

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

SUNDAY SERVICE
December 2, 2018

Sermon

“Take A Walk”
Rev. Virgil Knipp

Scripture: Luke 2:15 - 18

Worship 9:30 AM
Sunday School 10:30 AM

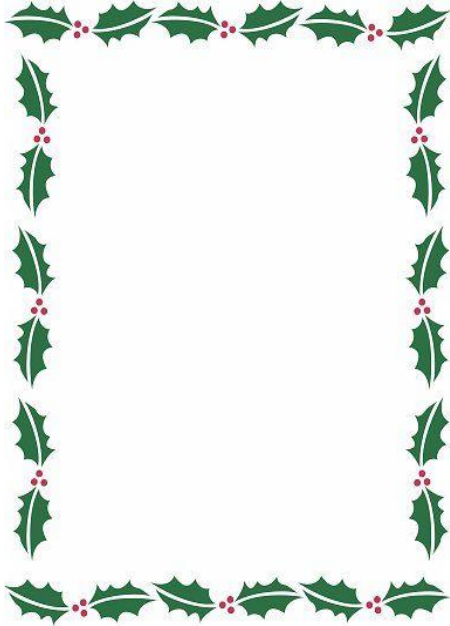
WATCHING OUR FIGURES

TAT Worship: 11/15 - 8; 11/22 - 0

Sunday Worship: 11/18– 81; 11/25 - 87

Website: www.mountcarmeldisciples.com

New Email: fccmc803@gmail.com



“Growing God’s Family to Share God’s Word”
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The First Christian Church Christmas Program will be Sunday, December 16th beginning at NOON in the Fellowship Hall. Meat and drinks will be provided. Please bring a side dish/dessert to share. If you are interested in having a musical performance or skit, please see Lesley Hipsher.

children's
Christmas
program

DEC 16TH 12PM
Fellowship Hall

BRING: side dish/dessert to share



SERVING IN DECEMBER

Deacons: Connor Anderson, Darla Brooke, Heather Baker, Wilbur Brown, Larry Boewe, Clint Anderson
Custodial Deacon: Jon Mayhue
Communion Preparers: Ginny Brown and Sarah Wiser
Acolytes: Emma Mayhue and Shelby Mayhue

OFFERING - November 18, 2018 OFFERING - November 25, 2018

Table with 4 columns: Category, Amount for Nov 18, Category, Amount for Nov 25. Includes rows for General, World Outreach, Sunday School, Website, Fellowship Time, Thanksgiving Offering, Blessing Basket, Bicycles, Poinsettias, and Total.

Youth Activities Scheduled for December

- Dec. 2 - NO Youth Group
Dec. 9 - Lesson
Dec. 16 - There will be a Youth Christmas Party at 5:00 PM. in the Fellowship Hall. Families are invited to partake in a meal and White elephant gift exchange. If willing, please bring a side dish or dessert to share.
Dec. 23 - Movie Day for those still in town
Dec. 30 - NO Youth Group...Enjoy Christmas



WELCOME MARVIN LEE JONES

Welcome to our New Associate Member... Marvin Lee Jones joined the church Nov. 25. His address is...Marvin Lee Jones, 530 1/2 West 5th Street, Mt. Carmel, IL. (618) 240-6499 cell, (618) 263-3750 Home, Birthday 07/24/55, and Anniversary 08/08/80.

It is with great sadness that we say good-bye to our faithful friend and long-time secretary, Debbie Lathrop. Debbie went home to be with the Lord on November 20, 2018 after a brief illness. She was a life-long member of FCC and served as a deacon and was the church secretary for over fifteen years until her retirement in June of this year. She will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her. Our condolences go to her three children, Karissa Anderson, Doug and Matt Lathrop and their families.



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, Rev. Brant Hazlett, the Debbie Lathrop Family, 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.

NEW ADDRESS - ELAINE SPENCER

Elaine has moved to Westside Rehab Care Center, 601 N. Columbia Street, West Frankfort, IL 62896. Her phone number is (618) 932-2109. Elaine has been a long-time member of FCC and would love to hear from friends. Please drop a card in the mail to encourage her. It would be a great blessing to Elaine.

Transition Team Update

As you know, we have completed step one of the three step process in finding a permanent Minister. Step one was the Interim Search Team. We had Amy Wharton as the fill-in for the summer. Then Virgil & Sue Knipp came in as the Interim Ministers. We are blessed to have them. Many changes and processes have already been administered in our church family. The Transition Team has been formed. They will be working on the focus and the mission of First Christian Church. There are plans for this team to start meeting and there will be an opportunity for all church members to be involved on the improvement and growth of our church. We have a lot to be proud of and a very bright future.

Thank you for your continued support,

Lesley Hipsher

Board Chairperson

Transition Committee Members

Those serving on the Transition Committee are Wilbur Brown, Rhiannon Anderson, Alison Mayhue, Lizzie Irelan, Barry Roberts, and Leslie Schrader.



Mt. Carmel Christmas Parade

The parade will be this Saturday, December 1, with the stepping off at 5:15 p.m. Ali Mayhue will be passing

out free hot chocolate in front of the Market Street entrance. Come and enjoy the parade and some hot chocolate this weekend.

Greetings One and All! It's here...the most Holy season of our calendar year! Folks, smile more, help others without questions, and give without reservation. It is a season of great JOY that's to be shared with one and all. The following poem says it all:

The Sparkle of Christmas

The very name of Christmas has sparkle in its sound.
It has the shine of tinsel, of crisp and frosty ground.
It prickles with a fragrance of spicy northern pine,
Whose pungent smell is part of Christmas time!
It rustles with happy secrets, with gifts and mistletoe,
It tinkles with the silver sounds of bells across the snow.
It smells of goose and turkey, of walnuts, cakes, plum jam,
Of mincemeat from the storeroom, of ruby jell and ham.
It spells a brighter brilliance of stars in the heaven's blue,
As if angels, keeping Yuletide are lighting their trees, too.
It has the shine of tinsel, of crisp and frosty ground,
The very name of Christmas has sparkle in its sound.

(Paraphrased, poem by Rose Standish Kellogg, Christmas Ideals, 1958)

Embrace the sparkle, share the Christmas cheer. Smile, spread the world with the grace God has given to all disciples in the name of Jesus. Extend a friendly hand and make this world a better place - God's way - His plan. God bless us everyone.

Sue



OPERATION SHARE

For several years, the “I Can” Sunday school class of FCC has underwritten the cost of providing bicycles to Operation Share for participating families.

This year, the “I Can” class would like to increase the number of bicycles that they give to Operation Share. Would you like to participate? We are opening up the opportunity for the congregation to help underwrite this cost. If anyone would like to contribute, please have the money in to the church office not later than Monday, December 3, 2018.

God Bless You!



FELLOWSHIP TIME...DECEMBER 2. PLEASE JOIN US!



YOU ARE INVITED TO SHOP AND SUPPORT THE
LOCAL MERCHANTS OF MT. CARMEL AT
CHRISTMAS UPTOWN, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH
FROM 4:00 – 9:00 PM.

2019 - 2020 Church Committee Chairs

The Church budget for 2019 was approved by the Church Board (Nov. 14, 2018) and the Congregation (Nov. 25, 2018). Those selected to serve as Chairs are as follows:

Chairman of the Board – Janice Alka

Vice Chair of the Board – Karissa Anderson

Secretary – Marilyn Hocking

Treasurer – Verlin Snow

Assistant Treasurer – Lynette Wiles

Financial Secretary – Gary Bellessa

Assistant Financial Secretary – Marilyn Bellessa

Property Chair – Melvin Hocking

Christian Education Chair – Karissa Anderson

Stewardship Chair – Marilyn Bellessa

World Outreach Chair – Stacey Swift

Christian Action Chair – Chuck Wiles

Administrative Committee Chair – Ginger Boewe

Diaconate – Larry Boewe

Trustees – Lesley Hipsher (3), Doris Beckerman (2),
Ali Mayhue (1)

*(Other Chairmen, yet to be named)