in November. Tickets may be purchased for raffle items from November 6-21 in the front lobby of McDonough District Hospital! If you would like to learn how to knit or crochet, please join us.



## COMMUNITY ACTION AND OUTREACH

*Jan Rockwell for Rod Burg, Chair*

*So much  
to be  
Thankful  
for!*

November is our month to be **THANKFUL FOR A HOME**. In this season, we remember those who are struggling to get back on their feet at the **Samarian Well Women's and Men's Shelters**. Each of the first three Sundays in November, there will be a chance to donate items or cash with our youth collecting during Children's Moment. Feel free to bring these items to the Thanksgiving Dinner. We will keep the items in the sanctuary and the children will deliver them on Nov 19<sup>th</sup> to the men's shelter.

The Shelter can use: **14 Gallon kitchen trash bags, laundry soap, dish soap, shampoo & conditioner, foil, bleach, dishwasher detergent, toilet paper, paper towels, ziplock bags (gallon & Quart) plastic wrap, Kleenex & pillows**. Thanks for encouraging others through your practical gifts! Aren't we lucky to be wealthy enough to share?

### **Secret Santa Christmas Party for People with Disabilities**

**Friday, December 8**, plan to join a seriously fun group of partiers! Christian Action & Outreach will host a community party to celebrate people in our area with disabilities. We will set up an angel tree for members to sponsor a party-goer with a **\$10 gift card**. You will have the opportunity to **select a name off the tree starting November 26**. The gift cards must be returned to the church by Sunday, December 3. The congregation is welcome to come and party or help. Please contact Babs Becker if you would like to assist in planning the party.

## DISCIPLES WOMEN

*Karen Chatterton*



Donna is making plans for the Thanksgiving Dinner, Sunday, November 12 at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will have nine turkeys over 15 lbs. Sounds like there will be a lot of good turkey, with all the trimmings. Disciples Women will provide turkey, dressing, potatoes, noodles, rolls and drinks. Everyone is to bring a dish to share and their own table service. Please come and invite a guest to this special meal.

Jean is having a meeting to make plans for the Festival of the Creche on Thursday, October 26, at 3:00 pm in the fire place room. We will be having the Christmas Luncheon in conjunction with the Creche showing, more on that later.

The Disciples Women Executive Board voted to send \$250.00 to the At Risk Program and \$100.00 to WIRC. We are hoping this will help provide assistant to families in need.

**Something to think about** We can fail many times, but we are not a failure until we begin to blame someone else!

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

*Jonelle Schauble*

Happy Fall!!! In just a few short weeks we will be giving thanks for our many blessings. November is a very busy time in the life of the church, Christian Education especially. Here is the calendar of events for the month of November. Hope you can find something you enjoy and join us.

We are proud to announce our new Jr. JYF group. The group is ages Pre K through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and we will meet the first Sunday of each month in the Fellowship Hall. We will meet for the first time Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 3 pm to 4 pm. We will discuss a different subject each month and make a craft. The first subject we are going to be talking about is Thankfulness. Parents will be asked to bring a snack for the children. Parents, please encourage your child to invite his/her friends and/or relatives. Hope to see all the little ones at this meeting.

We have planned pizza and bowling on Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup> from 2 pm to 4 pm at Diggers. We have 4 Lanes reserved, one with bumpers. The cost is \$10 per family or \$5 for an individual. Sign- up sheet will be on parlor bulletin board starting November 5th. Please sign up so we know how many pizzas to order.

We will have Christmas program rehearsals on Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, December 6<sup>th</sup> and December 13<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 pm to 7 pm. There will be a light meal at 5:30 pm. If you would prefer not to attend the meal the children need to be here at 6 pm. Please note that it is VERY important that the children attend each practice.

I would like to thank my committee for the work they did to make the 5th Annual Trunk-or-Treat the success it was. Happy Thanksgiving from Christian Education!



Thank you to everyone who stepped up to help with the Fall Festival this year! It was an "all hands on deck" kind of event. Despite the rainy weather on Saturday, the event was a success because of all of YOU and the smiling faces you offered to everyone who entered the tent, bouncy houses, photo booth and joined us for trunk-or-treating. Thank you for sharing God's love with all those who attended our Annual Fall Festival 2017.

We would like to express our sincerest thanks to the members of First Christian Church for their loving support in the recent passing of our mother, Dottie Jones. Your kind remembrances will always be appreciated. Special thanks to those who attended her funeral and/or visitation in Abingdon, sent cards, or made memorial contributions. Pastor Kelly's presence at the time of her passing was very much appreciated. Even with the six years we had to prepare for her passing, losing your last parent is difficult. We will always appreciate those who helped make this transition easier for us.

God Bless each of you,

Patti Jones and Family  
Rev. David Jones and Family

## DISCIPLES MEN

*Dean Hansen*

Disciples men will meet at The Old Dairy  
November 4, at 8:00 am.

Third Thursday Men's Group will meet at  
Chubby's Thursday, November 16, at 7:30 pm.

## TRUSTEES

*Donna Bainter*

Trustees will meet Monday,  
November 20, at 5:30 pm.

Church Board will meet Monday,  
November 20, at 7:00 pm.

### *November Meetings*

- 1 1:00 pm SM Training
- 7:00 pm Spirit Sisters at Rocky's
- 2 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
- 4 9:00 am - 3:00 pm All Church Retreat
- 7 7:00 pm DW Executive Board Meeting
- 8 1:00 pm SM Training
- 9 12:00 pm FCC Book Club
- 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
- 12 6:00 pm Thanksgiving Dinner
- 13 1:00 pm Stephen Ministry
- 5:00 pm Property
- 6:00 pm Outreach and Action
- 7:00 pm Christian Education
- 14 1:00 pm Prayer Shawl
- 15 1:00 pm SM Training Final
- 16 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Third Thursday Men's Group  
@ Chubby's
- 20 5:30 pm Trustees
- 7:00 pm Church Board
- 21 5:00 pm Pastoral Support
- 24 2:00 pm—4:00 pm Ring bells at HyVee
- 25 2:00 pm Pizza/Bowling at Diggers
- 27 5:00 pm Evangelism
- 7:00 pm Elders
- 28 9:30 am Disciples Clergy
- 11:30 am Itoko Maeda
- 1:30 pm Martha Shemwell
- 29 9:00 am Christmas practice
- 6:00 pm Christmas Rehearsal
- 30 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

### *November Birthdays, Anniversaries and Special Days*

- 4 Barbara Blevins
- 5 Daylight Savings Time
- 7 Election Day
- 9 Judy Graves
- 11 Maddie Dace  
Stan and Carolee Sellers Anniversary  
Veteran's Day
- 13 Emily Ann Bennett
- 14 Heather Craig-Bailey
- 16 Cindy Moon  
Bob and Sheryl Donnell Anniversary
- 22 Richard Foster
- 24 Brianna Meunier
- 25 Chris and Linda Dace Anniversary
- 29 Advent Study
- 30 Teresa Bennett  
Stan Sellers  
Rev. Kelly and Anne Ingersoll Anniver-





## YOUTH GROUPS IN NOVEMBER

### Jr. JYF Pre K - 2nd Grade

5th — 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm

25th — 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Pizza and Bowling at Diggers

29th — 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Rehearsal - Christmas Program

### JYF 3rd - 5th Grade

5th — 5:00 pm Group Meeting

12th — All Church Thanksgiving Dinner

19th — 5:00 pm Group Meeting

### Youth 6th - 12th Grade

5th — 5:00 pm Pizza and a Movie

12th — All Church Thanksgiving Dinner - No Meeting

17th — 19th Youth Summit

26th — Thanksgiving - No Meeting