

The Christian Visitor November 2019



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

Our Life Together in November



Thanksgiving Sunday November 24th Procession of Giving

During worship on Sunday, November 24th, our service will include the annual procession of gifts and offerings. During the morning's offering, everyone is invited to bring forward their giving for the week, as well as items to benefit the Shepherd's Closet Food Pantry. This year, the pantry is most in need of canned meat (like tuna or chicken), cereal, canned pastas, canned fruit, and syrup.

Thanksgiving Offering November 17th & 24th

On November 17th and 24th, Disciples churches across the US and Canada will collect the Thanksgiving offering. Your gift to the Thanksgiving offering helps to support the work of our institutions of higher learning in many ways: financially supporting Disciples related schools, providing undergraduate scholarships and support for spiritual life offices, and providing scholarships and support for those pursuing theological education.

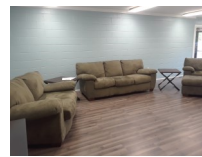


Hangings of the Greens November 24th

Following worship on November 24th, we will be decorating the church for the Advent Season. Following the decorating, there will be a light lunch served in the fellowship hall. Please come join us as we prepare the church for the beginning of Advent!



New Youth Room



The old Busy Hands Classroom has now been repurposed into a new room for our youth. The goal was to provide a better space for our youth to learn and grow in God. A big thank you to everyone who helped with this project!

Baptism Sunday December 1st

On Sunday, December 1st, the youth who have been participating in the Faith Foundations Class will be baptized. Following the service, there will be a fellowship hour honoring those who were baptized.



Adult Bible Study

An Adult Bible Study now meets every other Wednesday at 6:30pm. Meetings for this month will be November 6th and November 20th. Child-care will be provided for children through 5th grade. Middle-schoolers are welcome to attend middle-school youth group!

"Rise" Middle School Youth

Our new middle-school youth group called "Rise" meets every Wednesday with a light meal at 6:00 and youth group at 6:30! All middle-school students are welcome!

Church Board

The Church Board will meet on Tuesday, November 12th at 6:30 pm. If you have any items to add to the agenda, please send them to the church office.

More in the Life and Witness of the First Christian Church

November Serving Schedule

Communion Bread Baker—Melanie Warfield

Sunday, November 3rd

Greeter: *Karen Long*

Elders: *Sue Walker, Marilyn Tjardes, Angie Barnard*

Deacons: *Ryan Iverson, Janet Iverson, Mary Alice McRae
Ed Hopkey, Mike Finis, Adam Kincaid*

Worship Leader:

Communion Preparation: *Mike Finis*

Home Communion: *Angie Barnard and Mike Finis*

Sunday, November 10th

Greeter: *Arlen DeWall*

Elders: *Arlen DeWall, Don Eberly, Carol Hutchcraft*

Deacons: *Sue McClard, Beth Tabor, Leah McClure
Jay Kristensen, Gary Reiners, Ruth Reiners*

Worship Leader: *Angie Barnard*

Communion Preparation: *Leah McClure*

Home Communion: *Arlen DeWall and Leah McClure*

Sunday, November 17th

Greeter:

Elders: *Melanie Warfield, Cheryl Elder, Sharon Higgins*

Deacons: *Katy Neal, David DeWall, Kristine Medler
Jeff Elder, Ruth Neal, Emily Elder*

Worship Leader:

Communion Preparation: *David DeWall*

Home Communion: *Melanie Warfield and David DeWall*

Sunday, November 24th

Greeter:

Elders: *Sue Walker, Marilyn Tjardes, Angie Barnard*

Deacons: *Ryan Iverson, Janet Iverson, Mary Alice McRae
Ed Hopkey, Mike Finis, Adam Kincaid*

Worship Leader:

Communion Preparation: *Janet Iverson*

Home Communion: *Sue Walker and Janet Iverson*

Elders Breakfast

November 10th
Host: Cheryl Elder

Men's Group

November 3rd
Host: David Hagan

Disciples Women's Ministry

Tuesday, November 19th 7:00pm
Hostess: Sue McClard
Location: Sue's Home

Hustlers

Sunday, November 24th 7:00pm
Host/Hostess: Ron & Melanie Warfield

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the family and friends of Jerry Hood, who passed away on October 3rd. Family includes daughter Lori Hood and grandchildren Kristine and Bryan Medler.

We express our sympathy to the family and friends of Sue DeWall, who passed away on October 25th. A service will be held in our sanctuary on November 2nd.

Greeters / Worship Leaders

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

Young Women's Bible Study

The Young Women's Bible Study will continue to meet every other Tuesday at 7:00pm. This month's meetings will be on November 12th and 26th. We are currently going through a video series on the book of James.



Note Time Change

Daylight Saving Time Ends

Set clocks back by Sunday morning,

November 3rd

Office Hours:
 Mon—Fri: 9:00 am—1:00 pm
 Church Phone: 217-784-5460
 gcfcdoc@yahoo.com
 fcdocgc.com

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						2 8:00 AM City Recycling
3 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship	4	5 9:00 AM Prayer	6 6:00 PM "Rise" Middle School Youth 6:30 PM Adult Bible Study 7:00 PM Choir	7	8	9 9:00 AM Food Pantry 2:00 PM Fellowship Hall Reserved
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**LOCAL
BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES
November 2019**



- 9 Kate Kristensen
Colin Kristensen
14 Katy Neal
17 Ryan Iverson
18 Sharon Higgins
19 Matt and Pat Provin '94
21 Lane Elder
22 Tinley McClure
23 Emily Elder
30 Joe and Tara Mouser '85
Keegan Wayne DeWall

Messiah Rehearsals



Hallelujah! It's time to start thinking about everyone's favorite Christmas community event, Handel's "Messiah"! The Gibson Area Music Foundation is again sponsoring this wonderful oratorio, and rehearsals begin soon – October 28. Continuing in November, rehearsals will be held every Monday night at the First Presbyterian Church in Gibson City, each beginning at 7:00 p.m. and led by Dr. Janet McCumber, a popular past director. The performance will be at the Gibson Bible Church on Sunday afternoon, December 8, at 3:00 p.m. Please consider participating in this rich Christian tradition - all singers are welcome!

Sunday School

Sunday school classes for grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8, and adults begin at 9:00am every Sunday morning.

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

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