

The Christian Caller  
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Website [www.fccfredonia.org](http://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.**

## January 04 Caller



### Prayer Concerns

#### In the hospital:

**Local Concerns:** Sondra Harrelson, The families of Maxine Miller & Margery Pickell, 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:** The family of Dr. Jim Ward, 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 Troutman, 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. 25 | 67  | \$ 796.00        |
| Jan. 01 | 62                                                                                       | \$1789.00        |



### Happy Birthday!

Jan. 07 – Ron Boyer  
 Jan. 09 – John Scott\*  
 Jan. 10 – Evelyn De Cou\*  
 Jan. 14 – Mike Adams  
 Jan. 16 – Carl Thornton\*  
 Helen Eisele  
 Jan. 18 – Aiden Harrelson

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.



### **Attention Chair Persons for Elders, Deacons, & Deaconesses**

Letters with your new serving schedule need to be prepared for mailing. I need your information in my office as soon as possible.

Thank you.

Cheryl Rice, Secretary



## Called to Serve January

### 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

### Sunday, January 15

Table Elders: Nancy Rogers & Todd Harrelson  
 Home Communion: Bob Compton  
 Deacons: Don Vaughn & Rex Thomas  
 Deaconesses: Liz North & Jo Shue  
 Greeter: Evelyn De Cou  
 Usher: Phyllis Leckey      AV. Merlyn Ramsey  
 Children's Chat: Becky Ramsey  
 Scripture: Todd Harrelson

### Sunday, January 22

Table Elders: Marvin Gregory & Merlyn Ramsey  
 Home Communion: Carl Thornton  
 Deacons: Ron Smith & Neal Bernauer  
 Deaconesses: Liz North & Jo Shue  
 Greeter: Tina Thomas  
 Usher: Rex Thomas      AV. Ron Smith  
 Children's Chat: Becky Ramsey  
 Scripture: Marilyn Pryor

# Thank You!

Thank you for the thoughtful gift for John. The prayer shawl is such a unique and perfect gift. I appreciate all your prayers too.

God Bless,  
*Lorri*

*Thank you for everything.*

*John Wallace*

# Thank You!

On December 17<sup>th</sup> the Men's Fellowship and other volunteers bagged and distributed more than 50 food baskets for families with needs. Thank you to the congregation for their generous donations of food for this worthy project. We also thank The Christian Thrift Shop for their donation of funds for meat certificates, the CWF for their donation of funds for peanut butter, and the Lafferty funds for turkeys to families. G & W was generous in their pricing of the basics for the baskets. Sonic provided coupons for the families use also.

This year four churches (First Grace Assembly of God, First United Methodist, Buxton Christian Church, and First Christian Church) worked together with Adopt a Family and the Fredonia Food Bank to coordinate and meet the needs of as many families as possible. The recipients of the baskets were most gracious in their appreciation and thanks.

*Nancy Burns and Charlotte Suaty*

# Thank You!

Dear Friends and members of First Christian Church,

We want you to know how much we appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity. Thank you for helping make this Christmas brighter.

*The Employees and Inmates at  
 Wilson County Corrections*

# Thank You!

Thank you so much for furnishing the meal following Mom's service. She so loved her church family.

*The Family of Margery Pickell  
 Karen, Cheryl & families*



## A Message from Pastor Shue

I hope each of you had wonderful Christmas and a safe enjoyable New Year's Eve. My family and I would like

to take the time to thank each of you for the wonderful Christmas gifts we each received. Our church family blesses us so much each year by being part of our lives and by being active members of this church. It is our hope that we are part of this church for many more years to come.

I thought that both the Christmas Baskets and the Community Christmas Dinner went very well. I would like to say a special thank you to all of the people who helped with these events. It makes me so very proud that the First Christian Church family is willing and able to do these two very special events each year. Once again thank you to everyone who helped this year.

It is once again time for me to start looking for Adult Counselors for the summer camp that I will be directing again this summer. I will be doing the same age group this year as I did last camp. We will be working with boys and girls who have just completed 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades. I will need both men and women counselors for the week starting June 4<sup>th</sup> which is a Sunday evening and finishing up Friday morning the 9<sup>th</sup> of June. I would ask that each of you pray about it and see if this is something that you might be able to do. Let me know if this is something you might be interested in.

I have posted in several different places throughout the church the Camp Schedule for 2017. If you have a young person that is interested in attending camp let me know as soon as possible. We will be having several more fundraisers to help everyone who wants to attend. Remember in order for the church to pay the whole amount the young person must be attending church on Sunday mornings.

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Claude

## Items for the Nicaragua Trip

*January 30<sup>th</sup> – February 8<sup>th</sup>*

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.

# Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who helped cook, serve, and brought food for the Community Christmas Dinner. A special thank you to Charlotte Svaty and her helpers who cooked the dinner and had it all ready so all we had to do was heat it and serve it. We served 85 dinners here at the church, 45 meals went to Wilson County Corrections, and 34 meals were takeout or delivery.



Again thank you to all of you who made this year's dinner a success.

*Mary Compton*

## Items for Food Bank this Month



peanut butter



cereal



canned fruit

## Resolutions for the New Year

*Just For Today* – I will be happy. This assumes that what Abraham Lincoln said is true, that “most people are about as happy as they make up their minds to be.” Happiness is from within; it is not a matter of externals.

*Just For Today* – I will try to adjust myself to what is, and not try to adjust everything to my own desires. I will take my family, my business, and my luck as they come and fit myself to them.

*Just For Today* – I will take care of my body. I will exercise it, care for it, nourish it, not abuse or neglect it, so that it will be a perfect machine for my bidding.

*Just For Today* – I will try to strengthen my mind. I will learn something useful; I will not be a mental loafer. I will read something that requires effort, thought and concentration.

*Just For Today* – I will exercise my soul in three ways; I will do somebody a good turn and not get found out, and I will do two things I don't want to do.

*Just For Today* – I will be agreeable. I will look as well as I can, dress as becomingly as possible, talk low, act courteously, be liberal with praise, not criticize nor find fault with anything, and try not to regulate or improve anyone.

*Just For Today* – I will have a goal. I will write down what I expect to accomplish today. I may not follow it exactly, but it will eliminate two pests, hurry and indecision.

*Just For Today* – I will have a quiet half hour all by myself and relax. In this half hour I will spend time with God, and gain a little more perspective in my life.

### A Good Time with a Bit of Fun



This December for entertainment at the Thrift Shop Workers Appreciation Party, Delores Kempinger,

Doris Claiborne, Sharon Blaker, and Mary Compton, dressed up as Historical figures. We had to guess who they were. Deloris made it easy for us to guess Betsy Ross.

Sharon made it a bit harder. We knew she was a singing cowboy, but which one?



Not Roy Rogers. Did you guess Gene Autry?

Doris and Mary made it really hard to guess.



Did you guess baby Charlotte and Kate Middleton?



### On Our Calendar

Jan. 04 - 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

New Caller

Jan. 05 – 4:00 – 5:30 God's Praise Warriors

Jan. 10 – 2:00 – 4:00 Homeless Matters

Jan. 11 - 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Jan 12 - 4:00 – 5:30 God's Praise Warriors

Jan. 17–2:00 – 4:00 Homeless Matters

Jan. 18 -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.

