

First Christian Church – Disciples of Christ
803 Market Street
Mt. Carmel, IL 62863

SUNDAY SERVICE
October 21, 2018

Sermon

“Wise People”
Rev. Virgil Knipp

Scripture: Matthew 7:24-27

Worship 9:30 AM
Sunday School 10:30 AM

WATCHING OUR FIGURES

TAT Worship: 10/4 - 7; 10/11 - 6

Sunday Worship: 10/7 - 88; 10/14 - 92

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OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH...

Please pray for pastors everywhere. A very special **THANK YOU** goes to Revs. Virgil & Sue Knipp for your service to First Christian Church. We appreciate you and all that you do! May the Lord continue to richly bless you in your ministry!

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**Reminders...**

**FCC IL-WI Regional Assembly**

The Christian Church IL-WI Regional Assembly is scheduled for Oct. 19 – 20<sup>th</sup> for those interested in attending.

**Fellowship Time**

There will be Fellowship Time after church on **Oct 21**.

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**"Birthday Party" All-Church  
Potluck Dinner**

We will be having a "Birthday" themed ALL-CHURCH potluck dinner on October 28th following Sunday school. A table will be set up and decorated for each month of the year. A special birthday-month themed dessert will be provided at each table. After you have eaten lunch and tasted your month's dessert, you may try the desserts of other months if you wish...for as long as the desserts last. Everyone is welcome to attend and bring your favorite potluck dish to share. Drinks will be furnished. If you would like to volunteer to decorate a particular month's table and prepare a dessert, please contact Marilyn Hocking at (618) 262-3632. Come and celebrate your birthday month with us at FCC.





Eric Bramlet, Glyn Draper, Kevin Pixley, Vesta Rigg,  
 Ron DeFoor, Peg Geurin, Ray Culver, Tracy  
 Deckard, LuAnn Lemke, Jason Fiero, Emily Ewald,  
 Laverne Sherman, Sylvia Spencer, Julia Corwin, Bob

Nix, Jim Warmoth, Mary Faye Wyatt, Don Mann, Global Refugee Crisis,  
 Betty & Mike Foshee, Joan Hackler, Devan Swift, Myrtle Hocking, Betty  
 Taylor, Jennifer Koonce, Elaine Spencer, Mary Jo Birley, Bill & Pat Beesley,  
 Mya James, Karen Hahn, Mary Peterson, Larry O. Gaines, Don Tharp,  
 Leslie Glenn, Demi Decker and baby, Margott Beckerman, Atticus Scott,  
 Fred Xanders, Kevin Stiles, Craig Leeper, **Leon Dudley, Bob Stuessel,**  
**Dewey Easter,** and our country, its leaders, all servicemen and women;  
 natural disaster victims.

\*The Prayer List is periodically updated. Let us know if someone needs  
 to be removed or put back on. Please note that due to current privacy laws,  
 you must have the permission of whomever you wish to include on the prayer  
 list.

**SERVING IN OCTOBER**



**Deacons:** Verlin Snow, Phil Benefiel, Marilyn Bellessa,  
 Kelsey Phelps, Gary Bellessa, Trish Snow  
**Custodial Deacon:** Jon Mayhue  
**Communion Preparers:** Ginger Boewe, Debbie Lathrop  
**Sanctuary Straightener:**  
**Acolytes:** Shelby and Emma Mayhue

| OFFERING - October 7, 2018 |               | OFFERING - October 14, 2018 |               |
|----------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|---------------|
| General                    | \$3,531.00    | General                     | \$1,684.00    |
| World Outreach             | 8.00          | World Outreach              | 8.00          |
| Sunday School              | 26.00         | Sunday School               | 4.00          |
| Website                    | 100.00        | Fellowship Time             | 36.00         |
| Blessing Basket            | 8.00          | Website                     | 100.00        |
| Reconciliation             | <u>310.00</u> | Cincy Ins. Refund           | 178.00        |
| Total:                     | \$3,557.00    | Walk railing donation       | 500.00        |
|                            |               | Reconciliation              | 160.00        |
|                            |               | Week of Compassion          | <u>100.00</u> |
|                            |               | Total:                      | \$2,770.00    |

Congratulations to Claudia Parr and Keagen Swift on  
 receiving their 1<sup>st</sup> grade Bibles from First Christian Church.



**Youth Activities Scheduled  
 for October**

October 7, Youth Group - Lesson  
 October 14, Youth Group - Lesson  
 October 21, Youth Group - Movie Day  
 October 28, Youth Group - Lesson



**Plastic Bag Collection**

We are collecting plastic bags to aid the Albion First  
 Christian Church ministry to the homeless. The  
 ladies there turn the bags into sleeping mats and  
 distribute them to those in need. This is an important ministry to the  
 homeless, especially as the weather begins to turn colder. Please save  
 your bags and turn them in to the church (former Quilt Room) for  
 collection by Albion FCC.



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**DIACONATE AND ELDERS**

Please remember to turn in your Deacon/Elder form to the  
 office by Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> so we know who is able to continue to  
 serve on the Service Board. If you have misplaced your  
 form, you may stop by the office to pick up a replacement.  
 Thank you for your service to the Church.



**Swift Halloween Party**

The annual Halloween Gathering at the Swift's will be  
 Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5:00 - 8:30 p.m. Come and  
 gather at the Swift's house (230 E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street) for food, fun, and fellowship! Devan  
 will stir up some vegetable soup and chili. Please bring a side and a bag of candy  
 to hand out to the Trick or Treaters. Costumes are encouraged.



**The Pastors' office hours are changing...** Please note that due to  
 scheduling conflicts, the pastors will now be **in the office**  
**on Mondays**, beginning October 15<sup>th</sup>. They will be **off on**  
**Fridays**, beginning October 12<sup>th</sup>. They are still available for  
 visitation during the afternoons. If you would like to visit  
 with the pastors, please contact the office at (618) 262-7331 to schedule a  
 time that is convenient for you.





## Christian Church in Illinois and Wisconsin

CCIW is making a difference...the Christian Church in Illinois and Wisconsin exists to support local congregations. They do this in many different ways. CCIW partners with congregations and their leaders for faithful, effective ministry. They provide camp for our children and youth, celebrate life together at the Regional Assembly, help congregations in times of crisis, help congregations call their next pastor, and partner to do global ministry together. Your gifts to the Annual Fund help these ministries happen.

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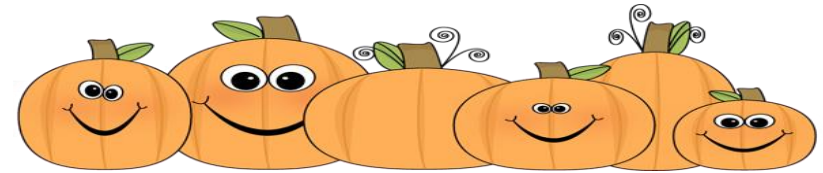
### SAFE HAVEN BENEFIT

There will be a **Church Family Day** for all local churches on **Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>** to benefit the local women's shelter, Safe Haven. This ministry provides a safe place for abused women and their children and meets a crucial need in the community. Volunteers are **greatly** needed, and volunteer applications can be picked up at the shelter located at 217 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Mt. Carmel, IL. (618) 262-2677. It would benefit the shelter immensely if volunteers could work even one 5 hour shift per month. If you are retired, or would like to work a shift with a friend or relative, the shelter would welcome your help!

The Benefit will be held at the Anderson Building of the 4-H Center from 12:00 – 3:00 PM. Pulled pork and chicken will be served for a free-will offering. Churches are asked to bring drinks, desserts, paper products, cutlery, etc. There will be children's activities which will include inflatables, balloon animals, pumpkin painting, and face painting. For questions or more information, please contact Laura Leathers at (618) 240-5906. Volunteers to help at the benefit would also be greatly appreciated!



## CONSIDER THIS:



### Being a Christian is like being a pumpkin...

God picks you from the patch and brings you in.  
(John 15:16)

Then God washes all the dirt off of you.  
(2 Corinthians 5:17)

He opens you up and scoops out all the yucky stuff.  
He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed,  
and all other items that separate us from God.  
(Romans 6:6)

After this God carves you a new smiling face.  
(Psalm 71:23)

And finally, God puts His Light inside  
of you to shine for all the world to  
see! (Matthew 5:16)



Virgil

*St. Mary's and St. Sebastian's  
Smorgasbord Fundraiser*



**Come and enjoy fellowship with us.**

St. Mary's and St. Sebastian would like to invite you and your family to join us for our annual Smorgasbord fundraiser. We are raising money for our convent renovation with part of the proceeds going to our PSR (Parish School of Religion) organization. The meal is provided by our very own fabulous cooks from St. Mary's and St. Sebastian parishes.

**When: Sunday November 4<sup>th</sup> 11:00 am to 1:30 pm**

**Where: St. Mary's School Cafeteria 417 Chestnut Street Mt. Carmel II 62863**

**Cost: Donation**

**Menu:** Delicious dinner of Turkey, Ham, Noodles, deviled eggs, corn, green beans, dinner rolls endless variety of potatoes, salads and desserts.

**Activities:** Chinese Auctions, Gift Basket Auction, Country Store, face painting, cupcake walk, and we will be featuring artwork from the children of St. Mary's school.

**ALERT**...Watch the Sunday Bulletin!  
It's coming!! Only four weeks to go!!

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