


December Service Schedule:

	12/1	12/8	12/15	12/22	12/29
Elders on Call:	(12/2-6) Debra Parrish Sherri Locke	(12/9-13) Mary Sparrow Mary Beth Shouse	(12/16-20) Sherri Locke Mary Sparrow	(12/23-27) Debra Parrish Gary Faulkner	(12/30-1/3) Sherri Locke Todd Sparrow
Minister on Call:	(11/30-12/1) Jim Wheeler	(12/7-8) Mike McColl	(12/14-15) Micki McHugh	(12/21-22) Jim Wheeler	(12/28-29) Mike McColl
Communion Prep.:	Doug Roher Sabrina Shelton Tamara Smith	Carol Catlett Tal Curry Donna Foster	Katie Hutton Carol Martin Ron Martin	Laura Lucas Laura Moffett Christina Wilson	Doug Roher Sabrina Shelton Tamara Smith
Offertory:	Christy Jane Hurst	Jim Connor	David Schaars	Leah Faulkner	Ron Martin
Heritage Hall:	Sheila McFarland & Jane Bennett	Dawn Montgomery	Warren Gray	Norma Rash	Keith McAliley



On Sunday, Dec. 15th we'll receive donations for our annual Special Angel's bikes. This is your opportunity to help an Anderson County child receive a bike for Christmas!

DWM Holiday Food Sale!

Sunday, Dec. 8th

Sweets, soups, casseroles, appetizers, & holiday treats & crafts!!
All proceeds benefit the DWM Mission Pledge.
Please bring your foods and/or small crafts to the kitchen beside the

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CHRISTMAS GOODIES

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Pastoral Ponderings

Sunday, December 1st is ADVENT, from the Latin *adventus*, which literally means arrival or coming. Advent is a chance for us to slow down and take time to prepare for Jesus' birth at Christmas. Yeah right, slow down when there is so much to do – the decorating, the shopping, the cooking, the parties, all the kids programs, and of course the endless Christmas movies to watch...slowing down is not in our vocabulary. But I want to invite us, even in the busyness, to find time occasionally to simply stop and look up.

Jan L. Richardson wrote: “The season of Advent means there is something on the horizon the likes of which we have never seen before ... What is possible is to not see it, to miss it, to turn just as it brushes past you. And you begin to grasp what it was you missed, like Moses in the cleft of the rock, watching God’s [back] fade in the distance. So stay. Sit. Linger. Tarry. Ponder. Wait. Behold. Wonder. There will be time enough for running. For rushing. For worrying. For pushing. For now, stay. Wait. Something is on the horizon.”

Instead of plunging into Christmas early, Advent emphasizes preparation and expectant waiting for the coming of Jesus into the world and it also invites us to realize that even in the midst of our waiting Christ is actually already here we just need to look. Thus, will be our Advent theme: **AWAITING THE ALREADY!**

I invite you to be in worship each week during Advent. Invite someone you know who isn’t going to church to come with you. The beauty of the sanctuary, the music, the sermons will invite us not only to wait, but to look, and realize that we are awaiting what is already – Christ is with us.

See you Sunday,
Blessings, Jim

December Scriptures & Sermon Titles

12/1

Mark 1:1-8

“Slow Down, Pay Attention”

12/8

Matthew 1:18-25

“Awaiting the Already”

12/15

Luke 1:5 – 2:38

“SING – SING – SING”

12/22

John 1:1-18

“Light into Darkness”

12/29

The Carols of Christmas

A Service of Hope and Light

ADVENT

Tuesday, December 10 at 6:30 pm

This season can be lonely, sorrowful, alienating and sad for many. If your heart is hurting because of grief, illness, broken relationships, loss of a job or one of many other reasons to feel more darkness than light during this season, this service is for you. Join us for meaningful worship that acknowledges the hurt and hollowness you may be feeling and also allows you to experience the comfort and compassion of our loving God in the midst of it all. Childcare will be provided.

“The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.” – JOHN 1:5

Messenger

First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
300 S. Main St.
Lawrenceburg, Kentucky
November 29, 2019

Advent Worship Services

Dec. 1

8:30 and 10:45 a.m.

Dec. 8

8:30 and 10:45 a.m.

Dec. 10

Service of Hope and Light at 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 15

8:30 and 10:45 a.m.

Dec. 22

8:30 and 10:45 a.m.

Dec. 24

Family Service at 5:30
Candlelight Service (with Special Music) begins at 10:40 p.m.

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Date	Offering	% Budget
10/27	7,113	(12.89)
11/3	8,210	(12.94)
11/10	6,093	(13.47)
11/17	5,495	(14.12)
11/24	3,943	(15.13)



December

Sun Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri Sat

1 Advent 1 Outreach Comm.	2 Brewing Around AA	3 Nimble Fingers @ 10 a.m.	4 Wacky Wed. Music Rehearsals AA	5	6	7 DWM Holiday food Drop-off from 2-4
8 Advent 2 Holiday Food Sale! Special Angel gifts due	9 AA	10 Wandering Disci- ples Service of Hope & Light	11 Wacky Wed. Music Rehearsals AA	12 Wandering Dis- ciples to Blue- grass Stockyards & Waveland	13 Rachel	14 CMF Breakfast Hanks - Wedding
15 Advent 3	16 AA	17 Christian Wkrs Cir- cle @ K. Allen's	18 Wacky Wed. Chancel & Bell Choir Rehearsals AA	19	20	21 Winter Begins
22 Advent 4 Hanukkah begins	23 AA	24 Office Closed	25 Family Service Candlelight Ser- vice AA	26 Kwanzaa begins	27	28
29	30 AA	31	Jan. 1 No Music Re- hearsals AA Office Closed	Jan. 2	Jan. 3	Jan. 4



Worship & Wonder

The Worship and Wonder Storyteller training that was scheduled for December 8 **has been moved to Jan 5**. The training will be from 1:30-4:30. Providing a meaningful and developmentally appropriate worship experience for children is so important. If you would like to be part of our Worship & Wonder ministry by being a greeter or storyteller, or just want to know more about it, please contact Rev. Micki.





CMF Breakfast
(Christian Men's Fellowship)
Saturday, Dec. 14th at 8:00 a.m.
in the Fellowship Hall

- This is our **Toys for Tots** breakfast! We'll collect new toys for kids this Christmas.
- We'll also be purchasing the **bikes for the Christmas Angels** of the Salvation Army Angel Tree. Donations can be made to First Christian Church with "bikes" in the memo line.

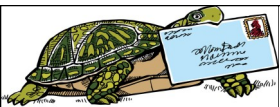
The Wandering Disciples

- Dec 10: Our December WD luncheon has been changed to Tuesday, December 10th at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall. Our pianist, Angela Eaton will bring a musical program. The meal is being provided.
- Dec. 12: We'll travel to the Bluegrass Stockyards in Lexington and have lunch at Waveland.





Donations were given to the **Youth Fund** in memory of Jill Hurst; the **Scholarship Fund** in memory of Minnie Sue Ripy; the **Special Angel Fund** in memory of Jill Hurst; the **Memorial Fund** in memory of Bill Bryant, Bobby Joe Gritton, Minnie Sue Ripy, and Larinda Snider; the **Blessing Box** in memory of Madeline Ripy Prewitt; the **Building Fund** in memory of Tom & Hazel Ripy; the **CMF** in memory of Frank McGrath; and the **Searcy Memorial Fund** in memory of James & Dorothy Searcy and Mr. & Mrs. W.L. Warren.



Mail Call...

Dear First Christian friends,
It is delightful to meet your volunteers and receive the Meals on Wheels. I have fond memories of the friends who are parishioners in your congregation. May all of you have a very blessed and happy Thanksgiving. Many thanks for my meals and all your good deeds. Blessings and love for everyone.
Love and prayers, Louise M. Perry

CLUB 345: Kids with a Mission


Club 345 is our ministry with children who are in the 3rd, 4th, & 5th grades. We meet on Sundays from 5:30-7:30. unless otherwise stated. Please bring \$1 for a snack supper.

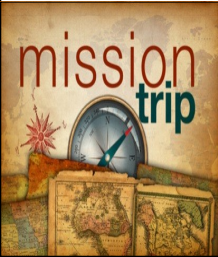
12/1 We'll shop for two Christmas Angels.
12/8 2:00-4:45 p.m. ~ Note Time Change! We're going to see "Yes, Virginia the Musical" and to DQ for an ice cream treat. Please bring \$5 to help cover the price of your ticket.
12/15 5:00-6:30 p.m. Christmas party at Micki's house. Please bring a finger food to share and a wrapped gift (no more than \$7).
12/22 & 29 Not meeting.

**Chi-rho (6-8 grades)
& CYF (9-12 grades)
5:30-7:30 p.m.**

*Snack Dinner begins at 5:30 each Sunday.
Please bring \$1 to help cover the cost.

12/1 CHI-RHO & CYF: Shopping for Angel Tree gifts. Please bring a \$5 donation for the gifts
12/8 CHI-RHO: Games, devotion & prayer
CYF: Games, devotion & prayer
12/15 CHI-RHO: Time Change! Noon– 1:45 p.m.
We'll have lunch and games
CYF: Time Change! 6-8 p.m. We'll have our Christmas Party! Bring a wrapped (under \$5) white elephant gift and a dish to share.
12/22 & 29: No Youth Groups





mission trip

**INTERNATIONAL MISSION TRIP
YOUTH & PARENT MEETING**
Sunday, Dec. 8th at noon
2nd Floor ~ Divided Room
For all current 8th-11th graders!

**Advent Family Sunday School:
Give Christmas Away**

Families are invited to join us for an intergenerational Sunday School experience. Join us on December 1, 8, 15 & 22 in the Fellowship Hall from 9:45 am to 10:30 am. Each family will create gifts to give to others and discover ways to serve others together as a family.

12/1: We'll create Advent Bags to fill with food for others and a devotional for families to use during Advent.
12/8: Christmas Cookies for the police department!
12/15: Christmas Stockings for the Women's shelter in Frankfort.
12/22: Christmas cards for Heritage Hall residents. We will stay after worship to eat lunch together and then go to Heritage Hall to hand out cards and sing Christmas carols.



Our Reverse Advent

Are you looking for a way to give during this Advent Season?
Join Us In Preparing A Blessing Box Advent Calendar

Each day we add an item to a box. At the end of Advent, bring that box to the church to donate to the Blessing Box.

- December 1: Box of Cereal
- December 2: Peanut Butter
- December 3: Stuffing Mix
- December 4: Boxed Potatoes
- December 5: Macaroni and Cheese
- December 6: Canned Fruit
- December 7: Canned Tomatoes
- December 8: Canned Tuna
- December 9: Dessert Mix
- December 10: Applesauce
- December 11: Canned Sweet Potatoes
- December 12: Cranberry Sauce
- December 13: Canned Beans
- December 14: Box of Crackers
- December 15: Package of Rice
- December 16: Box/Package of Oatmeal
- December 17: Box/Package of Pasta
- December 18: Spaghetti Sauce
- December 19: Chicken Noodle Soup
- December 20: Tomato Soup
- December 21: Can of Corn
- December 22: Can of Mixed Vegetables
- December 23: Can Carrots
- December 24: Can Green Beans