

# CHRISTIAN CHURCH NEWS



## First Christian Church

*(Disciples of Christ)*

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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.**

All Are Invited.

8:30 Praise Service

10:40 Traditional Service

**Hanging of the Greens Service at 10:40 a.m.**



Sunday, December 6

5 p.m. in the CLC

Youth Sponsored/Free Will Offering

Talent Show & Worship starting at 5:30 p.m.

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### **Attention: Forty Niners (Past & Present)**

Sixty years ago a new Sunday School Class was organized at First Christian Church. Members chose the name "Forty Niners."

To celebrate this 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we would be pleased to have you join us on December 13. Class meets at 9:30 in the Education Building; we hope to sit as a group during the 10:40 worship, and then we will go to the Christian Life Center for the monthly Campbellite Dinner (\$6.00). Following dinner we will go to the parlor for a time of fellowship. Come for all or a part of these events.

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Joyful Noise Collection Totals \$209

The October and November collection of \$209 went to the Food Center in November.

There will be another collection on December 20 during the Children's Christmas Program.



This week we'll look at our Global Mission in regard to how Disciples work in the world.

#### General Briefing

The final words of Jesus Christ to His disciples were "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations." (Matt. 28:19) Responding to this great commission, the apostles traveled their separate directions across the known world, proclaiming Christ. Their message transcended nation, race, class, and culture. All persons on earth were seen as children of God and bound together as the whole people of God through faith in Jesus Christ.

#### Disciples' Traditions

The Stone-Campbell movement was among the leaders of Protestantism in developing a network of overseas missions. Foreign missionaries were dispatched by the movement as early as 1849. By 1918 the number of missionaries supported by the Foreign Christian Missionary Society totaled 185 persons stationed in all corners of the earth.

The character of disciples' mission work during the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries was largely evangelistic and denominational. Congregations and individuals generously supported the effort by contributing funds and donating to found a College of Missions for training of missionaries.

A watershed in the disciples' mission effort was reached in 1950 with the approval of a policy statement entitled "Strategy of World Mission." This new statement was born of the reaction against the smothering effects of denominationalism, colonialism, and imperialism upon the church mission. The mission should relate to the life of the people by assisting these people in many and varying ways.

Implementation of the new strategy transformed the character of the disciples' foreign mission program. Instead of randomly sending missionaries, they were now sent in response to requests from the churches in the different countries. Missionaries are now sent where their particular areas of expertise are needed, placed on more short-term assignment, and often financed by ecumenical partners. In 1991 the overseas staff of the disciples consisted of 103 men and women in 30 countries.

Mission work of the church is a vital part of who we are. We must take Jesus' words to heart: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations." Always support our mission work through your prayers, thoughts, efforts, and donations.

#### Disciples' Affirmations

In Christ's name and by His grace, we accept our mission of witness and service to all people.

*Blessings!*

*Pastor Jerry*

#### **Library News!**

Several persons have contributed a variety of books to the library. Look for these titles: *The Shack*, *Cold Mountain*, *Purpose Driven Life* and two novels by Toni Morrison. These inspirational and fiction books are appreciated. Thanks to all who have given books. I mentioned only a few of the titles. Take advantage of the nice selection of books found in the library.

#### **November 29 Attendance**

Praise Service: 45  
Sunday School: 49  
10:40 Worship: 103?

## Youth News!

*6<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> Grades*

### December Calendar

**6-4:30 p.m.-Set-up for Pancake Supper**

**5:00 p.m.-Pancake Supper**

**5:30 p.m.-Talent Show/Worship Service**

**13-5:00 p.m.-Christmas Party/Bring Snacks**

**20-4:00 p.m.-Youth and Family Christmas Caroling**

**27-NO YOUTH**

**Need definite count for Young Christians**

**Weekend and deposit money is due by Dec. 31**

## Thank You Notes!

*Dear Church Friends,*

*Thanks so much for the beautiful red carnation brought to me by Scott and Betty Wilson. I enjoyed meeting and visiting with them. Thank you for remembering Gindy and I throughout the year with your visits, cards, and flowers. We wish each of you a Merry Christmas.*

*Warmest Regards,*

*Earl Howey*

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*I want to thank you for my lovely birthday flower. I also want to thank Kathy Ramser for the nice visit.*

*Faye Kimbley*

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*It was so nice to be remembered by our Church Family on our 57<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. Our thanks to you—and to Donna Elliott for bringing us the beautiful bouquet.*

*Sincerely,*

*Ganna & Floyd Walker*

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*Thank you to the church for my birthday flower and to Mary Howey for bringing it and the great round of show and tell we shared.*

*Marge Barry*

**Congregational Meeting  
December 20, after the Praise Service and after  
the 10:40 Worship Service.**

## 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) 15 oz.	2	4	6	8
Fruit (canned) 15 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)	\$30	\$35	\$45	\$50
<b>Option:</b> if you would rather make a cash donation and let us do the shopping, the suggested amounts are (includes voucher)	\$50	\$60	\$70	\$80

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 Susan Langston, (747-2109) or Cindy Urbanski, (429-2015). Cash donations should be in the form of a check written to "Christmas Store, 2008" and mailed to Christmas Store c/o Joy Stevenson, 91 Grandview Dr., Warrensburg, MO 64093.

**Delivery Dates: Saturday, Dec. 12, 9-Noon,**

**Monday, Dec.14, 3-7 pm and Tuesday, Dec. 15, 3-7 pm.**

### November Financial Report

#### Income

<b>General</b>	<b>\$19,656</b>
<b>Outreach</b>	<b>1,322</b>

#### Expenses

<b>General</b>	<b>\$18,972</b>
<b>Outreach</b>	<b>1,249</b>



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**Everyone is Welcome!**

Coffee House in CLC: 8:00 a.m.  
 Praise Service: 8:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. All Ages  
 Worship: 10:40 a.m.  
 Coffee Fellowship: 12 noon in Parlor

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Return Service Requested



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

**Name**

Peggy Dudley  
 Guy Spear  
 Our Law Enforcement  
 Our Military who are deployed

**FARM FRESH EGGS!**  
**\$1.75 per doz.**  
**\$2.50 per 18**

**Call James Dooley to order**  
**660-429-5825**

# December Celebrations

**Happy Birthday!**

*December*

1-Evan Stuck	15-Ella Smith	28-Mary C. Handly
1-John Sellman	15-Grace Smith	30-Kristal Dougherty
3-Mary Frances Hall	16-Kathy DeFoe	31-Robin Russell
7-Anita Gosney	17-Nancy Seigfreid	
8-Kenneth Martin	17-Ryan Wiss	
9-Helen Simon	20-Nita Good	
9-Larry Elliott	24-Ben Huff	
10-Jo Sterling	26-Stacey Burton	

**Happy Anniversary**

*December*

11-Mary & Bruce Howey	27-Joyce & Jerry Miller
16-Tammie & Lee Crabtree	28-Betty & Scott Wilson
16-Karla & Travis Seigfreid	
17-Shirley & Noel Dougherty	