

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

SUNDAY SERVICE
November 4, 2018

Sermon

“It’s Hard to See the Sun Through Clouds”
Rev. Virgil Knipp

Scripture: Luke 11:33-36

Worship 9:30 AM
Sunday School 10:30 AM

WATCHING OUR FIGURES
TAT Worship: 10/18 - 4; 10/25 - 6

Sunday Worship: 10/21 - 87; 10/28 - 91

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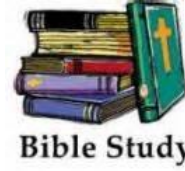
“Growing God’s Family to Share God’s Word”
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Bible Study

WOMEN’S TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

We have resumed our Women's Bible study on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. We are currently studying the Parables. All are welcome! We meet in the church library. Please come and join in!



Caught doing good...

Stacey Swift was so thoughtful and generous in her purchase of several dozen pumpkins for local school students, CCF students, and the children of the church! Way to go, Stacey! Thank you for your act of kindness! May God richly bless you!



The Alert is over!

November 18th is our “Year-Long Talent Project” Kick-Off! Don’t miss out! Details will be shared at our Worship Service on **November 18th**.





SERVING IN NOVEMBER

Deacons: Barb Escobedo, Lizzie Irelan, Mary Burkett
Chuck Wiles, Lesley Hipsher, Juan Escobedo
Custodial Deacon: Jon Mayhue
Communion Preparers: Debbie Meyer & Marilyn Hocking
Acolytes: Luke Hipsher & Ty Hipsher

OFFERING - October 21, 2018

General	\$1,993.00
World Outreach	8.00
Sunday School	15.00
Website	100.00
Blessing Basket	<u>1.00</u>
Total:	\$2,117.00

OFFERING - October 28, 2018

General	\$2,340.00
World Outreach	8.00
Sunday School	9.00
Fellowship Time	17.80
Website	100.00
Blessing Basket	6.00
Reconciliation	10.00
Youth	<u>15.00</u>
Total:	\$2,505.80



Fellowship Time for November will be on the 4th and the 18th. Please join us!

Youth Activities Scheduled for November:

- 4th - Lesson
- 11th - Rake leaves if leaves have fallen, (if not) Lesson
- 18th - NO Youth
- 25th - Bowling



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We received several "Thank You" notes this past week. The church has been a blessing to the Keensburg Christian Church Brown Bag Buddy Program, the Wabash Co. Heath Dept. in the purchase of a new AED

(Automated External Defibrillator), and to the Wabash Valley Youth in Action Program to aid local youth. Each one responded with a heartfelt "Thank You" to the church for its generosity in helping these ministries to those in need in our area.

**Plastic Bag Collection**

We are continuing to collect 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. We have already passed along our first donation of bags to Albion FCC, and they were gratefully received! Just imagine the gratitude of someone in need receiving one of these water-proof mats. This is a great recycling project and is so helpful to those who are homeless this winter! Be A Blessing...bring your bags. Thank you!



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**\$587 for SAFE HAVEN**

Way to go First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ! Your dollars and cents votes for favorite table decoration and dessert at the Birthday Celebration Potluck Lunch raised \$587.37 for SAFE HAVEN. It was a great time of fellowship while supporting this important community asset.

Special thanks to volunteers who shared their design and culinary talents:

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|-----------|--------------------------------------------------|
| JANUARY   | Lynette Wiles                                    |
| FEBRUARY  | Ali Mayhue and Tina Phelps                       |
| MARCH     | Linda Gill                                       |
| APRIL     | Amos Chenoweth and Priss Parmenter               |
| MAY       | Kelsey Phelps and Debbie Lewis                   |
| JUNE      | Sue Schmidt, Marinell Trusty, and Debbie Lathrop |
| JULY      | Paula Street and Debbie Calverley                |
| AUGUST    | Gary Hargett and Eudine Tyler                    |
| SEPTEMBER | Debbie Meyer and Shari Ross                      |
| OCTOBER   | Mary Burkitt and Karissa Anderson                |
| NOVEMBER  | Janice Alka and Jessica Williams                 |
| DECEMBER  | Sue Knipp and Virgil Knipp                       |

Congratulations to contest winners Amos Chenoweth and Priss Parmenter! Thanks, also, to Barry Roberts, Stacey Swift, Devan Swift, Ray Street, Melvin Hocking, the FCC Senior group, those who provided delicious food, and all who worked and donated to benefit SAFE HAVEN.



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*“There’s a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it’s the Spirit of the Lord;*

*There are sweet expressions on each face, and I know that it’s the presence of the Lord.*

*Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with Your love,*

*And for these blessings, we lift our hearts in praise;*

*Without a doubt we’ll know that we have been revived, when we shall leave this place.*

(Words & Music: Doris Akers, 1962)

Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your shining affirmation of Your Holy table in First Christian Church. We, Your disciples in this place, are honored, blessed, and ready to Rise up to serve You by caring for our brothers and sisters in Christ and those who are yet to know You. Bless us all as we walk these days with You together, in Jesus name, Amen.

*Sue*



## Veteran’s Day – November 11

We would like to honor all of our Veterans ...  
Thank you for your service and your sacrifice!!

### The Soldier’s Prayer

<sup>14</sup> “Because he loves me,” says the LORD, “I will rescue him;

I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.

<sup>15</sup> He will call on me, and I will answer him;

I will be with him in trouble,

I will deliver him and honor him.

<sup>16</sup> With long life I will satisfy him  
and show him my salvation.”

Psalm 91:14 - 16



The folding of the Flag of the United States of American and its presentation to the family of one who has served in the military is an impressive and moving ceremony. In observance of Veterans Day, I would like to share the following:

### **SYMBOLISM OF THE FOLDING OF THE AMERICAN FLAG**

**The First Fold** of our flag is the symbol of life.

**The Second Fold** is a symbol of our belief in eternal life.

**The Third Fold** is made in honor and remembrance of the Veteran departing our ranks who gave a portion of life for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.

**The Fourth Fold** represents our weaker nature: as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in times of war for His Divine guidance.

**The Fifth Fold** is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, “Our country is dealing with other countries; may She always be right: but it is still our country, right or wrong”.

**The Sixth Fold** is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands; one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

**The Seventh Fold** is a tribute to our armed forces, for it is through the armed forces that we protect our country and our flag against all Her enemies whether they are found within or outside the boundaries of our republic.

**The Eighth Fold** is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death that we may see the light of day.

**The Ninth Fold** is a tribute to womanhood; for it has been through their faith, love, loyalty, and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great have been molded; and to honor the mother for whom it flies on Mother’s day.

**The Tenth Fold** is a tribute to the father; for he too has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since they were first born.

**The Eleventh Fold** in the eyes of a Hebrew citizen, represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon, and glorifies in their eyes the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

**The Twelfth Fold** in the eyes of a Christian citizen represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies in their eyes God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

**When the Flag is Completely Folded**, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our national motto “In God we trust”, after the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance