



# Love in Action

First Christian Church (DOC) Newsletter  
November 2025

## A Poem to Ponder

Laid out as a poem for your reading pleasure, here's an excerpt from a Catholic Worker column Dorothy Day wrote in 1946, under the title, "Love is the Measure":

We confess to being fools  
and wish that we were more so...  
What we would like to do  
is change the world — make it  
a little simpler for people  
to feed, clothe and shelter themselves  
as God intended them to do.  
And to a certain extent,  
by fighting for better conditions,  
by crying out unceasingly  
for the rights of the workers,  
of the poor, of the destitute —  
the rights of the "worthy"  
and the "unworthy" poor  
in other words, we can  
to a certain extent  
change the world.

We can work for the oasis,  
the little cell of joy  
and peace in a harried world.  
We can throw our pebble  
in the pond and be confident  
that its ever widening circle  
will reach around the world.  
We can give away an onion.  
We repeat, there is nothing  
that we can do but love,  
and dear God —  
please enlarge our hearts  
to love each other,  
to love our neighbor,  
to love our enemy  
as well as our friend.  
+ Dorothy Day

Myer, E. (2025, October 28). "The oasis," by Dorothy Day. SALT Project.  
<https://www.saltproject.org/progressive-christian-blog/2025/10/27/the-oasis-by-dorothy-day>

- Nov. 3:** Maria Kahl
- Nov. 5:** Jim Ball
- Nov. 6:** Phyllis Searcy, Sarah Webster, Johnathan Garrett
- Nov. 8:** Jerry Davis
- Nov. 11:** Ann Carpenter
- Nov. 13:** Carter Horton



## November Calendar

**Nov 9: Worship Committee Meeting** following Worship

\*Stay Alert for Dates and Times for Decorating!\*

**Nov. 9: The Madison Performing Arts Foundation** is pleased to present the Celtic Trio, Na Skylark, in recital @ the Picker House - 3:00 p.m.

\*The concert is free; the public is warmly invited to attend; donations are always appreciated.\*

**Nov. 10: Elder's Meeting** - 7 p.m.

**Nov. 11: Sister's Circle Lunch Bunch** @ Grumpy's in Hanover - 11:30 a.m.

**Nov. 12: Hymn Pickin'** - 11 a.m. in Choir Room

**Nov. 16: Annual Congregational Meeting and Thanksgiving Feast** - 10:30 a.m.

Nov. 27: Thanksgiving Day!!

**Nov. 30: Advent Starts!!!**



### This Year's Advent Theme: What Do You Fear?

“Luke’s Gospel begins the story of Jesus with this opening line: ‘In the time of Herod...’ This detail may seem minor to modern readers, however, it reveals layers of information about the fearful world Jesus entered, one filled with rampant oppression, economic disparity, uncertainty, and instability. A world not so unlike our own. And yet, throughout the stories of Christ’s birth, the whispers of angels deliver a surprising message: “Do not fear.” In our own time, we might ask: is it even possible to be fearless in a fearful world? When Mary, Joseph, the shepherds, and the magi are each called into God’s redemptive story, they do not deny their fears—they move through them. They ask questions, hold fast to courage, trust in good news, and say, “Here I am, Lord.” When we find ourselves in fearful times, can we acknowledge our fears while also insisting on hope?”

– Sanctified Art, LLC 2025

*You're  
Invited!*

Annual Congregational  
Meeting + Thanksgiving  
Feast

SUNDAY  
NOVEMBER 16, 2025  
Service @ 10:30 a.m.

Meal and Meeting following worship service

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