

The Church Bell

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SUNDAY SCHOOL ~ 9:30 AM WORSHIP ~ 10:30 AM

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From the Desk of Pastor Lee

Advent
hope • love • joy • peace

Advent begins on December the 1st this year. This year our advent series is entitled God with us.

Everything changed on that unexpected first Christmas more than two thousand years ago. The trajectory of history, the future, even eternity, was transformed when God became man. Jesus the Son of God became the Son of Man, fully divine yet fully human. As the prophet Isaiah foretold long before, Jesus came to earth as Immanuel, God with us (Isaiah 7:14). This was God with us. Not God out of reach, out there somewhere, above us and unattainable. Not God cold and aloof, beyond us and distant, unengaged and disinterested. Not God angry and condemning, overbearing and vengeful, eagerly awaiting our fall. But God with us. God come near, where we are, in the here and now, where we breathe and live, laugh and cry, love and hate, hope and despair, hurt and heal, create and destroy. God made flesh. God one of us. God..... With. Us. Forever

As we move toward the Christmas celebration of Jesus's momentous arrival, you are invited to join in an Advent journey of discovery—of hope, love, joy, and peace—as we draw near to Jesus Christ, the light of the world, God with Us. In a season often marked by frenzied busyness, Advent is an opportunity to set aside time to prepare our hearts. May this be a season of wonder for you. And may the Holy Spirit lead you as you embark on a journey of hope, love, joy, and peace—and ultimately to a deep encounter with God with Us.

We hope to see you each Sunday during this series.

Prayers,
Pastor Lee



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December:

8: Christmas Program @ 6pm

22: Birthday Party for Jesus

29: NO Sunday School

NO Children's Church

It is almost time for our Children's Christmas program!!

We are excited that the Youth kids will be helping us again this year....the littles are always excited to do stuff with the big kids!! It will be Sunday, December 8th at 6pm. We have been practicing for the past couple weeks and the kids are doing great and can't wait for you to see it!

After the kids sing, the Choir will perform their Cantata and the kids are invited to join us downstairs for some holiday fun! You won't want to miss the festivities in the Fellowship Hall after the Choir's performance...there is even a special guest for the kids!

On Sunday, December 22 we will celebrate Jesus' birthday during Children's Church! This is a fun time and the kids won't want to miss it!

Thank you all for sharing your precious children with me this year! They all own a special part of my heart and I love them like they are mine! I pray that 2020 is a year full of love, blessings and peace for your family!!

Blessings,
Erica Glenn

Share Faith Online Giving

You can give online through our church website as a one-time gift or on a recurring basis.

Giving can be made through credit, debit or automatic withdrawal (preferred method) from a bank account.

We certainly encourage all members to continue giving weekly as the offering plate is passed. However, this is another option for weekly giving to First Christian Church.

If you do take advantage of online giving, please consider doing so by automatic withdrawal from your bank account, as that option is less expensive for the church than credit card fees.

We hope the members of the congregation find this method of giving convenient. If you have any questions about this after visiting our church website, please do not hesitate to call the office for assistance.

Finances

October

	Monthly Budget	Oct 2018	Oct 2019	10 Month Ended Oct 31, 2018	10 Month Ended Oct 31, 2019	10 Month Ended Oct 31, 2019 Over/Under
Income						
Regular Income	15,250.00	16,272.12	18,311.71	126,384.96	129,311.26	2,926.30
Total Income	15,250.00	16,272.12	18,311.71	126,384.96	129,311.26	
Expenditures						
Personnel	8,877.54	8,649.01	8,770.95	87,756.39	87,765.88	9.49
Administrative	491.67	932.53	578.48	5,171.49	4,795.48	(376.01)
Christian Education	483.33	205.00	287.08	4,546.84	4,179.85	(366.99)
Youth	157.50	117.00	0.00	496.50	329.63	(166.87)
Worship	195.83	288.24	124.74	2,196.57	1,629.66	(566.91)
Evangelism/ Membershi	647.92	493.24	989.87	6,919.75	5,622.44	(1,297.31)
Outreach	1,500.00	1,627.21	1,831.17	12,638.50	12,931.13	292.63
Property	3,116.67	2,209.84	2,149.50	30,641.78	30,102.77	(539.01)
Total Expenditures	15,470.46	14,522.07	14,731.79	150,367.82	147,356.84	(3,010.98)

Youth ministry

CHI RHO & CYF

The **Christian Youth Fellowship (CYF) Group** is intended for high school youth in grades 9-12.



The **Chi Rho Youth Group** is intended for middle school youth in grades 6-8.



The mission for both groups through the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is to respond to the needs of youth for relationships, events, opportunities where they can be themselves, discern their gifts, and be empowered to be effective leaders and servants as called by God to be the body of Christ in the world.

Youth notes:

During December the youth will not have their regular meetings. Instead they will have the youth committee meeting, serving the red kettle club at Walmart for the Salvation Army and then in lieu of a Christmas party they will be going to an escape room to work on their group skills.

Special thanks goes out to several parents and members of the youth committee who stepped in and helped with the fundraiser during the Christmas Parade. Many of the youth had to work, but this group didn't want them to miss out on the extra money for their mission trip this summer.

We are very blessed to have such a great group this year. Please continue to pray for them on their faith journey.

Blessings

The Youth Committee

Ministry Opportunities

Greeters



Praise

Leaders



Communion

Preparers



We are in need of Greeters, Praise Leaders and Communion Preparers every Sunday morning.

Please contact Kerri Corner (732-6656) and sign up today to serve in one of these ministries.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN

2ND Thursday of each month at 4 pm.

Hood UMC - 139 N. Walnut Ave. • Republic

Focus Fellowship

Meets the 3rd **Thursday** of each month from 6-8 pm.

For more information, see Chris or Danielle Rothgeb.

Dinner & childcare is provided.

Attendance

	S.S	Worship
29-Sep	38	85
6-Oct	39	88
13-Oct	39	93
20-Oct	38	83
27-Oct	32	92

Prayer Concerns

Paul Steward
Linda Hay

Lee Ann Durbin
Fern Hall

Patsy Trogdon

Extended Family

Heather (Susan Sprague's granddaughter)
Baby Lincoln (Blane & Teresa Reed)
Mike Lewis (Ginger Davis)
Mandy Hughes (Janet Thompson)
Kristy Lewis (Janet Thompson)
Candy Whyte (Janet Thompson)
Wyatt & Telia's step-mom, Amy (Lee & Janel Young)
Anthony (Lee Young's uncle)
Glenda (Glenn Hasting's siter)
Loiuse & Jerry (Keith Glenn)
John Murphy (Roberta Reustle's brother)

Nona Coleman & family (Janel Young)
Bob Murphy (Roberta Reustle's Dad)
Pat Lindsey (Keith Glenn)
Kim Swain (Lee Ann Durbin)
Jennell Fredrick (Janet Thompson)
Reverend Tom Geer (Ash Grove CC)
Tim Ricke (Linda Pullen)
LeRoy Souder-cancer (Linda Hay)
Cheryl Ess (Lea Ann Quessenberry)
Mildred (Janel Young's grandma)

Prayer Chain: If you would like to be a part of our prayer ministry, please call the office.

Note: If you or a loved one is on the list & no longer needs to be, please let the office know.



4 Annette Burtin	20 Rebecca Henson
6 Nolan Sunderman	21 Anthony Hamilton
7 Ernie Giddens	26 Cory Quessenberry
Laighton Parker	27 Karen Trusler
11 Linda Hay	Christian Reese
15 Nathan Dixon	29 Kamryan Trussler
16 Lisa Blumenstock	31 Brenda Johnson

Anniversaries



11 Eric & Michelle Fuhr
18 Coi & Crystal Landers
26 Lester & Fran Richesin
27 Tom & Christy Warren
28 Bill & Barbara Grantham



First Sunday Celebration



December 1st

All Sunday School classes will meet in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate the month's birthdays & anniversaries!

Breakfast item, milk, juice & coffee will be served at 9:15! We will begin right at 9:30.

Not part of a Sunday School class?

This is a great time to join!



Christian Women's Fellowship



The Morning CWF will meet Wednesday, December 4th at 10am in the Fellowship Hall for our Christmas party. Everyone is encouraged to bring an ornament/small gift and a snack food to share.

The Evening CWF will meet Monday, December 9th for our Christmas party at 6pm. We will celebrate at Erica Glenn's home (3719 S. State Hwy N, Republic). Please bring an ornament/small gift (under \$10) and a snack food to share.

Fellowship Committee

Sunday, December 9th everyone is invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall after the Choir's Cantata for snacks and a "speical" guest! Please bring your favorite snack food/dessert to share!

find us on social media



our public page is:
First Christian Church of Republic
our private page is:
Republic First Christian (Disciples of Christ)



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Deacons

December

1st & 29th

Bonnie Williams
Glenn Hastings
Carol Hastings
Brad Henson, Jr.
Delbert Shiver
Abby Fuhr
Crystal Landers

8th

Mady Giacin
Debbie Stocker
Kyle Quessenberry
Tim Mann
Kat Henson
Christ Rothgeb
Ally Glenn

15th

Dan Blumenstock
Keith Glenn
Brad Henson, Sr.
Catherine Johnsen
Jaime Garbee
Karen Trusler

22nd

Russ Allen
Michelle Fuhr
Jackie Barger
Toni Allen
Danielle Rothgeb
Jessie Jones

If unable to serve on scheduled date, please get someone to replace you and call your team leader. (Team Leaders are first name on each list)

Thank You

The ladies of CWF would like to thank everyone who helped with the making of apple pies this year. With your help we made and sold 530 pies. We could not have done it without you.

People Helping People Paper Products

People Helping People will supply food baskets for about 110 families this Christmas. CWF supplies the paper products for those baskets. We will order in bulk and will be collecting monitory donations from those who choose to help.

Elders

If unable to serve on scheduled date, please get someone to replace you and call Jerry Bethurem.

December

1st	— Lisa Blumenstock	& Kevin Corner
8th	— Randy Richesin	& Jim Burks
15th	— Sandy Richesin	& Kevin Notz
22nd	— Bill Grantham	& Linda Pullen
29th	— Jerry Bethurem	& Kim Notz

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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December 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 ♦ 9:15 am - 1st Sunday Celebration 	2	3	4 ♦ 10 am - CWF Christmas party ♦ 7 pm - 1st Wed. Bible Study 	5	6	7
8 ♦ Congregational Meeting following Worship Service	9 ♦ 6 pm - CWF Christmas party 	10	11 ♦ 6:30 pm - Youth	12 ♦ 4 pm - Serve meal at Community Kitchen 	13	14
15 ♦ 6 pm Children's Program & Choir Cantata 	16	17	18 ♦ 6:30 pm - Youth	19 ♦ 6-8 pm - Focus Fellowship	20	21
22	23	24 <i>Offices Closed</i> ♦ 6 pm - Candlelight Christmas Eve Service 	25 <i>Offices Closed</i> 	26	27	28
29  ♦ bus pass Collection	30	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>			29	30