

Our Mission

We are an open and welcoming community that God calls 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*



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that we
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see, GOD's
gifts upon our
Christmas Tree.
You cannot touch
them with your hand,
yet they are there at
your command. There's
joy and faith and hope
renewed. There's laughter
and a happy mood. There's
gratitude for each new day;
a time to think, a time to pray.
The Christ has come with holy light
to shine and make your pathway bright.
All these are yours if you can see, God's
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Christmas Tree.

Three GREETERS and two OFFERING PLATE PASSERS are needed this Sunday 12/25, please! **Due to busy Holiday schedules, Worship Service will be a short one, 10:00 start time!**

VOLUNTARY SPECIAL DAY OFFERING: This is the final Sunday that the Disciples Mission Fund Special Day Offering envelopes will be available by the communion elements in the Sanctuary for Christmas. Thank you!

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

The search committee has reached a verbal agreement with Rev. Lem Whitmer to be our Transitional Interim Minister with a start date of March 2023. Before he arrives, Teresa Spears will provide a transition bridge ministry for us in February 2023.

The search committee will continue to provide pulpit supply ministry through our own members and ministers from the surrounding area until February.

Additionally, the search committee continues the necessary work of preparation for the search and call of a settled minister with the help of our congregational coach, Laura Stephens-Reed.

Submitted by Debbie Haller, Search Committee Chair

CONGREGATIONAL BUSINESS MEETING, Your Vote Counts!

At the November 16 Board Meeting, a date was established for our **Congregational Business Meeting**. It will be held on **Sunday, January 8, 2023**. In the event of inclement weather on January 8, the meeting would be moved to January 15. We will be presenting for approval: the 2023 Nominating Committee Board recommendations, the 2023 General Budget, and proposed language changes to the Church Constitution.

CWF Info and Outreach Project:

Our next meeting is January 12th at 9:30 in the Parlor with Janette Howard and Toni Frandsen as hostesses. Chris Simon will be our devotion reader and Kathy Ramser will present the program. All women are welcome! CWF's Outreach Project for November/December is collecting hats, gloves, and scarves for ALL AGES. These will be donated to the Salvation Army. Thanks!

***COMMITTEE AND FUNCTIONAL CHAIRS: THE END OF THE YEAR ANNUAL REPORT IS DUE JANUARY 15TH, PLEASE!** You are welcome to email the Office or provide a paper copy. Thanks!

A big thank you to: 'Twas the Night Before...

- FCC Youth & Parents
- Special Guests
- Harmonayres & Mrs. Grigsby, Pianist
- Directors, Organizers and Narrators
- All those who helped with props, set decorations, costumes, etc.

Your FCC Church Family appreciates all your hard work and enjoyed the presentation SO MUCH! Happy Holidays!

Prayer Concerns and Praises

Prayers for Rick Dooley and a complete recovery.

Prayers for Melvin's cousin, Erin Rogers, who has stage 4 bone cancer.

Praises for Ivanna Beebe and her new job opportunity!

Prayers for Brenda B.

Prayers for the Family of Bill Dyer at his passing.

Prayers for the Nichol family.

Prayers go with Jacelynn Laws & Sarah Haller Crate. May you have great leadership adventures on Outward Bound in the Florida Everglades after Christmas.

Prayers for the Search & Call Committee.

Prayers for our members who are homebound, in an assisted living community and nursing homes.

Safe travels over the Holidays, everyone!

December Birthdays

1-Evan Stuck
 5-Pat Cook
 7-Anita Gosney
 9-Larry Elliott
 12-Gina Johnson
 16-Vicki Goodwin
 17-Ryan Wiss
 18-Elmer Schumann
 21-Lyman Hannah
 21-Patricia Smith
 24- Benjamin Huff
 28-Adam Lang
 28-Travis Johnson
 29-Hayden Cox
 30-Kristal Shaumeyer

December Anniversaries

7-Chuck & Nancy Eaton
 11-Bruce & Mary Howey
 12-Mark Goodwin & Kathy Ramser
 16-Lee & Tammie Crabtree
 16-Travis & Karla Seigfreid
 22-Noel & Shirley Dougherty
 28-Taylor & Elizabeth Bell

THE GREATEST GIFT

Before the voices of
 the Earth's Choirs were
 raised in praise...
 there was a silent night.
 Before the strings of lights
 were wound around the world,
 and tinsel was strung...
 there was a single star.
 Before the wide-eyed wonder
 of a child on Christmas morn...
 before all the gifts...
 there was a child.
 Born in Bethlehem,
 who showed the world
 that the greatest gift of all...
 Is God's love.

During this Holiday Season, may we all experience the wonderful gift of God's love with the wonder and trust like that we find in the heart of a child!



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Holiday Hours next week:
Tuesday thru Thursday 9:00-2:00

Weekly Calendar

Wednesday December 21

11:00 to 12:00 – Christmas Menu Grab ‘N Go Lunch
Church Office closes at Noon

Thursday December 22nd

Church Office closed for inclement weather

No Bell Choir Practice until January

5:00 - Harmonayres Practice, weather permitting

Friday

Office is closed on Fridays

Sunday December 25th

10:00 – Short Worship Service in the Sanctuary

NO SUNDAY SCHOOL, Adults or Kids!

Monday, December 26th

Church Office closed for the Christmas Holiday

Tuesday, December 27th

No Collaboration Meeting