



First Christian
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 302 North Church Street
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THE CHRISTIAN VISITOR

The Newsletter of the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
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Children's Sunday School—9:00 a.m.
 Adult Sunday School—9:00 a.m.
 Morning Worship -10:15 a.m.
 Evening Worship Service—5:00 p.m.
 Nursery Provided at both services

Sunday Soup Suppers during Advent began Sunday Nov. 28th at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday evenings in Advent we will gather for a time for everyone to have fun, get creative, and explore the themes of Advent together! We will have a soup supper, activities for everyone, and a time of celebration. Everyone is welcome. Sundays in Advent is for all ages, from the youngest to the oldest! Please be sure to sign up so we can get an idea of the numbers. We have the soup covered, but if you are interested in helping or providing side dishes you can let Lori in the church office or Pastor Kerry know. *These suppers will be in place of our Sunday Evening Worship Services through Advent.*



Soup
Supper

Christmas Eve Service 6:00 p.m. - Onsite and via YouTube Live Stream

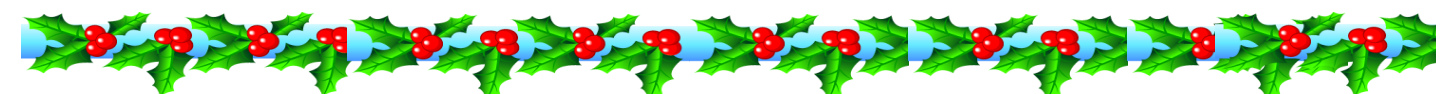
Come celebrate the story of Jesus' birth. There will be special music by the choir, communion, and candlelight.

The FCC choir is performing the anthem *Child of Peace* for the Christmas Eve service which includes optional parts for children's choir and chimes. Choir Director, Mike Thornton is encouraging our children and youth to participate. It will make a lovely and meaningful contribution to the Christmas Eve service.

Rehearsals will be after the 5:00 p.m. Soup Suppers on 12/5, 12/12 and 12/19, and Wed. the 22nd at 6:30 in the sanctuary. Please contact Mike Thornton if you have questions @ 660-273-2350.



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 or various other needs. 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](https://www.1cchurch.org) 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 5th**. 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

Sunday Dec. 5th Peace

Scripture: Isaiah 40:1-11

Anthem: *A Little Child Will come to Lead Us*

Congregational Meeting following worship to vote on the budget and incoming slate of officers.

Sunday Dec. 12th Joy

Scripture: Isaiah 12:2-6

Anthem: *Waiting for the Promise*

Sunday Dec. 19th Love

The Christmas Story

Anthem: *Come, Jesus, Come*

Children's Nativity Pageant Sunday Dec. 19th.

Children and young people of all ages are invited to help tell the Christmas story during worship on Sunday Dec. 19th. Please plan to be here at 9 AM that Sunday to prepare and get into costumes.

Sunday Dec. 26th – First Sunday after Christmas **Carol Sing**. Wear your comfy Christmas pajamas or favorite Christmas sweater for a special and fun Sunday! We will sing favorite carols, share favorite Christmas memories, and anyone who plays an instrument is invited to help make up our all church band! Following worship we'll enjoy cookies and hot cocoa in the fellowship hall.

**** There will be no Adult or Children's Sunday School Classes or Evening Worship Services on December 26th or January 2nd.**

Merry Christmas



First Christian float in the Christmas Parade

Come join the fun for the Fayette Christmas parade **this Saturday, December 4th**. We will

be riding on the Moore's wagon as "carolers." Wear a colorful sweater and scarf. All are welcome, whether you sing or not. Line-up is at 4:30 p.m. on Mulberry Street entering the line off of Corprew Street. The parade begins at 5:30 p.m.

Thank you to the crew of five folks who worked hard Saturday, November 28th to prepare our sanctuary for Advent. It looks beautiful!



The Community Christmas Dinner will take place on Christmas Day at the Braun Home offices on Highway 5. Please contact Tony Cook if you are interested in volunteering or bringing a dish. His email is tonydeancook@gmail.com



Church Cancellation Policy due to Weather

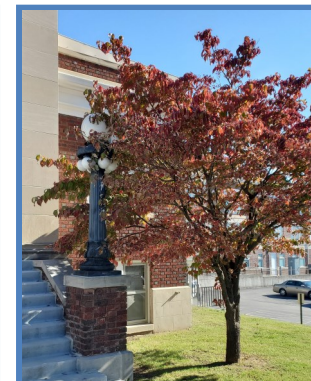
The Minister &/or the Board Chair will decide by 8:00 a.m. if they need to cancel church. It will be placed on Kwix/Kres Radio, Channel 8 & Channel 17 news. It will also be on Facebook and texted to those signed up. The same policy holds true for the evening service. Any school day that Fayette Public 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. 5th.
2. For our Regional Ministry. Offering taken December 12th & 19th.
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 or various other needs. 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)



The tree pictured here is growing into the light post at the front of our sanctuary. We fear with the upcoming winds, snow and ice that it will start breaking the globes. We have temporarily trimmed it back, but would like to remove it completely. Does anyone in the congregation remember if this tree was planted as a Memorial or has a special significance? If so, we will try

to replace it in another location when removed. Please contact Lori in the office with any information regarding the tree. *Thank you!*

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 2021. Checks that are received the first Sunday (Jan 2nd) in 2022 WILL NOT qualify for a charitable contribution deduction in 2021, even if the check is pre-dated or was actually written in 2021. However, checks that are written, mailed and postmarked in 2021 will be deductible in 2021 even though they are not received at the church until 2022.

