"Growing God's Family to Share God's Word"

First Christian Church

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First Christian Church wishes you a very Blessed and **Happy Thanksgiving** as you gather together with family and friends to remember the Lord's many blessings to us all. **The office will be closed on Thursday and Friday** for the holiday.

(November 26th - 27th)

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

SUNDAY SERVICE
November 29, 2026

Sermon:
"May Christ Be Born In You"

Scripture: Isaiah 40:1-11

Worship: 9:30 AM

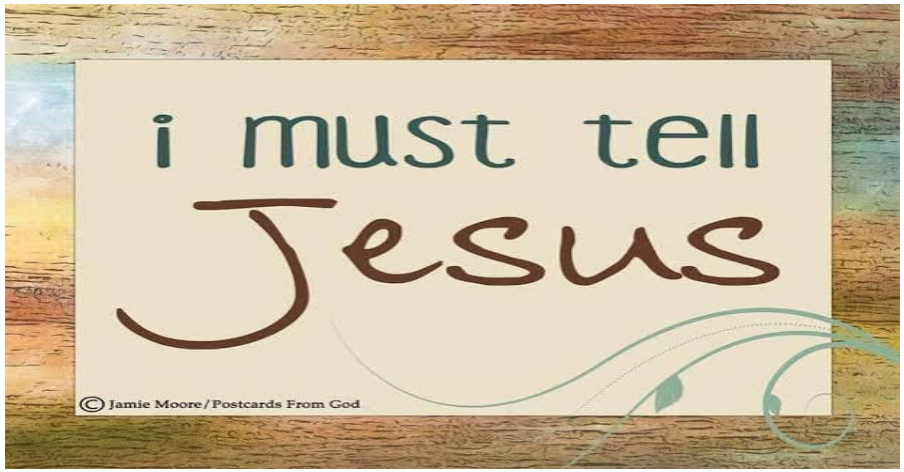
Watching Our Figures
11/15 – 52; 11/22 - 40
Holly Brook 26
Pastor: Rev. James Bisch
Church: (618) 262-7331



Website: www.mountcarmeldisciples.com
New Email: fccmc803@gmail.com
YouTube: FCC Mount Carmel

Upcoming Events

Thanksgiving Day & Friday (Office Closed)	**Nov. 26 & 27**
First Sunday of Advent	Nov. 29
Congregational Meeting (10:30 AM)	Dec. 6
Second Sunday of Advent	Dec. 6
Christmas Offering	Dec. 13
Third Sunday of Advent	Dec. 13
Take WADI toys to Fellowship Hall	Dec. 13
Set up Toys in Fellowship Hall	Dec. 14
WADI Toy Distribution	Dec. 15
Return toys to WADI toy room	Dec. 16
Fourth Sunday of Advent	Dec. 20
Christmas Eve (Office Closed)	Dec. 24
Christmas Eve Service (6:00 PM)	Dec. 24
Christmas Day (Office Closed)	Dec. 25
New Year's Eve	Dec. 31
New Year's Day (Office Closed)	Jan. 1



Friends of the Community will be providing their free Christmas Dinner again this year.



A group of volunteers will be providing a free Christmas dinner to anyone in need who would like to come to the VFW Hall on Christmas Day from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM. The volunteers will be serving turkey, and all the "fixins". People can eat in or meals can be delivered if needed. For delivery, call WADI (618) 262-4151 by Dec. 23. You can call the VFW directly on Christmas Day to receive food delivered to your home. (618) 263-3377.

If you would like to volunteer, there are only three rules: 1) You don't dress up. 2) No pictures are taken. 3) No one takes credit for anything.

They would love to have your help so if you'd like to be a blessing, go volunteer to serve your community.



Emily Ewald, Kyler West, Levi West, Bev Coker, Betty Foshee, Don Marx, Esther Calverley, Ben & Shari Ross, Georgia Dalrymple, Don Swift, Valerie Murbarger, Cathy Wietfeldt, Mike Brown, Melody Ramsey, Tony LaRue, Callie Mitchell, Linda Kimble, Tim Woodsmall, Laura Bisch, Nancy Wright, A. J. Stambaugh, Marcia Poland, Kelly McCarty, Brandy Rains, Peyton McDougal, Gary Bellessa, Tom Ostanik**,** David Jones, Sabrina McEntire Williams, Clint Anderson, Jill Gerwin, J.P. Ewald, Sarah West, Mary & Ken Burkitt, Pamela Case, Jim Edgington, Myriam Posso, Craig Leeper, Dawn Riley, Mark Tennes, Roger Jackman, Talon Rafferty, Howard Hoke, George Beckerman, Georgia Dalrymple, Brylin Yarbor, Melissa Felling, Rev. Dr. Fred White, **and our country**, leaders, service members, disaster victims, service workers, medical personnel, and Israel.

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.

SERVING IN DECEMEBER 2026
Custodial Deacon: Kim More
Elder on Call: Karissa Anderson
Communion Preparers: Tony & Ruthie Bowles
Sanctuary Straightener: Barb Minniear
Acolytes: Nicole & Madison Escobeo
Counters: Janice Alka & Lynette Wiles

God's Work Our Hands



Our Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, Dec. 6th, following the morning worship service. We will present the 2027 budget and ballot for 2027-2028 for approval.

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November 15, 2026		**November 22, 2026**	
General Offering	$1,237.00	General Offering	$1,462.00
Bicycle Fund	300.00	Bicycle Fund	950.00
Poinsettias	36.00	Brown Bag Buddies	600.00
TOTAL:	**$1,573.00**	Poinsettias	154.00
		Thanksgiving Offering	118.00
		Pizza for CCF	113.55
		TOTAL:	**$3,397.55**

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COUNT YO UR BLESSINGS! NAME THEM ONE BY ONE!

It's time to start the Operation Share Bell Ringing Campaign. Bell ringing will begin November 27th, the Friday right after Thanksgiving. The locations will be Buehler's Buy-Low and Marathon Fastbreak. There is a possibility that CVS may be added as a bell ringing location. That is TBA. If you are interested in becoming a bell ringer, you can sign up online at www.wabashoperationshare.com. All volunteers are deeply appreciated. The needs are great during the holiday season.





We are once again collecting toys and money for the WADI Christmas Toy distribution set for the third week in December. Either one may be dropped off at the church Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM.





We are collecting money to purchase **bicycles** for the Christmas Toy distribution as well. **Donations need to be turned into the office by Dec. 9th**. If you can help with this, even the smallest gift is greatly appreciated. God bless you for all that you do!