

The Christian Caller
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Website www.fccfredonia.org
 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 05 Caller



Prayer Concerns

In the hospital:

Local Concerns: Marilyn Compton, Lucine Reed,

Continuing Concerns: Nadine Timmons, Howard Svaty, Louise Kelsey,

Mardina Gregory, Wayne Sircoulomb, Bob Compton, Evelyn De Cou, Lois McBride, Diane Carver, Barbara Neill, Linda Shue, Doris Regan, Evelyn Tarter, Lois Ramsey, Charlie North, George Chapman, Rose Cummings, Helen Smith, Louise Morrison, Jo Shue, Margaret Shinkle, Imogene Walton, Wauneta Shaver

Our extended family: Janice Spohn Barrows, Judy Lambert, Rita Renfro, Bill Ward, Debbie Sunthimer, Brenda Firr, Sharon Heien, Myla Farwell, Linda Schneider, Chuck Baker, Maxine Wilson, Mary Teresa Cooper, Calvin Howard, New Life CO-OP, Charles Kennedy, Raymond Reutlinger, Barbara Baddy, Betty Bell, Laura Banning, Melody Billings, JR Schwarz, Emily Hudson, Justin Voorhies, Tye Libberman, Brenda Lockhart and our uniformed men and women serving our country at home and abroad. All storm and wild fire victims.

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.

Serving in the Military : Griffin Voorhies- Marines

Financial Report

Sunday	General Offering
Nov. 25	\$ 1903.52
Dec. 02	\$ 2212.25.



Happy Birthday!

Dec. 06 – Ashly Shue
 Dec. 11 – Maxine Wescott*
 Dec. 12 – Nancy Burns
 Dec. 18 – Nadine Timmons

Thank you

Thank you to Cary Hutton, Todd Harrelson, Steve Siegele, and Becky Ramsey for moving things back after the carpet cleaning. They were not the ones that moved things out of the way so if things are not back where we are used to having them please be gracious and move them back if possible.



There is a basket in the Narthex on the desk if you wish to donate money for poinsettias to help decorate the Sanctuary for Christmas.

**Next Church Board meeting December 12
 8:00 P.M.**



Candle Light Service

*December 24, 2018
 7:00 P.M.*



Called to Serve December

Sunday, December 09

Table Elders: Marvin Gregory and Todd Harrelson
 Home Communion: Todd Harrelson
 Deacons: Pat & Jess Reed
 Deaconesses: Lois Ramsey and Mary Shue
 Greeter: Carol Bernauer
 Usher: Claudia Marr AV. Nancy Burns
 Children's Chat: Becky Ramsey
 Lay leader: Merlyn Ramsey

Sunday, December 16

Table Elders: Mike Jeffers & Ed Viers
 Home Communion: Merlyn Ramsey
 Deacons: Mary Shue & Mathew Melloy
 Deaconesses: Lois Ramsey and Mary Shue
 Greeter: Doris Claiborne
 Usher: Ron Black AV. Merlyn Ramsey
 Children's Chat: Becky Ramsey
 Lay leader: Jess Reed

Sunday, December 23

Table Elders: Carol Bernauer & Darin Vaughn
 Home Communion: Mary Compton
 Deacons: Neal Bernauer & Ray Barger
 Deaconesses: Lois Ramsey and Mary Shue
 Greeter: Tina Thomas
 Usher: Rex Thomas AV. Jess Reed
 Children's Chat: Becky Ramsey
 Lay leader: Claudia Marr

Thank you

Dear Church Family,

Thank you to so much for the pretty Prayer Shawl. It made me happy to know you were thinking of me. I am getting around pretty well now, no walker and no cane.

Again thank you for thinking of me.

Kathy Claiborne



A Message from Pastor Shue

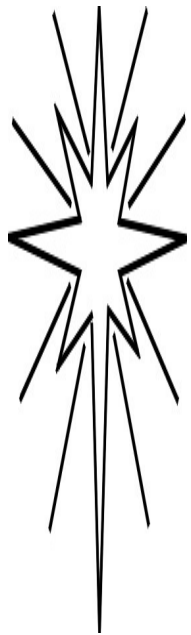
As we start the 2018 Advent season let us take time to really look at the world we live in and how we are interacting in it. Advent needs to be a time that we are honest with ourselves about who we truly are. All of us proclaim to be Christians, but truly we do not show it with our actions. All of us should be able to see the needs around us, but far too often many of us choose to look the other way. It is my hope that all of us will take this Advent season to change how we do the Lord's work. Let us not choose to just use our voices to help those around us who need it, but to show some compassion and let us use our resources make a difference in the world. Let us set aside a few dollars each week to buy items for the food bank, or to buy an animal or two thru an organization like Heifer International. Let us show the wicked secular world what God's love truly looks like.

It is with deep sadness that I have to announce that Mary and I will not be going on the mission trip this year to Santa Emilia, Nicaragua. There are several reasons why I came to this decision. The number of flights going out of America has decreased. Now in order to get to Nicaragua you have to fly from Houston to San Salvador and have a 6 hour layover and then catch a regional airline to your destination. The other possibility is to go with America Airlines, but then you have to leave Tulsa, fly to North Carolina, catch a flight to Miami, Florida, and then fly to Nicaragua. The cost of the tickets has gone up quite a bit as well. I informed Pat Nixon that we would not be going this year. I am in the process of looking for a new area for future mission trips. Please do not bring any more school supplies. If you have already purchased them go ahead and bring them and I will find a use for them.

I hope each of you have a truly blessed week.

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Claude



Bethlehem and Calvary

If Bethlehem were but a town
And Calvary but a hill,
The world would yet be lost in sin
And death our conqueror still.

But Christ was born in Bethlehem,
Let men and angels sing.
He gave his life on Calvary,
And death has lost its sting.

O Bethlehem, O Calvary,
Thy names be glorified.
In thee the son of God was born,
On thee was crucified.



Christmas Food Baskets

Thank you to all those who have brought food for the food baskets. Due to your generosity we have what we need and the baskets will be distributed during the Men's Fellowship breakfast on December 15th.

Jesus



He came not to a throne, but to a manger,
He lived not as a king, but as a servant,
He chose not an earthly kingdom, but
a cross, He gave not just a little, but
everything

~Holly Gerth

Community Christmas Dinner



Community Christmas Dinner will be held Tuesday, December 25th at Noon. Please call the church office 378-4118 for a reservation. Reservations need to be made no later than December 20th. Dine –in, carry out, or delivery is available. In the event I am away from my desk and cannot take your reservation, please leave your name and number and I will call you back as soon as possible. Sometimes messages left on the answering machine are not clear so I prefer to call you back and confirm your reservation. If you do not hear from me the same day you may need to call back. This way we ensure we do not miss any one. You may also call Charlotte Svaty (378-3238).



The Greatest Gift

You ask what I am wanting for Christmas,
What gift I would like to acquire-
A gift that would thrill my whole being
And satisfy my every desire?
Well just such a Gift has already been given
And no greater love could be shown
Than when God the Father gave Jesus,
His only, His well-Beloved Son,
To suffer in my place on Calv'ry
To pay for the sins I had done.

O Gift over all gifts transcending!
O Gift dear and precious, divine!
Unspeakable Gift God has given
To all who believe- and He's mine!
And since this great Gift I've accepted,
To me God has given, beside,
A life never ending, eternal;
A promise with Him to abide.

He gives the sweetest peace 'mid life's
conflict,
In days filled with peril and fear;
Gives joy day by day in His service;
In sorrow gives comfort and cheer.
His presence is with me each moment;

Gives grace for each test; bears my
burdens,
And gently my footsteps He leads.
What gift could I ask, then, beside Him?
Could man such a gift e'er afford?
O no! God in his mercy has given
THE GREATEST GIFT- Jesus, my Lord!

*The smallest act of kindness is worth
more than the greatest intention.*

~Oscar Wilde



The Wonder of Christmas

*The Almighty became an infant,
The Shepherd became a lamb,
The Judge took our sentence,
The Lord became a man,
The Invisible became visible,
The Eternal stepped into history
To make us His own again*

~Ron Berris



On Our Calendar

- Dec. 05- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group
10:00 – 11:00 Exercise Group
12:00 – Thrift Shop appreciation luncheon
5:00 – 6:45 p.m. Cadet Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice
- Dec. 06 – 7:00 p.m. CWF/Church
- Dec. 07 -10:00 -11:00 a.m. Exercise Group
- Dec. 10 -10:00 -11:00 a.m. Exercise Group
4:00 – 6:30 p.m. - Youth
- Dec. 11-2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Homeless Matters
4:00 – 6:30 p.m. - Youth
- Dec. 12 - 9:00 a.m. – Prayer Group
10:00 – 11:00 Exercise Group
5:00 – 6:45 p.m. Cadet Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. – Choir Practice
8:00 p.m. – Church Board meeting
- Dec. 14 - 10:00 – 11:00 Exercise Group
6:00 – Leaders Class Christmas Party
- Dec. 15 – 7:00 a.m. Men's fellowship and
distribution of Christmas Baskets.
- Dec. 17- 10:00 – 11:00 Exercise Group
4:00 – 6:30 p.m. - Youth
- Dec. 18 -2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Homeless Matters
- Dec. 19 –9:00 a.m. Prayer Group
10:00 – 11:00 Exercise Group
5:00 – 6:45 p.m. Cadet Girl Scouts
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

New Caller

**Articles for the caller may be edited due to length,
content, or for clarification.*

