

The Christian Visitor

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Sent With Love To You!

Message from Pastor Russ

From the Fall of 1974 until January of 1977, I served in the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment of the United States Army. Our mission was to patrol the East German/West German border. I remember the first time I saw "The Wall" in Berlin. It was heartbreaking to see what had been storefronts and houses, cinder blocked from the inside to form a wall. There were still pieces of curtains that were never removed. I viewed images of many that were killed as they tried to escape before they were cut off from freedom. There is one image of a ten year old boy that will forever be etched in my mind.

In our sector of the border, almost 30 years after the wall was built, we still experienced attempted escapes from oppression to freedom. Some were successful...some were not. My unit helped rescue an East German man who drove a concrete mixer through the wall in our sector.

Freedom is one of the greatest gifts a nation can have. Hundreds of thousands of US soldiers have died protecting the freedoms we enjoy and countless millions around the world die trying to acquire the freedoms we sometimes take for granted.

I am writing this early on Election Day. I am giving thanks to God for two things this morning. First that we have the freedom to elect officials in our country. In January, there will be a peaceful transfer of power to a new administration. Regardless of your feelings about the candidates, we should be thankful that we have a say in who governs us.

Secondly, I am so grateful for the Word of God. Here's what it has to say about those in positions of leadership. *"The king's heart is like a stream of water directed by the LORD; he guides it wherever he pleases."* Proverbs 21:1. It also says, *"Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God."* Romans 13:1. Do you remember Jesus' response when Pilate asked him if he was not aware that Pilate had the authority to free Jesus or put him to death? Jesus said, *"You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above."*

God is in control! I pray that each one reading this will have taken the time to exercise your freedom to vote. I trust Almighty God for the results. I praise Him for the ultimate freedom...freedom from the debt of sin through the loving sacrifice of our Lord, Jesus. I praise Him for the privilege of being a part of this congregation!

So Blessed to Serve With You,
Pastor Russ

Like our Facebook Pages!

Did you know the church has a Facebook page? We post pictures and updates from time to time. "Like" us and "check-in" when you're here to stay connected with your church family!

www.facebook.com/fccatchison

<https://www.facebook.com/AtchisonCountyFoodPantryatFirstChristianChurch>

The Churches Website

Check it Out: www.fccatchison.net

Christian Visitor Deadline

Deadline: Monday, November 21, 2016 - 4 p.m.

Published: Wednesday, November 23, 2016

This issue will include worship information for November 27 and December 5 as well as the December calendar, birthdays and anniversaries. The deadline for the next newsletter is December 5 and will include worship info. for December 11 & 18. Please have your items either typed or written out. It is difficult to take this information over the phone. You may also email your information to the church at fccatch@sbcglobal.net.

Please Notify The Church Office

- If anyone in your family goes into the hospital.
- When your group plans to have a meeting.
- When a member of your family leaves home for college or to establish a new residence.
- When you're planning to move out of town or locally.
- When your phone number changes.
- When a new baby arrives in your family.
- When you feel the church can assist you in any way.
- When a new family moves into your neighborhood.
- When someone needs to be placed on, OR taken off of the Prayer List.

OUTREACH MINISTRIES



Atchison County Food Pantry @ FCC

The food pantry is open on Mondays from 1:00-3:00 p.m. Wednesdays from 4:30-6 p.m. and Fridays from 10:00-11:30 am and

is located in the basement entrance off of Santa Fe St.

Please call the church office, 367-3036 if you would like to help. The Food Pantry is an important ministry in our community. Please check out our page on Facebook & Like us - Atchison County Food Pantry @ First Christian Church. *Monetary donations are accepted too!*

Needs for November: Instant Potatoes, Gravy Mix or Gravy in Jar, Cereal, Toothpaste, Bar Soap

Schedule for



Meals are served and deliveries made from First Christian Church. Signup sheets for volunteering are on the table in the annex. We need volunteers for kitchen helpers at 9 am and drivers and helpers to deliver meals to the homebound of Atchison at 10:15 am.

December 10

Remember In Prayers

Rose Bahr, Alex Blunt, Carole Baker, Helen Birkinsha, Betty Blide, Kathy Botts, Cain and Family, Melinda Calhoon, Matthew Carpenter, Bryson Connell, Jerry Daniel, Bob Dunn, Jesse Evans, Raymond Felton, Tammy Funk, Steve Germani, Jason Goodpasture, Gary Guinn, Alana Hale, Karla Harter, Phyllis Haynes, Mercedes Hoffman, Mike Horton, Kimberly Wilburn-Hurley, Tammy Jackson, Tracy Kane, Beverly Kennedy, Larry Kibler, Drew & Andrea (Jacobson) Korschott Family, Elaine Krusemark-Atchison Sr. Village, Jeff Kuhnert, Laney Ledbedder, Shirley Linck, Naesha Low, Ruthanna Marlatt, Ryley Martin, Kim Matthias, Ronda McDaniel and Family, Mike McDermed, Lila Mercer-Atchison Sr. Village, Bryan Meyer, Pat Montgomery, Jan Otte, Steve Otte, Stacy Peuker, Juanita Shufflebarger, Mark Shufflebarger, Becky Smith, Jim Smith, Sharon Sowers, Gary Stecher, Karen Tollefson, Lillie Truman, Amy West, Debbie Young. [IF WE CAN TAKE ANYONE OFF OF THIS PRAYER LIST, PLEASE NOTIFY ROSIE AT THE CHURCH OFFICE]

Military

Ryan Callahan, Joshua Lambert, Nicholas Cline, Sean McCaffery, Anton Mak, Jesse McGlade, Nick Davison, Curtis Ellis-Kuwait, Ben Carlisle, Jerry Michaels, John Humbard, Robert Dickson, Justin Ruhlman, Quentin Rivers, Kevan Birkinsha, Carlos Betts-Coffey, Ryan Thomas

Attendance

October 30, 2016	9 a.m. – 109	10:45 a.m. – 76	SS – 61
November 6, 2016	9 a.m. – 117	10:45 a.m. – 100	SS – 55

Visitors Oct. 30 & Nov. 6

Debbie Schneider, Ryan Henderson, Susan Krug, Pris Willmeth, Kent & Charlott Mizhel, Piper Stahl, Brady Miller, Cole Greenwood, Mckenzie Garvin, Ron & Jane Garvin, Chandler Smith, Courtney Umpheneur, Charlie, Alex & Sara Krug, Jay & Amy Garvin



Children's Christmas Program

Christian Education Ministry Team is beginning to prepare for the Children's Christmas program. It will be held on **Sunday, December 11th at 4 pm** in the sanctuary. Preschool – Middle youth will be involved. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Youth Sunday School Classes

10:00 AM in the educational building

Pre-K & K – Stacie Dougherty, Pam & Shawn Rizza & Isabelle Beckett

1st & 2nd Grades – Vicki Tate & Shanae Randolph

3rd, 4th and 5th Grades – Brooke Genail & Christen Lacey

Middle School (6th, 7th & 8th Grades) – Russ Cooper

Sr. High School (9th, 10th, 11th & 12th Grades) – Debra Mikkelson & Ronda McDaniel

Adult Sunday School Classes

- 9:30 AM in the choir room in the educational building – **Friendship Class** led by Keith Rawson
- 10 AM in the Memorial Chapel - **Logos Class** led by Jack Albright
- 10:10 AM in the Resource Room on 2nd floor of educational building for ages 18 – 25 led by Pastor Matt.

NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

A new adult Sunday School Class will begin on Sunday December 4th at 10:10 AM in the library/parlor (next to Wolf Hall). The class will be led by Carolyn Rodina and the lesson will be on James. The class will be for all adults.



Youth Group Activities

Friday, November 11th through Sunday, November 13th
2016 Nebraska-Kansas Joint Regional Assembly in Salina, KS.
Youth & Sponsors will leave on Friday, Nov. 11th at 3 pm from FCC.

Note of Thanks

Dear FCC family,

Thank you for the abundance of encouraging words, cards, and personal visits while James was ill this past summer. Our family greatly appreciated all of your prayers, and James is feeling better each day.

Sincerely,
The Wilson Family

First Christian Church Scholarship Committee,

I am sincerely honored to have been selected as a recipient of the First Christian Church scholarship. Thank you for your generosity which has allowed me to pursue my education at Northwest Missouri in the agricultural field. I have truly enjoyed my experience so far and am thankful for your generous donation. Thanks again for keeping me in your thoughts and prayers.

Heather Vanderweide

Letters of thanks have been received from the following agencies for gifts sent to them from the Ida Cure and World Outreach annual interest funds:

All Faith Counseling Center of Atchison - \$200

Boys and Girls Club of Atchison

Second Harvest Atchison Backpack Buddy Program - \$500

Letters of thanks have been received from the following agencies for gifts sent to them from the budgeted Outreach funds:

Project Concern, Inc.

Avant Ministries - \$298.72

Phillips Seminary - \$298.72

CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

Sunday, November 20, 2016

To vote on the approval of the Proposed 2017 Budget
See a copy of the Budget included with this newsletter

Sunday, December 4, 2016

2017 Board Officers Elected
(Trustee, Elders, Deacons & Deaconesses)

2016 CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE AND CHRISTMAS MEAL SIGN-UP

@ The Salvation, 926 Commercial St. Atchison
November 17, 18 (Thursday, Friday) 9 am – noon
November 21, 22 (Monday, Tuesday) 9 am – noon
November 21 (Monday) 4 – 6 pm

Bring: Proof of income (for last 30 days) picture ID, Social Security cards for all household members and a bill with your current address. Must be a resident in Atchison County and one food box per physical address. Distribution date for all applicants will be Wednesday, Dec. 21, 2016 from 9 am to 1 pm. Call the Salvation Army for details, 913-367-1207.

First Christian Church will once again participate in the **Stars of Hope (Angel) Tree.**

You can choose one or more stars that will have gift items listed and return to First Christian. We will then give to the Salvation Army for the Christmas distribution. Suggested gifts are: baby dolls, remote control cars/trucks, basketballs, footballs, soccerballs, adult make-up (for teen girls), watched, earbuds, \$5 Wal-Mart gift cards, jewelry. The tree will be placed in the annex.



ALL CHURCH THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON

On Sunday November 20, 2016 the Fellowship Ministry Team will host our annual Thanksgiving Dinner in Wolf Hall. Serving will begin at 11:45 a.m. The menu will consist of turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables, rolls, dessert and drink.



Donation of turkeys: We are in need of one (1) more donated turkey for the dinner. See the sign-up sheet in the annex to either buy it and cook and debone the turkey or donate the cash and we will find someone to bake the turkey.

Volunteers needed: The Fellowship Ministry Team will meet on Saturday, November 19th at 9 AM to set up tables, prepare the desserts and wrap silverware. Time to be determined. We will also need lots of helpers after the dinner for the CLEAN UP CREW. A sign-up sheet is in the annex as well.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

*Sponsored by the
Atchison Ministerial Alliance*

Tuesday, November 15, 2016 ~ 6:30 pm
Trinity Episcopal Church, 300 South 5th Street.



Everyone is invited to attend!

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The church office hours are 8:30 am to 4 pm
The office will be closed on Thursday, November 24 and Friday, November 26 in observance of THANKSGIVING. The office will also be closed on Friday, December 2 – Rosie taking a vacation day. Thank you!

Hanging of the Greens Service

Sunday, November 27, 2016

We will decorate our sanctuary during this service with the "Hanging of the Greens" and special readings given as we begin our Advent Season. The service will be held during the 10:45 a.m. Worship Service.



Worship Ministry Team

We will meet at the church on Saturday, November 26th at 9:00 a.m. to get the Christmas decorations out of storage and hang the garland around the balcony, choir loft, etc.

All Church Soup Luncheon

The Youth Group will have a Soup Luncheon Fundraiser on Sunday, November 27th with serving to begin at 11:45 a.m. in Wolf Hall.

The menu will consist of a variety of soups (provided by the youth group members and their families), crackers, dessert and drinks. A freewill offering will be collected for the summer mission work this summer.

Dedication of New Life

A dedication service of New Life will be held on Sunday, December 11, 2016 during the 9 and 10:45 a.m. services. If you wish to have your child dedicated, please contact the church office or talk with Pastor Matt and let us know you would like to participate in this very special service.



We will receive the Special Thanksgiving Offering on Sunday, November 13th and 20th. The offering envelope and insert are included with this Christian Visitor.

The Thanksgiving Offering benefits the Colleges, Universities, Seminaries, and Divinity Houses affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). These learning communities are an extension of the church, challenging students to understand and respond to God's call to serve.

From the very beginnings of the movement, Disciples have founded institutions of higher learning, encouraging students in their intellectual pursuits. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is still committed to higher education. Your gift to the Thanksgiving Offering helps underwrite the education of students attending one of our fourteen undergraduate institutions and our seven seminaries or divinity houses.

Thousands of students have attended the Colleges and Universities of the Christian Church receiving both a quality education and the opportunity to remain within our Disciple's heritage. Your financial gift provides scholarships and support for spiritual life offices. By giving to the Thanksgiving Offering you are investing in our students and helping keep education costs down.

The Thanksgiving Offering also provides scholarship and support for those pursuing theological education at one of our seven seminaries or divinity houses. Consider the many generations of pastors, who, if not for the support of faithful congregations and individuals over the ages would not have flourished as our pastors, teachers and leaders. What impact has your pastor had in the life of your church, community or region? You can thank them by supporting the Thanksgiving Offering.

Attending a Disciples College or Theological School is possible through the scholarships and grants that are made available by generous individuals, the Disciples Mission Fund and your gifts to the Thanksgiving Offering.

Please give generously to this year's Thanksgiving Offering.

Beans and Rice Ministry

Trinity Episcopal Church, 300 South 5th Street, 913.367.3171

Beans and Rice Ministry is open on the **third Thursday of each month** from **11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** to supplement food supplies for families and individuals. The next time is November 17th. No names are recorded or personal information given. This is a small and humble outreach of Trinity Episcopal, not a government or social agency.

We welcome you

You assist Trinity Episcopal in this outreach simply by spreading the word in Atchison, only if you feel so moved, that the Beans and Rice Ministry is here for those families and individuals that you may know who might wish to receive its benefit.

Remembrance Open House

Sunday, November 13, 2016

2:00 – 4:00 pm

Becker-Dyer-Stanton Funeral Home

800 Kansas Avenue, Atchison

Everyone is invited to attend!

Atchison's Kids Closet

For Atchison Elementary School & Atchison Middle School

For Distribution by the school nurses: Janelle Carrigan, Carol Smith, Corby Aversman and Deborah Eplee.

Items highly needed: New Winter coats – 6x to 14, New Tennis Shoes, Hygiene Products (travel size preferred for all): deodorant, shampoo, body soap, comb/brush, toothbrush, toothpaste, feminine products. Financial contributions are also needed to help purchase these items as well. Volunteers are also needed. Just a couple of hours of your time would be greatly appreciated.

For any questions or if you would like to volunteer contact Mary VanHorn @ 913-426-0372.



Church Shirt Sales

Church T-shirts (long & short sleeve) and sweatshirts (crew and hoodie) are offered for sale through the church. The sketch/image of the church will be on the front of the shirts (see below) in screen print; or the new LOGO embroidered upper left side of front. Order forms are available in the annex. One order form per each shirt. All orders **MUST BE PREPAID**. Sample shirts are on display in the annex. **WE ARE OFFERING 2 NEW COLORS – Red and Safety Green (Lime)**. Other colors are: Lt. Pink, Safety Pink, Lt. Blue, Neon Blue, Black and Dark Heather (Charcoal). All sales final. Prices are \$12 for T-Shirts (youth & adults) and crew neck sweatshirts, \$15 for Hoodies.

We are also offering coffee mugs with the new LOGO on both sides of the mug for \$10.

We will take orders for all items through Sunday, November 22nd.



All Church Picture

For anyone who would like to order a copy of the All Church picture taken last Sunday, Oct. 23rd. Go to the link below:

<http://bellagrancephoto.zenfolio.com/fcc>

Or, if you do not have access to a computer we have a copy of the picture and an order form on the table in the annex. We are offering 4x6, 5x7 and 8x10 sizes. Make your check payable to First Christian Church and in a few weeks we will place the order online and notify you when the pictures are ready to be picked up.

9 a.m. People of Praise Service
9:30 & 10:00 & 10:10 a.m. Adult SS Classes
10 a.m. Children & Youth SS Classes
10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship

Sunday, November 13, 2016

9:00 Servers: Helen Birkinsha, Kevin Dougherty, Janie Smart, Janet Enzbrenner, Carolyn Rodina, Kay & Jesse Greenly
9:00 Greeters: Parking Lot – Wanda McHardie
7th Street – Kevin Dykstra
Santa Fe – Floyd McHardie
10:45 Elders: Phyllis Walton and Helen Birkinsha
10:45 Servers: Buddy Baldrige, Jeremy Ellis, Carole Baker, Kylee Kottman, Janet Pruett
10:45 Greeters: Parking Lot – Dennis Stanton
7th Street – Michelle Stanton
Santa Fe – Carol Hink
10:45 Preparers & Cleanup: Heather Matthias/Sharon Sowers
Acolyte & Helper: Adam Caudle and Tammy Parrott
Worship Leader: Dennis Stanton

Sunday, November 20, 2016

9:00 Servers: Jacque Pregont, Phyllis Walton, Edith Smith, Amy Smith, Carol Hink, Rick & Peggy Stark
9:00 Greeters: Parking Lot – Roger Phillippe
7th Street – Barb Piper
Santa Fe – Carolyn Rodina
10:45 Elders: Janie Smart and Jeff Caudle
10:45 Servers: Kevin Dykstra, Tony & Margie Wilburn, Kay & John Dolenz, Michelle Stanton
10:45 Greeters: Parking Lot – Teri Kuhnert
7th Street – Linda Stecher
Santa Fe – Jeremy Ellis
10:45 Preparers & Cleanup: Patty Phillippe & Mary Hoffman
Acolyte & Helper: Grace Caudle and Alison Simpson
Worship Leader: Dennis Stanton