



The Disciple NEWSLETTER

First Christian Church Olathe
Disciples of Christ

November 2021



This is the time of year when we put special emphasis on the things that we are grateful for. It has been a difficult 18 months or so and our congregation has met the challenges with an amazing display of strength, faith, grace, and cooperation. We want to show how grateful we are for each other, and how grateful we are for the best part of the Thanksgiving feast...**PIE!**

The **Membership Department** decided they wanted to host, a restful but satisfying **Thanksgiving luncheon at the Church**. You can wear your house shoes and stretchy waist bands to get ready for **PIE**.

The **Thanksgiving luncheon at Church**, will be on **Sunday November 21st**, immediately after our morning service. We are asking **each family** that attends to do **two things**:

- 1) Please **call** the office **913-764-3555** or contact us by **email**, fccolathe@gmail.com to let us know you are coming. We need to do a count by Nov. 17th for ordering food.
- 2) **Bring a PIE** (or other dessert item) to the kitchen on Sunday morning, any flavor. Yes, we are going **PIE CRAZY**. You bring it, and we will slice and serve it!

Now we don't want to ignore the rules of nutrition. The Membership Department will provide turkey and ham sandwiches, veggies, chips, and potato salad. We have found that these foods go well with **PIE**. Life is uncertain eat dessert first. We will also have coffee, tea, water, and lemonade. Oh, did I mention **PIE**.

See you there with a mouth full of _____.

Verna Regier, (Our Creative Writer-in-Residence)
Cindy Heckman, Membership Dept Chair,





Healing Prayer Service



Healing Prayer Service - October 24, 2021

A heartfelt thanks to Sammye Phelps for envisioning this new ministry for our congregation and community. Thanks also to Jan Jones, Chair of Elders, along with many of our Elders, for their support and encouragement!

We sense the creative movement of the Spirit in this new venture and look forward with joyful anticipation to our next service.



We have 138 meals being collected and donated as of November 1st. Thank you to everyone that has joined us in collection for this event. We will be providing these "Holiday Meals" to families through our Food Pantry on November 18th. Collection boxes should be brought to the church between the dates of Nov 7th and Nov 15th. If you need help with getting your collection box to the church, please call Kimberlee in the church office. We will arrange to have someone come to your location for pick up.

Neal Heckman, Outreach Dept Chair

Men's Breakfast



Old 56 Diner on Oct 30th

Cookie Fellowship has started again after Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall! Each month the departments take turns bringing refreshments.

Refreshment for:



November— Property Department

December — Congregation



Georgie Babb Circle

November 22 at 1:00 PM

December 13th - Luncheon

Financial SEPT REPORT

General Fund	September 2021	YTD 2021
Giving	17,295	138,725
Expenses	17,864	140,263
Surplus / Shortfall	(569)	(1,538)

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

DATE	BIRTHDAYS	ANNIVERSARIES
Nov 02	Sammye Phelps Linda Sutton	
Nov 03	Shirley Picek	
Nov 04	Cindy Jones	
Nov 05	Jim Auldridge Dave Farris	
Nov 11	Shelley Allen	
Nov 17	Tommy Fields Brent Meadows	
Nov 20	Deanna Hoobler	
Nov 25		Dave & Verna Regier
Nov 27	Elaine Bagley Lyla Grissom	

FOOD PANTRY REPORT

Month/Year	Families	Total Individuals
Sept 2021	211	873
Sept 2020	173	757

ONLINE GIVING \$

Online giving for FCC can be found on our website at firstchristianolathe.org

You do have the option to give by credit card or through your bank account. Please note that the fees which apply to online giving are less if you give through your bank account.



Dear Church family,

I am grateful for the love, prayers, and support I received from FCC while I was caring for my parents during the month of October. During this time, my parents and I were able to have difficult and important conversations about the next season of their lives. We discussed possibilities for what that transition could look like. Because I had the gift of time (a whole month!), we were able to take our time, talk about various possibilities, and allow the process to be filled with grace.

Very often, transition (another word for change!) brings grief and a feeling of loss. On the other hand, transitions also create new possibilities for life. As we approach the seasons of Thanksgiving and Advent, may our hearts be filled with gratitude for the gifts of life, love, and community even in the midst of transition.

My thanks to Gary Armour for joining the FCC family for the month of October and providing insightful and faithful leadership. My appreciation to each of you who continued to provide leadership throughout the month in worship and ministry.

I am glad to be home and glad to be back in ministry alongside you at FCC Olathe!

Pastor Sherry



2022 BUDGET

Congregational Meeting to approve 2022 Budget following worship on Sunday, November 21, 2021.



A big thank you to Jan Jones and Betty Drews for their work in reorganizing and revitalizing our Church Library. Stay tuned for some great book recommendations to inspire us in our calling to follow Jesus!

Reminder

NOV 15th - Stewardship & Finance - 6 PM
 NOV 18th - Holiday Meals/Food Pantry - 9 AM
 Nov 22nd - Georgie Babb Circle - 1 PM

Bizarre Ladies - Wednesday - 9:30 AM (FH)
 Choir Practice - Thursday - 6:30 PM
 Bible Study - Sunday - 8:30 AM (FH)
 Tuesday - 11:00 AM (FH)
 Wednesday - 6:00 PM (Zoom)



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