

The Christian Caller
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Sunday school: 9:00 AM.
Worship 10:30 AM.
God's Praise Warriors Thursday 4:00-5:30 PM.
Office hours: Mon. – Thurs. 9:00 – 2:30 PM.
Secretary: Cheryl Rice

Our Mission Statement

To help one another grow in Christian faith through worship, witness, fellowship, and service to our community and the world.

December 21 Caller



Prayer Concerns

In the hospital:

Local Concerns: Maxine Miller, **Ron Smith**, Sarah Jane Robinson Marvin Gregory, Margaret Shinkle, Rex Thomas, Louise Kelsey, Alvin Robinson, Louise Morrison, Jo Shue

Continuing Concerns: Arvin Blaker, Dorothy Thornton, Paula Hutton, Bob & Jane Ellen Hutton, Maxine Wescott, Diane Carver, Barbara Neill, Evelyn DeCou, Linda Shue, Linda Blevins & family, Margery Pickell, Doris Regan, Mary Smith, Evelyn Tarter, Lois Ramsey, John & Vesta Scott, Mardina Gregory, Charlie North, George Chapman, Rose Cummings, Helen Smith

Our extended family: Charles Fox, Jolene Smith, Carson Self, Sandy McQueen & granddaughter, Don Robertson, Bill & Judy Ward, Donald Hendry (Lois McBride's brother), Emily Hudson, Alice Douglas, Paxton Bush, Norma Gay Jones, Dwayne (Beaumont) Johnson, Joyce Stone, Justin Voorhies, Donovan Walling, Rudy Robinson, Aden Hogan, Lyle & Mary Anderson, Betty Peterson, Melissa Windsor, Belva Young, Tye Libberman, Trisha Winkleman, Lillian Ghramm, Rita Renfrow, Bruce Hogue, Misty Waggoner, Roger Wooten, Michelle Miller, Bill Brown, Shirley Darbro, Betty Johnson, Kyleen Wolverton, Melva Anderson, David & Sharalyn Hogan, Brenda Lockhart, Nancy Luellen, and our uniformed men and women serving our country at home and abroad.

Please call the church office(378-4118) with information or updates related to illnesses, hospitalizations, crisis, or immediate family deaths, so that care can be offered.

***Names in bold indicate recent hospitalizations.**

Serving in the Military with ties to this congregation is: Dylan Voorhies- Marines
Caleb Black - Marines

Attendance & Financial Report

Sunday	Worship	General Offering
Dec. 11	88	\$2036.00
Dec. 18	49	\$6239.00

Happy Birthday!



Dec. 22 – Barb Vaughn
Dec. 25 – Jesus our Savior
Dec. 26 – Doris Claiborne*
Dec. 27 – Brendon Langley
Dec. 31 – Marvin Gregory*
Jan. 04 – Marilyn Pryor*
Joey Cline*
Jan. 02 – Shirley Freeman



Happy Anniversary!

Dec. 24 – Marvin & Mardina Gregory
(54 years)
Dec. 28 – Charlie & Liz North (36 years)

If your Name is missing from the anniversary or birthday list or is incorrect, please call the office, 378-4118. We want to include you.

On the first Christmas, Jesus was a tiny baby wrapped in rags and lying in a cow stall, and yet He was the Lord of life and King of all creation.



Called to Serve January Sunday, December 25



MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Sunday, January 01

Table Elders: Bob & Mary Compton
Home Communion: Carol Bernauer
Deacons: Mary Shue & Susan Vorhies
Deaconesses: Liz North & Jo Shue
Greeter: Evelyn De Cou
Usher: Phyllis Leckey AV. Cary Hutton
Children's Chat: Becky Ramsey
Scripture: Carol Bernauer

Sunday, January 08

Table Elders: Carl Thornton & David Rogers
Home Communion: Mike Jeffers
Deacons: Sandy Besinger & Ron Black
Deaconesses: Liz North & Jo Shue
Greeter: Ollie Black
Usher: Ron Black AV. Nancy Burns
Children's Chat: Becky Ramsey
Scripture: Mary Compton

Thank You!

To the hands and hearts that made the prayer shawl and that cared about me, my thanks. I wish the very best for all of you.

Thanks again,
Jolene Smith

Thank You!

My husband was hospitalized at the VA Hospital in Wichita recently. Chaplin Brooks gave him a prayer shawl from your church group.

Thank you so much for the lovely shawl. You are truly sharing your faith through this ministry.

In Christian Love,
Juanita Johnson

Thank You!

Thank you for the beautiful prayer shawl. What a wonderful Ministry our church has! Thank you too for all the prayers and cards during my illness. Special thanks to Pastor Claude for coming out to visit me in the hospital. It all means more than you will ever know.

Yours in Christ,
Sarah Jane Robinson

Thank You!

Thank you so very much for the food basket. God bless you. I truly appreciate it. Have a wonderful Merry Christmas!

Tonya Smith



FYI

In spite of the cold temperatures a congregational meeting was held this past Sunday. Mike Jeffers presented the new budget which was actually less than the old one due to the fact we no longer have to pay insurance and maintenance on the parsonage. He also presented the new slate of officers. Both proposals were adopted and Mike Jeffers will serve another year as our Board Chair.

Thank you to all those who served this past year and will continue on either in the same or another capacity in the coming year.

Letters with your new serving schedule will be in the mail as soon as I get the information from the Elders, Deacons, & Deaconesses.



Fifty Four Food Baskets...

were assembled and distributed with the help of the Men's fellowship this past Saturday. Thank you to all who donated food, helped make the baskets, and delivered them to the recipients.

When you give someone a helping hand, you are the gift recipient.



A Message from Pastor Shue

It is hard for me to believe, but this is the last church newsletter for 2016. I hope each of you has a really nice Christmas and a wonderful start to

the New Year! It is my wish that you slow down just a little bit during this Christmas season and remember that we are celebrating our Lord and Savior's birthday during this time of year. Even more important is that we make sure we tell those around us the real reason for the season. Make double sure the little ones know the true message of Christmas as well.

I hope most of you will come join us on Christmas Day for the Christmas Dinner starting at 12:00 pm here at our church. What a wonderful gift to give the community of Fredonia! We as a church being able to give a gift like this to those who need it, by showing them what it looks like to be a servant of God. Thank you, to those who are going to be serving the dinner, for taking time away from your family, and for being a part of this very worthwhile event.

I know my daughter Ashley and myself are very excited about our upcoming Nicaragua mission trip. We still have room for two more people. The cost is \$600 per person plus airfare. However, the \$600 has to be paid by the 1st of the year. Because of the short deadline, you would already have to have a passport on hand. The dates are January 30th through February 8th. I would love to have a couple of you from the congregation go with us to meet the wonderful people of Nicaragua. What a wonderful way for you to start the New Year! Please pray about it and let me know.

I hope each of you have a truly blessed week.

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Claude



Items for the Nicaragua Trip

Cash donations for the school, village clinic, and specific projects are always appreciated. This trip will focus on school supplies.

School supplies: pencils, erasers, pens, rulers, scissors, crayons, markers, dry markers and dry marker erasers, spiral bound notebooks, mechanical pencils, and extra lead.

Bedding for full sized beds and towels

Baseballs, gloves, and soccer balls are very much appreciated.

The suitcase is in the Narthex so bring your items and let's see if we can fill it up.

A Very Enjoyable Christmas Program!



Over fifty people stayed for the Soup Luncheon Dinner Theater Christmas Program put on by God's Praise Warriors December 11th.



Quite a lot of work went into this production. Besides the sets and costumes there were solos and duets, as well as speaking parts as the Christmas story was re-enacted.



At the end, the audience participated in singing Joy to the World.

There are plans to do a few more of these Luncheon Programs to help raise money for the youth to attend specialty camps at Camp Tawokani.

If you were unable to attend this first program you will not want to miss the next one.



Candle Light Service December 24th, at 7:00 p m

There will *not* be a regular church service on Sunday, December 25th due to Christmas Dinner preparations. However, Sunday school will meet in the sanctuary at 10:30 on the 25th. Communion will be offered and the offering plate will be there for those who want to give their tithes that day.

Remind me Lord that to give someone a lift is also a way to give you a gift!

Thank You!

Thank you to the choir for coming to our home to sing Christmas carols. It meant so much to us and really seemed to pick Vesta up.

John & Vesta Scott



Community Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinner will be served in fellowship hall at noon on Christmas Day. If you have signed up to bring food please have it here by 10:00. If you would like carry out please call 378-4118 to make arrangements. If you have not made a reservation you are still welcome to come. We always have plenty of food.



On Our Calendar

- Dec. 21 – 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group
No Choir Practice
New Caller
- Dec. 22– 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. God's Praise Warriors
- Dec. 24 – 7:00 p.m. Candle Light Service
- Dec. 25 – 10:30 -Sunday school Sanctuary
12:00 – Christmas Dinner/Fellowship Hall
Merry Christmas!
- Dec. 28 – 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group
No Choir Practice
- Dec. 29– 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. God's Praise Warriors
- Jan. 01 – ***Happy New Year!***
- Jan. 03 - 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Homeless Matters
- Jan. 04 - 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
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*Articles for the Caller may be edited due to length, content, or for clarification.

