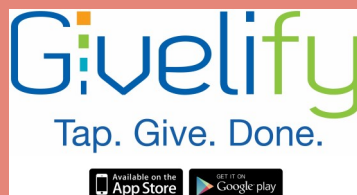


The Good News ...



February 2021

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (*Disciples of Christ*)



OUR STAFF:

Senior Pastor - David Nordyke
Admin. Asst. - Sherry Curtis
Custodian - Cindy Jones

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday
8:30 am - 1:00 pm
Friday - 8:30 am - 12:00 (Noon)

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Loose change may not seem like a lot, but it can add up over time. Recently, I came across a news feed about a man named Phillip Ingram, known as the "Penny Man". Ingram is a custodian with Hoag Hospital in Southern California. Although Ingram grew up in a tough environment, his family instilled in him the Golden Rule...do unto others. From a young age he understood the necessity and the value of helping others.

Seeing needs in the surrounding community, he came up with the idea of asking his co-workers for just a penny believing that it could grow "exponentially". And...it did...\$1400 in just one week which he donated to the local Boys' and Girls' Club. The Hoag Health System was so impressed with the generosity of Ingram and their 6500 employees that they have implemented a payroll deduction plan for charitable giving starting at just 50-cents. Reporter Vikky Vargas wrote, "Ingram hesitated about sharing this idea, but knows now that *Loose Change* adds up!"

Many people are facing difficult financial circumstances which can lead to problems including food insecurity...but WE can help. Our loose change when added with others can *Change* lives forever. Please consider bringing some or all of your loose change to Souper Bowl Sunday as we fill the Soup Pot for St. Susanne's Food Pantry.

Blessings in Jesus, *Pastor David*



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Sunday, February 7th is Souper Bowl Sunday. A soup pot will be in the Narthex for congregants to throw in loose change for St. Susanne's Food Pantry on Sunday, January 31st and Sunday, February 7th. No matter which team you support, let's unite together to fight hunger in our community.

What can I give to Jesus
On this special Valentine's Day?
How can I tell Him I'll love Him,
And follow Him, come what may?

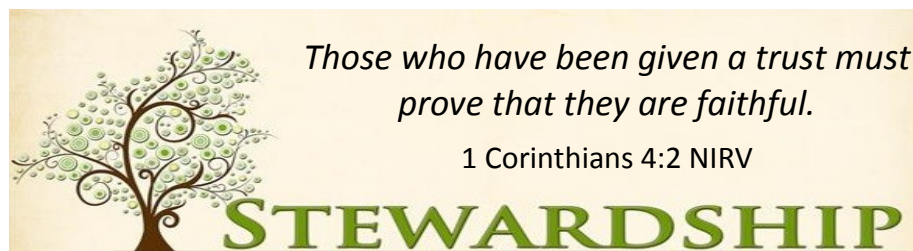
How can I show I need Him?
Should I send a red heart, with lace?
How can I thank Him enough
For his sacrifice, love, and grace?

What valentine can I give Him,
My adoration to impart?
I'll give to Him what He wants most;
I'll yield to Him my heart.



FCC congregants, members, and staff thank **Cindy Jones** for her time as our custodian this past year. Cindy left FCC at the end of January as her other job is demanding more of her time.

Glenda Wampler will be Cindy's replacement. Glenda has a lot of experience and FCC is looking forward to having her work with us. Glenda lives in Republic, works at Mercy in Springfield, and is the custodian at the Hope Center. Welcome aboard, Glenda!!!



The Stewardship Committee met recently and discussed several points including their primary responsibilities. They also addressed the current financial situation at the church and some ideas for long-term sustainability. In the next several days you should receive an envelope from the church containing your year-end giving statement and a very important letter from Jean Berg, Stewardship Chair and the committee members.

Please carefully review both documents. If you have any questions regarding your year-end statement, please contact our Financial Secretary, Cindy Green.

If you have any questions regarding the Stewardship Letter, please contact Jean Berg or Dennis Thrasher, Board Chair.

February Birthdays

10th - Alice Griggs
14th - Bob Long
17th - Taffy Doss
18th - John Millsap
20th - Nikki Riley
28th - Kyleigh Nordyke

February Anniversaries

11th - Gary & Kathy Nordyke
14th - Ozzie & Nikki Riley

Upcoming Events

- Feb. 7th - Souper Bowl
- Feb. 8th - 6:30 pm Board Meeting
- Feb. 15th - Office Closed in Observance of President's Day
- Feb. 17th - Ash Wednesday
- Feb. 20th - 7:30 am Men's Breakfast

January Attendance

	<u>In-Person</u>	<u>On-Line</u>
3	20	
10	23	
17	No service—COVID	
24	32	

January Offering

\$13,656.78

Thank You Notes

Disciples Christian Church- We appreciate you so much!

St. Susanne's- Thank you for your generous donations during 2020.

Emergency Services for Children- Thank you so much for your continued support.

Mt. Vernon Veterans' Home

Assistance League- Thank you for participating in the first annual Dog Tag Christmas Tree program. We were able to purchase gifts for every veteran.

