



First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
December Newsletter

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NEWS FROM FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DOC)
December 1, 2022

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The family of Janice Hale, the family of Cindy Whaley, Chuck Johnston, Elaine Johnston, Laura Kraft, Vicki Benfield Rishell, Penny Slaton, Chris Schuler, Fran Richards, Maxine Pemberton, Donald Yacovetta, Mary Anne Turner, Bryan Malone, Tatyana Yatsenko, Ella Shakibatabar, Chuck Spearman, Austin and Sharon Moede, Karen Porter, Caroline Hale and those impacted by gun violence, for the Ukraine, those experiencing effects of natural disasters.

CONTINUING PRAYERS FOR:

Paul & Pam Owen, Wanda & Jerry Doleshall, Elsie Smith, Eliza Husser Cave, Millie Clark, Dan McAvoy, Kenneth Chatto, Linda Cheadle, Susan Poster Ullmann, Martha Albritton, Carol Kettel, Connie Moomjy, Robin Brooks, Sabrina, Dr. Walter Allen, Connie Santee, our Regional Church, those in public & military service, for our Country and all victims of natural disasters.

Pastor's Note:

I love the season of Advent! The purposeful, slowed down pace leading us to Christmas where we reflect each week on the themes of hope, peace, joy and love. I pray that each of you build Advent into your holiday practices, leading you to a more meaningful Christmas as we celebrate again the birth of our Savior. Blessings for a Meaningful Advent and a Merry Christmas.

Special Services for December

Dec 4 - Second Sunday of Advent - PEACE

Dec 11 - Third Sunday of Advent - JOY

Dec 18 - The choir will lead in a service of Lessons and Carols.

Advent theme - LOVE

Dec 24 - Christmas Eve 5:30 - Candlelight Communion Service

Dec 25 - Christmas Sunday Worship

Dec 13 - Board Meeting - 6pm - Fellowship Hall

CHRISTMAS OFFERING, Disciple Mission Fund, Sunday, DECEMBER 18, 2022

On December 18th you will have the opportunity to participate in the Special Christmas Offering for the Disciple Mission Fund. These Special offerings highlight specific ministries as part of our faith celebrations.

Within the organizational structure of the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, there are 31 regions across the United States and Canada. These regions nurture ministers and congregations in their work and worship. "Often recognized for the ministries of camps and conferences, regions also play a critical role in the preparation and authorization of ministerial ordination." Both are essential keys to church leadership and development. Regions partner with congregations to support the work required to call a new minister.

Please prayerfully consider your donation to this Christmas Offering.

DWF

The proceeds from Trash & Treasure Sale and Dessert Sales will go to:

October - Samaritan's Purse

November - St. Jude and World Vision

December - Tri-Development Christmas Party

December 17 - Trash and Treasure Sale

Thanksgiving Disciple Mission Fund Offering

Our Church's Thanksgiving Offering totaled \$264.00. This money will be used to support the institutions of higher learning of the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ. Thank you for your participation and generosity, it is greatly appreciated.



Happy Birthday to:

Natalie Lawrence - December 5th

Lynn Malone - December 21st

April Virge - December 23rd
Paul Owen - December 25th
Judee Mitchell - December 27th

OUR ACTS DONATION FOR December: Pasta Sauce

Coming in January 2023

Creation of New Church Directory

We will begin working on a new Church Directory in January 2023. This new directory will be in digital form but will still be available for those who do not access to a computer. The company we have worked with in the past is no longer doing church directories.

We will be setting up appointments for you to come to the Church to have your picture taken, or if you have a favorite photo of yourself, it can be submitted and a picture of the picture can be used for the new directory.

It will also be necessary to confirm your information, such as name, address, phone numbers, birthday and anniversary dates in order to have current and correct information for use in the new directory.

We hope everyone will be available to help with this as it is an important tool that we use to stay in touch with each other.

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