



# EPISTLE

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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**First Christian Church**  
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**Interim Pastor Rick Abbott**

## **Sunday Worship**

9:00 am Traditional Service

11:00 am Contemporary Service

## **Christmas Worship Schedule**

December 24

Candlelight Service 7:00 pm

December 25

Cantata 10:30 am

## **Christmas Eve Service Christmas Cantata**

December 24, 2011

One Service

7:00 PM

December 25, 2011

One Service

10:30 AM

## **A Word from Pastor Rick**

Thanksgiving. I'll say it again; Thanksgiving. Does the word bring up images of turkeys in pilgrim hats? Maybe you think of the once-a-year cranberry sauce cylinder cut in 3/8 inch slabs. Football, hot kitchens or screaming children? How about all of these things, and more?

The Greek word, *eucharisteo*, means: To be grateful, feel thankful; give thanks. This word is used 39 times in the New Testament, and it means just what it says. Virtually every time it is used in relation to God and God's work in a human life. The English word Eucharist is related; we call it Communion. Also the Old Testament is loaded with the corresponding word in Hebrew; something about 100 times.

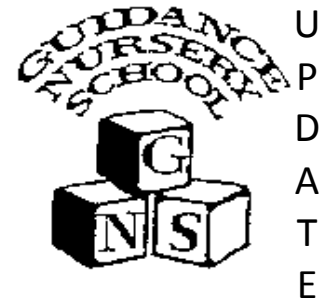
The Apostle Paul wrote to the church at Rome about special days and meals. He told us to eat in thanksgiving, to give each person the space to find their own meaning in how they live and celebrate. Romans 14:5-7 says, "One man considers one day more sacred than another; another man considers every day alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. He who regards one day as special, does so to the Lord. He who eats meat, eats to the Lord, for he gives thanks to God; and he who abstains, does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. None of us lives to himself alone and none of us die to himself alone."

We should give thanks for each other, our witness, our plentiful lives and God's provision. Nothing could be more pleasing to God than if we were realize our great abundance, and give thanks; unless maybe we gave thanks and shared of it.

Shalom, and Happy Thanksgiving!

# Splinters from the Board

- The Trustee's are beginning to work on next year's budget. They will be evaluating the actual costs involved in hosting the site for AGC Daycare and GNS Preschool.
- The Trustee's voted to re-start the monthly 2% contribution of our General Fund collections to the Disciples of Christ along with a \$75 contribution to the Association of Churches in Pulaski County to help provide assistance in the community.
- CWF has contributed money to the Pulaski County Human Service Thanksgiving Basket program.
- The Membership Committee is in the process of organizing a movie night after the first of the year. They are trying to coordinate more activities throughout the year.
- Dawn Bailey is the new chair for the Worship Committee. They will be meeting after the second service the first Sunday of each month.
- A short survey was developed by Pastor Rick and distributed at the Worship Services on a few Sundays to help the Worship Committee determine the priorities of Worship for our congregation.
- A schedule to work the computer and sound system has been developed as well as a plan has been created for when Deb is not here to perform piano duties.
- The Congregational Meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> after the first service.



Submitted by Katie Burton

We're working hard on writing our names, letters and recognizing our numbers. We're getting ready to start preparing for our Christmas programs. We hope you can join us!

**Christmas Program Information:**

3 Year Old Class  
Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 pm Sanctuary

4 Year Old Class  
Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 pm Socialatorium

## *A Special Thank You !!!*

*To all our church family:  
Thank you all for your love and support, particularly these last 7 years. Your visits, bringing communion, and help were much appreciated. Mother loved her church and CWF and doing things for them. And she always wanted to go to the Wednesday nights while she was still able.*


*Thank you all.*

*Karen and Tom McClung*



**Congregational Meeting  
Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>  
(after first service)**

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<p><b>Nov 20</b>  <b>THANKSGIVING OFFERING</b>  <b>Traditional Service: 9am</b>  <b>Kid's Choir</b>  <b>Deaconate</b> Team 3  <b>Elder:</b> Don Thompson  <b>Wsp Leader:</b> Jean Thompson  <b>Child Sermon:</b> Jean Thompson  <b>Counters:</b> A Utes &amp; J Thompson  <b>Coffee Hour:</b> M L Kopkey, V Manikowski, &amp; J Hadley  <b>Contemporary Service 11am</b>                      The Conversation Study 1pm  <b>COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING</b></p>	<p><b>Nov 21</b>                      Birthday: Lorie Zellers                      Hanging of the Greens 6:00 pm                      Pastor Search Committee Meeting 7:00 pm</p>	<p><b>Nov 22</b></p>	<p><b>Nov 23</b>                      Prayer Group 6:30</p>	<p><b>Nov 24</b>                      Birthday: Gene Earhart                      GNS No School, AGC Closed, Church Office Closed</p>	<p><b>Nov 25</b>                      Birthday: Jason Hague, Steve Shorter                      Anniversary: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Burger                      GNS No School, AGC Closed, Church Office Closed</p>	<p><b>Nov 26</b></p>
<p><b>Nov 27</b>  <b>Traditional Service: 9am</b>  <b>Deaconate</b> Team 4  <b>Elder:</b> Amy Bailey  <b>Wsp Leader:</b> Lin Morrison  <b>Child Sermon:</b> M Roudebush  <b>Counters:</b> S Morrison &amp; J Smith  <b>Coffee Hour:</b> Kim Moyer  <b>Contemporary Service 11am</b>                      The Conversation Study 1pm</p>	<p><b>Nov 28</b></p>	<p><b>Nov 29</b></p>	<p><b>Nov 30</b></p>	<p><b>Dec 1</b>                      CWF                      AGC Board Mtg</p>	<p><b>Dec 2</b></p>	<p><b>Dec 3</b>  <b>Chamber Winter Wonderland</b>                      Big Room Rented                      Birthday: Norman Thompson, Olivia Sutton</p>
<p><b>Dec 4</b>  <b>Traditional Service: 9am</b>  <b>Deaconate</b> Team 1  <b>Elder:</b> Karen Utes  <b>Wsp Leader:</b> Reis Sutton  <b>Child Sermon:</b> Pam Burger  <b>Counters:</b> C Kauffman &amp; Don Thompson  <b>Coffee Hour:</b> No One Listed  <b>Contemporary Service 11:00am</b>                      Worship Committee after 2nd Service</p>	<p><b>Dec 5</b>                      Trustee's Meeting                      Budget Development 7:00 pm</p>	<p><b>Dec 6</b>  <b>GNS 3 Yr Old Christmas Program</b>                      Sanctuary 7pm</p>	<p><b>Dec 7</b>  <b>GNS 4 Yr Old Christmas Program</b>                      Socialatorium 7pm</p>	<p><b>Dec 8</b></p>	<p><b>Dec 9</b>                      GNS Last Day before Christmas Break</p>	<p><b>Dec 10</b>                      Birthday: Duane Field, Sara Bailey</p>
<p><b>Dec 11</b>  <b>Traditional Service: 9am</b>  <b>Adult Choir</b>  <b>Cookie Exchange</b>  <b>Deaconate</b> Team 2  <b>Elder:</b> Steve Morrison  <b>Wsp Leader:</b> Missy Brogdon  <b>Child Sermon:</b> Lorie Zellers  <b>Counters:</b> G Bailey &amp; D Bailey  <b>Contemporary Service 11am</b>                      The Conversation Study 1pm</p>	<p><b>Dec 12</b>                      Trustee's Meeting 7pm                      Membership Meeting 7pm                      Board Meeting 7:30pm                      Birthday: MacKenzie VanCoutren</p>	<p><b>Dec 13</b></p>	<p><b>Dec 14</b>                      Birthday: Jake Sandberg  </p>	<p><b>Dec 15</b></p>	<p><b>Dec 16</b></p>	<p><b>Dec 17</b>                      Men's Breakfast                      Birthday: Daniel Abbott</p>
<p><b>Dec 18</b>  <b>Traditional Service: 9am</b>  <b>Kid's Choir</b>  <b>Deaconate</b> Team 3  <b>Elder:</b> Jan Smith  <b>Wsp Leader:</b> Jean Thompson  <b>Child Sermon:</b> Doug Moyer  <b>Counters:</b> A Utes &amp; R Foster  <b>Coffee Hour:</b> No One Listed  <b>Congregational Meeting</b>  <b>Contemporary Service 11am</b>                      The Conversation Study 1pm</p>	<p><b>Dec 19</b></p>	<p><b>Dec 20</b></p>	<p><b>Dec 21</b></p>	<p><b>Dec 22</b>                      Birthday: Steve Morrison</p>	<p><b>Dec 23</b>                      Church Office Closed                      AGC Closed</p>	<p><b>Dec 24</b>  <b>Candlelight Service</b>                      7:00 pm</p>
<p><b>Dec 25</b>  <b>Cantata: 10:30 am</b>  <b>Deaconate</b> Team 4  <b>Elder:</b> Paul Smith  <b>Wsp Leader:</b> Pastor Rick  <b>Counters:</b> S Morrison &amp; J Thompson                      Birthday: JoAnn Behny, Betty Hurlbert</p>	<p><b>Dec 26</b>                      Church Office Closed                      AGC Closed</p>	<p><b>Dec 27</b></p>	<p><b>Dec 28</b></p>	<p><b>Dec 29</b>                      Birthday: Bryn Zellers</p>	<p><b>Dec 30</b>                      Church Office Closed                      AGC Closed</p>	<p><b>Dec 31</b></p>

	<u>Jan—Oct</u>	<u>Nov 2</u> Wed Night	<u>Nov 6</u>	<u>Nov 9</u> Wed Night	<u>Nov 13</u>	<u>Nov 16</u> Wed Night	<u>Total</u>
Attendance (Average)	Ave 79	65	79	71	73	68	<b>Avg. 79</b>
General Fund	\$ 76,973	\$ 8	\$ 1,283	\$ 4	\$ 2,343	\$ 18	<b>\$ 80,630</b>
<b>Budget/Goal</b>	<b>87,076</b>		<b>1,979</b>		<b>1,979</b>		<b>91,034</b>
(+/-)	-10,103		-696		364		-10,702
Capital Campaign	28,637		460		755		29,852
<b>Budget/Goal</b>	<b>36,564</b>		<b>831</b>		<b>831</b>		<b>38,226</b>
(+/-)	-7,927		-371		-76		-8,298
Birthday	582						582
Memorial	145				125		270
Vacation Bible School	884				10		894
Daycare	195						195
Music	200						200
Blanket Sunday	539						539
Week of Compassion	771						771
Easter	621						621
Pentecost	258						258
Reconciliation	392						392
Thanksgiving	0				295		295
	\$ 110,206	\$8	\$ 1,743	\$4	\$ 3,528	\$18	\$ 115,499

### Cookie Exchange/Coffee Hour December 11th

The Membership Committee will be hosting a cookie exchange for those who wish to participate on Sunday, December 11th. Please bring three (3) dozen of your favorite cookies and your own container to the kitchen before the 1st service. During the coffee hour you will have an opportunity to choose two (2) dozen cookies of your choice to take home and the remainder will be shared with everyone during the coffee hour.



### Music Opportunities for Kids



There are a number of music opportunities available for kids during this holiday season. The kids' choir will be singing December 18 during the worship service. Since our Wednesday night classes are ending soon, it would be helpful if your child could come to as many first services as possible to practice for that particular worship service. In addition, we would really like some children to sing with one song that will be sung as part of the adult choir's Christmas cantata on Christmas morning. I would like to work on that song in between the first and second services if possible. If we practice at 10:20, that should give them time to eat a little bit before we sing and still not keep

anyone too long. Finally, if anyone is interested in singing a solo during advent or on Christmas Eve, please come talk to me. I would be happy to help find a song and even help the soloists practice.

Thanks for your help in making Christmas a time to really focus on God's gift to all of us.

# PRAYER CONCERNS

- ◆ **Forest Conn**
- ◆ **Ged Marchertas**, kidney failure, submitted by Don & Jean Thompson
- ◆ Family of **Garry Colgrove**
- ◆ **Shurla Rans**, fell
- ◆ **George Stinemetz**, undergoing a serious upcoming surgery, submitted by Jean Thompson.
- ◆ **Rick Dilts**, diagnosed with prostate cancer, submitted by Jean Thompson
- ◆ **Dorothy Fox**, submitted by Jenni Belcher
- ◆ **Kay Widup**
- ◆ **Matthew Gould**, recovering at home
- ◆ **Brenda Shank**, recurrence of liver cancer, receiving radiation, submitted by Jean Thompson
- ◆ **Judy Berger**, infection, surgery scheduled to place knee
- ◆ **Amy Neyholt**, had hip replacement surgery
- ◆ **Spencer Penecaro**, high school student beaten by other students, will be having surgery soon
- ◆ **Renee Yoder**, colon/rectal cancer, submitted by Samantha Kauffman
- ◆ **Kathy Barringer**, cancer treatments, submitted by Jackie Hadley
- ◆ **Judy Howard**, brain surgery, submitted by Betty Hurlburt
- ◆ **Jimmy Terry**, cancer, submitted by Don & Jean Thompson
- ◆ **David Absher**, at home, submitted by Pam Burger
- ◆ **Butch Sehstedt**, home from surgery
- ◆ **Maribeth Benesh**, breast cancer
- ◆ **Eugene Graves**, challenged
- ◆ **JoAnn Strand**, at home
- ◆ **Lexi Dixon**, teenager/cancer, received a new liver
- ◆ **Paul Bonheur**, in need of a second pancreas and kidney transplant, submitted by Berniece Riggs (Paul is her nephew)
- ◆ **Paul Baker**, cancer, possible mass in brain, submitted by Jean Thompson
- ◆ **Vickie Bruce**, cancer
- ◆ **Jay Sullivan**, MS, submitted by Jenni Belcher
- ◆ **Dean Allen**
- ◆ **Rick Conn**
- ◆ **Tom Dennis**, cancer
- ◆ **Regina Gappa**, failed kidney removed
- ◆ **Joe Heiny**, cancer
- ◆ **Jeanne Houin**, daughter of Clara Roudebush
- ◆ **Henry Kaminski**
- ◆ **Bob Meyer**, cancer
- ◆ **Lawrence Parish**, stage 4 congestive heart failure

## Our Homebound

**Marj Hosier**  
Digby House  
167 Walter Sholer Dr, Apt 120  
Lafayette IN 47909

**Shurla Rans**  
127 N East St  
Winamac IN 46996

**Berniece Trapp**  
c/o Jane & Ken McGlothlin  
544 Courtland Ave  
Lafayette IN 47905

## Care Centers

**Hickory Creek**  
Matilda Earhart  
515 E 13<sup>th</sup> St  
Winamac IN 46996

**Pulaski Health Care Center**  
Betty Cramer  
Cletha Scott  
624 E 13<sup>th</sup> St  
Winamac IN 46996

## Food Pantry Donation

Please mark your calendar to bring in canned goods for the Food Pantry. We collect them in the Sanctuary each week, then we take them on the first Monday of the month.

## Servicemen

Drew Allen, Kyle Ash, Ryan Blickenstaff, Luke Bowyer, Damen Galbreath, Don Griffin, David Hardin, David Mayer, Bradley McIntire, Norman McIntire, Nathaniel Needham, Martin Reutebuch, Kyle Schramm, Milo Shank, Stephen Shurn, Michael Spry, Matthew White, Christopher Witham