

THE DISCIPLE



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*“Called to be the presence of  
Christ in our community”*

# *Karen's Korner*



Entering the season of thanksgiving, we have much to be thankful for. I hope everyone enjoyed our joint service with the Korean Fellowship Church for World Communion Sunday. It was joyous to worship together, have a joint communion experience and enjoy a wonderful lunch together! We will be looking for more ways to share ministry together.

October was also busy with a very successful service Sunday to create cake sets for FISH. And as I write this, we are looking forward to a message from Rev Eli Rolon next Sunday followed by a Trunk and Treat for our children in honor of Halloween.

November will start in a special way with 4 baptisms on Sunday November 2 which is also All Souls Day! Please plan to attend to celebrate with these new visible declarations of faith!

Please also mark your calendars for Sunday November 23rd at 5:00 pm for our annual meeting. We will elect our new slate of officers for 2026 and approve our 2026 budget. We will then enjoy a wonderful potluck Thanksgiving dinner!

Feed the Body and Soul is continuing Wednesdays at 6:00 pm for a light supper and fellowship followed by a lesson at 6:30 pm. We are enjoying a session with Rev. Daphne's Disciple's activist friend, Jessica Phillips. She is leading us in a better understanding activism and helping us to discern our role to address today's challenges. I hope everyone can join us. There is a sign-up in Fellowship Hall, if you can provide dinner.

Also mark your calendars for our Christmas Coffee House that is scheduled for Sunday December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Start thinking of what talent and/or goodies you can share. We look forward to the entertainment and yummy snacks!

Faithfully yours,  
Karen



## **Join Us for Monday Intercessory Prayer (MIP)!**

Prayers are being answered! Please join us for MIP Monday nights at 6:00 p.m. from the comforts of your own home! Spending an hour with God feeling his support and love is always a blessing. Prayer is so needed to keep us in peace and trust during this difficult time!

We not only ask for God's help with our concerns, but we also spend time offering praise for all God is doing in our world. Recent praises were for:

- "Honest Junk," funds The Chicago Furniture Bank. They pick up all items and distribute them to groups that are in need. They hire people who have difficulty finding jobs.
- Scott Neeson, former president of 20th Century Fox, sold his mansion, Porsche, and yacht to start the "Cambodian Children's Fund," now aiding over 2,000 kids and families.
  - In Japan's first 3 elementary school classrooms are spaces for learning respect, empathy, cooperation, & social responsibility before academic pressures begin. Children help clean classrooms, take turns serving lunch and gather daily to reflect and resolve conflicts.

God is active and working throughout our world. Hallelujah! Join in our praise!

The **conference-calling** feature makes it easy to join from anywhere you are. Dial in to join us for the entire session or just to ask for your own prayer concerns. We welcome all prayer concerns! We document our prayer concerns each week and if you provide us with your email, we can send a copy to you each week.

Join us for a spiritually enriching hour with God! You are free to join in silently or add prayers as you like!

Our Monday night sessions include:

- A brief gathering of any additional prayers and prayer priorities
- A prayer devotion
- Prayers for our joys and concerns: personal, church, community, country, and world
- A brief closing prayer

To Join by Conference Call:

1. Call (607) 374-1123
2. Enter the access code: 390193

For more information email Karen Johns: [johns.karen@gmail.com](mailto:johns.karen@gmail.com)

# AN ELDER'S HEART.

Welcome to November, Daphne Hayes



I forgot to mention that October was Breast Cancer Awareness Month. So, prayers to the survivors, thrivers, and families that have gone through these medical issues. They wore Pink.

October was also Domestic Violence Awareness month. Just remember, domestic violence touches all, no matter gender, age, socioeconomic status, or finances. Remember, children can be survivors of domestic violence. Memories can be suppressed. They wore Purple.

November is a full month of activities; we are in the month of thankfulness. Problem, aren't we thankful every day? Continue to be thankful, 😊.

This month, we are called into awareness of Prostate Cancer. Prayers for those survivors, thrivers, and families who are going through these medical issues. Please wear Blue, representing and support prostate cancer.

On November 2<sup>nd</sup>, we will have a baptism of four young people. They asked to be baptized. What a great time we will have on Sunday. I'm excited.

Our Church will host the Disciples Women of our Living Waters Region on November 14<sup>th</sup>.

This month in your prayers do the 5-finger prayer method. In this method use your five fingers as a reminder for who to pray for: thumb for those closest to you, index finger for those who teach and heal, tallest finger for leaders, ring finger for those who are weak or in need, and pinky finger for yourself.

Have a great thankful holiday season

# PROPERTY REPORT



As all of you have seen, we have had a plumbing problem with the toilets backing up. We have addressed this and the issue has been resolved. If, by any chance it should happen again, we'll know how to address it. We ask that you don't put anything down the toilet except the toilet paper. Something was found in one of the lines. There was an update in the restrooms, the stall doors were reversed. They now open out. We have heard many good comments about that.

Another project is to prepare the Baptismal for baptisms to take place in November. The hot water isn't working, and it is being looked into so that it is fixed in time for the baptisms.

We now have a new waste company for our trash, and new desk chairs were purchased for Pastor Daphne and Carol as the old ones were falling apart.

I think that's it for now.

Barb and Dan

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## **Books, Books, Books... so many books, so little time!**



We now have a "Take and Share" bookcase\* in the hall right outside the door to the FCCDG office. There are all kinds of books for you to enjoy (religious, secular, mysteries, love stories, historical fiction), even kids will have a selection. Take a book, read it, return or keep it and bring in books that you would like to contribute. There are also some bookmarks to enjoy!

\*Inspired by Little Free Libraries

## FISH Pantry



I appreciate all that you do to help stock the Food Pantry. There are many in need and it seems to be growing as time goes by. Please put any donations in the container in Fellowship Hall and I will see that they get to the Pantry.

Here is a list of some items that have been requested:

- Soups: Progresso, Campbell's, Lentil or any other brand and a variety of flavors.
- Chili
- Corn Beef Hash
- Beef Stew

When I take our donations to the Pantry, First Christian Church is given credit for the donation. So please know that any donation you would like to make is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask.

Thank you,  
Barb

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## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL



By the time you read this, the Adult Sunday School group will have finished their year-long study of "The Women of the Bible".

The group started their new study "Men of the Bible"; learning more about Adam, on Sunday, Oct. 26, followed by Cain/Abel on Nov. 2, and then Noah on Nov 9.

Thirty-four of the men we will be learning about are in the Old Testament with sixteen men in the New Testament.

It's not too late to join our study group. All are welcome. If interested contact Alice Dornan.

# SERVICE SUNDAY

Thank you to all who participated in creating fun Birthday Cake Kits! The FISH pantry coordinators were delighted with the donation. You have helped put joy in many recipients' lives.



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## Christmas Coffee House

Sunday, Dec. 7 at 6 p.m.



Please put it on your calendar and start planning. We invite anyone interested to share a talent (e.g. singing, playing an instrument, reading a poem, or even telling jokes or doing magic.)

We will also welcome contributions of desserts, sweets, or appetizers.

There will be sign up sheets for talent and food when we get closer.

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## Hanging of the Greens

Please mark your calendar and plan to help decorate our church for the holidays. Hanging of the greens will take place on Monday, November 24th at 10 am.



All are welcome. Many hands make light work!

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## Church Chuckles

*By Bobbie Dean*



A preacher ended his temperance sermon by saying, "The world would be a better place if everyone poured their beer, wine, and whiskey into the river." Then he sat down. The song leader stood and announced with a smile, "For our closing song, let us sing Hymn 365: 'Shall We Gather at the River.'"

# NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



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|---------|-------------------|
| Nov. 6  | Hayden Allen      |
| Nov. 8  | Christopher Misek |
| Nov. 12 | Jim Gleichman     |
| Nov. 17 | Lisa Johnson      |
| Nov. 25 | Estella Johnson   |
| Nov. 28 | Karen Connery     |

## SERVING SCHEDULE



### ELDERS

#### Lectern

#### Table

|         |              |                 |
|---------|--------------|-----------------|
| Nov. 2  | Sue Huizinga | Daphne Hayes    |
| Nov. 9  | Daphne Hayes | Martha Anderson |
| Nov. 16 | Bill cook    | Bob Reese       |
| Nov. 23 | Karen Johns  | Martha Anderson |
| Nov. 30 | Beck Daigle  | Barb Bates      |

### DEACONS

#### Prep and Serve

#### Serve

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|---------|---------------|-----------------|
| Nov. 2  | Gail Reese    | Jeff Igel       |
| Nov. 9  | Dave Kijowski | Kristi Kijowski |
| Nov. 16 | Lisa Johnson  | Galilee Flores  |
| Nov. 23 | Larry Carley  | Gail Reese      |
| Nov. 30 | Jeff Igel     | Galilee Flores  |

