

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)
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"Growing God's Family to Share God's Word"
First Christian Church



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**SUNDAY SERVICE
December 17, 2017**

Worship 9:30 AM
Sunday School 10:45 AM
Children's Program & Potluck 11:30 AM

Sermon: "Giving Hope"
Rev. Jackie Summers

Scripture: John 1: 6-8, 19-28

WATCHING OUR FIGURES

November 30: 7 December 3: 115
December 7: 4 December 10: 96

Website: www.mountcarmeldisciples.com
New E-Mail: fccmc803@gmail.com



The Children's Christmas Program will be on Sunday, December 17th at 11:30 am along with a carry-in meal. Meat will be provided. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish and/or dessert. Any Sunday School Class, group or individual wishing to have a skit or part in the program please contact Jackie Summers.

MIDWINTER RETREAT

Where: Eureka Christian Church **When:** January 20-21, 2018
What: A Saturday and Sunday youth retreat. A time for worship, small groups, mission opportunities, and time with friends from Summit and Camp. **Cost:** \$20 **Registration is due by January 8, 2018**
This year the region is only having registration online. I am asking parents to register their child and please make sure you put that you will be paying with a check, so the church can pay the half we will be paying. Once you register let the church know, so we are aware of who is going. If you are unable to fill out the form at your house please let Jessica, Jim, or Jackie know so we can have it set up at church for you to do. Here is the link to find the website.
<https://cciwdisciples.org/2017/11/cciw-youth-midwinter-retreat-2018/>
Please contact Jessica, Jim, or Jackie if you have any questions.

OFFERING COUNTERS NEEDED FOR 2018

This list for 2018 Offering Counters has been posted on the window outside the church office. Please be sure to sign up if you wish to help.

FIFTH SUNDAY BREAKFAST - DECEMBER 31 - 8:30 AM

Don't forget there will be "Hot" Breakfast the last Sunday of the year! Bring a breakfast item to share, and enjoy the fellowship before worship.

THANKFUL HEARTS ARE SHARING HEARTS

Please remember to buy a little extra as you do your holiday shopping. Items needed for Christmas are:

- Canned green beans and corn (any kind of canned vegetable is ok)
- Canned fruit, pineapple, cranberry sauce or mixed fruit
- Boxed potatoes, scalloped, mashed, etc.
- Mac-n-cheese/noodles/ rice
- Boxed stuffing
- Cake or brownie mixes or other dessert mixes, plus canned icing

SERVING IN DECEMBER



Deacons: Connor Anderson, Clint Anderson, Heather Baker, Duane Lewis, Wilbur Brown, Ken Burkitt
Custodial Deacon: Jon Mayhue
Communion Preparers: Marilyn Hocking & Debbie Meyer
Sanctuary Straightener: Betty Winternheimer
Elder on Call:
Acolytes: Ty Hipsher & Shelby Mayhue

OFFERING - Dec. 3, 2017

General	\$4,083.00
Sunday School	6.00
Fellowship Time	26.00
Outreach	8.00
Website	100.00
Thanksgiving	25.00
Memorial Fund	25.00
Poinsettias	60.00
Upper Room	16.26
Bicycles	300.00
Total:	\$4,649.26

OFFERING - Dec. 10, 2017

General	\$2,311.00
Sunday School	20.00
Christmas Offering	50.00
Poinsettias	70.00
Website	100.00
Loan	400.00
Outreach	<u>8.00</u>
Total:	\$2,959.00

COMMUNITY NEWS

Free Christmas Dinner at the VFW on Christmas Day. Serving begins at 11:30 am and continues until 1:00 pm. Please make reservations before noon on Thursday, Dec. 21st by calling 262-4151. If you don't have transportation, call for a ride. If you can't get out, call for delivery!



Julius, Jason Fiero, Asher Lathrop, Charlene Daniels, Paul Wilson, Greg Urbanski, Steve Williams, Emily Ewald, Laverne Sherman, Antonio Escobedo, Sylvia Spencer, Tammy, Ben Conrad, Tony, Scott Nettleton, Julia Corwin, Bob Nix, Jim Warmoth, Frank Pixley, Mary Faye Wyatt, Chris Simpkins, Ashley Long, Don Mann, Laura, Jim Pullum, Bev Stuessel, Caroline Escobedo, Mindy Newsum, Tammy White, Sid Rutter, Ella Mae Whitten, Inez Waddle, Connie Deisher, Global Refugee Crisis, Betty & Mike Foshee, Don Sanders, Sandy Walker, Joan Hackler, Fred Jackson, Devan Swift, Myrtle Hocking, Helen Seaton, Betty Taylor, Gloria White, Jennifer Koonce, Elaine Spencer, Mary Jo Birley, Dorothy Chapman, Bill Beesley, our country, it's leaders, all servicemen and women; natural disaster victims.

IT'S A GIRL!



Alma Escobedo & Cedric Deffendoll wish to announce the arrival of their daughter:

Tahlia Rose
December 10th, 2018
6 lb. 8 oz. - 19 1/2"

Grandparents are Juan and Barbara Escobedo



Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your donation to Pre-K for updated playground equipment. We were able to purchase a Twizzler Slide / Pole for the students.

Much Thanks, Pre-K Program