

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

SUNDAY SERVICE  
December 1, 2019

Sermon  
“A Promise Fulfilled”  
Rev. Virgil Knipp

Scripture: Luke 1:26-38

Worship	9:30 AM
Sunday School	10:30 AM

WATCHING OUR FIGURES

Sunday Worship: 11/17/19 - 85  
11/24/19 - 73

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The church office will be closed during the Thanksgiving Holiday, November 27 – 29<sup>th</sup>, but will re-open Monday, December 2. If a need arises, please call Gary Hargett, Elder on Call, at (618) 240-6133 or the Pastors at (434) 238-0407 (Virgil) or (434) 238-0557 (Sue).



God's Work  
Our Hands

## SERVING IN DECEMBER

**Deacons:** Ben Ross, Darla Brooke, Ken Burkitt,  
Duane Lewis, Larry Boewe, Shari Ross

**Custodial Deacon:** Jon Mayhue

**Elder on Call:** Jessica Williams

**Sanctuary Straightener:** Stacey Swift

**Acolytes:** Emma and Shelby Mayhue

**Counters:** Janice Alka and Jon Mayhue

**Communion Preparers:** Ginny Brown and Sarah Wiser

### OFFERING - November 17, 2019

General	\$1,682.00
World Outreach	8.00
Sunday School	23.00
Thanksgiving offering	<u>205.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$1,919.00

### OFFERING - November 24, 2019

General	\$2,548.00
Sunday School	7.00
World Outreach	8.00
New Sign	3,285.00
Fellowship time	41.25
Poinsettias	40.00
Reconciliation offering	50.00
Thanksgiving offering	170.00
Blessing Basket	<u>5.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$6,154.25

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### Upcoming Youth Activities

Nov. 27	<b>No Youth</b> (due to Thanksgiving)
Dec. 18	CCF Christmas Program/Family Dinner
Dec. 24	Christmas Eve Service
Dec. 25	<b>No Youth</b> (due to Christmas Day)
Jan. 1	<b>No Youth</b> (due to New Year's Day)
Jan. 8	Youth group resumes
Jan. 24-25	Mid-Winter Retreat



Glyn Draper, Kevin Pixley, Vesta Rigg, Ron DeFoor, Peg Geurin, Tracy Deckard, LuAnn Lemke, Emily Ewald, Laverne Sherman, Sylvia Spencer, Julia Corwin, Bob Nix, Jim Warmoth, Global Refugee Crisis, Betty & Mike Foshee, Joan Hackler, Devan Swift, Jennifer Koonce, Elaine Spencer, Bill & Pat Beesley, Mya James, Karen Hahn, Mary Peterson, Larry O. Gaines, Don Tharp, Leslie Glenn, Atticus Scott, Fred Xanders, Leon Dudley, Bob Stuessel, Kenny Webb, Jeannie Tennis, Rev. Brant Hazlett, Bev Williams, Don & Mary Jane Bellessa, Rich Kolb, David Taylor, Harold Mobley, Scott & Jennifer Nettleton, Marilyn Matthews, Jaxson Malcolm, Sue Wilkinson, Robin Crouch, Cathie Gorley, Kendall Brooke, Jeff Hyatt, Norma Beckerman, Harold Leipold, Connie Mayhue, George Beckerman, Joe Beckerman, Rosanna Peterson, Etta Rosignol, Dan Summers, Megan Bunnage, Misty Reed, Faith, Leslie Bone, Malvin Kepley, **Rick Meadows' Family, Laura Williams, Blake Strine**, and our country, its leaders, all servicemen and women, and 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.**

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*Give Thanks to the Lord,  
for He is good.  
Psalm 107:1*





O, Come let us Adore Him

My, O my, how the days of 2019 have flown. Here we are facing Thanksgiving and Christmas – the most wonderful time of the year! On November 24<sup>th</sup> during worship, we had the opportunity to bring in our sheaves – the bounty of using our talents for the Lord. Our efforts and monies earned from using God’s seed money as a startup have been gathered. All proceeds will go towards an electronic sign to replace the broken one on Market Street. We have heard of your successes and know God has blessed your talents. Join us as we return to God His \$5.00 and the rewards of our talents. What a harvest! **\$3,285.00!**

Then on December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019, FCC will participate in Mt. Carmel’s Annual Christmas Parade; the theme this year is “Christmas Around the World”. We will be driving the church van and pulling a utility trailer. Our wonderful Seniors will ride in the van, smiling and waving. Any and all of the Children’s Christian Fellowshipers (our Wednesday after school program) will ride in/on the trailer and our youth will walk beside both the van and trailer and distribute goodies.

NO THROWING OF CANDY IS ALLOWED. Ali Mayhue is our parade coordinator; please contact her if you want to participate in cleaning up the bus, decorating, smiling, waving, and having Christmas fun. All are invited to join us and participate.

Advent, the season of great joy and many celebrations, begins on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Please note that on Wednesday, the 18<sup>th</sup>, the last day of the 2019 school session will break for the holidays, and we will end the year with our CCF/Youth Christmas Program. Our children will present a play for their parents, FCC members, and friends. Then, we will continue to celebrate with a Christmas pot luck. All are invited to bring a favorite holiday dish and join in the celebration.

Silent night, O Holy night; Christmas Eve services (6:00 pm) will be a Service of Carols where the old, old story will become new again in the singing of Carols and the Scripture readings. We invite all to join in this great joy of worshipping, celebrating, and sharing in fellowship.

Virgil and I will host our Second Annual Christmas Day “Home Alone” Dinner. All who are home alone on Christmas Day are invited to bring a dish and join us. The turkey has been donated, and we will provide the ham. O, come let us adore Him together and join God’s family in celebrating His Birthday.

*God bless us, everyone!*

*Sue*





*The Thanksgiving Special Offering goes to help support our Disciples colleges, universities, and seminaries. This includes Eureka College in Central Illinois where our own **McKinnon Anderson** is a sophomore. McKinnon also qualifies as a HELM (Higher Education Leadership Ministries) student who recently attended their fall seminar in Washington State.*

*Eureka College offers substantial scholarships, including The Eureka Promise, which grants a tuition-free 4-year college education to qualifying students who are members of Disciples congregations.*

*As Eureka College continues to expand its ministries, we are grateful that the college is providing transfers to former students of Midstate College in Peoria, IL, which closed this past summer. This makes it possible for those students to seamlessly finish degrees in Business Administration, Accounting, Criminal Justice/Sociology and History/Political Science.*

***Thank you for your Thanksgiving Offering for 2019.***



## **CCF Christmas Program and Carry-in Family Dinner**

The Christian Children's Fellowship Christmas Program will be held **at 5:00 PM on December 18, 2019** in the Fellowship Hall. The children will be putting on a

short program to be followed by a carry-in dinner for the entire family. You are cordially invited to attend the program and the dinner. Please bring your favorite covered dish and celebrate the season and the children who attend CCF each week. They have been working very hard in preparation for this program. Let's show our support and appreciation for all of their efforts.

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### **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**There will be a Congregational Mtg. on December 8<sup>th</sup> @ 10:40 AM.**

Operation Share Toy Distribution will be December 10<sup>th</sup> beginning @ 9:00 AM. The 8<sup>th</sup> Street entrance will be unlocked.

The WADI Food Distribution of Christmas food will be December 17<sup>th</sup> at the Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church on 7<sup>th</sup> & Market Street.

A special offering for WADI will take place on December 29<sup>th</sup>.

The FCC Choir will present a Christmas Cantata on December 22 during the morning service. Please invite your family and friends.



## BIRTHDAYS

1	Rev. Virgil Knipp		
2	Sharon Luth Jay Griggs Alec Sparks	15 19	Mallory Parr Laurel Payne
3	Lorraine McFarland	21	Verlin Snow Sandy Schuh
7	Harold Alka Lilly Benedict Kathie Tuzenew Lathrop Irene' Escobedo	22 25	Nick Fiero Mike Gidcumb
8	Mike Gill	26	Jason Jones
9	Brennan Lathrop	27	Marilyn Bellessa
10	Tahlia Rose Deffendoll	28	Renee' Wood
11	Marsha Foshee Mike Bever	29	Doug Peterson Judy Sigler Chuck Parr
12	Darla Brooke	30	Alisa Gidcumb Frank Schrader
14	Dana Tate	31	Alex Baker



## ANNIVERSARIES

22	Jeff & Kathy Foshee Phil & Trudy Benefiel
26	Revs. Virgil & Sue Knipp
27	Mark & Heather Folz Rian & Karen Waterbury
28	George & Doris Beckerman