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

SUNDAY SERVICE November 18, 2018

Sermon

A True Thanksgiving' Rev. Virgil Knipp Scripture: Acts 10:9-23a

Worship 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM

WATCHING OUR FIGURES TAT Worship: 11/1 - 0; 11/8 - 8 Sunday Worship: 11/4 - 101; 11/11 - 104

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The Church Office will be closed Thursday and Friday (Nov. 22 & 23) for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Fellowship Time November 18th... Please join us!



A special **Thank You** goes to Doris Deputy and Virginia Richey for making new curtains for the Senior Room. The Seniors have been busy filling shoeboxes for the Samaritan Purse ministry, Operation Christmas Child. These shoeboxes go to children who would otherwise receive nothing at Christmas. Thank You, Seniors!

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 - November 4, 2018 OFFERING - November 11, 2018 \$4,683.90 General \$1,801.00 General World Outreach World Outreach 8.00 8.00 Sunday School Sunday School 11.00 8.00 Website 100.00 Fellowship Time 2.75 Fellowship Time 31.77 Website 100.00 **Reconciliation Offering** Blessing Basket 45.00 5.00 Memorial Fund 50.00 Thanksgiving Offering 346.00 Bicycles Blessing Basket 100.00 8.13 Visitor \$4,912.85 125.00 Total: Total: \$2,535.75

Youth Activities Scheduled for November

18th – NO Youth 25th – Bowling



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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, Kenny Webb, Jeannie Tennis, Bob Keenan, 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.

USE YOUR TALENT FOR THE GLORY OF GOD FCC's 12 Month Talent Project Program

On Sunday, November 18, 2018, FCC will kick off a 12 month Talent Project Program for anyone wishing to use their talent for the glory of God. During our service, the Stewardship Committee will provide seed money to anyone who would like to participate in the Talent Project Program. This seed money is not a gift to the individual, but it is dollars that one may use to begin the program. You will be asked to use your seed money to invest in your talent and grow the money into the largest amount possible for one year – the next 12 months.

The Property Committee has a vision to replace the front yard sign with a digital sign. The cost for the new sign is between 25 and 35 thousand dollars. This sign will allow FCC to enhance its ability to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to our community, and light up the front of our Church.

On the Sunday prior to Thanksgiving 2019, all members who have invested their seed monies and talents will be asked to bring their returns forward during the service. Perhaps we'll sing, "Bringing in the Sheaves". It is the hope and prayer of both the Stewardship Committee and the Property Committee to underwrite the cost of our new sign.



Our Birthday Potluck was a great success! The tables were decorated beautifully with April winning for Best Decorated Table.







CONSIDER THIS:

A THANKSGIVING PRAYER FOR FCC

Father,

We praise You for Your wisdom and understanding of our needs! You are so good to us! We can't even wrap our heads around all the blessings You give us. Many of the blessings You send us, we don't realize and when we do, sometime we fail to appreciate. Forgive us for being so ambivalent to Your Love.

We ask You to bless the world in which we live. Please help us do our part in sharing Your Word to souls seeking a truer meaning in life. As many experience the evils of this world, we pray You would shine ever brightly to all seeking to overcome these evils.

We pray for the missionaries and field workers around the world. May they find encouragement through Your Spirit and comfort.

Bless the Church, the group of believers around the world, as well as, our local place of worship. May we accept the passion and drive to spread Your Word to all in our communities. Help us live in a way that shares Your love, rather than fail to let Your light shine through us. We pray for our pastors and other church workers who labor to lead us in our mission.

We pray for our friends and families. Help us love and cherish each other as we grow together in Your Spirit. We pray we always will remember that we truly are blessed because of You, God and Your Loving gift to us of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

In Jesus' Name we pray, AMEN!

Virgil

