

The Christian Visitor February 2022



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

Our Life Together in February

Sunday School February 13th & 27th



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 February 13th & 27th in the Fellowship Hall at 9 a.m. A light breakfast will be served.

Operation Snow Shovel

As winter sets in, snow can't be too far behind. If you or someone you know needs their sidewalk or driveway cleared, please contact Sharon Higgins (784-5319 or 217-418-9294) or Ruth Neal (309-825-7618). We have individuals ready and willing to help.



Food Pantry February 25th & 26th



First Christian Church is in charge of providing volunteers for the food pantry the weekend of February 25-26. Volunteers will be needed on Friday, February 25th beginning at 6:30pm and Saturday, February 26th beginning at 8:00am. Sign up sheets will be posted in the narthex.

Search Committee Update

Search Committee met with Teresa Dulyea-Parker on January 17th, where she provided us with our first candidate profile. We then received another 3 profiles for review on January 25th. We are now in the process of reviewing all profiles and scheduling dates with the candidates for Zoom calls to get to know them better and see if any of them are a good fit for our congregation.

KEEP ON PRAYING FOR OUR TEAM!

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the family and friends of Penny Lorenzen who passed away on Friday, January 28th.

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
2021	DEC	42	37	37	36		38
2022	JAN	33	30	23	23	36	29

Church Improvements

We are working on compiling a list of improvements needed to the church building. If you have any suggestions, please send them to the church office.



More in the Life and Witness of the First Christian Church

From the Pastor

Things are important. Well, sure, not everything, and some things are more important to us than others. Some things are very important; we rely and depend upon these things. And because we so rely on these things, we care about them; they receive our attention and our care.

People are important to us, too. We count and rely upon other people. Sure, we count on some people more than we do others, but we do count on many people, even strangers. And we care about these other people in varying degrees. Especially do we care about those people most important to us and not just because we count on them, not just because of what they do for us. We love these people.

All of this is pretty obvious, I guess, but I write about these things to show you how important faith is to us. We need to have a certain amount of faith in things, to trust in them. Just the same we must be able to have faith in other people. We must be able to trust them, to trust that they will be faithful to us, will keep faith with us. We need to trust others; it is essential. Just the same, these other people are counting on us, upon our trustworthiness, our faithfulness, our keeping faith with them. These other people have faith, too. They are counting and relying upon us. They need to trust us.

I write about this faith—I guess you could call it our natural faith—because it feels to me that, in these days, it is being eroded. There seems to me to be less and less trust and trustworthiness between people these days. It worries me. It worries me a great deal. This faith is essential. Can't live without it, at least not very well.

What to do? Because I can't save the world—and I doubt any of you can, either—I try to do the good thing that is front of me, no matter how small and insignificant it may be. No matter how small and insignificant it is, what I am able to do still matters. It matters to God. Sure it does. I am important to God, even though there is nothing I can do for God that God cannot do without my help. I belong to God. God cares about me and even loves me. So I try to be loyal to God, to be faithful to this One faithful to me. But not only do I belong to God, but so do you and so does anyone else I happen to meet. God is faithful to you and to these. God loves you and these. You and these others are important to God. And what better way for me to keep faith with God, to be faithful to God, is there than my keeping faith and being faithful to you and to these others? So I try to be trustworthy to all whom I meet, even in small things. Even in small ways, I try to love and care for my neighbors, these whom God loves and for whom God cares.

A small thing, I guess. But small things add up. Maybe my small things and your small things will add up to something.

Pastor Neal

Office Hours:
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February 2022

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 7:00 PM Choir	3	4	5
6 10:15 AM Worship		7 5:00 PM Girl Scouts	8	9 7:00 PM Choir	10	11	12
13 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship 11:30 AM Church Board		14	15	16 7:00 PM Choir	17	18	19
20 10:15 AM Worship		21 5:00 PM Girl Scouts	22	23 6:30 PM Choir	24	25 6:30 PM Food Pantry	26 8:00 AM Food Pantry
27 9:00 AM Sunday School 10:15 AM Worship		28					

**LOCAL
BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES
February 2022**

- 1 Ashley Nicole Spears
- 2 Lindsey Graham
- 10 Ruth Reiners
- 14 Dayne White
- 21 Hailey Johnson
Jessica Moore
- 22 Dennis Higgins
- 25 Janet Iverson
- 29 Sue McClard



Church Board

The Church Board will meet on Sunday, February 13th immediately following worship.

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

Worship Leaders

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

Disaster Relief

We are currently accepting donations for the First Christian Church in Mayfield, KY that was recently destroyed by a tornado. Money designated for disaster relief may be sent to the church office or placed in the offering plate.

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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