

# First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

## **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.**

8:00 Coffee House

8:30 Praise Service

9:30 Sunday School

10:40 Trad. Worship

Noon-Coffee Fellowship

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**Next Newsletter**

**February 25.**



**Pastor Tabatha's Hours:  
Monday-9:30-5:30, Wednesday-  
9:30-5:30, Thursday-9:30-5:30**

Dear Friends,

The thing with building relationships is that when it's time to say goodbye, it can be hard. It's easy to care about you...you are a lovely congregation full of compassionate, generous, faithful folks. It's been a privilege to walk with you during this interim time and I feel grateful that God called me to be with you as your Interim Pastor. We've had lots of conversations—most of them easy and few others a little more difficult—but I think we've all grown through those conversations. I believe we have done good work together—seeking out where God has been leading us so that we can minister in the way that God wants.

Several of you have asked me what's next, and as of the writing of this newsletter, I'm not sure yet. But it will be fun to see where God leads my ministry next. With that said, I covet your prayers for my next steps.

I look forward to seeing and hearing what ways First Christian Church lives out your call of compassion, generosity and love. May you feel the Spirit guide you in new and exciting ways, and may the peace of Christ give you hope and courage.

Blessings,

Tabatha

From the Search Committee: Our Church Moving Forward....

Since Pastor Jerry’s retirement from our church, we have been blessed to have Rev. George Flanagan and Rev. Tabatha Johnson serve in our pulpit, and we continue to be blessed to have Tabatha serving as our Interim Pastor.

Tabatha will serve our church until Saturday, February 15. On Sunday, February 16, Rev. Ron Routledge will provide our message at both services; Ron is currently serving as our Area Minister.

On Monday, February 17, Pastor Gina Johnson will begin as our settled Pastor.

These are exciting times for our church! The Search Committee thanks our congregation for your steadfastness through this interim period, and we look forward to our journey with Pastor Gina!



**Gina Johnson’s Ordination**

**On Sunday, January 26, Gina Johnson will be ordained into the ministry of the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ. The ceremony will take place at the Sedalia First Christian Church, 200 S. Limit, at 3:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend, and they are expecting a large crowd. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Travis Johnson at 660-287-1336 so they can plan for adequate seating for all.**

**Tabatha’s Departure...**

There will be a meal provided to recognize Tabatha and her family on February 9 after the 10:40 worship service in the CLC.

There will be a basket will be at each service for card shower for Tabatha.

She will be greatly missed.

*Youth  
Calendar*



2-No Meeting-Super Bowl  
9-12:30-3p.m. Youth Meet  
16-12:30 -3 p.m. Youth Meet  
23-12:30 -3 p.m. Youth Meet

**Lunch is provided. Parents and friends are always welcome.**



**The Christian Women’s project**

CWF Project for the month of January is collecting hats and mittens. They will be delivered to schools or Family Services. Leave items in special containers in the church lobby or parlor. Thank you for your support.



Disciples on Campus (DOC)  
Tuesday Evenings  
7:30-9:00 p.m. supper included

**Ham and Bean Request!**

We need volunteers to sign up to help with the ham and bean dinner that will take place on March 8. Contact Phyllis Evans to volunteer.

**CWF Silent Auction**

During the Ham’n Bean Dinner, the CWF is having a silent auction. If you have anything you would like to donate, please leave in the church office with your name by Friday, February 28.

## Thank You Notes!

*We want to thank our church family for the flower arrangement they gave us on our 63<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary 12-22-2019. Donna Elliott gave us the flower arrangement Sunday morning. They are beautiful and will be that way for a long time. Thank you.*

*Noel & Shirley Dougherty*

*I want to thank all the people that came to help undecorate the church Saturday, January 4. WOW!! Everyone worked so well together we were done by 9:30 a.m. We put away decorations from the CLC (part of them). Some went upstairs to help Toni with the Sunday School decorations and there were people everywhere working! Thank you, Thank you!*

*Shirley Dougherty*

*Thank you, Donna Elliott and Anna Huff, for delivering carnations for our 51<sup>st</sup> Anniversary. Roger and I met 65 years ago in Sunday School at the First Christian Church. We are blessed with a wonderful family, friends and "church family."*

*Roger & Connie Baldwin*

*Thank you for my birthday flower that was delivered by Janette Howard and it was a very nice visit. Also thank you for the many cards I received from my church family.*

*Mary Catherine Handly*

*Tabatha & FCC Family,*

*Thank you so much for coming to visit Dad in the hospital. You each touched dad's life in a special way and I am very thankful for each of you! Thank you, Tabatha, for the nice service for my Dad and the delicious lunch the ladies prepared for us after the service. It was very much appreciated! I want each of you to know what a special blessing you are to me in many ways. Thanks for loving each of us as we are.*

*Love, Sherry and David Elliott*



It is time to start planning for the 2020 "Souper bowl" to help the Johnson county Food Center bring in soup for those in need for the upcoming year. As you remember, our church has won the trophy for the last four years as the church giving the largest donation, and we will hope to win the trophy again this year! The Food Center has limited space to store cans of soup, so they will use our monetary gifts to purchase soup as they need it. If you would like to help with this important event, please mark your monetary gifts for the "Souper bowl."

The representative for the Food Center told us how important our monetary support is, and she wanted our congregation to know that during November 2019, they provided assistance to 591 households which represented 1398 individuals. With our "Souper Bowl" donations, the Food Center can continue to meet the needs of many in our community. "Souper Bowl" donations will be accepted up until February 2, 2020.

## February Birthdays

1-Mike Revels  
2-Anita Grigsby  
4-Doug Blevins  
5-Janette Howard  
6-Skylar Beebe  
6-Madison Walsh  
9-Jennifer Dunn  
9-Karen Renfro  
12-Sadie Mapes  
14-Carrie Cromer  
16-Keegan Newberry  
20-Ray Fitterling  
21-Leslie Basye  
23-AnnBelle Gates  
24-Judy Cammack  
25-Andie Holdren  
25-Jack Holdren  
26-Phil Dougherty  
27-Bryce Seigfreid  
28-John Howard

## Feb. Anniversaries

11-Alan & Vicki Charles

### Christmas Cheer!

Thank you for your generosity to purchase jams and vegetable salsas from the Youth Group!

With your help, we were able to donate \$950 to Toys for Tots to help purchase Christmas gifts for area children.



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

John Basye  
Vyrdel Basye  
Linda Lockard  
George Cromer  
Rick Dooley  
Our Children  
Emergency Personnel  
Our Military  
Those with continuing health concerns  
Care Givers



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**Membership/Evangelism**

**COME JOIN OUR GROUP!**

If you like to visit, The Membership and Evangelism Committee would love to have you join our group to deliver carnations to our members who are 80 years or more. If you like to entertain, we would be happy to have you help with Coffee Fellowship following the traditional Worship Service. If you are interested, please contact Donna Elliott at 66-747-8387.

**Rolling - Rolling - Rolling**

The rebuilding effort for our Pipe Organ is still rolling along. One set of pipes has been removed and were replaced with pipes that provide an enhanced sound. The pipes that were removed have been re-voiced, and have been reinstalled.

They are adding to and supporting the sounds provided by the 1180 existing pipes that make up our pipe organ. The installation of the new solid state control console started January 13th. All of the parts have not arrived but are expected in the next few days. In the meantime, the existing control console will be disassembled and other parts of the organ will be rebuilt.

The organ will be out of operation for the next 3 to 4 weeks and we will be enjoying the music provided by Anita on the Piano.

Thanks for your support during this organ rebuilding project.