

The Christian Visitor December 2021



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

Our Life Together in December

Ladies Night Out Wednesday, December 15th

Please join us on Wednesday, December 15th at 7:00 in the fellowship hall for another Ladies Night Out. We will be decorating Christmas cookies and making cards for our Christian friends. We would like to offer another opportunity for our intergenerational relationships to grow so ladies please invite your daughters and granddaughters. Be sure to invite a friend.



Poinsettias

Poinsettias are available to order through the church for display in the sanctuary the last two weeks in Advent. Order forms are located on the table in the narthex. Cost is 8:00 per plant. Order deadline is December 5th.



Poinsettias purchased elsewhere are also welcome to be brought in and displayed. Those providing a plant should still fill out a form so all can be acknowledged.



Pizza & Pajama Party Friday, December 17th

We will be hosting a pizza and pajama party for youth on December 17th from 5:00-9:00pm at the church. It will be a fun evening of making pizza, crafts, games, and a Christmas movie. Don't forget to bring your friends!



Chime Choir

We are putting together an intergenerational chime choir to perform during the morning worship service on December 19th. The first practice will be on December 5th at 9:30am. Anyone who is interested is welcome to attend.



Opportunity for Giving

From November 14th through December 12th we will be collecting items needed by Shepherd's Closet to distribute to those in need. Please consider donating new mittens, gloves, socks, or adult underwear. You can drop items off in the baskets under the card tree on Sunday mornings. Thank you!



More in the Life and Witness of the First Christian Church



Recycling Volunteers December 4th & 18th

First Christian Church is in charge of recycling for the month of December. Volunteers will be needed on December 4th & 18th from 8:00-10:00am and 10:00-11:30am. Sign up in the narthex if you are able to help.

Sunday School For All December 26th

We would like to provide opportunities for all ages to connect with one another through fun faith based experiences. The goal is mutual learning, deepening our faith and growing closer to Christ. We all learn from each other!! Please join us on Dec. 26th in the Fellowship Hall at 9 a.m. A light breakfast will be served.



Adopt-A-Sidewalk

We will be running our Adopt-a-Sidewalk program again this winter. This was a new initiative last year where volunteers are assigned to shovel certain sidewalks when there is snow. Please contact Sharon Higgins or Ruth Neal for more information, if you would like to volunteer as a shoveler, or if you know of a sidewalk that needs shoveling.



Christmas Card Tree

Merry Christmas



The Christmas Card Tree has been placed in the narthex to receive your Christmas greetings to church members and friends.

We invite you to donate any postage savings to the Christmas Offering.

Fellowship

There will be a fellowship hour on Sunday, December 19th immediately following worship hosted by the church choir.

Worship Leaders

Please consider serving as worship leader for December. A sign up sheet is available at the church.

ATTENDANCE		SUNDAY WEEK					
		1	2	3	4	5	AVG
2021	JULY	31	36	40	35		36
2021	AUG	38	36	29	35	33	34
2021	SEPT	25	46	38	40		37
2021	OCT	54	37	41	36	35	41
2021	NOV	29	36	29	38		33

Sundays in Advent

**First Sunday in Advent
Sunday, November 28th**

Theme: Hope

**Second Sunday in Advent
Sunday, December 5th**

Theme: Peace

**Third Sunday in Advent
Sunday, December 12th**

Theme: Joy

**Fourth Sunday in Advent
Sunday, December 19th**

Theme: Love

**Christmas Eve Worship
Friday, December 24th 7:00 pm**



Office Hours:
 Tue—Fri: 9:00 am—1:00 pm
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 fecdocgc.com

December 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 7:00 PM Choir	2	3	4 8:00 AM Recycling
5 9:30 AM Chime Choir Practice 10:15 AM Worship	6 5:00 PM Girl Scouts	7	8 7:00 PM Choir	9	10	11
12 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship 11:30 AM Church Board	13	14	15 6:30 PM Choir 7:00 PM Ladies Night Out	16	17 5:00 PM Pizza & Pajama Party	18 8:00 AM Recycling
19 10:15 AM Worship 11:30 AM Fellowship	20 5:00 PM Girl Scouts	21	22 7:00 PM Choir	23	24 Christmas Eve Office Closed 7:00 PM Candlelight Service	25 Christmas Day
26 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve Office Closed	

**LOCAL
BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES
*December 2021***

- 5 Jennifer Hagan
- 7 Tyler Ricks
- 11 Harry & Mary Ellen McClure '57
- 14 Angela Back
- 15 Ron Hoffman
- 16 Joe Higgins
Harold Stimmel
Nick Tabor
- 17 Kristine Medler
Barb Meyer
- 21 Harold (Vic) & Eleanor Baize
- 22 Harry McClure
- 25 **HAPPY BIRTHDAY, JESUS!!**
- 30 Tanya Farney
- 31 Brenda Mott



Community Christmas Program



Gibson Area Music Foundation's Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 5, at 3 p.m. at the Gibson City Bible Church. This year's program is new, and it will feature "Festival of Lessons & Carols" to tell the Christmas story and will also include selections from Messiah.

Church Board

The Church Board will meet on Sunday, December 12th immediately following worship.

If you have any items to add to the agenda, please notify the church office.

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

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