

CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS



First Christian Church

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Our Mission

*God calls us...
And the Holy Spirit
empowers us to:*

- *Share the Good News of Jesus Christ with all ages*
- *Explore and express a growing faith*
- *Equip believers for ministries which expand the Kingdom of God.*

**Come to worship
this Sunday at
10:40 a.m.
Invite friends and
family.
Sunday's Service:
"Hanging of the
Greens"**

CHRISTMAS WORKERS NEEDED

Chi Rho and CYF youth and adults are needed to help Saturday, December 1, prepare our church for Christmas. The Chi Rho and CYF youth will meet at 1:00 p.m. and hunt for trees until 5:30 p.m. They will have a youth activity from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the CLC. Decorating will begin at 6:30 p.m. and all are invited to help. Please call Jackie Shumard at 429-6617 if you would like to go on the tree hunt.

HANGING OF THE GREENS

Forms are available in this newsletter to order your poinsettia or choose an Angel of Hope in memory or in honor of your loved ones. These will be presented at the Hanging of the Greens service on December 2. Please bring a special ornament (with your name on the back if you want it back, which you can pick up in the parlor after Jan. 6.) to place on the Christmas tree that day as we decorate the sanctuary and prepare our hearts for the First Sunday of Advent



December 2, 2007

Approve Budget and Slate of Officers



As we enter the most beautiful season called Advent, please keep in mind what this season is truly all about: the expectation of the birth of the Christ Child and in giving to others. Please enjoy the following that goes along those lines: It's called "True Christmas Joy."

True Christmas Joy

'Twas the day before Christmas a long time ago and our beautiful earth was all covered with snow; down the street with their sleighs came two manly boys, who paused at the window to look at the toys. Already two others were there looking in; But their faces were sad, and their clothes old and thin. And the little one said, "Is it because we're so poor that Santa doesn't come to our house anymore?" The older one patted his wee brother's head and hugged him up closely, as softly he said: "Oh, maybe he will come tonight, little Tim, If we ask in our prayers for the Lord to send him?" The little face smiled, but the boys saw a tear in the eye of the one who quelled little Tim's fear. Then slowly and sadly the waifs went their way to the place they called home, where that night they would pray. The boys, with their sleighs, followed closely behind, and neither one spoke, but in each childish mind a beautiful thought said as plain as could be: "I'll share with those poor boys what Santa brings me." When the two reached their home, to their father they ran, and eagerly told him their unselfish plan. He was proud of his boys, who now felt that same love that sent our dear Savior from His home above. Next morning, still thrilled with their beautiful thought, they scampered downstairs to see what Santa brought, and they, with the help of their father and mother, selected the presents for Tim and his brother. And as the first light of dawn came into view the two went their way with the toys bright and new, and crept very quietly up to the door where they'd seen the boys enter the evening before. As they hurried back home toward their own Christmas joys, they could not even dream how the other two boys, on finding that Santa had really been there, sent their joy to the One who had answered their prayer. That night, when the "Santa's" were ready for bed, with a hand of their father on each curly head, they knew, as they thought of two poor, happy boys, what's the truest and choicest of all Christmas joys.

Blessings,
Pastor Basye

Attendance for November 25

Sunday School: 47

Worship: 112



The National Student Speech Language and Hearing Association chapter (NSSLHA) at UCM would like to thank the members of the First Christian Church for use of facilities for our spaghetti dinner for Operation Smile. Operation Smile is a non-for-profit organization that provides reconstructive surgery for children with cleft lip/palette or other associated anomalies.

We had a great turn out and raised enough money for 5 smiles!

We would not have been able to accomplish this without the amazing support of the FCC in Warrensburg!

Sincerely,
Amanda Silvers
NSSLHA Secretary

Counselor Notes...

A Great Gift

Stress is important to all of our lives. We need stress to motivate us to get out of bed and live life. When the amount of stress in our life is out of balance, it then becomes distress and may cause problems in our health, relationships, and thinking. The holiday season is notorious for people and families to become distressed. The good news is that it comes every year and lends itself to predictable distress. How can you keep stress from becoming distress during this holiday season? The next few weeks we will look at the gift of stress and how to keep that stress from becoming distress.

Stress challenges us to clarify what we really think. The first thing to think about is what do you really want out of this holiday season? For some it may be connecting with family, placing more emphasis on celebrating Christ and less on materialism, or experiencing more love and joy and less distress, etc. When it is over and done, what will have made you feel content? Look over the past few years. What worked and what didn't work? What do you want to repeat and not repeat? The more clarity each of us has the easier it is to work with other people. Clarity also aides us in choosing activities and relationships that make our holiday meaningful without being distressed. It is a wonderful gift. And remember, frequently take deep breaths. Close your eyes, take a deep breath in, breathing in God's love and peace; and then blow the breath out, breathing out distress, anger, and impatience. Doing this twice a day will lighten your holiday distress.

Kerry Morell
Christian Counselor
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CHRONICLES: THE WAY WE WERE

10 years ago in November, 1997

Many gifts of items, of caring, and of service, were provided by members as evidenced by the "Thank You's" in the weekly newsletters as follow: From Individuals: from **William Ross & Dee Bodenhamer** and **Howard Baldwin** for the carnations delivered to them; from **Kenneth & Velma McCloud** and **Judy Cammack** for prayers, cards and visits during their hospital stays. From committees: Nursery Committee to **Kelli Adney** and **Miranda Swena** for helping in the nursery and to **Margaret Roland** for donation of snacks and Tupperware containers; Staff to **Shirley Coonrod** for the glider-rocker given to the church; Publicity Committee to **Charlene Droege** for the festive bulletin boards; Worship Committee to **Vivian Bodenhamer** for baking bread for Sunday worship service; Stewardship Committee to **Noel Dougherty, Brenda Dooley, Rex Smarr, Cindy McKinley, and Dianne Maness** for their help with the "Stewardship Basket."

The Chi Rho and CYF gathered donations of items from members and made "Care Packages" for 30 college students during finals week.

Attention Elders

Next meeing is December 9. 2008 Elders are invited to attend this meeting



**Warrensburg Christian
Social Concerns
Christmas Store**

MENU of ITEMS

Family Size

1-2 3-4 5-6 7-8

Sweet Potatoes (canned) 16 oz.	1	2	2	3
Instant potatoes 8 oz.	1	1	1	2
Vegetable (canned) 16 oz.	2	4	6	8
Fruit (canned) 16 oz.	1	2	3	4
Cranberry Sauce (canned) 16 oz.	1	1	1	1
Bread/Roll/Cornbread Mix 16 oz.	1	1	2	2
Stuffing Mix 6 oz.	1	1	2	2
1 pie (crust mix, 11 oz. and filling, 21 oz.) or 1 can pumpkin and 1 can evaporated milk and one crust mix.	1	1	1	2
Gelatin (ex. Jell-o) 3 oz.	1	2	3	4
Brown Gravy Mix approximate 0.87 oz.	1	2	3	4
Cocoa Mix (make with water) 10 en. box	1	1	1	1
Tea Bags 16 bags	1	1	1	1
Suggested donation for Voucher for perishable items (meat, produce and dairy)	\$20	\$25	\$30	\$35
Option: if you would rather make a cash donation and let us do the shopping, the suggested amounts are (includes voucher)	\$35	\$45	\$55	\$65

Please put all food items in a paper bag and mark clearly the family size on the bag. If you have any questions, please call Ernie or Pat Courtwright at 747-7216. Cash donations should be in the form of a check written to "Christmas Store, 2007" and mailed to Christmas Store c/o Joy Stevenson, 91 Grandview Dr., Warrensburg, MO 64093.
Delivery Dates: Saturday, Dec. 8, 9-Noon,
Monday, Dec. 10, 3-7 pm and Tuesday, Dec. 11, 3-7 pm.
Location: Drop off at the lower level of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) 101 E. Gay Street, Warrensburg.

Thank you for your donations!

Campbellite Dinner

December 9 after Worship

**Menu: Fried Chicken
and Bar-B-Q Chicken**

**Baked beans, mashed potatoes and
gravy, salad, dessert
and drink**

Dear Church Friends,

My thanks to Don and Linda Hoover for bringing the birthday carnation and to all for the cards, prayers, and support during my recent illness.

And a special gratitude for Pastor Jerry's calls and prayers.

*Blessings to all,
Ruth Smith*

Thank you for the pink carnation for my birthday also for my birthday cards. I enjoyed visiting with Mary.

*God Bless Christian Friends
Ruby Kanoy*

The floral arrangement is so pretty and it was nice to have our 55th wedding anniversary remembered by our First Christian Church friends.

Our thanks to Donna Elliott for the delivery and nice visit.

*Most Sincerely,
GAnna and Floyd Walker*

“ANGELS OF CARE” / “POINSETTIAS”

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I wish to give an angel or poinsettia:

_____ in memory of.....

_____ in honor of

(Please print name in memory
honor of)

From: _____

(Please Print you name)

The “Angels of Care” offering returns this Advent season as it continues to support various outreach ministries in the Johnson County area. We invite you to consider this special offering of **\$10.00 per angel.**

We also offer this year the opportunity to purchase a poinsettia. After worship on Christmas Eve, you are invited to take your poinsettia home. **The poinsettias cost \$7.00** and have been purchased from the W.H.S. Agriculture Education Green House.

Either the “Angels of Care” or the poinsettias may be purchased in honor or memory of someone. The “Angels of Care” offering will continue through December.

Please mark your outreach designation below.

_____ Food Center _____ Johnson County Hospice _____ Johnson County HELP
_____ Survival _____ Johnson County Emergency Care Coalition
_____ Other Charity of Choice _____ Poinsettia for Church

*You are invited to attend the
80th Birthday Reception for
Helen Neal Simon
Sunday, December 9
2-4 p.m.
Warrensburg Community Center
Given by her Family*

NO GIFTS PLEASE

JYF Youth Leaders for December
Dec. 2-Jackie Shumard
Dec. 9-Carrie Laws
Dec. 16-Jackie Shumard
Dec. 25-No JYF, Christmas Break
Dec. 30-No JYF, Christmas Break

Children’s Christmas Program
Sunday, December 16, 10:40 a.m.
(during worship service)

Chi Rho, CYF Christmas Dinner Theatre
Sunday, December 16, 5:00 p.m. in CLC



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Come to Worship!
Everyone is Welcome!

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. All Ages
 Worship: 10:40 a.m.
 Coffee Fellowship
 Youth Ministries: 5:00 p.m.

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Return Service Requested



Throughout this week, we invite you to pray for these and others announced in worship.

Name

Natalie Jayne Ulett
 Diane Corbett
 Ron Fitterling
 Dorothy Simmons
 Ruth Smith
 Imogene McMillan (Cousin of Harland & Paul Osborne)
 Family of Dorothy Thomas (Marge Dyers mother)
 Our Military that are deployed
 Our Law Enforcement

December Celebrations

Happy Birthday!

1-John Sellman	10-Jo Sterling	24-Ben Huff
3-Mary Frances Hall	15-Ella Smith	26-Don Patterson
7-Anita Gosney	15-Grace Smith	28-Mary C. Handly
8-Kenneth Martin	17-Nancy Seigfreid	30-Kristal Dougherty
9-Helen Simon	17-Ryan Wiss	31-Robin Russell
9-Larry Elliott	20-Nita Good	

Happy Anniversary!

11-Mary & Bruce Howey	22-Shirley & Noel Dougherty
16-Tammie & Lee Crabtree	27-Joyce & Jerry Miller
17-Sherin & John Sellman	
18-Dana & Earney Burchard	
20-Judy & Paul Osborne	
20-Christi & Kit Lindsay	