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NOVEMBER 2016

## November 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Muscle Movers-10am	4	5
6 Choir practice @ 9:30am 2pm - Worship at Victorian Square	7 Muscle Movers-10am	8	9 Nar-Anon and Narcotics Anonymous Meetings at 7:30pm Wednesday Night Live 5:30-7:30 Handbells 7:30	10 Muscle Movers-10am	11	12
13 Choir practice 9:30am 9am Executive Committee Meeting Board Meeting immediately after worship	14 Muscle Movers-10am	15	16 Nar-Anon and Narcotics Anonymous Meetings at 7:30pm Handbells 7:30 Wednesday Night Live 5:30-7:30	17 Muscle Movers-10am	18	19
20 Choir practice @ 9:30am Church Thanksgiving Luncheon after worship	21 Muscle Movers-10am	22	23 Nar-Anon and Narcotics Anonymous Meetings at 7:30pm NO Wednesday Night Live. NO Handbell Choir	24 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed	25	26
27 Choir practice ,9:30	28 Muscle Movers-10am	29	30 Nar-Anon and Narcotics Anonymous Meetings at 7:30pm Wednesday Night Live 5:30-7:30 Handbells 7:30			

### Sunday School:

10am

### Worship:

11am

### November Birthdays

- Mary King - 11/1
- Scott Albertson - 11/2
- Beth Howard - 11/2
- Bettye King - 11/5
- Pat Wright - 11/8
- Wes Woodall - 11/9
- Cooper Thurman - 11/10
- Fran Long - 11/16
- Rebecca Johnston - 11/16
- Mable Clem - 11/19
- Mary Johnston - 11/24
- David Hembree - 11/26
- Linda Johnston - 11/27
- Gerald Scarbrough - 11/28
- Jim Cooley - 11/28
- Dana Pemberton - 11/29
- Margaret Cole - 11/30

### Attendance for October 2016

- 10-2-2016 - 94
- 10-9-2016 - 96
- 10-16-2016 - 85
- 10-23-2016 - 122
- 10-30-2016 - 102

### Music Ministry at First Christian Church

There are two wonderful groups that meet weekly to celebrate the music at this Church. The Handbell Choir meets on Wednesday at 7:30pm in the sanctuary. The Choir meets at 9:30am on Sunday mornings in the Sanctuary and rehearse for an hour. They have just begun rehearsing Christmas music and would love to have new folks who want to sing for the Season.

If you would ever like to offer some special music or be interested in participating just during the Christmas Season, Amanda Holly would love to chat with you. You can be in touch with her at [Amandaholly1580@gmail.com](mailto:Amandaholly1580@gmail.com) or 776-5717.

### Opportunity to Serve

The week before Thanksgiving all will be invited to take a "Giving Advent Calendar" home with them. This will be a way for families to anticipate the birth of Christ in our lives and in our world by giving us an opportunity to serve and give back.

Each day in December there will be a way for you to serve by collecting different items (a can of beans, toothpaste) or spend a moment in prayer in reflection. Then on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day we invite you to bring your collected items back to Church. On Christmas morning we will organize all the wonderful donations as we celebrate the TRUE gift of Christmas in our Savior, Jesus Christ!  
Stay tuned for more information in worship!

### Children & Youth Happenings

Kara Foster is exploring the possibility of taking a mission trip to the Dominican Republic from May 26-June 1st in 2017. This trip would be for high school and college age students (or a middle schooler who has a parent along too). We would be visiting one of our Global Mission partners, Caminante. Caminante works to provide a safe and educational environment for vulnerable street children. We would be volunteering in their school programming.

The cost of the trip would be \$1,200, but we would plan on doing significant fundraising so that all who wanted to go could go. For more information, talk to Kara Foster [fcckara@bellsouth.net](mailto:fcckara@bellsouth.net)

# Thought for the Month

If....

## Need an Update on your giving?

If you would like an update on your annual giving feel free to contact our Financial Manager, Fran Long. She can print out a report for you. Fran can be reached at Emergft1911@aol.com or 354-9687.

### Welcome New Members!

We were pleased to welcome new members into the life of our congregation on Sunday, October 23rd. Welcome Kathy Hoch, Eric and Gretchen Bowman and their daughters, Brynn & Greer, Dick and Harriet Whiteman, and Wayne and Fran Richardson. We are blessed by your presence in our congregation!

### Church family Thanksgiving Sunday luncheon on November 20th.

Everyone is invited and please plan on bringing a dish to share to this covered dish luncheon after worship. The Turkey and Dressing will be provided -- so bring a friend and share in the feast!

During the meal we will also have an opportunity to donate to help expenses for the Rockwood Ministerial Association's Christmas baskets. These baskets of food are given out to families in need the week before Christmas. The RMA will spend \$29 on each Christmas Basket and they expect to prepare 275 baskets. Please consider donating to this important cause.

### Save the Date for December!

Friday, December 16th - 6pm: The Music of Christmas Music Event  
 Sunday, December 28th - 6pm: Church Family Christmas Show & Party  
 Saturday, December 24th - 6pm: Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship  
 Sunday, December 25th - 11am: Christmas Gathering - service project & communion in Fellowship Hall

### CHURCH FINANCES

August 29, 2016 - September 25, 2016	
GENERAL FUND INCOME	
October 2	2,421.00
October 9	1,867.00
October 19	2,746.00
October 23	1,757.00
October 30	2,101.00
Total Sunday	\$10,892.00
Total Office	2,885.00
Total G/F	\$13,777.00

### NEEDED WEEKLY 3,518.92

Special Funds G/F **In/Out	
WNL	\$ 600.00
ELC Fees	1,481.00
Pumpkin Patch	5,535.00
Scholarship Dist	<u>1,613.55</u>
Total	\$ 9,259.55

DEPOSITED INTO FAIR ACCOUNT	(Undesignated)	Memorials	\$ 150.00
	(Designated)	B/F	<u>3,533.00</u>
		Total	\$3,683.00

TOTAL ALL MONEY RECEIVED \$26,719.55  
 Total All Money Received \$16,511.48

### Worship Leaders Serving in November:

November 6 - Pat Bishop      November 13 - need volunteer  
 November 20 - Carol Johnson      November 27 - Fran Long  
**November Communion Preparation** - Nell Bilbrey and Thressa Anderson

### November Elders and Deacons

**Bread** - Mike Albertson      **Wine** - Marsha Berry  
**Table:** Rich Matthews, Deb Matthews  
**Narthex:** Mary King, Michael Ann Begley

Dear Friends,

Like many of us, a colleague of mine had gotten tired of the constant divisive political rhetoric. Social media was full of people calling each other names because of who they were voting for in November. She said even her own family gatherings had led to shouting matches across the dinner table. She knew of people who were no longer speaking in her congregation because of "fights" they'd gotten into over Facebook. She was sick of it.

One night she and her husband were talking about how they hated this feeling of us vs. them, so they decided as a family that they would make their own political statement. She went to a sign shop and printed in red, white, and blue a yard sign that says, "Choose Kindness." They stuck it in their yard. Then her neighbor came over and said, "I love the sign. Where can I get it?" Then a couple more neighbors wanted one. Then some friends around town. The sign shop is still printing these new political statements.

I'm grateful and proud to be a part of a nation that has free elections and has known the peaceful transition of power. I'm grateful for the right to vote and make my voice heard. When I read email updates from my friend Owen, a Chaplain serving in Iraq, I am reminded that as I sit comfortably at my desk there are men and women who have/are sacrificing so very much for all of our freedoms.

In a just a short while the elections will be over. The races for local, state, and presidential politics will be done. Don't forget that we will still be sitting across the dinner table and we will still be sitting next to one another in the pews come Sunday morning. Kindness matters.

Glad to be in ministry with you!

Peace, *Kara*

### Memorials...

*In Memory of*  
*Marilyn McCluen*  
 by  
*Jane L Jones*  
*John & Mary Lou Marth*

### Thank You...

Kara, Staff, and Church Members,  
 Thank you for the use of your facility for the 1st Senior Bingo Blowout! It was a success! We appreciate you all for helping make this event great!  
 Jennifer Watson, Rockwood Housing Authority and Mideast Senior Services

Thank you all so much for your prayers, your cards and kind words, the food and numerous phone calls during George's medical issues.  
 And a special thank you to Nathan Kirkham for giving your time and hard work cleaning up the tree that was down in our yard. For all of these things we are truly thankful beyond words!  
 George and Karen Treadway