

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)  
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**SUNDAY SERVICE  
December 4, 2016**

**Sermon: "Straight Path"**

**Rev. Jim Summers**

**Scripture: Matthew 3:1-12**

<b>Worship</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
<b>Congregational Meeting</b>	<b>10:30 AM</b>
<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>10:45 AM</b>

**WATCHING OUR FIGURES**

**November 20: 97**

**November 27: 95**

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**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

The Children will present their Christmas program on Sunday, Dec. 11 following Sunday school. Other classes or groups are invited to offer their gifts as well, please let Jackie know if you plan to participate. There will be a Christmas potluck lunch following the program. Meat and drinks will be provided, please bring sides or desserts to share.

**FOOD AND TOYS**

Food and toys are needed for the Operation Share distributions. You may drop off donations in the church lobby. Needed items include canned fruit, boxed mac-n-cheese (or noodles), boxed potatoes (all varieties) and dessert mixes. Toys should be new (we will accept gently used stuffed animals and books). Monetary donations should be marked Operation Share (checks to Wabash Co. Ministerial Alliance) and mailed to WCMA P.O. Box 1053 Mount Carmel, IL 62863.

**REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR**

Advent starts on Sunday, Nov 27. If you're looking for a way to give back, consider a Reverse Advent Calendar. Get a box or bag and each day place an item in it for the food pantry as you count down the days to Jesus' birth. You may bring the contents each week to donate or bring all of them on Christmas Day to donate for the new year.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING - DEC. 4<sup>TH</sup> - 10:30**





### CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Our church family is invited to the Summers' home for a Christmas Open House on Sunday, Dec 18 from 2-4pm.

### CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP

Bring your family and friends to join in worship on Sunday, Christmas Day. Together we'll celebrate and praise God for the great gift of God's Son, Jesus.

### SERVING IN DECEMBER



**Deacons:** Kevin Xanders, Douglas Lathrop, Debbie Meyer, Ken Burkitt, Clint Anderson, Connor Anderson  
**Custodial Deacon:** Jon Mayhue  
**Communion Preparers:** Doris Deputy & Esther Calverley

**Sanctuary Straightener:**

**Elder on Call:** Mike Gill

**Acolytes:** Emma Mayhue & Keagan Lathrop

### OFFERING - Nov. 20, 2016

General	\$3,020.00
Sunday School	5.00
Blessing Basket	2.00
Brown Bag Buddies	400.00
Poinsettias	40.00
Thanksgiving Offering	363.00
"I Can" Bicycle Fund	100.00
Sound System	<u>100.00</u>
Total:	\$4,030.00

### OFFERING - November 13, 2016

General	\$1,580.00
Sunday School	14.00
Blessing Basket	6.00
Brown Bag Buddies	50.00
Poinsettias	50.00
Outreach	58.00
"I Can" Bicycle Fund	250.00
Alternative Christmas Fair	<u>1,206.00</u>
Total:	\$3,214.00

### COMMUNITY NEWS

The WVC Community Choir, directed by Gary Hargett will present their Christmas concert this Sunday, Dec 4 at 1:30 pm. The second half of the program will feature Fifth Street Revival.



Robert and Louise Spencer (Dean) would like to share that on November 23rd of this year they celebrated 72 wonderful years together. The wedding took place here at our church in 1944, and they were married by Reverend

Forrest Brock. As they were leaving the Church the snow was just starting to fall. They now live in the Orlando Florida area and enjoy being in their own home, with family close by.

### Our Prayer List



Bette Jo Raber, Tammy White, Jane Evans, Stu Grant, Sid Rutter, Ella Mae Whitten, Judy Schnepfer, Heather Koonce, Inez Waddle, Gayle Panipinto, Norm Brunson, David Deisher, Connie Deisher, Teresa Stoltz, Dana Tate, Patti Dunkel, Diane Whitenack, Myra Webb, Mary Margaret Rusch, Liz Kieffer, Luke Dill, Global

Refugee Crisis, Kidd Harkelroad, Rod Raber, Tom Sarg, Betty & Mike Foshee, Don Sanders, Sandy Walker, Joan Hackler, Fred Jackson, Devan Swift, Ruth Buchanan, Larry Peterson, Mary Margaret Rusch, Richard Alka, Myrtle Hocking, Helen Seaton, Betty Gillihan, Betty Taylor, Gloria White, Jeff Raber, Alice & Jim Warmoth, Jennifer Koonce, Elaine Spencer, Mary Jo Birley, Dorothy Chapman, Bill Beesley, our country, it's leaders, all servicemen and women; natural disaster victims.

### CAUGHT DOING GOOD... ..

*\*Peggy, Wilbur, Jessica, Rhiannon, McKinnon, Kate & Jackie for decorating for Advent.*



*\*All who brought food for the Soup lunch and who helped clean up after it.*

*\*Gary & Marilyn Bellessa for serving as cashiers for the Alternative Christmas Fair. We collected \$1,206.00.*

