# **First Christian Church News**

#### **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



Prepare the Way, Mark 1:1-8 Advent B2, Dec 10, 2023 Theme: Peace

Recently a company called SpaceX placed a sign on one of its facilities. It said, "Gateway to Mars." The sign announces an ambitious project of constructing an avenue of human travel to the planet Mars. The endeavor promises an opportunity to save humanity by providing an alternate opportunity for human survival in case a species ending event would occur on Earth.

Perhaps such an endeavor might provide an opportunity for the survival of humanity. The cause has its merits, but does it save humanity from itself?

Almost 2,000 years ago, a man named John, known as the Baptist, announced a different gateway. He proclaimed the gateway to Peace. He announced the coming of the Messiah. A special individual who was both human and Divine. An individual who would provide the gateway to a completely revolutionary opportunity for humanity.

Today we know this to have been provided by the Son of Man – Jesus the Christ.

So, what is this "Peace?" Is it a release from oppression? Is it a promise of no more war? Is it a promise of untold wealth? What is it?

Come worship with us at First Christian Church in Warrensburg, Missouri where we will discover a way to save humanity without traveling to another planet – even though a trip to Mars might be fun.

### CHRISTMAS OFFERING, December 2023!

Please prayerfully consider giving to the Disciples Mission Fund, Christmas offering. Christmas offerings go to work in our area! Your support is appreciated and will be used for local needs. Envelopes provided!



### **CALLING ALL FCC LADIES!**

You are invited to a Christmas Party at Chris Simon's house tomorrow, Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. The party will be hosted by the CWF. Please join us for food, fun, and fellowship! We will meet at the church at 5:45 pm and carpool. We hope to see you there!

### **Coffee Connection**

We would like to thank Deb Cadle and Vicki Granger for providing refreshments and hosting Coffee Connection in November. Linda Hoover will be our hostess for December We will be having a special "Christmas Cookies" Coffee Connection on December 17<sup>th</sup>. Please bring Christmas



goodies to share during our usual coffee time. Our very own FCC Christmas Movie Premiere will follow this special coffee time. Come for the snacks and stay for the movie! We are signing up Coffee Connection hosts for 2024. Please prayerfully consider serving with a friend.

## <mark>Grab 'N Go</mark>

As of January 1, Pat Turner will no longer be Outreach chair and will be stepping down from being in charge of a group. It has been an amazing 3 ½ years, but she just wants to be a worker bee. We will need a few extra hands come January to help us out. The months that this group serves are January, April, July and October. It is a very rewarding way to serve. Thank you for considering!

#### **Prayer Concerns and Praises**

Prayers for Glenn Borum.

Prayers for Mike and Madison Walsh, both are recovering from surgery.

Prayers for Pat Cook.

Prayers for Phillip Bodenhamer.

Prayers for Brenda Dougherty, Kristal's mother.

Prayers for Andy Gosney and family.

Prayers for Chris Howard.

Prayers for Kathy's nephews, Eric Mueller and Trevor Browning.

Prayers for Ann Patterson Scott.

Prayers for Rick Dooley.

Prayers for Melvin's cousin, Erin Rogers.

Prayers for the Basye family.

Prayers for Ed and Bubbles Goodwin, Bill's parents.

Prayers for the Search & Call Committee.

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

Praises for Phillip Bodenhamer who is home, but still working toward a full recovery.

### **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
- 22 Matt Rogers
- 24 Benjamin Huff
- 28 Adam Lang
- 28 Travis Johnson
- 29 Hayden Cox
- 29 Blaine Duke
- 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
- 20 Greg & Bonnie Etter
- 22 Noel & Shirley Dougherty
- 28 Taylor & Elizabeth Bell

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#### Congregational Meeting Is Sunday!

Our Congregational Business Meeting will be held this Sunday, December 10, at 10:15 am in the Sanctuary. Traditional Service and Sunday School will start at 9:15 am as usual. The Celebration Service will be in the CLC after the Congregational Meeting. Your vote counts! Please mark your calendar for this important event. Thank you!

#### Weekly Calendar

Wednesday December 6 11:00 to 12:00 – Grab 'N Go Lunch 6:00 – Young Adult Meet-Greet-Eat 6:00 – Advent Conspiracy Adult Class **Thursday December 7** 11:00 to 12:00 - Devotion & Singing at Warrensburg Manor 5:00 - Harmonayres practice 6:00 – Ladies Christmas Party at Chris Simon's home. **Sunday December 10** 9:15 – Sunday School 9:15 – Traditional Service in the Sanctuary 10:15 – Congregational Business Meeting in the Sanctuary 10:45 – Celebration Service, CLC **Tuesday December 12** 6:30 - Elder's Meeting

Congregational Meeting December 10, 2023 10:15AM

<mark>AGENDA</mark>

Meeting Call to Order – Granger

Distribution of materials

There are three items we will consider for approval. All three items have been reviewed by the Advisory committee and approved by the Board on November 21, 2023.

- 2024 Church officers and Department nominations. Granger Motion for consideration and a second Discussion Vote
- 2) 2024 Operating budget. Handly Motion for consideration and a second Discussion Vote
- Ethical Guidelines for Congregational Conduct. Haller Motion for consideration and a second Discussion Vote

This concludes our meeting. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Meeting adjourned.

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SERVICES/EVENTS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD HANGING OF THE GREENS 9:15 | 10:45 COFFEE CONNECTION 10:15

# SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH

WORSHIP SERVICES 9:15 | 10:45 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 10:15

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH

COMBINED WORSHIP 9:15 CHRISTMAS COOKIES & COFFEE 10:15 PREMIERE OF FCC CHILDREN'S MOVIE 10:45

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

COMBINED WORSHIP 9:15 COFFEE CONNECTION 10:15 CHRISTMAS COOKIES & COFFEE 5:30 PM CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 6:00 PM

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31ST

COMBINED WORSHIP 9:15 FELLOWSHIP BRUNCH 10:15

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