

The Christian Visitor January 2019



We are called to share our Christian Faith and Christ's Love with all people.

Our Life Together in January

Sunday, January 20th Disciples Women's Ministry "Blankets Plus"



During worship the Disciples Women's Ministry will receive a special offering supporting the "Blankets + " program of Church World Service.

For over 60 years, CWS has worked in partnership with local communities to identify their needs and access the resources they need to build the foundation for a more viable future, including:

- Blankets, tents, food and other emergency supplies in the wake of a disaster
- Tools and seeds for refugees returning home to replant their fields
- Wells for families living in drought prone areas to provide clean, safe water to drink and to irrigate crops and gardens
- Literacy training and microcredit for women struggling to realize their potential.

DWM Sewing Project



On January 13, the ladies of DWM will be sewing pillows for the OB and Surgery Department at the hospital. Following church, we would like to invite all ladies and girls to the fellowship hall for a light lunch and then begin sewing. There will be something for all skill levels. Please consider joining us for this community project!!!

If there happens to be inclement weather on the 13th, we will plan to do it on Sunday, January 20th.

Church Board

The Church Board will meet on Tuesday, January 8th at 6:30 pm. If you have any items to add to the agenda, please send them to the church office.

Welcome Mat & Elizabeth!

First Christian Church celebrates the gift of having a new minister coming in April. We are excited to have Mat Bowen and his wife, Elizabeth, joining our church and providing spiritual leadership to our congregation. We look forward to assisting them in their move to Gibson City and await their bringing new energy and enthusiasm to our fold. Mat and Elizabeth will be joining us in worship on Sunday, January 6. They are coming to Gibson to search for a house as they make plans to move to Gibson City. Mat will not be preaching because of their very busy schedule but want to worship with us and continue to get to know us.

Filling the Pulpit in January

January 6th: Herb Knudsen

Matthew 2:1-12

"Wise Men (and Women) Still Adore Him"

January 13th: Teresa Dulyea-Parker

January 20th: Herb Knudsen

1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11

"Is It Possible?"

January 27th: Joe Culpepper

Food Pantry

First Christian Church is in charge of volunteers for the food pantry on January 25th and January 26th. Contact Jim McClard to volunteer.

Nursing Home Worship Sunday, January 26th

First Christian Church will lead worship at both the Gibson Area Hospital Annex and Heritage Health Care.

Come and join residents in worship.

More in the Life and Witness of the First Christian Church

January Serving Schedule

Communion Bread Baker—Sue Walker

Sunday, January 6th

Greeters: *The Barnard Family*
Elders: *David Hagan, Arlen DeWall, Don Eberly*
Deacons: *Adam Kincaid, Lori Rinehart, Sue McClard*
Beth Tabor Leah McClure, Jay Kristensen
Worship Leader: *Sue McClard*
Communion Preparation: *Adam Kincaid*
Home Communion: *David Hagan and Adam Kincaid*

Sunday, January 13th

Greeters:
Elders: *Sharon Higgins, Melanie Warfield, Cheryl Elder*
Deacons: *Tim Ricks, Katy Neal, David DeWall*
Kristine Medler, Jeff Elder
Worship Leader: *Ida Wahls*
Communion Preparation: *David DeWall*
Home Communion: *Sharon Higgins and David DeWall*

Sunday, January 20th

Greeters:
Elders: *Barb Meyer, Sue Walker, Marilyn Tjardes*
Deacons: *Mike Finis, Ryan Iverson, Janet Iverson*
Mary Alice McRae, Ed Hopkey
Worship Leader:
Communion Preparation: *Janet Iverson*
Home Communion: *Barb Meyer and Janet Iverson*

Sunday, January 27th

Greeters:
Elders: *David Hagan, Arlen DeWall, Don Eberly*
Deacons: *Adam Kincaid, Lori Rinehart, Sue McClard*
Beth Tabor, Leah McClure, Jay Kristensen
Worship Leader:
Communion Preparation: *Beth Tabor*
Home Communion: *Arlen DeWall and Beth Tabor*

Outreach

Food Pantry: 34 items were received in December for the Shepherd's Closet Food Pantry.

2018 year total: 536 items received

Next Pantry Sunday: January 6th

Men's Breakfast

January 6th
Host: Arlen DeWall

Elders Breakfast

January 13th
Host: Sue Walker

Disciples Women's Ministry

No Meeting in January
Project: Blankets Plus
Special Offering: January 20

Hustlers

No Meeting in January
Next Meeting: February 3rd
Super Bowl Party

Thank You

Thanks to all of the planners and participants for the inspirational Christmas Eve service. It was a very meaningful evening and participation of the young people was a real joy.

Greeters / Worship Leaders

Please consider serving as a greeter or worship leader in the new year.
Sign-up sheets can be found in the narthex.

ATTEND- ANCE		SUNDAY WEEK					AVG
		1	2	3	4	5	
2018	JULY	46	41	42	40	30	40
2018	AUG	48	42	42	45		44
2018	SEPT	46	55	48	47	51	49
2018	OCT	63	68	51	50		58
2018	NOV	51	52	55	54		53
2018	DEC	93	90	68	51	43	69
	AVG	57.8	58.0	51.0	48.0	41.3	

Office Hours:
 Mon—Fri: 9:00 am—1:00 pm
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January 2019

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 New Year's Day Office Closed	2	3	4	5 8:00 AM City Recycling
6 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Youth Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship--Herb Knudsen	7	8 9:00 AM Prayer 6:30 PM Church Board	9 7:00 PM Choir	10	11	12 9:00 AM Food Pantry	
13 8:00 AM Elders Breakfast 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Youth Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship-- Teresa Dulycia-Parker 11:30 AM DWM Sewing Project	14	15 9:00 AM Prayer 5:30 PM Girl Scouts	16 7:00 PM Choir	17	18	19 8:00 AM City Recycling	
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27 9:00 AM Adult Sunday School 9:30 AM Youth Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship--Joe Culpepper 1:30 PM Nursing Home Services	28	29 9:00 AM Prayer	30 7:00 PM Choir	31			

**LOCAL
BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**
January 2019



- 1 Alex Barnard
- 2 Ed Hopkey
- 5 Stan Rinehart
- 6 Matt Barnard
- Jay Kristensen
- 8 Marilyn Hopkey
- 10 Noel Hutchcraft
- 11 Billy DeWall
- 14 Karen Rankin
- 16 Mary Ellen McClure
- Ava Rylan Rexroat
- 19 Desiree Mouser
- 21 David Ricks
- Blake Warren
- 22 Janet Glascock
- Trey Van Winkle
- 23 Katie Ricks
- 25 Francis Glascock
- 27 Steve Parsons
- 29 Gary & Ruth Reiners '72

Box Tops for Education



A collection for box tops has been placed in the narthex. Each box top is worth 10 cents and the money goes towards student and teacher programs! If every kid at GCMS elementary (460 students) brought in ONE box top for the 10 months the kids are in school that would equal \$460!!!!

Taking Down Decorations

We will take down all of the Christmas decorations after church on January 6th. If you could stay a while after the worship service to help we would appreciate it very much.
Many hands make short work.

Card Tree

Thank you to everyone who sent Christmas cards to the church for the card tree. Greetings were received from The Iverson Family, Ron & Melanie Warfield, Don Batson, Clyde & Mary Alice McRae, Jeff & Cheryl Elder, Noel & Carol Hutchcraft, Mona Summers, the Barnard Family, Harry & Mary Ellen McClure, and David & Cathy Hagan. The cards will remain on the tree until January 6th.

Administrative Assistant - Jennifer Hagan
Choir Director - Tim Ricks
Church Pianist - Joan Ricks
Custodians - Jeff and Cheryl Elder

9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Youth Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Worship Service
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