

The Epistle

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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

Family Fun & Bible Study

Wednesday

5:45 pm Dinner

6:30 Bible Study

A Word from Pastor Rick

It has been a while since I wrote about the current state of the congregation. I can say this, we've been very busy! There have been some changes in committee leadership, as well as leadership within the duty-roster of committees. Thank you Jenni Belcher for your singing, leadership of youth, service as a Deaconess and for being the Worship Chairperson during a difficult time at FCC. Thank you Dawn Bailey for stepping into the role of Worship Chairperson, I can't say that you have an easy job right now either. Dawn is a leading voice in the choir, she has leadership roles in the second service and Wednesday nights, she manages the Daycare Ministry and keeps up on maintenance of the facility too.

I am pointing to a couple of facts here. One is the commitment of the membership of this congregation. Jenni and Dawn are just two of so many who work tirelessly to make this house a home. Number two is the fact that change does, and will occur. It is my job to help changes to happen, and make the most of these changes, for the betterment of life shared in mission to serve God. Our energies must be spent in mission, not juggling, not paying for our building or even changing our programs.

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PASTOR RICK 'S WORD CONTINUED . .

There can be no greater reason to come to First Christian Church, Winamac, than to worship God, to thank God for His Son and expect to be filled with the Spirit. It is easy to lose God in the details of church; it's easy to lose sight of the mission.

Please partner with me, the Elders (Amy Bailey, Steve Morrison, Don Thompson, Karen Utes, Paul Smith, and Jan Smith) and Worship Committee (Dawn Bailey, Jenni Belcher, Deb Kauffman, Tashia Lindvall, Karen McClung, Steve Morrison, Rachael Sandberg, and Jim Sutton) in discerning, or deciding, the next few steps we take as a worshipping congregation. I will have some short (I do mean short!) surveys to help us to make informed decisions. These surveys will be collected between the first and second services for a couple of weeks. No name, check this or that, add a few comments if you like... nothing to it!

See you in worship!

Pastor Rick



Barbara Christenson came to our Wednesday Family Fun & Bible Study introducing Operation Christmas Child. You can fill boxes to send to children all around the world.

How to pack a shoebox:

- Use an empty standard size shoebox, or similarly sized plastic container. You can wrap the box (lid separately) or decorate it, but it isn't necessary.
- Decide if your gift will be for a boy or a girl and determine the age category (2-4, 5-9, 10-14—labels will be provided)
- Fill it with gifts (see guidelines below)
- Include \$7 to cover shipping, if you can, but it will be supplied, if not.
- Pray for a recipient of your box often.
- Have box ready and to the Church office by November 13th

Other ways to give:


- Donate cash to be used toward shipping or shopping for shoebox items. (have donation into Church office by November 7th)
- Bring in toys, school supplies, candy, etc. from list below, for including in boxes packed here by others.
- Provide good quality, sturdy, generously sized shoeboxes.
- Pray for this ministry (always a good contribution)

Gift Suggestions:

- School Supplies—pens, pencils and sharpener, crayons or markers, stamps and ink pads, writing pads or loose paper, coloring books, solar calculators, for example.
- Toys—small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, kazoes, harmonicas, yo-yo's, jump ropes, small Etch-a-Sketch, Slinky, marbles, dominoes, small puzzles, for example.
- Hygiene items— toothbrushes, toothpaste, comb washcloth, mild soap (in a plastic bag), for example.
- Other— t-shirts, socks, caps, sunglasses, hair clips, toy jewelry, watches, flashlight with extra batteries, hard candy or suckers, for example. ****please include extra batteries for any battery operated items.
- Personal note or picture

DO NOT INCLUDE: used or damaged items, war-related toys, chocolate or food, out-of-date candy, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, aerosol cans, or breakable items, like snow globes. Story books are discouraged as recipients may not read or speak English. Christian literature will be added by Samaritan's Purse Ministry.

October/November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Oct 30	Oct 31	Nov 1	Nov 2	Nov 3	Nov 4	Nov 5
<p>Traditional Service: 9am Deaconate Team 3 Elder: Karen Utes Wsp Leader: Vickie Manikowski Child Sermon: Alan Utes Counters: S Morrison & B Zellers Coffee Hour: Jan Smith & Kim Moyer Contemporary Service 11:00am 2nd Service Nursery: Dagny Zupin The Conversation Study 1pm Birthday: Deb Kauffman</p>			<p>Family Fun & Bible Study 5:45 pm Dinner 6:30 pm Bible Study Choir</p> <p>Anniversary: Mr and Mrs. Gene Earhart</p>	<p>CWF AGC Board Mtg</p>		
Nov 6	Nov 7	Nov 8	Nov 9	Nov 10	Nov 11	Nov 12
<p>Traditional Service: 9am Deaconate Team 1 Elder: Jan Smith Wsp Leader: Jan Smith Child Sermon: Amy Bailey Counters: C Kauffman & S Roubush Coffee Hour: C Hague & T Lindvall Contemporary Service 11:00am 2nd Service Nursery: M Van-Coutren The Conversation Study 1pm Worship Committee meeting after 2nd Service Birthday: Ruth Taylor</p>			<p>Family Fun & Bible Study 5:45 pm Dinner 6:30 pm Bible Study Choir</p> <p>Birthday: Aida Kistler, Danica Kistler</p>	<p>Birthday: Jean Frain</p> <p>Phillips/Harry Wedding Rehearsal</p>	<p>Phillips/Harry Wedding</p>	
Nov 13	Nov 14	Nov 15	Nov 16	Nov 17	Nov 18	Nov 19
<p style="text-align: center;">THANKSGIVING OFFERING</p> <p>Traditional Service: 9am Deaconate Team 2 Elder: Paul Smith Wsp Leader: Reis Sutton Child Sermon: Jan Smith Counters: G Bailey & R Foster Coffee Hour: L Zellers & S Torgerson Contemporary Service 11:00am 2nd Service Nursery: Jessica Fox</p> <p>FCC Thanksgiving Dinner 5:00 pm Last Name A—J—Vegetables Last Name K—M—Salads Last Name N—Z—Desserts</p>	<p>Trustee's Mtg 7:00 pm Membership Mtg 7:00pm Board Mtg 7:30 pm</p> <p>GNS No School</p>		<p>Family Fun & Bible Study 5:45 pm Dinner 6:30 pm Bible Study Choir</p>	<p>Birthday: Paul Smith</p>	<p>Birthday: Maggie Allen, Ashton Van-Coutren</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Men's Breakfast</p> <p>Great room rented out for Women Helping Women Holiday Bazaar</p> <p>Birthday: Mason Moyer</p> <p>Anniversary: Mr. and Mrs. Dean Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith</p>
Nov 20	Nov 21	Nov 22	Nov 23	Nov 24	Nov 25	Nov 26
<p style="text-align: center;">THANKSGIVING OFFERING</p> <p>Traditional Service: 9am Deaconate Team 3 Elder: Don Thompson Wsp Leader: Jean Thompson Child Sermon: Jean Thompson Counters: A Utes & J Thompson Coffee Hour: M L Kopkey, V Manikowski, & J Hadley Contemporary Service 10:30am</p>	<p>Birthday: Lorie Zellers</p>			<p style="text-align: center;"> THANKSGIVING</p> <p>Birthday: Gene Earhart</p> <p>GNS No School, AGC Closed, Church Office</p>	<p>Birthday: Jason Hague, Steve Shorter</p> <p>Anniversary: Mr. and Mrs. Jack Burger</p> <p>GNS No School, AGC Closed,</p>	

Christmas Schedule

December 24th
 Candlelight Service
 7:00 pm

December 25th
 Cantata
 10:30 am

PRAYER CONCERNS

- ◆ **Matthew Gould**, automobile accident
- ◆ **Tom Domakas**, submitted by Patti Eudy
- ◆ **Nancy Gilman** (Della Wall's daughter), cancer
- ◆ **Bob Arrendell**, heart surgery & blood clots, submitted by Jean Thompson
- ◆ **Brenda Shank**, recurrence of liver cancer, receiving radiation, submitted by Jean Thompson
- ◆ **Judy Berger**, infection, feeling down
- ◆ **Amy Neyholt**, awaiting 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**, illness back to Florida, submitted by Jackie Hadley

- ◆ **Judy Howard**, brain surgery, submitted by Betty Hurlburt
- ◆ **Jimmy Terry**, cancer, submitted by Don & Jean Thompson
- ◆ **Clem Good**, heart surgery, stet within a stet was placed successfully, now home
- ◆ **David Absher**, Hickory Creek rehab center, 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

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 13th St
Winamac IN 46996

Pulaski Health Care Center
Betty Cramer
Cletha Scott
624 E 13th St
Winamac IN 46996



AGC Daycare Fundraiser—Pies for \$10

Cherry
Sugar Cream

Apple
Pumpkin

Orders turned in by November 11th
Pies will be ready on November 21st

Order forms can be found in the Church Office.