



# First Christian Church

## Disciples of Christ

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**Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Children's Dress Rehearsal  
& Christmas Party**

**practice will be from 9:00am – 10:30am**

**Christmas Party following until noon.**



**Annual Congregational Meeting – Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>  
immediately following the 11:00am Worship Service.**

This meeting is to vote on the approval of the 2026 Budget and the congregants to fill leadership roles. The individuals who have been nominated for leadership positions will be filling the important roles of Executive Board Members, Elders, Deacons and Trustee for 2026.



Join us here at  
First Christian Church  
Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>  
at 5:00pm

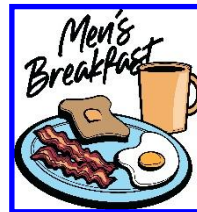
FCC Children's  
Christmas Program

**Manger Tales**

Following the program there  
will be a reception with  
cookies and goodies  
and fellowship!

## Prayer Concerns

**Mel Herweck**, health concerns  
**Kay Thompson**, had complete knee replacement  
**Randall Reaves**, health concerns, grandfather of Michael Baker  
**CMS/Retired Russ Higgins**, friend of Allen Daugherty, very ill  
**Suzanna Kennedy-Howard**, recovering from surgery  
**Mike McDonald**, health issues  
**Toni McDonald**, health concerns, friend of Jackie Parker  
**Gale Marden's family friend Bobby**, has cancer  
**Shannon Prew**, motorcycle accident  
**Robert & Kay McCleskey** – health issues, Uncle & Aunt of Mel Herweck  
**Jane Milstead** - health concerns  
**Dot Laurence** - health concerns  
**Cruz Milstead** - medical problems, Great-Grandson of Jane Milstead  
**Bob Milstead, Jr.** - health concerns, son of Jane Milstead  
**Home-Centered Members & Friends**  
**Our Military Families & Friends**



### FCC Disciples Men's Breakfast

Thursday,  
December 4th

6:15 am

The men will meet for breakfast & fellowship at **Denny's, 3314 S. Clack St.**  
It's pay your own way!



Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>  
Second Sunday  
of Advent  
PEACE

### First Christian Church

As **Christmas** approaches consider **giving gifts** that will make a lasting impact on God's Kingdom and the ministries here at First Christian Church and its ministry partners:

### Some specific items of need.

### Phase II of FCC remodel

This is the work that is being done to our "**Children's Wing**" of the building. Part of this work has already begun but in order to bring it to completion, we still need funds.

Total Estimated Cost of Phase II	\$95,000.00
Less Total Currently raised:	<u>41,000.00</u>
<b>Total Amount Needed</b>	<b><u>\$54,000.00</u></b>

### I love LBCR offering

Pool Replacement (Est \$ still needed)	\$100,000.00
Update on Dorms/Residence	36,000.00
<b>Total Needed</b>	<b><u>\$136,000.00</u></b>

### Disciples of Christ special Seasonal Offerings:

**Christmas Offering** (Supports Regional Ministries CCSW) **Dec 14 & 21**



I will provide \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettias  
at \$25.00 each.

Please mark your check  
"Poinsettia"

Please print name or names exactly as you wish to have them listed  
in our list of Memorials and Honorariums for the worship bulletin.

(Circle one)

In Memory / In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

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In Memory / In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory / In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Given by \_\_\_\_\_

**Deadline is Monday, December 8, 2025 by Noon.**



### *FCC Family Christmas Tree*

The FCC Family Christmas  
Tree has been put up in the  
fellowship hall.

We are asking each FCC  
family to bring an  
ornament to help decorate  
the tree.

Thanks for helping make  
our Christmas tree look  
beautiful!

*Ladies, You're all Invited*

*Please come and celebrate the joy of the  
season with a special Christmas Brunch  
hosted by our Disciple Women.*



*Bring your favorite brunch dish to share and  
a donation for the FCC Benevolence Fund*

**Date: Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 10:30 am – 12:00 pm**

**Place: FCC Fellowship Hall**



**You're invited to  
join the**

**Harvesters Sunday School  
Class Christmas Party**

**Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 pm at**

**Joe Allen's Pit Bar-B-Que  
301 South 11<sup>th</sup> St. 79602**

**COST:**

**\$24.00 per person**





**First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) uses RaiseRight to fundraise the easy way**—you can earn over \$1,000 each year by using gift cards to pay for everyday expenses and shopping online through the app or website. It's convenient, and it works! Sign up using this

Referral

link: <https://www.raiseright.com/invite/app/email/RR-B4PY7SCXH3>

If you have questions talk to Jane Hurley



## COFFEE TIME

Every Thursday  
Morning  
at 9:15 am.

**Except for the First Thursday of each month.** (That's when the men meet at 6:15am to have breakfast at Denny's.) Join us here at the church on Thursdays for a time of coffee and fellowship. All are invited!!

### First Christian Church End of year Giving Instructions

In accordance with IRS regulations any contributions given to the church that you desire to receive 2025 contribution credit must be received in one of the following ways.

1. Electronically made prior to or on 12/31/25
2. Physically given/delivered to the church via the offering plate on 12/28/25 or dropped by the church offices 12/29/25 or 12/30/25 (dates office is open)
3. Mailed via U.S. mail and postmarked before or on 12/31/25

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask. Thank You.



*Christmas Eve Service*

*Wednesday, December 24th – 6:00pm*

*Join us for this special Christmas Eve Service. Family friendly service will be a blessing to you as you prepare for Christmas Day.*



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## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday

8:30 am - Noon -- 1:00pm - 4:30 pm

## Sunday Worship Schedule

10:00 a.m. - Christian Education Classes

11:00 a.m. - Worship Service

4:00 p.m. - FCC Prayer Time

6:00 p.m. - Youth

## Wednesdays

6:00 p.m. Handbells Practice

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

## First Christian Church Staff

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*...the One who began a good work in you will continue to complete it...*  
—Philippians 1:6



# THE WORK OF CHRISTMAS



2025 CHRISTMAS OFFERING  
supporting the work of your Region and its ministries

Christmas Offering received on

Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>

## REMINDER!

If you receive 2026 calendars that you do not need, please know that FCC is collecting "extras!" As we did last year, we will take them to Houses for Healing, to be used by the residents or in the houses. Just bring your extras to the church office and put them in the box marked "Extra 2026 Calendars"

Thank You! For all the 2026 calendars that have already been brought in!



## Our Mission

To Know Christ and To Make Christ Known



## Our Values

Serving • Growing • Caring • Connecting