

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

SUNDAY SERVICE
December 29, 2019

Sermon
“Heirs”
Rev. Sue Knipp

Scripture: Phil. 3:1-11

Worship 9:30 AM
Sunday School 10:30 AM

WATCHING OUR FIGURES

Sunday Worship: 12/15/19 –92
12/22/19 - 101

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The 2nd Annual Knipp Christmas Dinner will be held in the Fellowship Hall, December 25 at 1:00 pm for those who will be spending Christmas alone. You

are cordially invited to bring a covered dish and spend this time with us. Ham and turkey will be provided. Please RSVP to the church office so we know how many to expect! Last year, we had 22 over for dinner, and we had a delightful time together!



Once again, the FCC Youth will be in charge of the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 6:00 PM in the sanctuary. Please make plans to attend with your family. Everyone is welcome!!!

Poinsettias were provided to the sanctuary in honor of Bill & Pat Beesley by their daughters, Linda and Lisa, and families.

In Memory of...

Francis & Ruth Brothers

Raymond & Henrietta Beesley

Bill & Pat Beesley

Phil & Lisa Tucker

Stu & Linda Oberg



Thank you to the following Bell Ringers: Gayle Conrady, Miriam Helton, Trudy Benefiel, Doris Beckerman, Jacob Slane, Kurt Keneipp, Marc Calverley, and the Mayhue Family, who gave of their time to ring bells December 21st at Marathon Fastbreak to benefit Operation Share.



God's Work
Our Hands

SERVING IN JANUARY

Deacons: Verlin Snow, Kim More, Chuck Wiles, Rhiannon Anderson, Bill Hackler, Trish Snow

Custodial Deacon: Jon Mayhue

Elder on Call: Paula West

Sanctuary Straightener: Eudine Tyler

Acolytes: Jaxson Schrader & Talon Rafferty

Counters: Verlin Snow & Ray Street

Communion Preparers: Ginger & Larry Boewe

OFFERING - December 15, 2019

General	\$2,566.00
World Outreach	8.00
Sunday School	18.00
Christmas offering	298.00
New Sign	86.50
Poinsettias	10.00
Website	<u>100.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$3,086.50

OFFERING - December 22, 2019

General	\$3,722.00
Sunday School	11.00
World Outreach	8.00
Christmas offering	215.00
Blessing basket	2.25
Initial offering	2.00
Poinsettias	10.00
New Sign	101.10
Reimbursement	49.95
Website	<u>100.00</u>
TOTAL:	\$4,221.30

*****If you are behind on your giving and would like to get caught up before year's end, please note that there are only 8 days and only 1 Sunday left in 2019.**

Upcoming Youth Activities

- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Service (6:00 PM)
- Dec. 2 **No Youth** (due to Christmas Day)
- Jan. 1 **No Youth** (due to New Year's Day)
- Jan. 8 Youth group resumes
- Jan. 24-25 Mid-Winter Retreat
- Feb. 2 Souper Bowl for Caring (during Church)



JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON!!



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, Sean Crawford, Connie Mayhue, George Beckerman, Joe Beckerman, Rosanna Peterson, Etta Rosignol, Dan Summers, Megan Bunnage, Misty Reed, Faith, Leslie Bone, Malvin Kepley, 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.**



A special offering for WADI will take place on December 29th.

The Diaconate schedule for 2020 has been posted. If anyone needs to change serving dates, please let Larry Boewe know.

The list of Communion Preparers for 2020 has also been posted. If any changes need to be made, please contact the church office.

The sign-up list for volunteers to be Sanctuary straighteners has been posted outside the office on the glass window. We need your help. Please sign up for one month per year to straighten the Sanctuary.

2020 Offering envelopes are now available. They are on the table outside of the office. Please pick them up at your convenience.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
And
HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Virgil Sue Kim Jessica

Briana Zach Tyler

Marilyn H Alisa Gary

Thank you all for a very good year together.



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If you are looking for a very worthy cause to donate to before the end of the year, Safe Haven is in need of the following items: Bleach, Lysol wipes, paper towels,**

trash bags, and paper goods. And as always, they need qualified volunteers. You'll be blessed!



Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ,
His Son.
And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
let the poor say, "I am rich"
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks!

"There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens." Ecclesiastes 3:1
Yes, for every beginning, there is an ending.
Christmas Season 2019 is fast approaching its end, or is it? Some are happy to see it go, my mother was one of those. She put our Christmas tree up on Christmas Eve and took it down on the morning of December 26th. Others do not relish its end as they

reluctantly place Jesus in a box and store Him away. Still others keep their tree up much longer, putting away only the Christmas ornaments and adding Easter eggs, bunnies and such. Then there are my favorite celebrants; regardless of where the tree is, they keep the giving Spirit of Christmas alive all year.

With the passing of time, celebrations continue. After the Advent season celebrated every single day in Germany, comes Christmas Day, our Savior's birthday...and the continuation of Christmastide... The 12 days of Christmas. This ends on Epiphany, the day our children call 'our little Christmas'. We celebrated it by giving gifts of gold (jewelry), frankincense (perfume) and myrrh (essential oils) to our children. These seasons too will end. I urge you to investigate the traditions, our treasures from the past, embrace those that suit you. Incorporate them into your year and keep the loving, giving Spirit of Christmas alive all year long. Say yes when asked to help.

God Bless us everyone!

Sue



BIRTHDAYS

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|---|--|----|--|
| 2 | <i>Mike Parmenter</i> | 22 | <i>Julie Parmenter</i>
<i>Larry Conrady</i> |
| 7 | <i>Esther Calverley</i>
<i>Tristan Lewis</i>
<i>Maddox Calverley</i> | 23 | <i>Thomas Brooke</i> |
| | | 25 | <i>Audrey Baker</i> |
| 8 | <i>Celisa Seybold</i> | 26 | <i>Mary Peterson</i> |
| 9 | <i>Camilla Joy Parr</i> | 27 | <i>Shelby Mayhue</i> |

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| 13 | <i>Lynette Wiles</i> | | <i>Curt Hipsher</i> |
| 14 | <i>Jaxson Smith</i> | 28 | <i>Ty Hipsher</i> |
| 16 | <i>Bill Hackler</i> | 29 | <i>Kim Minniear</i> |
| 20 | <i>Brenda Sawyer</i> | 31 | <i>Ginger Boewe</i> |



Happy Anniversary

3 *Chuck & Lynette Wiles*

31 *Larry & Ginger Boewe*

