



First Church of Christ

206 West Church Street

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Sunday Worship and Study Times

Bible School.....9:30 AM

Sunday AM Worship.....10:30AM

F.I.S.H. Groups.....Various times

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"What Do You Hear?"

As October neared its final days this year, the world witnessed a taste of the potential power that this planet, on which we live, possesses. Just a couple of days or so before November and "All Saints Day" arrived, Hurricane Sandy slammed the Jersey shore and the isles of New York before flooding the lower sections of New York City and other nearby areas of the northeastern seacoast of our nation. By the time Hurricane Sandy concluded her march of domination and destruction, utility services were interrupted across 21 states, property damage estimates were calculated up to \$50 billion dollars (New York state estimated their losses at \$33 billion dollars), and more than 100 lives in 10 states were lost.

In the wake of this catastrophic weather storm and the continuous televised reports of its results, at least one heart among us heard the cries of the hurting who live in the region where Hurricane Sandy left her mark. One heart, filled with God's love, understood that He loves and cares for us all. One heart who believed, as ambassadors of Christ, we should take action... some way... to help our neighbors in need.

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In the night, this heart heard the cries again... and the cries did not allow her spirit to rest... until morning dawned and she determined to do something to help. Later, that same day, she shared these needs and her burden with a respected friend.

Together, the two agreed to find some way to help. Knowing that God had given her this burden to help, her friend suggested that God probably had something special planned. Within an hour, her friend learned of a church family in Centerville that had arranged for some trucks and trailers to transport needed supplies to Staten Island, New York within a few days.

For many of you reading this, the rest is history. After collecting a list of the needed supplies, telephone calls were made to our church family concerning the needs and the opportunity to respond with the Centerville church. Within five days, a van was "filled to the gills" with a wide assortment of items and delivered to Centerville... and then, on to Staten Island... a remarkable result.. all because one heart listened and shared her burden with a friend.

Many times we hear about the troubles that have happened in this world and in the lives of our friends, family, and neighbors. Rarely, it seems, do we allow our hearts to listen in the way that Abigail Alka listened to the cries of those hurting souls on the east coast. What can we do to open our hearts to listen and respond to the opportunities we often have to demonstrate and express the love that God has given us through His Only Son, Jesus Christ?

Phil

UPCOMING

November 21

11:30AMThanksgiving Dinner
for First Care children & families

November 22 THANKSGIVING DAY

November 23 FIRST CARE CLOSED

December 02

6:00PM Community Advent
Service at Lynn Nazarene

December 08

9-11AMFood Pantry OPEN
6:00PMFCC Ladies Christmas
Dinner **at the church**

EVENTS:

December 09

4:30PM . . Missions Ministry Mtg
6:00PM . . FCC Sunday Evening
Program - **Bethlehem Year O**

December 13

4:30PM First Care Min. Mtg

December 14

6:30PM . . . First Care Christmas
Dinner for staff & teachers
at the church

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Holiday Happenings *at First Care*

The First Care children and their families will be sharing a Thanksgiving meal here at First Church of Christ on Wednesday, November 21, in the church basement at 11:30am. If you should happen to be in the building at that time, please stop in and say "hello" to our guests. Also, First Care will be closed on Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23 for Thanksgiving Break.



Community Advent Service

The Lynn community is invited to celebrate the birth of Christ at an Advent Service on Sunday, December 2 at 6:00pm. All local churches are involved.



Service will be held at the Lynn Church of the Nazarene. Speaker is Chris Irvine, minister of the Spartanburg United Methodist Church. Music by the Lynn Community Choir, as well as other special music. Come and worship!

Isaiah 60:1,2

Arise, shine; For your light has come!
And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you.
For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth,
And deep darkness the people;
But the LORD will arise over you,
And His glory will be seen upon you.



Local Food Pantry

The next food pantry date is Saturday, December 8 from 9am - 11am. This will be an exceptionally busy distribution day, with it being the holidays. If you would be able to come and help for even just an hour that would be great! Also, the shelves will need to be stocked the day before. Accepting food donations any time!! The need is high and the supply is low.



Ladies Christmas Dinner

The FCC Ladies will be having their Christmas Dinner here at the church on Saturday, December 8 at 6pm. It is being catered by Bouser's Barn. Menu consists of: broasted chicken, cheesy potatoes, California blend, cole slaw, roll, and carrot cake for dessert. Cost is \$10.34 per person. Sign-Up sheet on bulletin board.



Missions

The Missions Ministry is scheduled to meet Sunday, December 9 at 4:30pm.



Prayer Concerns

Home (Health Concerns):

Kathy Clark, Tanner Field (friend of Jesse & Eric Yandl), Bill Meyers, Melissa Roth, Bob Stewart, Amanda Thompson (Amy Alka's sister-in-law), Jacob White (friend of Danny & Karen Brock), and Skyler Wilson

Our Missions, including:

Christian Student Fellowship (IU)

Home (Cancer):

Pamela Cole

Assisted Living and/or Nursing Home:

Addison House (New Castle): Kathy Ratliff

Bell Trace (Bloomington): Helen Stewart

Modoc Group Home: Rochella Newland

Randolph Nursing Home:
Virginia Frazier
Eula Newland

Summers Pointe:
Beulah Kirk
Ruth Welch

These names and concerns have been reported or updated to the church in the last month. If you have a prayer request that the church family needs to be aware of, please contact the church office.

Thoughts from Tina . . .

Greetings from the office of First Care! First thing, I want to say 'THANK YOU!' to everyone involved in the First Care Staff and Family Appreciation dinner from all of us. It was wonderful getting to fellowship with all of you. The food was wonderful!!!

Our Calendar

- November 21 at 11:30 – Family Thanksgiving Dinner
- December 21 during preschool – Birthday Party for Jesus
- December 24-January 2 First Care Closed

Interesting things happening

- Miss Regina has been working very hard on our new Healthy Lunch and Snack menus. First Care has been offering more nutritious foods for our students
- Start watching the First Church Christmas tree for handmade ornaments
- Looking for volunteers to read to our children one day a week in the library

I remember the first year of having my own home and being so excited to have my extended family over for our family Thanksgiving Dinner. I had it planned, table set just so, food just right, I polished our silverware, the house was clean and I dressed everyone up in good clothes (of course they were all thrilled). I had everything PERFECT. It was going to be the best Thanksgiving we had ever had. When everyone arrived I had picked scripture out to read about being thankful and thought it would be fun for everyone to tell one thing they were thankful for before we ate. But man, did the Lord show up in a big way. I read, then we started around the circle, by the time we got to Pappie we were all in tears, as he began to speak in his slow southern draw, everyone hung on his every word. He spoke of things from his life of 80 years that began with his childhood. No one moved or even thought about the food, it was perfect.

My Pappie has been gone for 6 Thanksgivings now and I miss him terribly, but I will never forget that day we all came together in my kitchen to give thanks to the Lord for all he had done for each of us and our family. I hope all of you have a great Thanksgiving and remember - Give Thanks.

In Him, Miss Tina

Psalm 69:30 I will praise God's name in song and glorify him with thanksgiving.

Bethlehem - Year Zero

On Sunday, December 9 First Church will be starting an evening program that will run for 3 consecutive Sundays at 6:00pm. We will start each evening with a fifteen minute video, witnessing the events of 2,000 years ago as if they are today's breaking news!



Real life political analysts and correspondents detail the significance of the amazing events surrounding the birth of the long-awaited Messiah. Circle your calendar for December 9, 16, & 23 and join us. Will also have something for the kids.

First Care Ministry

First Care Ministry will meet Thursday, December 13 at 4:30pm.



First Care

Christmas Dinner

The staff and teachers of First Care are having their Christmas Dinner on Friday, December 14. This will be here at the church at 6:30pm.



Annual Reports

It's almost the end of another year and time for annual reports again!

Team Leaders - if you plan to contribute and would like to have a report ready for the Annual Meeting, please have information turned in to the church office by December 30. You can either send by e-mail at fcclynn@juno.com, or put on Robin's desk. Thank You!



Prayer Ministry

The ladies in the Prayer Ministry have asked us to announce that there is a need for others to join them on Sunday mornings in the Prayer Room, from 9am - 9:15am. Looking for men and women to come forward and be a part of this ministry.





Stocking Stuffers

The FCC Women's Ministry has started accepting donations for stocking stuffers for our shut-ins. Suggested items for stockings are as follows:

Trial Size items:

shampoo
conditioner
toothpaste
lotion
bar soap (dove)
hand sanitizer
Kleenex
chap stick

Random items:

Puzzles
non skid socks
thick socks
toothbrush
comb/brush
wet wipes
antibacterial wipes
diabetic friendly candy
Diabetic friendly snacks
Christmas ornaments (non-breakable)
inspirational pamphlets

Leadership Meeting

Next Leadership meeting will be Monday, December 17 at 7:00pm.

Christmas Food Baskets

The Winchester Area Churches and Community Food Pantry (WACCFP) are sponsors of the Randolph County Christmas Food Baskets. They have been providing Christmas Food Baskets for less fortunate residents of Randolph County since 1972. They are asking for donations for the 2012 Christmas Food Basket Program. WACCFP is needing to raise over \$15,000 by Wednesday, December 5th and are asking you to consider making a donation. Funds collected will be spent to purchase perishable items such as milk, eggs, bread, butter, etc. Checks should be made out to: "Christmas Food Baskets" and mailed to:

AnnMarie Browne
1824 E. Greenville Pike
Winchester, IN 47394

This project of collecting and sorting food as well as packing boxes and delivering the "baskets" is accomplished by all volunteers; 100% of the food goes to eligible households in all of Randolph County.

If you have any questions or would like more detailed information, please call 765*584*3666 (AnnMarie Browne).

Flyer on bulletin board.

