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Coming Events

- 12/2 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
5&6:00 pm Youth Group
- 12/3 1:00 pm Interagency Meeting
5:00 pm Basketball Practices
8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
- 12/4 8:30 am Bible Study
6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting
- 12/5 3:45 pm Kids Connection
6:00 pm Financial Peace University
6:30 pm Choir Practice
- 12/7 7:00 am CWF Christmas Bazaar
6:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting
6:00 pm Pike County Youth League
- 12/8 10:00 am Pike County Youth League
- 12/9 8:00 & 10:30 am Worship
9:15 am Sunday School
4:45 pm Christmas Caroling
- 12/10 5:00 pm Basketball Practices
6:30 pm Circle I Meeting
8:00 pm AI Anon Meeting
- 12/11 8:30 am Bible Study
4:00 pm Basketball Practices
6:30 pm Church Board Meeting
- 12/12 8:30 am Pike County Unmet Needs
10:00 am Outreach Sorts Gifts
3:45 pm Kids Connection
5:30 pm Family Meal
6:00 pm Financial Peace University
6:00 pm Basket Practices
6:00 pm Choir Practice with Kids
- 12/13 9:30 am Circle IV Meeting
4:00 pm Basketball Practices
- 12/14 6:00 pm Pike County Youth League
- 12/15 10:00 am Pike County Youth League
10:00 am Choir Practice
Adopt a Family Pick Up

The CWF Christmas Bazaar will be Friday, December 7. Doors will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. The Tea Room will serve from 7-10:30. Lunch consisting of soup, sandwiches, pies and drinks will be served from 11:00 until 1:30.

The **Treasure Chest** would appreciate donations of items such as, but not limited to, seasonal decorations, home décor, miscellaneous household items (such as small appliances, dishes, pots and pans, etc.), toys, games, books, puzzles, accessories (jewelry, purses). No electronics or clothing please. Items for the Treasure Chest room may be left at Crossroads Center beginning Tuesday, December 4, from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday and from 8:00 a.m. until Noon on Thursday. Your donations have made the Treasure Chest a great success in past years. If you have any questions regarding the Treasure Chest, please call Ruth Anne Goodin 285.2705 or Linda Decker 285.4042.

Reminder to Bakers: The Country Store at the CWF Bazaar needs all your wonderful home-made goodies. Any special treats, cookies, cakes, candy, breads, home canned items, etc. Whatever your specialty may be, we'll be happy to add it to our tables! Please bring your treats to Crossroads on Thursday, Dec. 6th, after 10am. We have plastic "to-go" containers so it's not necessary for you to "plate" your items. Call Barbara Fosco if you have any questions - 285.2608. Thanks so much!

Lunch prep will be done **Wed, Dec 5**. If you can help that Wed in the kitchen, contact Jenny Tate 217.248.1238.

Adopt-A-Family Update

All tags have been taken from the tree. Thank you everyone! **Gifts and food are due at the church by Wed, Dec 5.**

We encourage anyone that didn't get a tag before they were all taken and still want to give, to donate food for the food baskets.

There are a few tags that were taken and have the "bottom" still attached. If you have a tag and you did not fill out your name and phone number and cut the bottom off and leave it in the basket, could you contact Tammi Koltveit 217.370.6194 and give her that info.

The Outreach Ministry will be sorting and organizing gift and food on **Wed, Dec 12**, starting at 10:00 in the sanctuary. Extra hands are always needed. Please let Tammi know if you are available to help.

We were excited to celebrate the baptism of Emma Wombles on Sunday, Dec 18. Emma is the daughter of Korey and Lisa Wombles and the newest member of FCC!

John and Ashlyn Havens are the parents of twins! Vince John and Vivian Bry were born Nov 17. Vince weighed 4lbs, 6oz and Vivian was 3lbs, 10.2oz and both 17". They arrived a little early but everyone is doing great! Grandparents are Brian and Angie Ruebush.

Prayer Concerns: Dora Lee Claus, Keith Elledge, Stacey Helms, Charles Owens, Vera Staffy, Mary Wintjen, Mary Barber (Chuck Barber's sister-in-law), Gary Fine (Terry Fine's father), Vera Murr (Karl Benjamin's sister), Sharron Shannon (Friend of Karl Benjamin), Julie Talley (Judy Ferguson's sister-in-law)

We express our sympathy to the family and friends of Ken Bradbury who passed away.

I want to thank everyone for the prayers, cards, calls and especially Pastor Michael for the words of encouragement during my recent surgery and recovery. I greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness. -Jane Calaway

We want to thank everyone who has helped clear walks and parking areas after the recent snows. We also want to thank the volunteers who have helped with the overflow room/sanctuary remodel. All help is appreciated!

The Turkey Dinner Nov 14 was full of wonderful food and fellowship! Thank you to everyone who was able to attend and to all who helped prepare the delicious meal!

Your designated, predated 2019 **offering envelopes** will be available soon. Let the office know if you would like to start using your own box so you can prepare offering at the convenience of home.

The church will be decorated for the Christmas season with **poinsettias**. Contact the office if you would like to defray the cost and purchase one in memory/honor of loved ones. Cost is \$10.

Various December Meetings

Circle I - Mon, **Dec 10**, 6:30 at Crossroads.

Church Board Meeting - Tues, **Dec 11**, 6:30. Packets will be ready Dec 9.

Circle IV - Thurs, **Dec 13**, 9:30.

Elder Dinner Meeting - Mon, **Dec 17**

The 2019 Elder, Deacon, Communion to Shut-ins, and Fellowship Treats serving schedules will be ready soon. Let the office know if you have a change to your availability to serve on the Shut-in and Fellowship Treat schedule.

All kids K-6th are welcome to sing with the FCC choir for Cantata this year. We will be practicing on Wed, **Dec 12**, at 6pm and Sat, **Dec 15** at 10am. Cantata is on Sun, Dec 16 at 5pm. Contact Kayla Boren with any questions 217.370.2166.

If you have **milk/water jugs** saved for Children First, please bring them to the office the first week of December. They will then have enough to start building the igloo. Thank you everyone who has helped with is project!

Youth Group News Middle School and High School will meet at 5:00 and 6:00 respectively on Sun, **Dec 2**. The Youth Group will participate in Christmas Caroling on Sun, **Dec 9**, and have a Christmas Party afterwards at Crossroads. No meeting **Dec 16** due to cantata. More info about youth group will be provided on the Facebook sites *youth@first*, *parents at first* and *First Christian Church*. Please join these 3 sites if you have not done so already as these are our main venue for timely info.

The holiday season is drawing near. **Scrip prepaid cards are available for all your shopping needs.** A list of vendors is on the sanctuary mantels. There is no additional cost to you and a percentage of your purchase is a contribution towards Children First. Call the office and order your cards today!

The Lions Club collects used reading glasses and distributes them to those in need. Glasses can be placed in the collection box outside the church building Long Room, brought to the office, or see Mary Gates.

Crossroads Center will be open for walking starting Dec 10. Hours will be Monday through Thursday mornings from 8:00 until 10:00. The gym office will be staffed during that time. Special events may alter the schedule and will be posted.

December Happenings

Dec 5, Wed - Kids Connection

From 3:45 until 5:15.

Dec 9, Sun - Christmas Caroling.

Be at Crossroads by 4:45 so we can divide in groups and leave by 5:00. Supper will be provided upon our return.

Dec 12, Wed - Kids Connection, Family Meal and Practice.

Kids Connection at 3:45. Meal served by 5:30 so kids singing in the Cantata can practice at 6:00.

Dec 15, Sat - Choir Practice.

Cantata practice at 10:00. Childcare will be provided.

Dec 16, Sun - Christmas Cantata.

Cantata starts at 5:00. Doors open at 4:00. Childcare will be provided.

Dec 19, Wed - Kids Connection, Family Meal and Kids Connection Christmas Program.

Kids Connection at 3:45. Meal served by 5:30. Program in the gym at 6:30.

Dec 20, Thurs - Children First Christmas Program.

Program at 6:30 in the sanctuary.

Dec 24, Mon - Christmas Eve Service, 9:00 p.m.

Kay McKinney is staying near her daughter until spring weather arrives.
If you would like to send her a card, the address is:

Kay McKinney
Lexington Square Apt 424
400 W. Butterfield Road
Elmhurst, IL 60126

Church Board Meeting Excerpts from Nov 13, 2018

Call to Order at 6:30pm by Moderator David Koltveit. Opening prayer and devotion on truth were led by Elder Kathy Hull who reminded those present to remain thankful to God for who He is and what He has done. The minutes were approved by general consensus.

Treasurer's Report: Michelle Hart reported that as of October 31, 2018: Total Checking/Savings Assets = \$424,546.78. Total Unrestricted Checking = \$99,540.20. Total Budgeted Receipts = \$401,108.29. Total Budgeted Disbursements = \$304,207.92. Statement of Cash Flow on Nonbudgeted Receipts Total = \$80,470.50 and Nonbudgeted Disbursements = \$33,278.66 for a difference of \$47,191.84. Pastor Michael Ten Eyck noted that the General Unrestricted checking total was less than \$100,000 and no funds were reclassified to Church Construction/Renovation because the month of October included three payrolls days. Rebecca Rhodes clarified that the Mutual Funds received in September fall under the oversight of the Trustees and that the October Treasurer's Report reflects this. Year-to-date worship attendance averaged 286 per week through October 31. David Bishop moved to approve the Treasurer's report; Roger Dunham seconded, and the motion carried.

The Outreach Ministry had \$975.80 left over that had been designated for Operation Christmas Child and would like to be able to redesignate the money for other projects such as Hurricane Relief and Wildfire Relief. Charlie Gates moved to allow the Outreach Ministry redesignate those funds to be used at the Ministry's discretion. David Bishop seconded, and the motion carried.

Helen Earls reported that Children First needed to take \$2,500 on 11/13/18 from the \$25,000 budgeted towards Children First.

Bobby Smith is working on having the Balsman Farm surveyed. Paperwork for the 2 acres going to George's niece is being drawn up.

The Task Force Sanctuary Subcommittee is working on getting estimates for some updates. David Koltveit gave an update about a recent visit to Maple Ave. Christian Church in Macomb. He and other members of the Task Force were impressed by what they saw there, and have arranged to take a larger group of Elders and Task Force members to see the construction on 11/27/18.

Sale of the Lovell Town Lot to adjacent landowner is proceeding.

David Bishop moved to adjourn at 7:25pm; Charlie Gates seconded, and Kathy Hull closed in prayer. Next board meeting will be Tuesday, December 11, at 6:30.

Respectfully Submitted,
Libby Boren
Recording Secretary

December Birthdays & Anniversaries 2 Alayna Justice; 3 Eryn Lipcaman, Gena Londrie, Hayley Wombles; 4 Jamie Patterson, Rebecca Rhodes; 5 Marc James, Ike Martin; 6 Jessica Speckhart Smith, Scott & Jennifer Palmer; 9 Sandy Wigington, Mardell Bryant; 10 Steve Hayden, Renita Ten Eyck; 11 Marci Speckhart; 12 Alyssa Casto; 13 Jack Hull; 14 Matt James; 15 TJ Reel; 16 Tim Belford, Dave Bryant; 17 Barbara Fosco, Cara McNulty, Connor Wombles, Arabella McNulty; 18 Jim Belford, Brody Tomhave; 20 Bill & Ann Ferguson; 21 Taylor Sweeting; 22 Donnie & Tereasa Apps, Harold & Shirley Loyd, Matthew Dain, Emmett Boren; 23 David Koltveit, Laynie Hart; 24 Cheryl Birch, Adam Maxwell, David Bishop; 25 Dorothy Apps, Betty Hayden; 26 Timothy Hull, Katie Cox, Beth Willman, Jim & Marcia Stark; 27 Matt Saxe, Brad Tomhave; 28 Marcia Stark; 29 Thomas Hoaglin; 31 Braxton Boren, Jay Patterson, Don & Deloras Martin, Harrison Patterson

Tuesday, November 20, 2018

Dear Camp Friend and Visionary,

MVCSC exists by the will of God and the sacrifice of His people. Through the last seven decades countless numbers of people have donated to, worked with, prayed for, guided and loved this camp and the people we serve. Thank you for your part in the good work God is doing at Mississippi Valley Christian Service Camp. This year we have a joyous announcement to share. We have reduced our debt to below \$100,000 dollars! Thank you to everyone who has helped us retire roughly \$50,000 in the last few years! Please prayerfully consider if God is leading you to help settle the loan on our Girl's Dorm.

This year we hosted 200+ campers in our regular season camps. In addition, we hosted another several hundred during rentals and retreats. Family Camp continues to support parents and grandparents as they raise their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Our Wilderness Camp is growing and the campers experienced rock climbing and rappelling for the first time. We also started an Outdoor Life Camp. This camp is for boys and girls 13 y/o and up and focuses on our rich traditions of hunting, fishing and other outdoor sports. We also re-started our Mission Trip program with a trip to Bethany Christian Mission and Campton Christian Church in Eastern Kentucky. We plan to return in 2019. Please consider going with us!

MVCSC continues to support the Mission of the Church. This year we hosted and learned from The Dorce' family of Blessing Hearts International. Wilckly Dorce' (Kiki) is a Haitian national, born and raised in the country of Haiti. Dee Dorce' (Mdme Kiki) is an Iowa farm girl transplanted in Haiti. They serve Christ and the Haitian people by equipping and supporting the local churches and proclaiming Christ in their school. You can learn more at... <https://www.blessingheartsinternational.com/>

The Spaghetti Dinner in April at the Crossroads Center was a great success and is planned again for April 28th, 2019. We'll be sure to let you know in advance. Thank you to all who make that event possible, and to all who attend. We continued our Taco Salad Fundraiser, involvement in fall festivals and parades. A hearty Thank You to Shelly and team for all they do! Please consider getting involved with this terrific opportunity to raise top of mind awareness and support for your camp.

As always, we are committed to improving, repairing, maintaining and upkeeping MVCSC. This year we replaced the A/C in the boy's dorm. We are well on our way to replacing all the camp's roofs. Next up is the chapel! Then we will be able to take a break from roofing until the shingles on the girl's dorm need replaced.

We are very grateful for your help in the past. You play an important role in the success and growth here at MVCSC. Please keep MVCSC in mind for your giving, and always remember us in your prayers.

Yours in Christ,

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Office Hours: 9:00am–4:00pm M-TH, 9:00am–12:00pm F
Worship Times: Every Sunday 8:00am, 10:30am
Sunday School: 9:15am

Stewardship (Offering Only)	11/18	11/25
Operational	\$10,583.29	\$7,515.60
Property Improvement	48.00	28.00
Church Construction/Renova	25.00	75.00
Outreach-Missionaries	70.00	70.00
DHF	25.00	25.00
Outreach-General	3.00	3.00
Unmet Needs	203.00	3.00
Adopt a Family	.00	50.00
Children First	<u>10.00</u>	<u>260.00</u>
Total	\$10,967.29	\$8,029.60

Operating Receipts (Offering, Rentals, etc.)
 Received Last 7 Days \$11,433.53 \$8,226.90
 Estimate Needed Each Week to Meet Budget \$9,328

Lectionary
 12/2: Jer 33:14-16; Ps 25:1-10; 1 Thess 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36
 12/3: Ps 90; Num 17:1-11; 2 Peter 3:1-18
 12/4: Ps 90; 2 Sam 7:18-29; Rev 22:12-16
 12/5: Ps 90; Isa 1:24-31; Luke 11:29-32
 12/6: Luke 1:68-79; Malachi 3:5-12; Phil 1:12-18a
 12/7: Luke 1:68-79; Malachi 3:13-18; Phil 1:18b-26
 12/8: Luke 1:68-79; Malachi 4:1-6; Luke 9:1-6
 12/9: Malachi 3:1-4; Luke 1:68-79; Phil 1:3-11; Luke 3:1-6
 12/10: Ps 126; Isa 40:1-11; Rom 8:22-25
 12/11: Ps 126; Isa 19:18-25; 2 Peter 1:2-15
 12/12: Ps 126; Isa 35:3-7; Luke 7:18-30
 12/13: Isa 12:2-6; Amos 6:1-8; 2 Cor 8:1-15
 12/14: Isa 12:2-6; Amos 8:4-12; 2 Cor 9:1-15
 12/15: Isa 12:2-6; Amos 9:8-15; Luke 1:57-66

Serving Schedule

December 2, 2018
Elder: Kathy Hull, Larry Wigington
Diaconate: Steve Tharp, Keith Elledge, Burdette Irwin, Vickie Tharp
8:00 Communion: Carolyn Casteel, Kathy Willman
10:30 Communion: Ann Ferguson, Joyce Lemons
Scripture: Ruth Bennett
10:30 Nursery: Olivia Smith
Shut-ins: Ruth Bennett, Deloras Martin
Children's Church: 8:00 Michelle 10:30 Matt
Fellowship Treats: Judy Ferguson, Sandy Wigington, Lori Johnson, Karen Goodwin
Kids Connection Treats 12/5: Ruth Bennett, Joyce Lemons

December 9, 2018
Elder: Matt Saxe, Kathy Hull
Diaconate: Betty Hayden, Gary Mendenhall, Cherise Anderson
8:00 Communion: N.D. & Joyce Harrison
10:30 Communion: Jamie & Sarah Sweeting
Scripture: Julie Boren
10:30 Nursery: Ellie Ten Eyck
Shut-ins: Greg & Kim Bonnett
Children's Church: 8:00 Michelle 10:30 Matt
Kids Connection Treats 12/12: Mary Gates, Karen Goodwin

Wishes & Wants
For Sale: Several pieces of pink depression glass. Judy Dunham 285.2738.

December 2 will be Cookie Sunday!

	11/18	11/25
Worship Attendance		
8:00 AM	88	104
10:30 AM	<u>200</u>	<u>164</u>
Total	288	268
Christian Education		
Age 3-PK	5	7
K-1st	8	6
2nd-3rd	6	6
4th-5th	8	8
6th-8th	5	8
Sr High	5	2
Disciples	8	13
New Beginnings	6	7
Sermon Study	6	6
Misc Adult Grps	<u>12</u>	<u>17</u>
Total	69	80