The Christian Caller 303 North Seventh Street Fredonia, Ks. 66736

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Pastor Claude Shue



Website 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.

#### January 13 Caller



#### **Prayer Concerns**

#### In the hospital:

**Local Concerns**: Marilyn Pryor, De Anna

Spoon, Maxine Wescott

Continuing Concerns: Nadine Timmons, Clara & David McCluskey, Fred Eisele, Howard Svaty, Marvin & 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, and pray for our country.

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

#### **Financial Report**

Offerings: Received through
December 27 \$1,307.05
January 03 \$3,079.01
January 10 \$1,661.40



# **Happy Birthday!**

January 14 – Mike Adams

January 16 – Carl Thornton\*

Helen Eisele\*

January 18 – Aiden Harelson

January 25 – George Chapman\*



# **Happy Anniversary!**

January 25 – David & Clara Mc Cluskey (57 Years)

The strongest trees are those that have weathered the greatest number of storms. The question is not what is happening to the tree, but what is happening in the tree. It is the same with us. It doesn't matter what happens to us, but it matters a great deal what is happening in us.

## **Called to serve January**



#### Sunday, January 17

Table Elders: Ed Viers & Merlyn Ramsey Deacons: Zac Ramsey & Susan Voorhies

Deaconess: Melissa Hickey

**AV: Nancy Burns** 

Children's Chat: Becky Ramsey

Lay Leader: Claudia Marr

## Sunday, January 24

Table Elders: Ed Viers & Mike Jeffers

Deacons: Cary & Derian Hutton Deaconess: Melissa Hickey

AV: Merlyn Ramsey

Children's Chat: Becky Ramsey

Lay Leader: Anita Smith

#### **Sunday, January 31**

Table Elders: Carol Bernauer & Darin Vaughn

Deacons: Mary Shue

Deaconess: Melissa Hickey

AV: Cary Hutton

Children's Chat: Becky Ramsey Lay Leader: Todd Harrelson



# A Message from Pastor Shue

I hope that each of you are safe and warm. I thought that 2020 was a strange year and it was,

but 2021 is starting off just as strange and may be even more difficult. I look around and see things that I never thought I would see or experience in my life time. I have to close my eyes and ears and open my heart even more with the things that I see happening around me. I have to constantly

remind myself who is really in charge of our world. Let us remember it is the Father God who makes the really important decisions in these trying times. Now more than ever must be a time of prayer, a time of forgiveness in our lives and in the life of our nation. It is a time for those of us who claim to be children of God to start acting like we are. We must start looking to our nation's future and not worry about what has happened in our recent past. We must build for the future. I believe our nation's future is brighter than ever. Far too many of our nation's political leaders need to ask God to come back into their lives and start acting like servants of the one true God. Our political leaders confess that they are children of God, but their actions show that they are not. As true children of God our words and actions must reflect that we are children of the one true God.

I'm ready for warm weather so that Mary and I can start riding our motorcycle again. I hope we will be able to do some of the normal events this year that we were unable to do this past year. I guess only time will tell if that is going to happen or not.

I hope everyone has a truly blessed week.

Your Servant in Christ, Pastor Claude

I am a little thing with big importance. I unlock doors, open hearts, dispel prejudice, create friendships, inspire respect, and cost nothing. Many have praised me; none have condemned me. I am courtesy.

# **Our Church Remains Open**

- Take your temperature at home. Do not attend if you do not feel well.
- Wearing of masks is strongly 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., Fredonia, Ks. 66736.

# **The History Of Aprons**



I don't think kids today know what an apron is. The principle use was to protect mom's or grandma's dress underneath because she only had a few. Because it was easier to wash aprons than dresses and they used less material, they usually had several. Along with that, it served as a handy pot holder for removing hot pans from the stove or the oven.

It was also wonderful for drying childrens tears or on occasion cleaning dirty ears.

From the chicken coop, it was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks, or occasionally half hatched eggs to the warming oven.

When company came, those aprons were an ideal hiding place for shy kids.

Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over a hot wood stove. Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron.

From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas were shelled, it carried the hulls out. In the fall, it would carry the fallen apples in.

When unexpected company drove up the drive, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds.

When dinner was ready, she walked to the front porch and waved her apron and the men folk knew it was time to come in from the field to dinner. It will be a long time before someone invents something that serves so many purposes as that old time apron.

Mom's and grandma's used to set pies in the window sill to cool. Now their grandaughters set them on the counter to thaw.

The health conscious would go crazy trying to figure out how many germs were on that apron. I don't think I ever caught anything from one – but love.

~Unknown

# **Actions Speak Louder than Words**

I'd rather see a sermon, than to hear one any day;

I'd rather one should walk with me, than merely show the way.

The eye is a better pupil and more willing than the ear;

Fine counsel is confusing, but example's always clear.

And best of all the preachers are the men who live their creeds;

For to see good put in action is what everybody needs.

I soon can learn to do it, if you'll let me see it done;

I can see your hands in action, but your tongue too fast may run.

And the lecture you deliver may be very fine and true,

But I'd rather get my lesson by observing what you do.

For I may understand you and the high advice you give;

But there's no misunderstanding how you act and how you live. ~Edgar Guest

# Give Up the Grudge

A stranger observed a farmer as he struggled with a stubborn mule. "You could sure save yourself a lot of work by saying, haw to that mule instead of pulling on his lines," he advised.

"Reckon you're right," the farmer replied. "This mule kicked me five years ago and I ain't spoke to him since."

In his attempt to get back at the mule, the farmer was actually creating a miserable situation for himself. That is exactly what

we do when we hold grudges against people for some wrong that we perceive they have committed against us. By holding onto that hurt and looking for a chance to get even, we are giving them control over our behavior. Grudge-nursing according to medical experts, can lead to numerous health problems including ulcers and can hurt our mental health as well as contribute to irrational behavior.

The Bible tells us a better way. Mark 11:25 and Collossions 3:13 tells us to give up the grudge, forgive the offender, and move on with our lives.

# Inspirational Quotes of Martin Luther King Jr. in Honor of His Birthday January 15<sup>th</sup>.

"We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools."

"Nothing in the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity."

"In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends."



#### **On Our Calendar**

Jan. 17 – 9:00 a.m. Sunday

School & 10:30 Worship

Jan. 18 – PEO 7:00 p.m.

Jan. 19 – 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Homeless Matters

Jan. 24 - 9:00 a.m. Sunday School & 10:30 Worship

Jan. 26 - 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Homeless Matters

Jan. 27 – New Caller