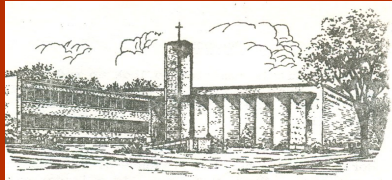




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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

Food Pantry Yearly Recap
Sympathy - LeRoy G.

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Reflections

Happy 2018! It's here, can you believe it?

New Years' celebrations are all about time. We have "Auld Lang Syne." According to Wikipedia, "Auld Lang Syne" is a Scots poem written by Robert Burns in 1788, and traditionally means:

"old long since", or more idiomatically, "long , long ago", "days gone by" or "old times". Consequently, "For auld lang syne", as it appears in the first line of the chorus, might be loosely translated as "for (the sake of) old times".

"For the sake of old times," since I've been with you these past few months, we have accomplished a lot. We are getting to know one another more and more. There have been "Wholeness Café's" and "Leadership" and "Spirituality" retreats. We ate together at Thanksgiving. We're serving God in the community. The Chi Rho children are meeting and planning an outreach project. We have a new choir director. The list continues far beyond these words.

An old Irving Berlin song tells us to "start the New Year right" by "ringing the old year out and ringing the new year in." With all that ringing of bells, let's remember where we left off before the holidays and give ourselves a real New Year send off into 2018! God has great things in store for us!

Another Year Is Dawning

Another year is dawning,
Dear master, let it be,
In working, or in waiting,
Another year with Thee.

Another year of mercies,
Of faithfulness and grace;
Another year of gladness
In the shining of Thy face.

Another year of progress,
Another year of praise,

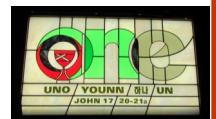
Another year of proving
Thy presence all the days.

Another year of service,
Of witness of Thy love,
Another year of training
For holier work above.

Another year is dawning,
Dear Master, let it be
On earth, or else in heaven
Another year for Thee.

—Francis Ridley Havergal (1874)

Happy New Year!
Pastor Lorraine



Upcoming Serving Schedule

January 7, 2018

- Candlelighter** ~ Mikinzi Simmons
- Children's Message** ~ Marie Harding
- Diaconate** ~ Larry Gamblian*, Joy Wonser
Cameron Moore, Carol Rhoades
- Elder** ~ Jean Miller
- Greeters** ~ (N) Carl & Rita Headrick
~ (S) Janet Lostutter
- Nursery** ~ Nikki Simmons & Mikinzi Simmons
- Worship Leader** ~ Robert Chatham
- Children's Church** ~ Faith Coleman

January 14, 2018

- Candlelighter** ~ Faith Idhe
- Children's Message** ~ Barb Gimple
- Diaconate** ~ Nikki Simmons*, Elizabeth Brown
Joe & Bonnie Denson
- Elder** ~ Anita Imhoff
- Greeters** ~ (N) Carl & Lana Richardson
~ (S) Barb Gimple
- Nursery** ~ Marilyn Dalton & Jen Dalton
- Worship Leader** ~ Jean Miller
- Children's Church** ~ Faith Coleman

January 21, 2018

- Candlelighter** ~ Gavin LeClear
- Children's Message** ~ Lorraine Bailey
- Diaconate** ~ Richard Becker*, Briana Becker
Laurie Kurzen, Linda Maulsby
- Elder** ~ George Arnett
- Greeters** ~ (N) John & Cindy Lexow
~ (S) Marie Harding
- Nursery** ~ Elizabeth Brown & Kohlby Ketchum
- Worship Leader** ~ Cindy Lexow
- Children's Church** ~ Elizabeth Brown

January 28, 2018

- Candlelighter** ~ Kinzie Kurzen
- Children's Message** ~ Jaylene Arnett
- Diaconate** ~ Carl* & Lana Richardson
Jim & Melissa Tilton
- Elder** ~ Judy Moore
- Greeters** ~ (N) David & Carolyn Meierhoff
(S) Wilma Lindsey
- Nursery** ~ Briana Becker & Richard Becker
- Worship Leader** ~ Janece Bacon
- Children's Church** ~ Rita Headrick & Nikki S.

In December we helped **48 families** consisting of **114 people** with **50 bags** of food plus some treats of candy, hot chocolate and cookies. Of these 48 families, **20 were new** to us. Many have been sent from the Salvation Army and others heard of us by word of mouth from friends in the same apartment complex.

Voices of the people you have helped this month—"We can always count on you. Thank you for being here and filling the need."

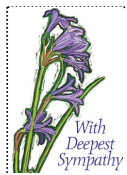


Don Allen, Lonnie Atchison (*cancer*); **Tom Bell; Chandler Bolen** (*health issues*); **Denise Calvert** (*broken leg*); **Joyce Cress** (*cancer & recovery*); **Diane** (*sister of Joyce Cress, breast cancer*); **Amy Hossfeld, Luella Hush, Bonnie Iverson** (*health issues*); **Jim Johnson** (*Jean Miller's nephew*); **Brad Jones** (*son of Jan Jones, heart problems*); **Wes Jones** (*health issues*); **Gale Kelley** (*hospice*); **Joyce Kellison** (*health issues*); **Carolyn Kuhn** (*health issues*); **Steve** (*broken neck*) & **Ramona Langley** (*brother-in-law and sister of Betty Richardson*); **Gary Logan**, (*brother-in-law of Janece Bacon*); **Janice Miller** (*knee replacement*); **Pam Scheve** (*daughter Jan Weeks, health issues*); **Becky Shannon** (*daughter of Sharon Shannon, health issues*); **Jim Siebert** (*son of Janice Miller, back pain*); and **Elizabeth Wells** (*cancer & recovery*).

Eric MacGregor (*Military*)



We will be using various translations of the Bible in our Worship Service making us more aware of the differences available, while still delivering the same message.



The Church's sympathy is extended to the family and friends of **Vel Lukert** who entered new life on Thursday, December 28, 2017. Services will be held at First Christian Church at 10:30 am on Wednesday, January 3, 2018.

Attendance and Giving Record

ATTENDANCE & GIVING RECORD

- December 24, 2017 SS 12/ Worship 71
- December 24, 2017 Candlelight Service 84
- December 31, 2017 SS 10 / Worship 52

GIVING RECORD

- Dec. 24, 2017 ~ Offering \$ 1,193.00/ Building \$32.00
- Dec. 31, 2017 ~ Offering \$2,957.00/ Building \$132.00



January Anniversaries

28 Larry & Glenna Gamblian

January Birthdays

- 01 Ruth Ford
- 01 Bonnie Schaefer
- 04 Robert Hossfeld
- 05 Quentin Coffman
- 09 Travis Milner
- 09 Ted Williams
- 10 Nancy Mayer
- 11 Kindra Garnett
- 12 Suzanne West
- 12 Danielle Dougherty
- 15 Colter Richardson
- 15 Treva Stuck
- 16 Dona Jones
- 18 John Lexow
- 21 Brenda Hall
- 22 Charles Wilhite
- 26 Marie Kelley (1921)
- 26 Curtis Rhoades
- 26 Tyler Tilton
- 28 Sadj Davis
- 29 Ed Mercer, Jr.
- 29 Stanley Smith
- 29 Joe Witten
- 30 Robert White
- 31 Tim Norton
- 31 Kerry (Thornton) Willoughby



Mark these Dates

- Friday's 3-6 pm—Clothes Closet & Household Hut open
- Saturday's from 9—Noon—Clothes Closet and Household Hut
- Wed. Jan. 3—DWF Night Group meets at 6:15 pm
- Thur. Jan. 4—Youth Choir at 5:30 pm
- Sun. Jan. 7—Fruit & Vegetables collection for Food Panty
- Wed. Jan. 10—1:30 pm DWF Day Group meets in parlor
- Mon. Jan. 15—Newsletter deadline
- Wed. Jan. 17—ESU Begins Spring Semester
- Fri. Jan. 19—DWU Friendship Coffee, Braum's W 6th Ave.
- Mon. Jan. 22 & Thur. Jan. 25—Evangelism begins "Coffee for Students" in the Glass Enclosure
- Tue. Jan. 23—6:30 pm Chi Rho Mission Club meets

Thank You Flint Hills Mall

The First Christian Church's food pantry was this year's recipient of the November Flint Hills Mall Food Drive. We are so very thankful for their kind and generous donation. The amount of vegetables, soup and macaroni and cheese they donated helped us feed over 50 families during the month of December. Thank you for being such a good neighbor.



(L to R)
Susan Iwert, George Arnett, Janice Brown and Lydia Cope of Flint Hills Mall delivering food to help fill the church food pantry.



Thoughts to Ponder

Two things define you.

Your patience when you have nothing, and your attitude when you have everything.

(L to R)

Lydia Cope, George Arnett, Janice Brown and Pastor Lorraine Bailey unloading the donated food from the Flint Hills Mall.





Lectionary Schedule January 7 – January 28, 2018

January 7, 2018

Genesis 1:1-5
Psalm 29
Acts 19:1-7
Mark 1:4-11

January 21, 2018

Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Psalm 62:5-12
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

February 4, 2018

Isaiah 40:21-31
Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Mark 1:29-39

January 14, 2018

1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20)
Psalm 139: 1-6, 13-18
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
John 1:43-51

January 28, 2018

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
Psalm 111
1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Mark 1:21-28

February 11, 2018

2 Kings 2:1-12
Psalm 50:1-6
2 Corinthians 4:3-6



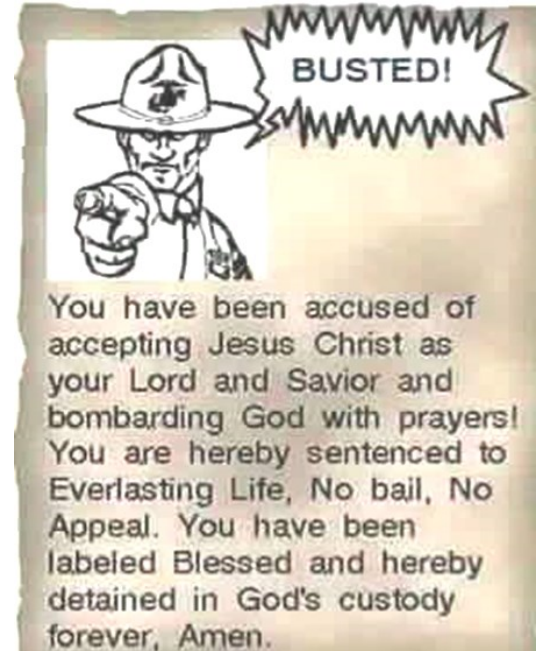
Food Pantry Yearly Recap

The First Christian Church helped 530 families consisting of 1,437 people with 552 bags of food in 2017. Of these 530 families, 108 were new to us. (Just began tracking "new to us" in August.)

In addition to the bags of food we gave out 244 dozen eggs, 35 pounds of potatoes, garden tomatoes, cucumbers and fresh pears.

The months with the highest usage was November with 58, October with 56 and August with 54 families. The lowest months were February with 29, March with 32 and April with 33 families.

Talk about awesome! Thank you First Christian Church family for caring about our community and helping our Senior Citizens and the working poor with food.



The Church's sympathy goes out to the family and friends of **LeRoy Garnett** who entered new life Tuesday, January 2, 2018. A Memorial Service will be held at the Church on Saturday, January 6, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

Disciple Women News bites:

DWF night group will meet Wednesday, January 3 at 6:15 pm, in the Parlor.

DWF day group will meet Wednesday, January 16 at 1:30 pm, in the Parlor.

Our study is Lesson 4, based on Luke 1:39-56, Mary's song.

Come join us in this study, in deciding on service projects, and in fellowship.

Everyone is welcome!

Marie Harding & Karen Garnett, Co-Facilitators

One Sunday morning at a small southern church, the new pastor called on one of his older deacons to lead in the opening prayer. The deacon stood up, bowed his head and said, "Lord, I hate buttermilk."

The pastor opened one eye and wondered where this was going. The deacon continued, "Lord, I hate lard." Now the pastor was totally perplexed. The deacon continued, "Lord, I ain't too crazy about plain flour. But after you mix 'em all together and bake 'em in a hot oven, I just love biscuits."

"Lord help us to realize when life gets hard, when things come up that we don't like, whenever we don't understand what You are doing, that we need to wait and see what You are making. After you get through mixing and baking, it'll probably be something even better than biscuits. Amen."



THE SECRET PLACE
Devotions for Daily Worship

The Winter 2017 (December, January, February) Secret Place daily devotional booklets

have arrived and are located on the hall table. Still only \$1.00 per copy so get yours today!



The IHOP Dividend

Thank you for eating at the IHOP Restaurant and turning in your receipts. Please continue to save and collect them and turn them in to the office (we have an envelope on the counter) or put them in the collection plate. Also, ask your friends and neighbors to save them for you too. The more we have the more we receive back.

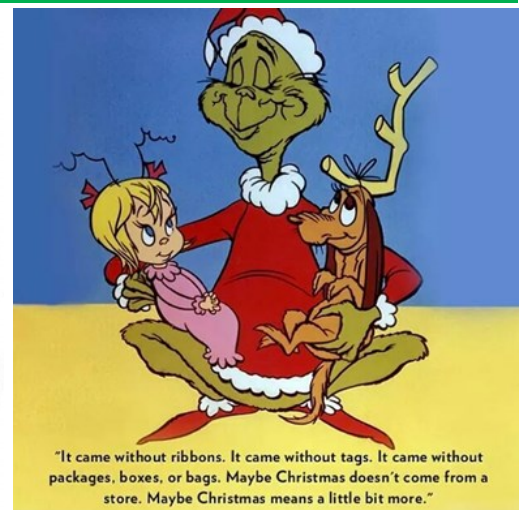
This is an **easy way to earn money for our church food pantry** and also have a good time eating out with friends and family.



This January, why not start the year with an empty jar and fill it with notes about good things that happen. Then, on New Years Eve, empty it and see what awesome stuff happened that year.



**a new year,
a new beginning**



"It came without ribbons. It came without tags. It came without packages, boxes, or bags. Maybe Christmas doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas means a little bit more."

First Christian Church
Lorraine W. Bailey,
Transitional Minister



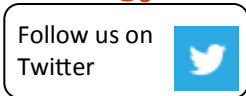
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Next Newsletter Deadline
Jan. 15 & 29, 2018



January 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	New Year's Day Newsletter Deadline NO USD 253 Office Closed Time Sheets Due 7pm - Boy Scouts	NO USD 253 6pm - Choir Practice	NO USD 253 6:15pm - DWF Night Group <i>4 Note</i>	NO USD 253 5:30pm - Youth Choir	NO USD 253 3pm - Clothes Closet &	9am - Clothes Closet &
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Food Collection-Fruit & Veg 9:30am - Sunday School 10:30am - Worship Service	7pm - Boy Scouts	1pm - Evangelism Ministry 6pm - Choir Practice	3pm Leadership Team 1:30pm - DWF Day Group @ 6:15pm - Stewardship 10:30 Lyon Co. Min. Alliance at 1st Friends Church	6pm - Girl Scouts @ FH 6:30pm - Christian Ed.	NO USD 253 9:30am - Ephany Party-NEKS 3pm - Clothes Closet &	9am - Clothes Closet &
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
9:30am - Sunday School 10:30am - Worship Service	Martin Luther King Jr. Day Newsletter Deadline NO USD 253 Time Sheets Due 7pm - Boy Scouts	6pm - Choir Practice 6:15pm - Sertoma Meets	ESU Begins Spring Service 5pm - Worship Ministry 6:15pm - Board Meeting		8:30am - CWU Friendship 3pm - Clothes Closet &	9am - Clothes Closet &
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
9:30am - Sunday School 10:30am - Worship Service	8am - ESU Coffee for <i>Students</i> 7pm - Boy Scouts	6pm - Choir Practice 7pm - Elders Meeting 6:30 pm Chi Rho Mission Club		8am - ESU Coffee for <i>Students</i> 6pm - Girl Scouts	3pm - Clothes Closet &	9am - Clothes Closet &

Spotlight on Disciples

Will return next issue!