

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.

November 23 Caller



Prayer Concerns

In the hospital:

Local Concerns: 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, Maxine Miller, 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: 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 Gay Jones, 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
Nov. 13	89	\$1407.00
Nov. 20	68	\$2650.00



Happy Birthday!

Dec. 03 – Helen Smith*
 Dec. 04 – Nathan Huser
 Dec. 05 – Paula Hutton
 Dec. 06 – Ashley & Brendon Shue



Anniversary!

Nov. 26 – Cary & Paula Hutton
 (39 years)

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.

Thanksgiving means more than “Being thankful.” In fact “giving” is half of thanksgiving. Are you “giving” thanks? Thanks to God for all He has given you. Thanks to others for all they have done for you. Never let us leave our gratitude unspoken, and our thanks unoffered.



Called to Serve Nov. - Dec

Sunday, November 27

Table Elders: Carl Thornton & David Rogers
 Home Communion: Darin Vaughn
 Deacons: Sandy Besinger & Ron Black
 Deaconesses: Pat Hilyard & Linda Blevins
 Greeter: Nadine Dishman
 Usher: Louise Kelsey AV. Cary Hutton
 Children's Chat: Becky Ramsey
 Scripture: Marilyn Pryor

Sunday, December 04

Table Elders: Todd Harrelson & Nancy Rogers
 Home Communion: David Rogers
 Deacons: Don Vaughn & Rex Thomas
 Deaconesses: Barb Vaughn & Twila Carr
 Greeter: Cleda Robinson
 Usher: Delores Kempinger AV. Nancy Burns
 Children's Chat: Becky Ramsey
 Scripture: Mike Jeffers

Sunday, December 11

Table Elders: Marvin Gregory & Merlyn Ramsey
 Home Communion: Todd Harrelson
 Deacons: Neal Bernauer & Ron Smith
 Deaconesses: Barb Vaughn & Twila Carr
 Greeter: Marilyn Compton
 Usher: Carol Bernauer AV. Merlyn Ramsey
 Children's Chat: Becky Ramsey
 Scripture: Nancy Rogers

Thank You!

Thank you for all the prayers and prayer shawl for Carson Self. He wrapped himself in it right away and has kept it with him during his recovery from surgery. He will undergo further tests, but at least we know the tumor that was removed was benign.

God bless all of you,
Cheryl Rice, Mindy & Carson Self

Thank You!



Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes

Thank you to all who brought items for or donated postage for the Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes. A total of 50 boxes were sent this year.

Stewardship Sunday

November 27 is Stewardship Sunday. Please fill out your estimate of giving form and place it in the offering plate. This gives us a better idea of the monies we have to operate on and helps us prepare a budget. If you are not prepared to fill it out this Sunday you may mail it to the office or place it in the offering plate the following Sunday. The budget needs to be prepared for Board consideration on December 7th.

Attention Committee Chairs

Reminder- budgets are due to Mike or Anita no later than November 30th. Call Anita 378-3684 if you need help. The budget needs to be presented to the board for their consideration on December 7th.

CWF



Thursday, December 1st, 6:30 p.m. here at the church.
 There will be a soup supper. Table service, soup and drink will be provided. If you like you may bring something to accompany the soup.

Please bring your favorite Christmas ornament and share a brief story about it with the group.



Sounds of Christmas

The Community Choir will present Sounds of Christmas at the First United Methodist Church at 3:00 p.m., Sunday December 4th.



A Message from Pastor Shue

Well we are starting to get the fall like days that we should. I hope each of you and your families have a truly wonderful Thanksgiving Day celebration. We as a church and we as a country, have so much to be thankful for. It is my hope that each of us will take time during this holiday season to sit down and do some self-reflection. After your self-reflection take time to pray and thank God for all that you are blessed with.

This coming Sunday, November 27th is the first day of Advent. Christmas will be here before you know it. Since Christmas falls on a Sunday this year it has been decided that with the Community Christmas Dinner starting at 12:00 p.m. we won't have time to do all of our normal Sunday activities. Since we are having a Christmas Eve service starting at 7:00 p.m. we will not be having a Christmas Day worship service. The Adult Bible Study will move to the sanctuary so we can get fellowship hall ready for the dinner. Also the cooking the Christmas Dinner will not interfere with their class time. The ministry that we do with the Community Christmas Dinner is so very important to so many people in our church as well as the community. If anyone has any questions about the Christmas Day schedule please feel free to contact me.

I was able to get some pictures from my friends in Santa Emilia, Nicaragua of the medical complex and its blessing and also what the inside as well as the outside of the medical complex looks like since it was finished. We will continue to support the plantation clinic until our trip in February of 2017. Once we are able to talk to the members of the community then we will let them decide what they want to do about the clinic.

I hope each of you have a truly blessed week.

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Claude



The church in Nicaragua sends thanks to its American benefactors for your caring and financial help in building their church.



Shown is the Dedication Ceremony and opening of the Medical Clinic in Nicaragua. This clinic will serve Santa Emilia and ten other villages.



Waiting room in the clinic



Exam room



It is easy to be thankful with a bountiful table spread,
But could I offer sincere thanks for just a crust of bread?
It is easy to be thankful when I'm feeling well and strong,
But what about the pain –wretched hours when time seems oh, so long?
It's no effort to be thankful when the sun shines all the day,
But how about the other times when skies are gloomy gray?
It's no effort to be thankful when all things are going good,
But how about the times when things don't go just as they should?
When friends misunderstand me and freely criticize,
When someone I most dearly loved quite suddenly dies,
When bills keep on piling up until they are a mountain high,
When I can't seem to get ahead no matter how I try,
"In everything give thanks," I read; and this I know is right;
The sacrifice of praise to God I know is His delight;
So help me, Lord, to do the thing that pleases You;
Count my rich blessings everyday and always thankful be!

~Roy B. Wilkins



Thanksgiving is praise
For our Father above,
For his bountiful goodness
And the gift of His love



Once again you are given the opportunity to help decorate our sanctuary with Poinsettias. Please bring or mail the form to the office no later than December 12th.

I/we _____ would like to contribute \$ _____ toward the purchase of poinsettias for the Sanctuary this Christmas Season. (Flowers will be on display Dec.11 and may be picked up after the 7:00 p.m. service on the 24th or Sunday school on the 25th.)

My donation is in honor or memory (circle one)
of: _____



Time to Think Christmas Food Baskets

Items needed:

Cake mixes & canned frosting
Canned fruit & canned vegetables
Boxed potatoes & boxed dressing
Mac & cheese



On Our Calendar

Nov. 23 - 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group
7:00 p.m. Choir
New Caller

Nov. 24 – Happy Thanksgiving!
Nov. 27 – 2:30 p.m. Vintage Park Service
Nov. 29 – 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Homeless Matters

Nov. 30– 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
Dec. 01– 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. God's Praise Warriors
6:30 p.m. CWF
Dec. 06– 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Homeless Matters
Dec. 07 - 9:00 a.m. Prayer Group
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
8:00 p.m. Church Board Meeting
New Caller

Dec. 08– 4:00 – 5:30 p.m. God's Praise Warriors
Dec. 09 – 6:00 p.m. Leaders Class Christmas Party



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

