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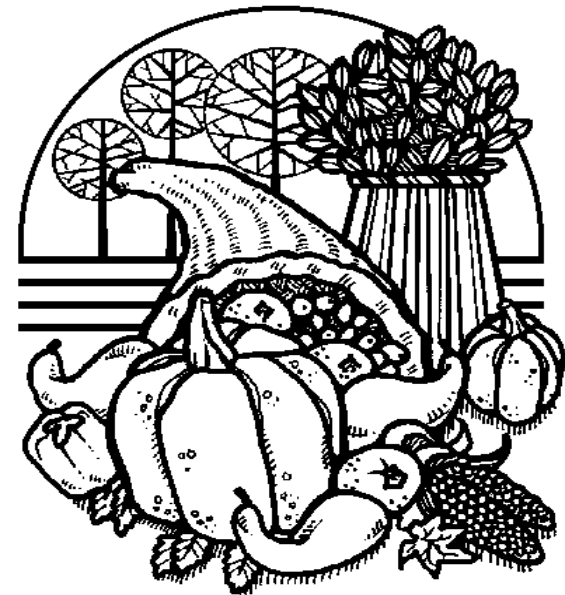
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Harvest Dinner
Sunday, October 24th



Minister's Moment



Boy, it's such a wonderful sight to see the trees changing colors. Fall gives such a vivid display of God's artistry. The sky seems more blue (less humidity, I guess) and with the bright colors of the trees against that sky, it is simply amazing.

A song we sing sometimes at the contemporary service says, "God of wonders . . . you are holy . . . the universe declares your majesty." I feel that more in the fall than at any other time of the year. While spring is amazing in the way new life springs up around us, I don't think it is nearly as spectacular as the display we witness in the fall.

I hope that you can take a little time to enjoy the fall colors, the brisk mornings, and the bright days. While you are enjoying those blessings, don't forget to thank God and give the glory to the one who created all things.

We will have an opportunity on October 24, to share in a time of giving thanks, as we come together for our Harvest Dinner. This meal, of course, is the equivalent of our Thanksgiving Dinner here at First Christian. We simply moved it to a time that is less busy for most of us. But the idea is the same: this is a time to share together our thankfulness to God for the many ways God's love and grace are at work in our lives. It is an opportunity for us to declare God's majesty and rejoice in a meal together.

We will begin serving at 5:30 p.m., after those delivering the meals to the shut-ins have returned. The main course of turkey, dressing, and mashed potatoes will be catered, and we are requested to bring a covered dish of some sort and our table service. There is no charge for this meal, but a free-will offering will be received to help defray the cost of the catered items.

Together let us thank God and give God the glory for all things. Please come and share in this special time of food and fellowship.

It has always been a mystery why, but it seems that August/September is a time when we lag behind a bit in our giving and this year has proved to be no different. It was reported at our Board Meeting last night, that we are showing a deficit in our General Fund, the fund that pays for most of the operating expenses of the church. Usually this deficit is made up during the months of October, November, and December, but we need to be aware of this short-fall, so we might make adjustments to our giving. If you are able to increase your giving even a small amount, it can make a difference. If you are able to give a larger one-time gift, that can make a difference, as well. As always, your giving is between you and God. Please prayerfully consider what you might do to help. As always, your giving is between you and God. Please prayerfully consider what you might do to help.

Current Prayer List

ZillMary Benton
Bob Bonta
Alice Bowen
Joe Bowen
Jean Coppage
Emma Elmer
Don Farrington
Ginny Franklin
Roger Gaston
Merlin Gesing
Jeff Goad
F&F Jason Gray
Diane Green

Twila Groene
F&FNellie Grossman
Bill Hassel
Dustin Hennigar's Unit
Ashlee Hoskins
Lori Howes
Brandon Koehler
F&F Swede Lohman
Jackie Lowery
Maddie Poage
Dick Pohlpetter
Jay Matthews
Vivian Matthew
Marilyn Northway

Blanch Roberts
Terry Stence
Connie Stigall
Renee Summers
Ron Waytes
Barb Wilkens
Brandon Volker

If you have information or updates about individuals on our prayer lists please call the church office(372-4193.)
Or by e-mail
officeadmin@fccfmdisciples.org

Long Term Prayer Concerns

Tyler Ayer
Joan Baldwin
Lou Baxter
Gwyn Blum
Pam Boilesen
Bev Brockman
Jim Burk
Barbara Butts
Betty Butts
Brendan Butts
David Butts
Nettie Cannon
Mamie Chamlee
Bonnie Cokel
Opal Courtney
Virginia Cram
Everett Dent
Richard Dowell
Sue Dowell
Laurie Farmer
Ruth Farmer
Jeannie Fortado

Georgina Franz
Rachael Gibb
Brenda Goodall
Betty&Bob Grinder
Joyce Groth
Mildred Groth
Connie Herman
France Huey
Jim Kratzer
Roxanne Kruse
Dee LaGrange
Nanette Loffler
Frank Lowery
John&Sally Mansheim
Father Gene Nash
Marj Newberry
Martha Oriano
Wayne Osborne
Kristen Patten
Stanley Pepple
Jeanne Power
Nadine Reed
James Samples
Taryn Schaff

Wynona Steffensmeier
Pastor Peggy&Earl Stott
Marvin Swyter
Pat Swyter
Jacob Tungate
Charles Underwood
Virginia Underwood
Karen West
Denise Williams
Jon Wilson
Brian Wold

Military Prayer List

Adam Baker
Shane Bowman
Allen Graydon
Justin Hendrix
Dustin Hennigar
Jody Ross
Kati Hogan Schuster
Linda Swyter
Jared Watson

Come to the Harvest Dinner

Sunday October 24th at 5:30p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes & gravy, rolls, and drinks will be provided.

Please bring a covered dish to share with others, and your own table service.

Free will offering will be accepted to cover the cost of the turkey.

Do you enjoy singing in Church? Well, the choir is preparing for the Christmas Cantata and is looking for a few good singers to help out. Our cantata this year is called "This Day is Born Emmanuel." It features a few carols that everyone knows and several of the lesser known but still loved Christmas songs. Come be a part of this meaningful way to celebrate the Christmas story. It's okay to be a seasonal singer and what better season to sing than at Christmas. We practice at 7:15p.m. every Wednesday in the Chapel. Please use the Avenue F entrance. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Dennis Dowell at 372-0786. We look forward to seeing you this coming Wednesday!

News About the CWF Potato Bar... It was decided at the CWF Executive Board meeting that due to previous serving problems the Potato Bar is scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 7th at 11:30a.m., after the 10:15 Service. Tickets are available in the narthex on Sunday mornings now and until Nov. 7th. Adult tickets are \$6.00 and children 12 and under are \$3.00. Please show your support for our Christian Women's Fellowship and their many church and outreach projects by attending the Nov. 7th Potato Bar.

Congratulations: Kim & Dustin Hinman on the arrival of Jerzy Elizabeth Hinman born Sept. 22 Christi Rhoer is the proud Grandma.

The Extreme Heat Girls Basketball team is wanting to raise some money. They will dog watch, baby sit and do odd jobs. Call Christi Rhoer's cell : 470-2130.

There will be community Thanksgiving Dinner this year. Churches in the area are being asked to help by providing 10 pies. If you are willing to provide a pie/pies please call the church office. Please let the office know as soon as possible, so we can let those in charge know that First Christian will be providing pies.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month

Let's show John we care by showing him with cards! You can bring your card to church and place it in the basket in the narthex or send it to him home, 608 Ave. F. *"The Lord commanded that those who preach the good news should be supported by those who benefit from it." 1 Corinthians 9:14*



News about CPY:

CPY is gathering items to send as care packages to our men and women serving overseas. If you have items you'd like to donate, please give them to your church office and they will get the items to FCC for CPY to package and send out. We would like to send these out the beginning of November so they are received before Christmas. Some main items are: trail mix, popcorn, nuts, chap stick, chocolate, homemade cookies, lotions, hand sanitizer, baby wipes, beef jerky, baby powder, tuna/chicken, salad in foil pouches, powdered drink mixes, puzzle books, fleece blankets, magazines, air fresheners, etc.

CPY will be trick or treating for the food pantry on Wednesday Oct. 27th. Don't be alarmed if kids come knocking on your door asking for food/house items for the food pantry. If you happen to be missed that night, please bring your items to church with you the following Sunday and we'll make sure it's taken care of. If you would like to be hit up by CPY that night, contact Lacey at 372-1428 and we'll make sure the kids show up at your house. We have one hour to collect items. Items needed are: canned goods, cereal, macaroni & cheese, hamburger/tuna helper, toilet paper, paper towels, cake mixes. You name it.

On Monday, Oct. 11th the Board approved the 2011 budget & the slate of Officers. Nominations from the floor will be taken on Oct. 17th, 24th, & 31st. Before nominating someone, please have their approval. The budget and slate of officers can be found on the table next to the bulletins.

Mark your Calendar

There will be a Blended Service, November 14th. This will be at 9:37 a.m.

This will be our annual church meeting.

On The Calendar

Oct. 22: Wedding Rehearsal 5:00 p.m.

Oct. 23: Wedding 4:00 p.m.

Share Iowa Food Pick-up Shopton Park

Oct. 24: Harvest Dinner 5:30 p.m.

Oct. 27: 5:30p.m. Parish Partner meeting

The Coffee Fellowship Goodie Angels for October;

Oct 17: Linda Beebe and Jeannette Little

Oct. 24: Donna Block and Rhonda Brinck

Oct. 31: Alice Bowen and Teresa Guzman

Our Giving and Attendance

October 3

8:00a.m. Service: 18

9:00a.m. Service: 66

10:15a.m. Service:

Sunday School: 11

General Fund: \$3010.00

Total Giving: \$3184.00

October 10

8:00a.m. Service: 12

9:00a.m. Service: 44

10:15a.m. Service: 21

Sunday School: 23

General Fund: \$2970.00

Total Giving: \$3287.75

Scripture Readings

October 17

Lamentations 1:1-6

Lamentations 3:19-26

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Luke 17:5-10

October 24

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

Psalms 66:1-12

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Luke 17: 11-19

Hey Kids; Guess What? It's time to starting working on the Christian Ed Christmas Program. On Sunday, October 24th we will talk about the Christmas program and what we are going to do this year. The program will be on Sunday, December 5th. So if you can, come to Sunday School on October 24th to hear all about it!! Sherry Aschbrenner will be teaching Sunday School this Sunday, October 17th.

Watch upcoming newsletters for information about Church Christmas Programs.

Servers for Sunday, October 17, 2010

Early Shut-ins: Jeanne Hogan & Rocky Aschbrenner

Early (8:00a.m.) Service:

Elder: Gene Beebe

Deacon: Ron Cockran

Contemporary (9:00a.m.) Service:

Elder: Joe Mattix

Deacon: Tim Wondra

Late (10:15p.m.) Service:

Elders: Jeanne Hogan & Jeff Metcalf

Deacons: Donna Block & Jana Hubbs

Liturgist: Julie Simpson

Usher: Jenni Simpson

Late Shut-Ins: Gene & Linda Beebe

Financial Team: 3

Greeters: (9:00a.m & 10:15a.m. Services)

Toni Clendening & Pam Boileson

No Newsletter on October 19th

Servers for Sunday, October 24, 2010

Early Shut-ins: Joe & Diane Mattix

Early (8:00a.m.) Service:

Elder: Barb Wilkens

Deacon: Dallas Harness

Contemporary (9:00a.m.) Service:

Elder: Sue Bowman

Deacon: Kathy Holtkamp

Late (10:15p.m.) Service:

Elders: Joe & Diane Mattix

Deacons: Mel Ammer & Ardelle Skillern

Liturgist: Joe Bowen

Usher: Jenny Hubbs

Late Shut-Ins: Barb Wilkens

Financial Team: 4

Greeters: (9:00a.m & 10:15a.m. Services)

Rick & Donna Block

Office Angels: Oct. 27:

Barb Peitz and Jeannette Little