



THE CHURCH VISITOR
A NEWSLETTER FROM YOUR FRIENDS

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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Let's read and enjoy our Bibles.

Sunday, November 15, 2020:

(Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost)

Judges 4:1-7; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11;
 Matthew 25:14-30

Sunday, November 22, 2020:

(Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost)

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15-23;
 Matthew 25:31-46

63rd Annual Living Nativity

December 20, 2020

6 pm - 8 pm

The Living Nativity teams are now organizing. This event, shared with our community, requires dedication from our church family but it is easy because many hands lighten the load and make it a fun time! Men are encouraged to grow a beard.

Please contact:

Nick Paladin and **Ron Boswell** to be part of the outdoor setup crew

Sharon Slater to be an actor



"Give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

1 Thessalonians 5:18

Thank You!

I wanted to take a moment and say thank you for all the cards and notes and gifts in October for Pastor Appreciation Month.

This year has been a tough one and finding reasons to be thankful may be difficult. But like anything, gratitude is something that can be practiced.

Finding one simple thing to give thanks for, and writing it down, can start a chain reaction. Soon it is possible to find another, and another.

Gratitude, celebration, giving thanks – even for the smallest of gifts – can become a new way of living for you, a kind of oxygen that fills us, a transformative way of being.

Here are five ways to practice gratitude:

1. Set time aside each day to make a list of what you are thankful for. Start with the tiniest details, and write down even just one thing. On days when you're feeling empty – or just wanting an excuse to smile – go back and read some of your list. Ann Voskamp says it best: "When I give thanks for the seemingly microscopic, I make a place for God to grow within me."
2. Tell other people "thank you" when they do something kind for you, no matter how small the deed.
3. Don't allow other people's bitterness or negativity, or any other outward circumstance, to influence your inner peace. Look for the best in everyone, and believe and say the best about them.
4. Anger, disappointment, failure, and frustration are parts of life, but don't let them become your default emotions. Don't be complacent and resign yourself to victimhood. Choosing to live from a place of gratitude brings peace.
5. Build gratitude around you with small, daily, unexpected, undeserved acts of love, compassion, grace, and forgiveness.

Thank YOU!

Pastor Zane

Wednesday, November 11, 2020 - Veterans Day

<i>Kids For Christ @ FPC</i>	<i>3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.</i>
<i>All Together Youth Ministry Middle School @ FCC</i>	<i>5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Bell Choir</i>	<i>6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Chancel Choir</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>
<i>Young Adult Small Group @ FCC</i>	<i>7:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.</i>



Sunday, November 15, 2020

Worship Service	9:30 a.m.
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<i>Annual Congregational Meeting</i>	<i>Following Service</i>
<i>All Together Youth Ministry High School @ FCC</i>	<i>7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.</i>

Monday, November 16, 2020

Trustees' Meeting—Fellowship Hall *5:30 p.m.*

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

<i>Kids For Christ @ FPC</i>	<i>3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.</i>
<i>All Together Youth Ministry Middle School @ FCC</i>	<i>5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.</i>
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Key: (FCC) First Christian Church; (FPC) First Presbyterian Church; (MUM) Mexico United Methodist

We would like to thank each and everyone who came on Saturday to rake our leaves. It was very much appreciated.

In God's Love,
Roy & Linda Seale



We would like to thank everyone involved with the yard work at our home on Saturday, October 31st.

With Sincere Thanks,
Charles & Coleen Vanlandingham

We would like to thank and let the wonderful people know who raked, bagged and hauled off leaves Saturday, October 31st at our home, that we appreciate it.

Sincerely,
Jack & Joyce Davis



The Outreach Committee has decided to participate in the Angel Tree Ministry Program this year. While many things are being handled differently due to COVID, we still want to ensure that children with an incarcerated parent have a Merry Christmas. We can do this safely by utilizing the Virtual Angel Tree program! This option allows our church community to sponsor a child of a prisoner for \$22. \$22 will provide a Christmas package for each child to receive from their incarcerated parent. The Christmas package will include: a gift card to Walmart, the prisoner parent's message, a Gospel presentation, and an opportunity to request a free Adventure Bible. If you would like to participate in this worthwhile program, please put your choice of age or gender, if you have a preference, with your donation. Donating \$22 can then be applied to any child and complete the task in a very timely manner.




Annual Congregational Meeting

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held November 15th immediately following worship. We will vote to approve the 2021 Slate of Officers and the proposed 2021 Church Budget.



LaUna Whitaker is one of our Shut-In members. Let's do a birthday card shower to let her know we are thinking of her. Her birthday is on November 30th.

**LaUna Whittaker
King's Daughters Home
620 W. Boulevard St.
Mexico, MO 65265**

BRIGHT SPOTS

Our Pre-Christmas Family Worship Planning has begun. You won't want to miss out on family worship December 3rd, 10th, and 17th from 6:30-7:00pm. It will be a great time of crafts, games, worship, lessons, and so much more.

Be watching for more information on youth group Christmas parties as we get closer to Christmas.

Sara Bright—Youth Director

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