



First Christian
(Disciples of Christ)
 302 North Church Street
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THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR

The Newsletter of the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
 December 2020



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Adult Sunday School—9:00 a.m.
 Children's Sunday School—9:30 a.m.
 Morning Worship -10:15 a.m.
 Evening Worship—5:30 p.m.
 Nursery Provided @ both services
www.fayettefcc.org

Sunday School, Nursery & Evening Worship currently postponed due to Covid19

Christmas Eve Service

7:00 p.m. - Onsite and by YouTube Live Stream

This will be a short gathering with instrumental music, scripture and communion. At the end of worship, we will gather outside to sing Silent Night. We will not be passing out candles this year, but we do encourage you to bring your own light source like a phone or small flashlight. Pre-packaged communion elements are available, but you can also bring your own. Masks and distancing are required during our worship, both inside and out.

A worship video will also be available on YouTube for people who would like to worship before 7:00 p.m.

If you only want to join us for the outside portion of singing Silent Night, we welcome you to gather with us at the close of worship. You can keep track of when we are getting close to coming out by checking the [live stream](#) on your phone.

In order for us to best prepare and to ensure we stay within our expectations for safety, we ask that you [Make A Reservation](#) to attend the 7:00 PM worship. We will do our best to accommodate everyone, but we can't squeeze in like we used to. We will be seating people in alternate areas of our building (outside the sanctuary) that have TVs which will allow people to participate.



	6-Dec	13-Dec	20-Dec	27-Dec
ELDERS Com.	Skip Vandelicht	Sara Bagby	George Rasche	Steve Frevert
Off.	Stephanie Moore	Fred Eaton	Mike Thornton	Novy Foland
DIACONATE	Lacey Gladden	Melody Vandelicht	Leah Flaspohler	Pansy Kean
	Ronnie Lessly	Aimee Sage	Ben Gladden	Brian McMillan
	Darrel Monckton	Rick Sage	Dale Linhart	Emily Bange
	Terry Bentley	Lisa Cook	Margie Linhart	Leslie Sutton
LAY LEADER	Fred Eaton	Cathey Monckton	Skip Vandelicht	Novy Foland
GREETERS	Melody Vandelicht	Kenny Blakely	Trish Hilgedick	Bobby Wilhoit
	Pansy Kean	Bonnie Blakely	Kathy Baylor	Edris Wilhoit
COMMUNION	<i>Diaconate Team</i>	<i>Diaconate Team</i>	<i>Diaconate Team</i>	<i>Diaconate Team</i>
PREP/CLEAN-UP				
NURSERY	Paige Frerking	Paige Frerking	Paige Frerking	Paige Frerking
	Hailey Sage	Hailey Sage	Hailey Sage	Hailey Sage
HOSPITALITY ROOM	Edris Wilhoit	Cathey Monckton	Nancy Shepherd	Joan McMillan
	Jan Kunkel	Lesley Monckton	Terry Bentley	Lisa Cook
Shut-In Communion	Gary Bagby			
6-Dec				

During our Christmas Eve Service the entire offering will go towards the **"Christ Child Offering."** Offering plates will be made available near the entrance of the sanctuary for you to drop your offering in. Please make checks out to First Christian Church. If you are giving cash and want it counted on your "statement of giving", please use an envelope and put your name on it. We have traditionally encouraged individuals to consider giving as much to this offering as they would spend on a gift for a family member. Our Outreach Committee is designating 50% of the total offering to PET kids mobility carts and 50% to the Food Pantry for the Buddy Pack Program. If you do not plan to attend worship on Christmas Eve and would like to contribute to the Christ Child offering, you can use a standard offering envelope at any time and mark it *"Christ Child."* You can also make a donation via our [website](#) noting Christ Child Offering or simply mail your offering to the church office at any time. First Christian Church * 302 North Church Street * Fayette, MO 65248.





December Birthdays and Anniversaries

December 2	Robert Britton
December 4	Steve Frevert Mary Bagby Griswold Ariana Moore
December 5	Edris Wilhoit
December 7	Cy Frerking
December 8	Jennifer Vandelicht
December 9	Stewart & Pam Huttzell Brecklyn Adams
December 13	Griffin Dudenhoffer
December 16	Don Bagby Carol Leech Brayden Conrow
December 17	Bill Crigler Macey Frevert
December 18	Tyler Cook
December 19	Becky Feaster
December 23	Darrel Monckton
December 26	Sam Johnmeyer Bill & Betty Crigler
December 27	Mike & Rosie Thornton
December 28	Gary Bagby
December 29	Lesley Monckton Alexi Bange
December 30	Ohmer & Jan Kunkel
December 31	Bobby & Ronda Gerlt

It's Poinsettia Time!!

In anticipation of the Christmas Season, we will once again be decorating the sanctuary with poinsettias. You are welcome to bring your own poinsettia, but if you would like the Worship Committee to purchase it for you, please send your check to the church office by **Sunday, December 6th**. Envelopes are provided in the church pews. Each poinsettia will cost \$10.00 and your envelope needs to state whom it is in memory of and who it is from. If you would like to give a donation to the funeral/fellowship dinner fund instead of purchasing the poinsettia, please provide the same information and write "donation in lieu of flower" on the envelope.



Worship Services in December

- Dec. 6** Second Advent Candle will be lit
Advent Scripture: Isaiah 40:1-11
Scripture: Mark 1:1-8
Sermon: John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness.
- Dec. 13** Third Advent Candle will be lit
Advent Scripture: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
Scripture: John 1:6-8, 19-28
Sermon: He came as a witness to testify to the light.
- Dec. 20** Fourth Advent Candle will be lit
Advent Scripture: 2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
Scripture: Luke 1:26-38
Sermon: The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth.

- Dec. 24 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service**
Christ Candle will be lit
Scripture: Luke 2:1-20 and more
Sermon: I am bringing you good news.

- Dec. 27** All Advent Candles will be lit
Scripture: Luke 2:22-40
Sermon: They brought him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord.

Merry Christmas



IN THE MAIL

Dear First Christian Church Members,
I just wanted to say thank you to everyone who participated in any way to celebrate Mom's 90th birthday. We got away with the surprise and she's still talking about it. We had probably 25 cars come through the "parade" and she's received many more cards via snail mail. So, a big thank you to you all. Your efforts made a big difference in her life.
Sincerely,
Suzie Mueller and family (Frances Friedrich's daughter)

Dear First Christian Church,
Thank you so much for the overwhelming support of cards and prayers from our First Christian Church family during my recovery.
Sincerely,
Glenn Hilgedick

2021 Serving Schedule

The 2021 Serving Schedule will be available for pick up within the first 2 weeks of December. They will be located in the front vestibule and the North Entrance.



The Community Christmas Dinner has been cancelled this year due to Covid19. We hope to see everyone next year!

Church Cancellation Policy due to Weather

The Minister &/or the Board Chair will decide by 8:00 a.m. if they need to cancel church. It will be placed on Kwix/Kres Radio, Channel 8 & Channel 17 news. It will also be on Facebook and texted to those signed up. The same policy holds true for the evening service. Any school day that Fayette Public Schools are cancelled because of weather, all church activities will also be cancelled.



Christmas Offerings This year we are collecting three separate offerings. Each is listed below with dates and purpose.

1. For poinsettias or the funeral/fellowship dinner fund due by Sunday, Dec. 6th.
2. For our Regional Ministry. Offering taken December 13th & 20th.
3. The "Christ Child Offering" will be received at our Christmas Eve Service.

50% of this offering will be used to purchase kids PETS and 50% will go to the Food Pantry for the Buddy Pack Program. If you do not plan to attend worship on Christmas Eve and would like to contribute to the Christ Child offering, you can use a standard offering envelope at any time and mark it *Christ Child*. (See front of Newsletter for full details)



To my wonderful church family,
On behalf of Woodhaven, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude for your generous donation to their fundraising campaign. It means so much to us! We promise it will be put to great use.
Sincerely, Leah Flaspohler

FCC Outreach Committee made a \$1,000 donation to Woodhaven in October to help support their fundraising efforts. Woodhaven holds an annual gala each year that would raise approx. \$30,000. They were unable to do that this year due to Covid19. This generous donation was matched to become \$2,000.

Needing Volunteers!

We have many opportunities to volunteer at First Christian Church.

Please contact Lori in the office if you would like to:

Be on the Card Committee. You would bring cards about 4 times per year. It is such a great outreach project.

Volunteer on the Membership Committee. They do various events and organize fellowship dinners.

Join a Funeral Dinner team. We need people that are available throughout the week to help.

Volunteer on the Property Committee. There is always an ongoing list of things that need to be done on the buildings.

Work with the Children. You could volunteer to help with Sunday School or Youth Group.



Important Tax Information

Contributions to the church must be delivered on or before December 31 in order to claim a charitable contribution deduction for 2020. Checks that are received the first Sunday (Jan 3rd) in 2021 WILL NOT qualify for a charitable contribution deduction in 2020, even if the check is pre-dated or was actually written in 2020. However, checks that are written, mailed and postmarked in 2020 will be deductible in 2020 even though they are not received at the church until 2021.