

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.

January 03 Caller



Prayer Concerns

In the hospital:

Local Concerns: Marilyn Compton, Marvin Gregory, Mardina Gregory, Wayne Sircoulomb

Continuing Concerns: Howard Svaty, Julie Lawson & family, Bob Compton, Alvin Robinson, Evelyn De Cou, Lois McBride, Bob & Jane Ellen Hutton, 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,

Our extended family: The family of Marilyn Dean, New Life CO-OP, Charles Kennedy, John Relph, Raymond Reutlinger, Barbara Baddy, Betty Bell, Laura Banning, Melody Billings, JR Schwarz, Emily Hudson, Justin Voorhies, Tye Libberman, Rita Renfro, Brenda Lockhart and our uniformed men and women serving our country at home and abroad. All the hurricane 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 with ties to this congregation are: Griffin Voorhies- Marines

Attendance & Financial Report

Sunday	Worship	General Offering
Dec. 24	78	\$ 1622.00
Dec. 31	33	\$



Happy Birthday!

Jan. 07 – Ron Boyer
 Jan. 09 – John Scott*
 Jan. 10 – Evelyn DeCou*
 Jan. 14 – Mike Adams
 Jan. 16 – Helen Eisele*
 Carl Thornton*



Happy Anniversary!

Jan. 06 – Kris & Roger Surber
 (45 Years)

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

THANK YOU

We want you to know how much we appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity. Thank you so much for our Christmas Dinner.

The Wilson County Sherriff, Undersherriff, Corrections Staff, Deputies, Dispatch, and Inmates.

If faith moves mountains, it is a tool you cannot afford to be without.



Called to Serve January

Sunday, January 07

Table Elders: Carl Thornton & David Rogers

Home Communion: Mike Jeffers

Deacons: Don Vaughn & Rex Thomas

Deaconesses: Liz North & Reannan Hickey

Greeter: Tina Thomas

Usher: Rex Thomas AV. Cary Hutton

Children's Chat: Becky Ramsey

Lay leader: Mary Compton

Sunday, January 14

Table Elders: Nancy Rogers & Todd Harrelson

Home Communion: Bob (Mary) Compton

Deacons: Ron Smith & Neal Bernauer

Deaconesses: Liz North & Reannan Hickey

Greeter: Phyllis Leckey

Usher: Doris Claiborne AV. Nancy Burns

Children's Chat: Becky Ramsey

Lay leader: Anita Smith

Sunday, January 21

Table Elders: Marvin Gregory & Merlyn Ramsey

Home Communion: Carl Thornton

Deacons: Cary & Derian Hutton

Deaconesses: Liz North & Reannan Hickey

Greeter: Nadine Dishman

Usher: Louise Kelsey AV. Merlyn Ramsey

Children's Chat: Becky Ramsey

Lay leader: Nancy Rogers



Bulletin Covers

April will be here before we know it. Ten bulletins covers still need a sponsor. Covers are available in April, May, June, July, September and October. Call (378-4118) or come by the office to sponsor. The covers that remain are \$12 each.

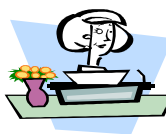
Your Invited to Join Us



***As we celebrate the 100th Birthday of
Evelyn DeBon***

***Sunday, January 14th, 2018
2:00-4:00 p.m. Come and Go
Fellowship Hall
First Christian Church
303 N. 7th
Fredonia, Ks.***

No gifts, please!



FYI

Our main hallway lights have been converted to the new LED lights. Your pathway should be brighter and you should be less apt to trip now that you can see. Thank you to Steve and Merlyn. Good job! They will do more as the components come in.



A Message from Pastor Shue

First of all I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. I know with this batch of cold weather a lot of our

congregation has been sick and staying indoors. Those of you who have been sick I hope you are feeling better, and those of you who have been staying inside I hope to see you soon. As I was explaining to our young people this past Sunday I hope none of you enjoyed New Year's Eve too much this past Sunday evening. I would encourage each of you to sit down and think about all the blessings that each one of us has as we start the new year. I know for many of us 2017 has been a year of hardships, losses and heart aches. However, at the same time God has showered uncountable blessings on us as well. It is my belief if we are able and willing to look around our situation in a realistic manor we can't help but see God's loving hand all around us.

I would like to thank everyone who helped both with Christmas Baskets and Christmas Dinner. Both of these projects have been a part of this church for a very long time. We gave out 52 Christmas baskets this year and served well over 225 Christmas Dinners. These community projects are wonderful examples of God's love. I would like to say a special thank you to Charlotte Svaty and Nancy Burns for all of their time and effort in planning and helping with each of the above projects.

I have started to get my bags packed for my mission trip to Nicaragua. Steve and I leave on January 30th from Tulsa. It is not too late to pick up a few school supplies the next time you are in the store. No glue or notebook paper. Airlines will not allow glue and note book paper is too heavy.

Mary and I would like to thank everyone for the beautiful Christmas cards and gifts. There is nowhere else I would rather be than here at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Fredonia Kansas.

I hope you have a truly blessed week.

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Claude

THANK YOU



Thank you to all the volunteers that cooked, served, delivered, and cleaned up after the Community Christmas Dinner. There were more volunteers than previous years and plenty to keep everyone busy. All the help was greatly appreciated.

Also thank you to everyone who brought vegetables, salads, and desserts. We had just enough. All together approximately 250 meals were served.

Thank you to Charlotte Svaty and Nancy Burns for their efforts in making this dinner a reality. This is a much needed and appreciated outreach in our community and could not be done without congregational effort. It is something we as a congregation can be truly proud of.

A Prayer for the New Year

Our dearest God of Love and care,
another year of our lives has passed.
Please take from our hearts the burden we bear
of the "luggage" we held so fast.

Resentment, envy, self –pity and pride,
help us forget all our fear.
Help us to put away things that abide
to hinder joys of this year.

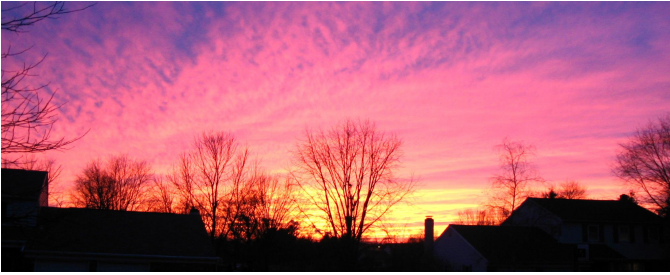
May we put behind us the old
to make room for the new ahead.
This New Year is filled with days of gold,
if we look for the good instead.

No more luggage of the past;
A new year beckons us on.
Please help us to make it a better one
than the old year that has gone.

We pray for your guidance and care
in all that we undertake.
Please help us to follow You everywhere
through this bright New Year, for Christ's sake.

~Lucile Calhoun Stewar

Winter Sunset



Amid the bleak and dreary scene
That winter brings to my back yard,
I still find rosy, warming hope
As Winter's sunset I regard.

The vivid pink and scarlet cape
Flung wide across the Western sky,
Restores in me the confidence
That even Winter passes by.

God's flawless cycles of the year
Will awaken springtime, come next May,
While roses sweet, unfold their bloom
My Winter thoughts get stored away.

But in the face of each red rose
Reflected in the Springtime light,
Are hues God borrowed from the sky
When Winter's sunset beamed so bright!

~Devin R. Jones

THANK YOU

Pastor Shue & Congregation,
Just wanted to say thank you for the wonderful
Christmas dinner we enjoyed at your church. What
a great community ministry you have and such
warm, friendly people! It was a blessing to so
many and many worked hard to prepare. Thank
you again and have a wonderful New Year.

Jerry & Donna Blevins

(Donna Blevins is Mary Puckett's sister) We
thank them for their generous donation as well.

The Clock of Life



The clock of life is wound but once,
and no man has the power
to tell when the hands will stop,
at late or early hour.
Now is the only time you own;
live, love, toil with a will
Place no faith in "tomorrow"
For the clock may then be still.

~Unknown



On Our Calendar

Jan. 03- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group
Jan. 04 – 7:00 p.m. CWF/church
Jan. 08 -4:00-6:30- p.m. God's Praise Warriors
Jan. 09- 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Homeless Matters
Jan. 10 -9:00 a.m. Prayer Group
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
Jan. 14– 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. 100th Birthday
Celebration for Evelyn DeCou
Jan. 15 - 4:00-6:30- p.m. God's Praise Warriors
Jan. 16 – 2:00 -4:00 Homeless Matters
Jan. 17– 9:00 Prayer Group
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
New Caller

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

