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Anniversaries:

8 – Travis & Misty Stecher
19 – Denny & Cindy Napier
20 – Kaleb & Raeleen Brown

Birthdays:

1 – Linda Bramlett
2 – Bella Nalley
3 – David Wilt
5 – Aaron Hossain
11 – Laura Reid
12 – Christopher Frakes
17 – Blair Hahn
18 – Daniel Edwards, Marnie
Herring
22 – Dixie Horton Gustafson
28 – Steph Line

... for **Raye Ann Beasley** whose brother-in-law, Alan, passed away after having lung surgery, along with Alan's long-time partner, **Cheri Cole**. May God grant them peace and comfort.

... for **Carrie Nava** – for God to walk beside and carry her as she recovers from back surgery.

... for the family of Sandi (Wick) Hartman who passed away recently. Sandi is a good friend of the family of **Jan Lucas**.

... for **Kim Barton's** cousin's newborn, Morgan, was admitted to the hospital

... for situation with Ukraine and Russia – that peace and diplomacy will reign.

... for New City Church, Mbandaka, Congo.



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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Message by Pastor Greg Fitch

"How Will I Know?" (Zechariah)

Scripture: Luke 1:5-25

Dec. 4, 2022

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Message by Pastor Martha-Jean Fitch

"How Can This Be?" (Mary)

Scripture: Luke 1:26-38

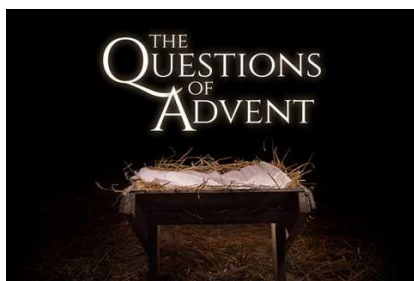
Worship will be in-person and on Facebook Live at 9:30am



BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

A Service of Healing and Hope – December 4 at 3pm

If you are grieving or struggling, if the Christmas spirit eludes you this season, or you just need a quiet, spiritual break in the midst of busy times, we invite you to join us for this special service and/or invite someone you know who could use some extra support and join them at the service. We will have a time of prayer, music and candle lighting.



NEW SERMON SERIES BEGINS NOV 27

Advent is the four-week celebration in the church calendar where we prepare and wait for the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas. This year, our sermon series for Advent will be “*The Questions of Advent*”. Throughout Advent this year, we will discover how the people of the nativity – Zechariah, Mary, Elizabeth, Shepherds and the Magi

all had questions about the birth of Jesus and how God was at work in their lives. Each of these honest seekers will offer us instruction and model faithfulness in the midst of their questions. We will celebrate on Christmas Eve, hearing from all the people present at the birth of Jesus, by asking the question “*What Child is This?*”.

DW “CHRISTMAS COOKIE WALK” SATURDAY, DEC. 3

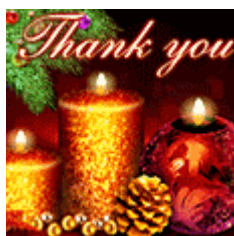
9am to noon in Small Fellowship Hall

Just a few days to go
Until our “Christmas Cookie Walk”
Which has become the talk
Of the town ... Ho! Ho! Ho!



We ask you to bring your cookies **Friday, December 2**
After 8:30am to Small Fellowship Hall so we can view
All the great assortments you’ve brought
Which will go like hot cakes ... and that’s HOT!

The Disciple Women is sponsoring this event
And all proceeds help the Disciple Mission Fund will be sent.
We truly thank you for what you’ve done
So let’s have the BEST Cookie Walk under the sun!



THANK YOU FOR DECORATING OUR CHURCH

A special Thank You to all who helped with decorating our beautiful church for the Advent and Christmas season during “hanging of the greens”. It was a great joy to be together as a church family working on the decorations. Everything looks simply gorgeous!

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDELIGHT/COMMUNION SERVICE

“*What Child is This?*”

Saturday, December 24th at 7:30pm

Invite your family and friends to join us as we celebrate our dear Savior!



Thank you to everyone who led, volunteered, or donated in some way to make Be the Church Sunday successful this fall. We had over 40 volunteers! The team prepared and delivered 12 treat trays for local First Responders, cleaned up and painted our Gift of Lights Display, and donated non perishables and time to the FISH food pantry to help them get ready for their grand opening at their new location! With everyone’s joint effort we wouldn’t have been as successful as we were. **THANK YOU** to each and every one of you! – *Kim Barton*

WORSHIP SERVING SCHEDULE

Nov. 27 – Diaconate Serving: Kaleb Brown and Raeleen Brown

Lead in Communion: Cindy Andrews

Offering Message: Pastor

Prayers: Neill Unger

Greeters: Kaleb Brown and Raeleen Brown at North St.; Earlene Crouse and Brandy Hossain at Broad St.; Janet Christiansen at canopy door

Dec. 4 – Diaconate Serving: Marge Patterson and Raye Beasley

Lead in Communion: Chris Mowrer


Offering Message: Carolyn Spratt

Prayers: Misty Stecher

Greeters: Marge Patterson and Raye Beasley at North St.; Kaleb Brown and Raeleen Brown at Broad St.; Janet Christiansen at canopy door
Elders Serving Out: Steve Spicher and Renee Galvin



DECEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>Note: Worship services are in-person as well as Facebook Live</i>	<i>Note: Disciples Sunday School and Wednesday Bible Study are both on Zoom and in person.</i>			1 9am – Staff meeting	2 9am – Cookie Walk set-up 7pm – Buchanan Community Chorus Concert	3 9am-noon – DWF Cookie Walk
4 8:45am – Coffee House Theology Sunday School in library 9:30am – Coffee Fellowship 10am – Worship – Choir 11:30am – Disciples Sun. School 3pm – Blue Christmas Service	5 1:30pm – Cookie Walk mtg 5pm – Narcotics Anonymous Newsletter week	6 1:30pm – Caring Ministers 7pm – Choir practice	7 5:30pm – Youth group	8 9am – Staff meeting 10:30am – Disciples Women Council	9	10 10:30am – Book Club “Forever Across the Marsh”
11 8:45am – Coffee House Theology Sunday School in library 9:30am – Coffee Fellowship 10am – Worship – Choir 11:30am – Disciples Sun. School 3pm – Worship in the Upper Room	12 5pm – Narcotics Anonymous 6pm – Elders/Council joint mtg	13 7pm – Choir practice	14 3pm – Worship at Hawthorne Inn 5:30pm – Youth group	15 9am – Staff meeting 2pm – Worship at Knox County Nursing Home 5:30pm – Men’s Night Out at Pizza Ranch and Ladies Night Out at Jimmy’s Pizza	16	17
18 9am – Christmas Potluck Brunch & Congregational Meeting 10am – Worship - Choir 11:30am – Disciples Sun. School 3pm – Worship in the Upper Room 6pm – Children’s Christmas Program	19 5pm – Narcotics Anonymous 7pm – Trustees Newsletter week	20 10:30am – Naomi Circle 7pm – The Weekend Cluster	21 7pm – Choir practice	22 9am – Staff meeting	23	24 7:30pm – Christmas Eve service
25 10am – Worship - Choir	26 5pm – Narcotics Anonymous Office closed - Christmas	27	28	29	30	31 

BOOK CLUB RESUMES DECEMBER 10

Book Club will meet at **10:30am Saturday, Dec. 10** at the church to discuss the novel by Jeff Pearson, “Forever Across the Marsh.” All are welcome to read and join in our discussion. A copy of the book is available for loan; call Diane Eager at (309) 335-7560. The book and audio version are available through Amazon and other outlets for purchase.

Looking forward to future selections: we will read all-time favorite books of members with some suggested criteria for choices.



CHRISTMAS POTLUCK BRUNCH & CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 AT 9am

Join us for a catered All Church Christmas Potluck Brunch on **Dec. 18 at 9am**. Please bring a brunch item or two to share. Drinks and table service provided.

There will be a brief Congregational Meeting to vote on the slate of nominees for 2023.

LOOK FOR THE GIVING TREE THIS ADVENT SEASON

You are invited to give to our Blessing Box throughout this Advent Season. Look for the “Giving Tree” in the Sanctuary, close to the choir loft.

Choose a tag or two from the tree to purchase for the Blessing Box Ministry **OR** purchase from the whole list (see half sheet to the left of the tree). Each tag has about \$10 (or less) worth of items on it. Once items are purchased, bring them back to the tree and place them in the boxes.

If you prefer to not do shopping yourself, please feel free to give cash donations to Kim Barton or Lorraine in the office and we will be sure that items off of the list are purchased with your donation.

Our community members greatly benefit from your generosity this Holiday season and all year round! Thank you for your support!



A large thank you to **Mark and Mary Davis** for cooking the youth Chicken Noodle Supper that was held at the church on November 12. Your hard work and many hours in the kitchen paid off, dinner was delicious! Thank you, **John and Janet Foster**, for helping prepare, serve, and clean up the youth dinner as well as assisting Mark and Mary. The dinner was well attended, and the children had a great time serving you! We are looking forward to another dinner later this winter! Thank you for supporting us.

No meeting on **Wednesday, Nov. 22** for Thanksgiving break. Youth group will meet again on **Nov. 30th**, with bell practice at 4:30pm, dinner at 5:30pm.

Meetings in December will be on **Wednesday, Dec. 7 and 14**, and resume again on **Jan. 11th** in the new year.

The Children’s Program is on Sunday, **Dec. 18th at 6pm**. Watch for more details in upcoming Crusaders.



The preschool-early elementary youth group made thankful turkeys from their hands and feet after reading Psalm 138 on Wednesday, Nov. 16.