

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

SUNDAY SERVICE
January 26, 2020

Sermon
"Unless..."
Rev. Sue Knipp

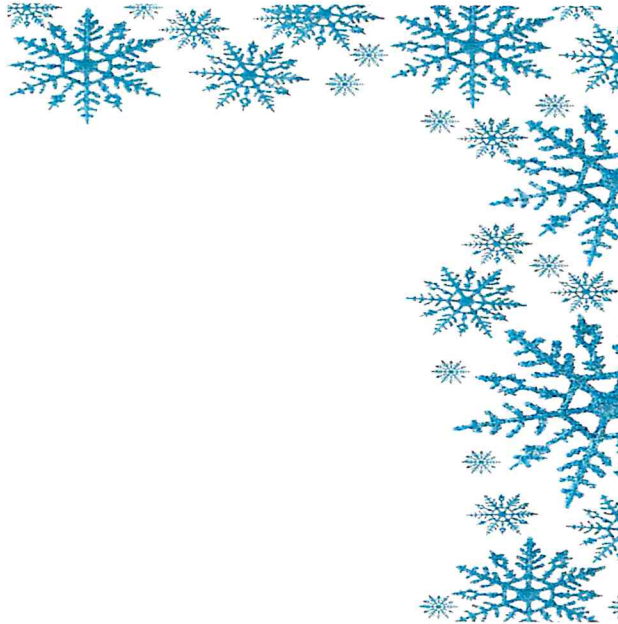
Scripture: Matt. 5:13-20

Worship 9:30 AM
Sunday School 10:30 AM

WATCHING OUR FIGURES

Sunday Worship: 1/12/20 -80
1/19/20 - 79

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Church-wide
Birthday Party...

Jan. 26th...11:30 AM



It's time for our annual twelve-month Birthday Party for everyone in the church. There will be tables set up for each month of the year with each table having its own birthday theme for that month. We will be celebrating YOUR BIRTHDAY with a pot-luck dinner and birthday dessert. The meat will be provided by the church, but please bring your favorite covered dish. No desserts are needed as each table will have its very own special dessert. There will be offering jars (optional) on each table where you may cast your vote for your favorite table. Last year's *"Best Table Award"* went to Amos Chenoweth. Everyone is cordially invited to celebrate your birthday with us!!



Ordinary Time

We believe in God as our Holy Father, in Jesus as our Savior and Lord, and in the Holy Spirit as our Comforter and Guide. Therefore, we are called the children of God and gather with others of God's family in First Christian Church (DOC). All of God's children need spiritual mentoring and guidance. Dietrich Bonhoeffer shares his thoughts/notes in his book, *I Want to Live These Days with You*, daily exercise in faith.

"Why is it that my thoughts wander so quickly from God's word, and that in my hour of need, the needed word is often not there? Do I ever forget to eat and drink and sleep? Then why do I forget God's word? Because I still can't say what the psalmist says: 'I will delight in your statutes' (Ps. 119:16). I don't forget the things in which I take delight. Forgetting or not forgetting is a matter of not the mind but the whole person, of the heart. I never forget what body and soul depend upon. The more I begin to love the commandments of God in creation and word, the more present they will be for me in every hour. Only love protects against forgetting.

Because God's word has spoken to us in history and thus in the past, the remembering and repetition of what we have learned is a necessary daily exercise. Every day we must turn to God's acts of salvation, so that we can again move forward...Faith and obedience live on in remembrance and repetition. Remembrance becomes the power of the present because of the living God who once acted for me and who reminds me of that today." (Emphasis is mine)

As children of God, we are called to pay attention as we love God and one another. Many Disciples of Christ Churches make use of Liturgical Paraments as a reminder of who we are and to whom we belong, and as outward, visible signs to signify the seasons and worship practices of the church during the year. Our white Paraments, representing purity, holiness, virtue and respect, were on display during Christmas and Christmastide (also known as the 12 days of Christmas) and ended with Epiphany on January 6, 2020.

Currently, we are in Ordinary time and use the green Paraments representing hope, life and anticipation. This color marks the space between high Holy Days. The Paraments will stay green until Ash Wednesday.

Ash Wednesday signals the beginning of Lent, April 9th through May 9th. The Lenten color is purple or violet and emphasizes a time of fasting, faith, patience and trust.

Maundy Thursday marks the end of Lent and the Paraments return to white again signaling Holy Days. The only exception is Black Friday/Good Friday when black is draped over the cross to identify death and Jesus' time in the grave. The altar cloths stay white until Pentecost Sunday, which punctuates our church year and the Paraments are changed to red, representing the blood, fire, and passion of Christ.

Ordinary time of hope, life, and anticipation signified by the green Paraments, returns the very next Sunday. These will remain until after Thanksgiving when Advent 2020 begins (6/1 – 11/28/2020). Our liturgical year will come full circle and we will display the white Paraments from 11/29 to 1/5/2021.



Sue



3rd Annual Chili Cook-off

The youth group will host the 3rd annual chili cook-off and dessert auction on February 9th after Sunday School. The proceeds from this fundraiser will help support the youth group for our Mission Trip to Memphis in June. If you would like to make a dessert or a chili, please let Jessica Williams or the church office know.

Souper Bowl for Caring

The youth group will host a Souper Bowl for caring offering on February 2nd. The youth will be at the doors after worship on Sunday where you can donate your change and canned goods to WADI. As in the past, you will have the option to vote for a team or the commercials for the Super Bowl



Our long-time member, Marilyn Spruell, has moved to Albion this month to live with her daughter's family. Her new address is as follows:

Marilyn Spruell
c/o Bryan Roosevelt
499 County Rd. 400 North
Albion, IL 62806

Thank You! The church received a lovely "Thank You" note from the daughters of Bill and Pat Beesley. A portion of the note reads...

"We wish to thank those who were involved in the set-up display of Dad and Mom's household items. We appreciated this help more than you will ever know!"

Mom has told us she heard everything found a new home, and she has even heard from one who was able to use an item, and she was so happy!

Please share this note with those ladies and men who were in charge of setting up tables and displaying items.

We also wish to thank all the church for all the ways you have been there for Dad and Mom from phone calls, visits, food taken in, assistance in the home, thoughts, prayers, the list goes on. They miss being in church with all of you!

May God richly bless you in 2020!"

Sincerely,

Linda Oberg and Lisa Tucker

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Several of our members have moved into their new apartments at the Villas of Holly Brook. Their street address is... **928 Enterprise Lane, Mt. Carmel, IL 62863**

Marinell Trusty	Apt.#1
Bill Berry	Apt. #32
Bill & Pat Beesley	Apt. #5
Dana Tate	Apt. #39



God's Work
Our Hands

SERVING IN FEBRUARY

Deacons: Juan Escobedo, Mike Gill, Lesley Hipsher,
Linda Gill, Phil Benefiel, Barb Escobedo

Custodial Deacon: Melvin Hocking

Elder on Call: Gayle Conrady

Sanctuary Straightener: Janice Alka

Acolytes: Shelby Mayhue & Talon Rafferty

Counters: Paula Street & Marilyn Hocking

Communion Preparers: Ginny Brown & Sara Wiser

OFFERING - January 12, 2020

General	\$2,060.00
World Outreach	8.00
Sunday School	17.00
Memorial Fund	100.00
Blessing basket	2.00
Website	100.00
Camp Fees	25.00
Fellowship Time	32.26
Initial offering	6.00
TOTAL:	\$2,350.26

OFFERING - January 19, 2020

General	\$1,341.00
Sunday School	7.00
Poinsettias	20.00
Initial offering	3.00
Website	100.00
TOTAL:	\$1,471.00



Kevin Pixley, Ron DeFoor, Emily Ewald, Betty &
Mike Foshee, Joan Hackler, Devan Swift, Elaine
Spencer, Bill & Pat Beesley, Mya James, Mary
Peterson, Don Tharp, Leslie Glenn, Fred Xanders,
Don & Mary Jane Bellessa, Harold Mobley, Jaxson
Malcolm, Sean Crawford, Connie Mayhue, Rosanna

Peterson, Etta Rosignol, Malvin Kepley, Blake Strine, Leslie Bone,
Verlin Snow, 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.**

Upcoming Youth Activities

Jan. 24-25	Mid-Winter Retreat
Feb. 2	Souper Bowl for Caring (during Church)
Feb. 9	Youth Chili Cook-Off (Starting time 11:30 AM)
April 6	No Youth Group
May 13	Tentative last day of Youth Group for summer
June 29-July 3	Mission Trip to Memphis, TN



Youth Group Mission Trip



The youth group will be going on a mission trip to Memphis this June. We will be partnering with Disciple Summer Mission for this trip. Disciple Summer Mission has planned mission trips for 9 years. This

organization invites other Disciples youth groups to join them for a week of missions in the community that the trip is occurring in. The youth group will be having several different fundraisers throughout the next several months to help pay for the cost of the trip. Your support is greatly appreciated.

BAPTISM SERVICE...February 9

*The pastors will be
having a Baptism
Service on Sunday*

morning, February 9th.

*We have four candidates at this time, but if anyone else
would like to be baptised or re-baptized, please let the
pastors or the office know so that we can include you. The
office phone number is (618) 262-7331.*



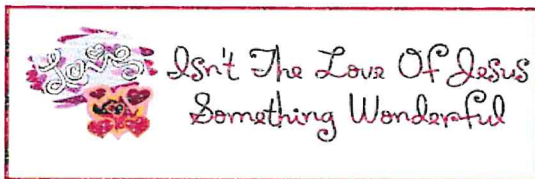


4	<i>Allan Calverley</i>	16	<i>Heather Folz</i>
5	<i>Pat McFarland</i>	18	<i>Terry More</i> <i>Susan Keneipp</i>
7	<i>Alison Mayhew</i>	20	<i>Machal Reavill</i> <i>Tina Phelps</i>
9	<i>Doris Beckerman</i>	22	<i>Randy Brooke</i> <i>Joan Hackler</i>
11	<i>Gene Sams</i> <i>Virginia Richey</i>	23	<i>Talon Rafferty</i>
12	<i>Marc Calverley</i>	25	<i>Leslie Mundy</i>

14 *Fred & June Xanders*

15 *Mike & Alisa Gidcumb*

20 *Darrell & Wanda*
Roosevelt



February 2020

Senior Group - Each Wed. 10 AM - 2 PM
 CCF - Each Wed. 3:30-5:00 PM
 Choir - Each Sunday 8:40 AM
 Senior Exercise - M, W, TH 9-9:45 AM
 CYF/Chi Rho - Each Wed. 5 - 6:00 PM

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY Fellowship Time Elders' Service @ Holly Brook 3 PM	3 Exercise 9-9:45 AM	4 Counseling	5 Exercise 9-9:45 AM	6 Exercise 9-9:45 AM	7	8
9 Youth Chili Cook-off & Dessert Fund Raiser Serving at 11:30 AM Baptism Service	10 Exercise 9-9:45 AM	11 Counseling Anxiety Group 7 - 8:30 PM	12 Exercise 9-9:45 AM	13 Exercise 9-9:45 AM	14 Happy Valentine's Day	15
16 Fellowship Time	17 Exercise 9-9:45 AM	18 Counseling	19 Exercise 9-9:45 AM	20 Exercise 9-9:45 AM Cookie Day	21	22
23 SICPC Fundraising Lunch 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM	24 Exercise 9-9:45 AM	25 Counseling Grief Support Group 7 - 8:30 PM	26 Exercise 9-9:45 AM Ash Wednesday Pancake Supper @ 6:00 PM Service @ 7:30 PM	27 Exercise 9-9:45 AM	28	29 

