



THE CHURCH VISITOR
A NEWSLETTER FROM YOUR FRIENDS
First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
307 W. Jackson, Mexico, Mo. 65265
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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH SCHEDULE

Friday, December 24, 2021	<i>Christmas Eve</i>
<i>Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (*there will be a 30 minute "Come and Go Communion" Service for those still not wanting to be in crowds at 6:45 p.m. and 8:45 p.m.)</i>	<i>7:30 pm</i>
Saturday, December 25, 2021	<i>Christmas</i>
Sunday, December 26, 2021	
Adult Sunday School	9:15 am
Kids for Christ's Kingdom (Children's Sunday School)	9:15 am-10:15 am
Worship Service	10:30 am
<i>Don Archer's 90th Birthday Celebration (cake and punch in Fellowship Hall)</i>	<i>Following Service</i>
Friday, December 31, 2021	
<i>Office Closed in Observance of New Year's Day</i>	
Sunday, January 2, 2022	
Adult Sunday School	9:15 am
Kids for Christ's Kingdom (Children's Sunday School)	9:15 am-10:15 am
Worship Service	10:30 am
Wednesday, January 5, 2022	
All Together Youth Ministries (6th-12th Grades) @ FCC	6:00 pm-7:30 pm
Bell Choir	6:00 pm
Chancel Choir	7:00 pm
Thursday, January 6, 2022	
<i>Pastor Zane Volunteer Chaplain @ Noble Health Hospital</i>	<i>9:00 am-11:00 am</i>
Sunday, January 9, 2022	
Adult Sunday School	9:15 am
Kids for Christ's Kingdom (Children's Sunday School)	9:15 am-10:15 am
Worship Service	10:30 am
All Together Youth Ministries (9th-12th Grades) @ FPC	7:30 pm-9:00 pm



Memorials & Gifts

Tom & Glenda Eisele
(Katie Sims' Mom & Stepdad)

Cody & Katie Sims

J.W. Given

Charles & Colleen Vanlandingham

Bill Gritton

Barry & Maureen Hacker

Shirley Brauer

Thank you for your generous hearts. Our First Christian Church family provide gifts for 10 children this Christmas.



For the month of January, the Outreach Committee will be collecting hand sanitizer and Kleenex. If you would like to participate in this worthy community project, there is a container in the Narthex for these items. Collections will be donated to local recipients like The Help Center, Our Safe Place, The Room at the Inn, The Senior Center, and the Agape House. Thank you in advance for your support.

Church Family We Haven't Seen For Awhile:

Harry Fowler's birthday is on January 14th. His address is 2605 Randy St., Mexico, MO 65265. Mary Kobush's birthday is on January 16th. She is currently at Heritage Hall in Centralia. The address is 750 MO Hwy 22, Centralia, MO 65240.

Let's do a card shower to let them know we are thinking about them.

2022 Stewardship envelopes are now available in the Narthex for you to pick up. They are alphabetized by last name. Please be aware some numbers may have changed.



The 2022 Flower Calendar is now available for sign up in the Narthex. We have Blossoms and Blooms here in town with the capability to deliver on Saturday. You are also welcome to bring in flowers on Friday before the Sunday you signed up for. Flowers are a wonderful way to honor, remember, or celebrate a loved one.

If you have any questions, please call the church office.



As of December 21, 2021

Budget needs Weekly: \$4,304
Year to Date Expenses: \$197,326

Average Weekly Income: \$3,752
Income vs Expenses: **-\$5956**

Year to Date Income: \$191,370



Let's read and enjoy our Bibles.

Sunday, December 26, 2021:

(First Sunday after Christmas Day)

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12-17;
Luke 2:41-52

Sunday, January 2, 2022:

(Second Sunday after Christmas Day)

Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147:12-20; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:(1-9), 10-18



Please join us to celebrate Don Archer's 90th birthday. We will have cake and punch in Fellowship Hall on Sunday, December 26th following service.



1/4	Janet Potts	1/20	Mary Eisele
1/5	Trent Silver	1/21	Roy Seale
1/5	Rebecca Hagan	1/24	Bob Larkin
1/6	Reid Bright	1/24	Aiden Hodges
1/11	Ed Hines	1/25	John Hightshoe
1/15	Charles Duckworth	1/25	Linda Seale
1/16	Jenna Bunge	1/29	Lucas White
1/16	Mary Kobush	1/29	Ryan White
1/19	Aimee Higgins		



Thank you to everyone for their support at the Youth Group Pizza Hut Fundraiser. The youth were able to raise over \$750 for this year's summer trips.

The youth group wants to thank Randy and Stephanie Owings for the appetizers at the Youth Group Progressive Dinner. It was a huge success with 20 youth and adults traveling from house to house as we prepare for the Christmas season.

Reminder: There is no Youth Group from December 19th - January 3rd. We will start back up on Wednesday, January 5th at First Christian Church from 6-7:30 p.m. for our 6th - 12th grades. Then, back on Sunday, January 9th at First Presbyterian Church from 7:30-9 p.m. for our 9th - 12th grades.

Kid's 4 Christ is also on Christmas break! We will return on Wednesday, January 12th after school - 5:00 p.m.

Looking ahead to February! The 19th-20th of February will be the Winter Retreat for All Together Youth Ministries. Cost is \$10 and includes meals, transportation and lodging. We will be traveling to Clarence, MO for an overnight at Camp Jo-Ota. Be sure to return permission forms before January 19th.

February 13th will be the All Together Youth Ministry BBQ Fundraiser directly following Church. All donations will be going to this year's summer trips. You won't want to miss out on the good food!

Sara Bright—Youth Director

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Sunday, December 26, 2021

First Sunday after Christmas Day

Sunday School for All Ages-9:15 a.m.

Worship Service-10:30 a.m.

Sunday, January 2, 2022

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday School for All Ages-9:15 a.m.

Worship Service-10:30 a.m.

Sunday: December 24, 2021

Elders: Ed Stephens and Stephanie Owings

Deacons: Team 3

Doug Thomas, Ron Boswell, Ruth Gritton, Melaney Higgins, Cody Sims, Katie Sims. Jr Deacons: Piper Higgins, Ty Sims

Deaconesses: Sharon Slater (Cheryl Bledsoe - if needed)

Liturgists: Alan Street, Kim Whorton, Stephanie Owings, Andrew Stephens, Warren Nordwald

Candle Lighters: Nora Bright and Ian Whorton

Sunday: December 26, 2021

Elders: Jean Stephens and Bill Azdell

Deacons: Team 1

Jordan Bright, Bob Larkin, Kay Larkin, Scott Miller, Lori Osbourn, Debra Trabue. Jr. Deacons; Andrew Stephens, Jessica Stephens

Deaconesses: Catie Bledsoe and Jean Stephens

Liturgist: Martha Hagan

Sunday: January 2, 2022

Elders: Pat Thomas and Randy Owings

Deacons: Team 2

Martha Hagan, Sandy Black, Gus Moody, LeeAnn Paladin, Alan Street, Connie Street. Jr. Deacons; Alex Paladin, Katie Paladin

Deaconesses: Sharon Slater and Becky Peterson

Liturgist: Sharon Slater