

THANKSGIVING OFFERING 2019

On Nov. 10 and 17, we will receive our Special Day Thanksgiving Offering. The Thanksgiving Offering benefits the Colleges, Universities, Seminaries, and Divinity Houses affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Higher education has been an important focus for Disciples since the very beginning of the movement. Throughout our history, Disciples have founded institutions of higher learning to educate students and form leaders to make a difference in the world. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is still committed to higher education. Your gift to the Thanksgiving Offering helps support the education of thousands of students at our fifteen colleges and universities as well as our seven seminaries and divinity houses.

The Colleges and Universities of the Christian Church provide quality education through classes offered by some of the nation’s top undergraduate and graduate faculty. Many of the campuses are comprised of state-of-the-art facilities, offer diverse degree programs, include dynamic student life activities, offer exciting athletics programs, and much more. The Thanksgiving offering supports everything from scholarships, to religious life offices, to faculty growth and development. By giving to the Thanksgiving Offering you are helping our institutions invest in students as they prepare themselves to become leaders.

The Thanksgiving Offering also provides scholarship and support for our theological education institutions. Each of our seminaries and divinity houses is committed to educating and forming Christian leaders for church and society. Generations of pastors, community leaders, and agents of social transformation have been educated at our theological institutions. They have flourished and made a difference in the world, thanks to gifts from Disciples congregations and individuals throughout the ages. These institutions continue to prepare leaders for the present age and the age to come.

Support for Disciples Mission Fund and gifts to the Thanksgiving Offering are a critical part of the ongoing collaborative work of church and higher education that is such a foundational part of the heritage of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Please give generously to this offering. Your gift makes a difference in the lives of our students and it makes a difference in the world. Mission Task Group

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR OCTOBER

October 6 th	\$5,167.50
October 13 th	\$2,963.20
October 20 th	\$1,726.00
Blankets	\$ 60.00
Reconciliation	\$ 99.00

A WORD FROM OUR MODERATOR

We celebrated Consecration Sunday on Oct. 20 and are thankful and grateful for all the estimates of giving turned in for 2020. As you are able, please complete end of year estimates for this year, 2019, since our pledges are down in Current Expenses by \$10,000 and in the Building Fund by \$1,500. Thank you again for your faithfulness in helping us finish the year strong and start the new year even stronger.

Gary Bartlett, Moderator

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- Zachariah Rodriguez – 2
- Carolyn Haithcock – 7
- Cathy Smith – 13
- George Thigpen – 14
- Michelle Singleton – 15
- Keri King – 19
- Sharon Moorefield – 19
- Penny Baker – 24
- Eloise Kleinert – 29
- Randall Shearon – 29



IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

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| John & Eloise Kleinert | Abby Martinez |
| Grace Price | Bradley King |
| Mary Ethel Lewis | Vickie Howell |
| Lorraine Loch | Teenie Wilson |
| Joe Ben Sauls | Kathy Spain |
| June Anderson | Willie/Faye Rogers |
| Rick Rogers | Bill Smith |
| John & Becky Selzer | Ray Price |
| Lee Summelin | Gary Bartlett |
| Herbert Hill | Linda Hilburn |
| Val Watkins (Brantley's sister-in-law) | |
| the Spain's great granddaughter, Katie Molly McEldowney (Sharon Jones' daughter) and her brother David Reynolds | |
| Robert Strader (June Anderson's son-in-law) | |
| Linda Uzzell (Lou Rose's mother) | |
| Jodie Hudson (friend of Linda Thigpen) | |
| Pam Glover Stafford (sister of Bill Smith) | |

Our sympathy is extended to the Price Family in the death of Laura Price on Oct. 26.

MEMORIALS

A gift was given to the Memorial Fund by Mr. & Mrs. Jay Best in memory of A.W. Griffin.

A gift was given to the Reconciliation Offering in memory of Dennis Glover and Richard Kaylor by Mr. & Mrs. John Selzer.

A gift was given to the roof fund in memory of A.W. Griffin by Mrs. Sue DeVaul.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY NOV 3

All Saints Sunday is the first Sunday in November every year. We remember in worship and in our prayers those local church members who have died since last November.



LECTIONARY STUDY FOR NOVEMBER

November 3rd, 2019

Proper 26 (31) • Green

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Psalm 119:137-144

Isaiah 1:10-18

Psalm 32:1-7

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Luke 19:1-10

November 10th, 2019

Proper 27 (32) • Green

Haggai 1:15b-2:9

Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21

Psalm 98

Job 19:23-27a

Psalm 17:1-9

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Luke 20:27-38

November 17th, 2019

Proper 28 (33) • Green

Isaiah 65:17-25

Isaiah 12

Malachi 4:1-2a

Psalm 98

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

November 24th, 2019

Reign of Christ - Proper 29 (34) • Green

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Luke 1:68-79

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm 46

Colossians 1:11-20

Luke 23:33-43

NOVEMBER SERVING SCHEDULE

Elders:

Nov. 3 Mary Jane Rose/Judy Williford

Nov. 10 Linda Cannon/Bunkie Parker

Nov. 17 Mary Bartlett/Brantley Watkins

Nov. 24 Ronnie Thompson/Dennis Isenhower

Deacons:

Nick Hildebrandt, Candace Pate, Derek Sauls, and Mary Thompson

Homebound Communion:

Nov. 3 Mary Jane Rose/Nick Hildebrandt

Nov. 10 Bunkie Parker/Derek Sauls

Nov. 17 Brantley Watkins/Candace Pate

Nov. 24 Dennis Isenhower/Mary Thompson

Deacon of the Day:

Nov. 3 Derek Sauls

Nov. 10 Candace Pate

Nov. 17 Mary Thompson

Nov. 24 Nick Hildebrandt

CD Ministry

Nov. 3 Mary Jane Rose

Nov. 10 Ronnie Thompson

Nov. 17 Brantley Watkins

Nov. 24 Dennis Isenhower

Elders reading the Lessons:

Nov. 3 Judy Williford

Nov. 10 Bunkie Parker

Nov. 17 Mary Bartlett

Nov. 24 Ronnie Thompson

Preparing Communion and Chancel:

Jim and Ann Pittman



NOV. 2

BBQ/BAKE SALE/CHRISTMAS ATTIC

Join us for our church BBQ on Saturday, Nov. 2 from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM. The cost will be \$8.00 a plate. Please sell tickets! Tickets are available in batches of 10 in the narthex. Please sign the sheet when you pick them up. We need help setting up, cooking, serving, cleaning up, or at the **Bake Sale** and the **Christmas Attic**. Please bring items for the **Christmas Attic** and also for the **Bake Sale** whenever you choose.





OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BRING ITEMS BY NOV. 10

It is that time again! Please donate items to go in shoeboxes for kids. You may place items on the tables in the Youth Room across from the fellowship hall or in the box in the hallway. Items to avoid include: ***Candy; toothpaste; gum; used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; seeds; fruit rolls or other fruit snacks; drink mixes (powdered or liquid); liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.*** A list of gift suggestions is available in the narthex. You may also find suggestions online: <https://passionatepennypincher.com/50-best-items-to-pack-in-an-operation-christmas-child-shoebox/> or at the official site www.samaritanspurse.org. **Youth will meet on Nov. 10 from 4:30 to 5:30 to assemble. Thanks!**



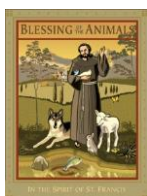
A SUNDAY OF SACRED MUSIC NOV. 10

During worship on Nov. 10, Bailey Sutton, a graduate of the University of Mount Olive in Voice with a Master's Degree in Voice Performance from the East Carolina School of Music, will present several sacred selections, including Mozart's "Hallelujah," a special arrangement of "How Great Thou Art," and "The Lord's Prayer" during our 11:00 service.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS NOV. 17

We will include a "Blessing of the Animals" in our service on Nov. 17 so please leave pictures of your pets in the box on the office door or text or email Penny any pictures **by Nov. 10.** A picture display will be located in the hallway that day.

Be sure to include names! (pbziemer@gmail.com or 919-920-4192)



MEETINGS!

MINISTER SEARCH TASK GROUP NOV. 4

The Minister Search Task Group will meet in the Conference Room on Monday, Nov. 4, at 7:00 PM.

BOARD MEETING NOV. 12

There will be a Church Board Meeting on Tuesday, November 12 at 7:00 PM. We will conduct our usual bi-monthly business and receive a proposed budget from the Stewardship Task Force.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING NOV. 17

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Sunday, November 17, immediately following worship in the sanctuary. The congregation will elect officers and adopt the 2020 budget. We will not have a meal that day.

ELDERS MEET NOV. 21

The Elders will meet for Prayer and Study on Thursday, November 21, at 6:30 PM.

NOVEMBER CWF/DWM MEETINGS

Group 1: Monday, November 4th, 10:00 AM, Conference Room

Group 2: Tuesday, November 5th, 10:00 AM, Conference Room

Group 4: Tuesday, November 5th, 2:00 PM, Parlor

The CWF Christmas Breakfast

Please join us on Saturday, December 7th, at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall for our CWF breakfast and worship. Christmas fun for all!



MOVING FROM GOOD TO GREAT

Theme for November: *TRUST*
These excerpts adapted by Sharon Jones, Community/Evangelism Chair from the May 2019 Turning Point by David Jeremiah:

"When our family moved from Indiana to San Diego, Ca, several decades ago, navigating on that road trip was a two-person affair: one driver and one navigator in the passenger seat. The navigator had a large paper roadmap unfolded resting on the dashboard, from which directions were called out to the driver. Remember those days?

"How things have changed! Today, one person can drive coast to coast or border to border with nothing but a smartphone or a car's built-in navigation system. It's all due to the government-run technology known as GPS."

"Here's the thing about the GPS: We don't have to know how to get to where we're going. We set in our car and just follow the directions we're given. In spite of the rare misdirection, *we have come to trust GPS implicitly to direct us.* Our job is to begin; the job of the GPS is to get us where we'd like to go. We are free to enjoy the trip and not worry about the directions."

"Can you guess where I'm headed with this analogy? Why are we so willing to trust an imperfect, man-made technology to guide our steps when we don't always put that same kind of faith in God? I know what you'll say: the GPS gives us specific moment by moment steps to take us to our destination. You're right – God doesn't audibly speak to us that way. But we still have biblical reasons to believe (*trust*) that He knows exactly where we are and the directions we need to get to where He wants us to go."

Each week this month, we will explore these biblical reasons to *trust God's biblical directions* for our life.
Sharon Jones Community/Evangelism Chair



MINISTER SEARCH TASK GROUP

The Minister Search Task Group has made initial contact with candidates. We have held initial telephone interviews with some of these candidates. Our next step is to evaluate the results of the interviews and determine if we further consider any of the interviewed candidates. As our task requires us to maintain confidentiality for the candidates, we are not free to discuss details about our work. We appreciate your understanding in this regard.

Again, we seek your support and prayers as we continue this work vital to the future of our church. May God continue to bless First Christian Church and guide the Task Group to the candidate who will best lead us into the future.



ADVENT FLOWER DEDICATIONS

If you would like to make a contribution for our Advent flowers and greenery in memory or honor of someone, please fill out forms which will be available in the narthex by Nov. 10. We will include these in our Christmas Eve bulletin and in our bulletin the Sunday following, so please place your forms in the offering plate or in the box on the church office door by Dec. 15.

BARTON COLLEGE LECTURE NOV. 5

The Allan R. Sharp Religion in Life Lecture is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 5, at 7:00 PM in Howard Chapel on the Barton College campus. Dr. Emerson Powery, of Messiah College, will speak on "Reading the Bible in an Age of Protest: The 'Freedom Narratives' as a Collective Witness." The lecture is free and open to the public.



Also make note of Fred's new address:
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Charleston, SC 29419

