

The Christian Caller  
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Website [www.fccfredonia.org](http://www.fccfredonia.org)  
Sunday school: 9:00 AM.  
Worship 10:30 AM.

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 02 Caller**



### Prayer Concerns

#### Condolences to:

**In the hospital:** Marvin Gregory

**Local Concerns:** Becky Ramsey, Pat Sanderson, Roger Surber, Marilyn Pryor, De Anna Spoon, Maxine Wescott

**Continuing Concerns:** Nadine Timmons, Clara & David McCluskey, Fred Eisele, Howard Svaty, Mardina Gregory, Diane Carver, Lois Ramsey, Charlie North, George Chapman, Margaret Shinkle, Emagene Walton, Carol Turner

**Our extended family:** Sherri Sass, John Settle, Kevin Olsen, John Siewart, Justin Voorhies, our uniformed men and women serving our country, storm, wild fire, shooting, looting, riot, racial violence, Covid victims and their care givers and students, teachers and parents home schooling.

**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.

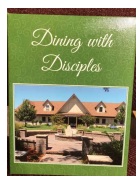
### Financial Report

Offerings: Received through  
November 22           \$1226.16  
November 29           \$1835.40



### Happy Birthday!

December 04 - Nathan Huser  
December 05 - Paula Hutton  
December 06 - Ashley Shue  
December 09 - Cameron Self  
December 11 – Maxine Wescott\*  
December 12 – Nancy Burns



### Only 1 Cookbook Left

Contact the church office to purchase, 378-4118. \$17

### Items for Food Baskets



*Needed:* canned fruits, canned vegetables, boxed potatoes, Mac & Cheese, stove top dressing, cake mixes, and frosting, boxed dinners/Hamburger Helper, canned meat, soup, cereal, spaghetti dinner or equivalent.



## Called to serve December

### Sunday, December 06

Table Elders: Ed Viers & Mike Jeffers  
Deacons: Zac Ramsey & Susan Voorhies  
Deaconess: Mary Shue  
AV: Nancy Burns  
Children's Chat: Becky Ramsey  
Lay Leader: Claudia Marr

### Sunday, December 13

Table Elders: David Rogers & Ed Viers  
Deacons: Derian & Carrie Hutton  
Deaconess: Mary Shue  
AV: Merlyn Ramsey  
Children's Chat: Claude Shue  
Lay Leader: Todd Harrelson

### Sunday, December 20

Table Elders: Carol Bernauer & Darin Vaughn  
Deacons: Mary Shue &  
Deaconess: Mary Shue  
AV: Cary Hutton  
Children's Chat: Claude Shue  
Lay Leader: Claude Shue



### **A Message from Pastor Shue**

I hope you had a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving. The weather was pretty nice and the sun was shining. It was a beautiful day. The day before Thanksgiving the group that I am part of, Covenant Motorcycle Ministry took over 75 toys that were collected by members of our churches and gave them to three different charities in Wilson County. We also received money donations and we purchased gift cards to give to a three

children family in Altoona. It is our hope that we were able to put smiles on some children's faces. It is not too late to make a donation to the Toy Run. Just bring a new, unwrapped toy to my office or drop it in the box in the Narthex. Thank you.

We are now in the Advent Season. With all the different issues going on in our society let us keep our focus on what is really important. I'm referring to the celebration of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ birth. I believe it is more important than ever to be strong and steadfast in our faith and in our works as Christians. Please take a few moments and reflect on what is truly important in your lives. As believers and followers of the son Jesus Christ and the Father God our service and belief in them has to be the single most important thing in our lives. If for some reason it is not you better make some major changes in your life, and I would make these changes sooner than later.

I hope everyone has a truly blessed week.

Your Servant in Christ,  
Pastor Claude

*Church Board meeting December 09, 2020, at 6:00 P. M.*

\*We will need volunteers to make Christmas baskets for distribution on Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>. Due to covid we will not be serving breakfast and volunteers need to wear a mask. Thank you for your willingness to serve.



**FYI**



**Food Baskets** will be delivered Saturday, December 19th, between 9:00 and noon. Due to

Covid concerns bring your letter and stop your car under the church canopy. We will bring your food basket to your car. If pick up is not possible, we ask that you have someone at home to receive delivery. Local deliveries will be made first. If you will not be home on the 19<sup>th</sup> call the church to make other arrangements. If you do not contact us and are not home on the 19<sup>th</sup> your basket will be given to another family or the food bank. If you wish to decline your basket call 378-4118 and let us know. We hope this gift will make your holidays brighter.



**Christmas Day Dinner  
Canceled for 2020**

The First Christian Church has sponsored the Christmas Day dinner for many years. Our goal has always been to provide an opportunity for Fredonia residents to gather together when they cannot be with their own families to celebrate Christmas and the birth of Jesus Christ. However, we regret to announce that we will not host the Christmas Day dinner in 2020 due to Covid concerns. We hope everyone will stay safe and find ways to reach out to others to express love and care.

Sadly, many of us have gone from not knowing anyone infected with Covid to knowing someone who has had it or is

suffering from it, and increasingly having a loved one or a friend who has died from it. Please everyone only go out if you have to, wash your hands often, and wear a mask if you do leave home.

Unfortunately, with the Pandemic my schedule is out of the ordinary. I will try to maintain as many of my regular office hours as possible. Due to having to help homeschool my grandkids my schedule may change on a day to day basis. Call the church and if I don't answer, leave me a message. If you need to, call my cell 620-714-0807 and leave me a message. You may also text me. If it is such that I can return your call immediately, I will, otherwise I will do it as soon as possible. I may have to work some evening hours so don't be surprised if I return your call after 6:00 p.m. I would love to think the kids can return to their class rooms full time, but at this point it is one day at a time.

## **Our Church Remains Open**

- **Take your temperature at home.** Do not attend if you do not feel well.
- ***Wearing of masks is encouraged.***
- ***Social Distance***
- **Hand sanitizer is provided.**
- **Bulletins – pick up by the door.**
- **No Physical Contact.**
- **No contact Communion service.**
- **Anita's class and the Adult Sunday School class** meet at regular times.
- **Nursery is available.** Make sure temperatures are taken at home.

If you are unable to attend church please continue to send your tithes and offerings to the church address at 303 N.

7<sup>th</sup>, Fredonia, or to Nancy Burns at 328 S. 15 St.



### Bulletin Covers

We have 7 left to sponsor, and I would like this to be done ASAP. There are 3/\$6 assortments and 4/\$12 regular covers to choose from. The \$6 dates are Jan. 31, Apr. 25, and Oct. 17. The \$12 cover dates are: July 25, Aug. 23, Oct. 03, and Dec. 05. Call the office 378-4118. to sponsor. If you have questions leave me a message and I will call back as soon as I am able.



### We are decorating our sanctuary for Christmas.

If you would like to donate money toward the purchase of a poinsettia you may drop it in the collection plate in an envelope with a note specifying what it is for or mail it. You may also purchase one and bring it to the church. Please call office to arrange for delivery. 378-4118.



### On Our Calendar

Dec. 03 – 7:00 CWF/Church  
Dec. 06 - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School & 10:30 Worship  
Dec. 07 – PEO 7:00 p.m.  
Dec. 08 - 2:00 – 4:00 Homeless Matters  
Dec. 09 – 6:00 p.m. Church Board meeting  
Dec. 13 – 9:00 a.m. Sunday School & 10:30 Worship  
Dec. 15 - 2:00 – 4:00 Homeless Matters  
Dec. 16 – 1:30 Thrift Shop Advisory Board meeting  
Dec. 27 – Annual Meeting following church service



### A Christmas Prayer

*“O God, our help in ages past  
Our hope in years to be-  
Look down upon this present  
And see our need of Thee...  
For in this age of unrest,  
With danger all around,  
We need Thy help and counsel  
To make us more aware,  
That our safety and security  
Lie solely in Thy care...  
And so we pray this Christmas  
To feel Thy presence near  
And for Thy all-wise guidance  
Throughout the coming year...  
First, give us understanding  
Enough to make us kind  
So we may judge all people  
With our heart and not our mind,  
Then give us strength and courage  
To be honorable and true,  
And place our trust implicitly  
In “unseen things” and “you”  
And help us when we falter  
And renew our faith each day.  
And forgive our human errors  
And hear us when we pray.  
And keep us gently humble  
In the Greatness of thy love  
So some day we are fit to dwell  
With Thee in peace above.*

~Helen Steiner Rice

