

THE MESSENGER

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Why are we doing this??

In November, we are going to do something that I don't think has been done here in recent memory. We're going to have a stewardship campaign.

Now you may wonder why we need to do this. For one thing, it's *what churches do*. In my half-century on this earth, I have literally never belonged to a church that didn't have a stewardship campaign, until this one. But for another, it is worthwhile for people of faith to stop periodically and consider how we will use the various resources God has entrusted to us to serve him and make this world a better place. And although there's a whole lot more to stewardship than the money we give to the church, it really does help a church function better when we have at least a vague idea how much money we might be receiving over the coming year.

So we're going to try it. For the first three Sundays in November we are going to focus on stewardship. As I said, stewardship is about a lot more than money, a lot more than what we put in the offering plate on Sundays. (By the way, did you know that you can now give to the church electronically, through our website, not just by putting something in the plate?) Really, everything we have belongs to God; we are given the responsibility to take care of it and use it properly and in ways that are pleasing to God. That's not just our money, but our time, our skills, our minds, and our bodies (as I talked about last month)—not to mention this good earth on which we all live. And I think there's a sense in which we are also called to be good stewards of our relationships—with our spouses, our families, our friends, our church, and God.

I know the subject of money is a touchy one, and I know folks aren't always especially comfortable telling the church how much we plan to give over the coming year. Perhaps we're concerned that someone will try to strong-arm us if we find we can't give what we had hoped we could. Or maybe we think our giving estimates (what in a lot of churches is called a pledge) will become common knowledge.

Neither of these is true. A pledge is an educated guess. If circumstances change, then we may have to change what we give. No one is going to come after us if that happens. And if someone turns in a pledge, the only person to see it is the financial secretary, who will add together the total of all the pledges and report that total to whoever needs to know it. ***I will never see the pledges or know how much anyone gives***, unless you choose to tell me yourself about your own giving.

Let's try this, and let's see if we might grow spiritually as individuals and as a church through the project of considering how we use all God has entrusted to us.

The Pastor's

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OF THOUGHT

Sharla



November Serving Schedule

November 4 9:30 a.m. Worship
 Elder: John Daniel Deacons: Derek Lile, Carol Roberts
 Scripture: Carol Hedrick Greeter: Carol Hedrick

November 11 9:30 a.m. Worship
 Elder: John Daniel Deacons: Don Malan, Gary Coffman
 Scripture: Shawn Quick Greeter: Louise Foster

November 18 9:30 a.m. Worship
 Elder: Justin Quick Deacons: Carol Lewis, Chuck Lewis
 Scripture: Alan Munday Greeter: Candi Agnew

November 25 9:30 a.m. Worship
 Elder: Dolly Studards Deacons: Peggy Fuller, Dorothy Carter
 Scripture: Greeter: Norma Morgan

Music Director: Carol Ann Winburn — Accompanist: Mary Coffman
 Sound Techs: Phyllis McBrayer, Dianna Silvers, Justin Quick,
 Communion Preparers: Carol Hedrick | Nursery Attendants: Jessika Blaser, Jakaila Rolph

Birthdays

01—Randy Roberts
 02—June Ray
 02—Kathy Bunch
 02—Steve Hedrick
 07—Rick King
 10—Bob Lewis
 11—Dlyan Fink
 11—Jeanie Bartimus
 19—Dale Kinsmen
 24—Carol Lewis
 24—Judy Taylor
 25—Ann Taylor
 25—Mary Mae Lewis

Anniversaries

03—Randy & Carol Lewis

Budget

September Income
 \$9,045.25

September Expenses
 \$9,544.41

Year-to-date Income
 \$139,231.67

Year-to-date Expenses
 \$124,758.51

You may view a complete financial report in the church office.

Attendance

Date	Sunday School		Worship
September 30	Life Group—10 Elementary—3	Officers—0 Total—13	51
October 7	Life Group—10 Elementary—2	Officers—0 Total—0	49
October 14	Life Group—3 Elementary—3	Officers—2 Total—0	46
October 21	Life Group—0 Elementary—0	Officers—0 Total—0	60

Important Dates

11/4—Congregational Meeting
 11/11—Honor Our Veterans
 11/11—Children's Sermon
 11/16—Community Cafe
 11/18—Elders Meeting
 11/18—Board Meeting
 11/21—NO Youth Group
 11/22—Thanksgiving
 11/22—NO PDO

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 9 a.m. PDO	2	3
4 9:20 Prayer 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School Congregational Meeting	5	6	7 6-7 p.m. Youth Group 7 p.m. Choir Practice	8 9 a.m. PDO	9	10
11 9:20 Prayer 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School Honor Our Vets Children's Ser- mon	12	13	14 6-7 p.m. Youth Group 7 p.m. Choir Practice	15 9 a.m. PDO	16	17
18 9:20 Prayer 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School 5 p.m. Elders Meeting 6 p.m. Board Meeting	19	20 5:30-6:00 p.m. Community Café	21 7 p.m. Choir Practice	22 Thanksgiving	23	24
25 9:20 Prayer 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School	26	27	28 6-7 p.m. Youth Group 7 p.m. Choir Practice	29 9 a.m. PDO	30	

Upcoming Sermons

November 4

Message: "An International Incident"

Scripture: 2 Kings 5:1-15a

What I was thinking: The commander of the Aramean army, Naaman, had a skin condition; when he heard that healing might be available in Israel he went there, and received what he thought was an apathetic and disrespectful response. The story is humorous, but what does it have to say to us on the first Sunday of stewardship campaign?

November 11

Message: "Stay Salty, Me Friends"

Scripture: Matthew 5:13-16

What I was thinking: We are fairly familiar with the two images found in this text—salt and light—with which Jesus describes the kind of life his followers are to live. On this second week of our fall stewardship emphasis, let's think about what it means to be salt and light in this world.

November 18

Message: "What Shall We Bring?"

Scripture: Micah 6:6-8

What I was thinking: This Sunday is Dedication Sunday, the conclusion of our fall stewardship emphasis. It's also the Sunday before Thanksgiving. We will think about the relationships between our gratitude, our offerings, and the way we live as people of God.

November 25

Message: "Pigeonholing Our Faith"

Scripture: Jeremiah 7:1-11

What I was thinking: We no longer worship at the Temple in Jerusalem; but are we in danger of developing the same attitude as Jeremiah's original listeners about the role of our faith in our lives?



Thoughts & Prayers

Arleta Daniel, Angie Jones, Aimee Daniel Breiner, Bob Brownback, Caleb Hoffard, Carl Shubert, Dennis Shannon, Galen Robertson, Jack Bearce, Jerry Hertzog, Jill Tiona, Kay Haile, Keith McBrayer, Katie Boyd, Lona Grosshart, MaDean Hodgson, Pat Arnold, Paul Miller, Rachel Bittencourt, Rhonda Yarick, Verna Kooker, Sam McCombs, Dustin VanMeter, Linda Hunter, Gib Lyman, Hailey Carter

Volunteers Needed!

We need volunteers to do children's church during worship service. This will be two times a month. No Experience necessary. Must be able to pass a background check. If you love children and would be interested, please contact Phyllis McBrayer.

Board Minutes

October 21, 2018

Pending Board Approval

Board members present: Deacons- Chuck Lewis, Don Malan, Dorothy Carter, Judy Daniel, Judy Colburn, Carol Lewis, Carol Roberts, and Mike Studards. Elders- Justin Quick, Phyllis McBrayer, Shawn Quick, Dolly Studards, and John Daniel. Others present: Rev. Sharla Hulseley and Diana Rich.

Chuck Lewis called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM. Phyllis McBrayer opened with prayer.

The agenda was adopted with additions on motion of Carol Roberts and second by Shawn Quick.

The minutes of the 09-16-18 meeting were reviewed. The minutes were approved as presented on motion of Shawn Quick and second by Dorothy Carter.

Financial Reports: The September financial reports (Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss) were reviewed through September 30, 2018. John Daniel reviewed the reports. There was some discussion about several line items. It was decided to put the Income line item "004 -Interest" in the General Fund. It was explained that "Expense 500 Outreach" includes expenses of PDO. The September financial report was approved by motion of Shawn Quick and second by Phyllis McBrayer. Full reports are available in the church office.

Minister Report: Rev. Hulseley presented her monthly report. A full report is available in the church office. She noted she will be attending a conference October 29-30 and will not be in the pulpit on October 28th.

Old Business

Church Security: This presentation was held on September 30th, at 11:30. Much discussion was held about the pros and cons to some options intended to increase security at FCC. At the end of discussion, a Security Committee was formed as follows: Everett McBrayer, Justin Quick, Don Malan, and Chuck Lewis. If others are interested in working on this committee, please contact Chuck Lewis.

FCC Insurance Expense: Representatives from two local agencies gave overviews of policies they suggested on Monday, October 1st at 6:30. Much discussion was held tonight. Carol Lewis prepared a comparison worksheet that was very helpful. It was noted that the original reason to review this was to look for a less expensive policy. It appears this will most likely not be accomplished. Before a decision is made, there were a few questions that need to be investigated through our current Insurance Board agent. Chuck Lewis will contact the agent to see if premium would change with revisions. i.e.

1. Decrease the coverage on the garage bldg.,
2. Lower the coverage on Commercial Crime coverage,
3. Review current employee status on the Worker's Comp. coverage. This was approved on motion of Carol Roberts and second by Dorothy Carter.

Enhance current hearing devices: The new loop systems approved last month (Hearing Access Solutions) will be here Monday, October 29th at 9:00 for installation. Volunteers to be here are: Chuck Lewis, Justin Quick, and Steve Hedrick.

Clean-up Day: Carol Lewis reported this was held on October 20 with a lot of "cleaning-out" of stuff no longer useful or needed. She thanked all those who came and helped. There was discussion about the library. Judy Daniel noted that most books are quite old and ask: Does FCC really need a library? Who would use it? It was noted that there may be some historical information that should be retained, but that most of the books are not needed. After much discussion it was decided to announce to the

Board Minutes—Continued

congregation that we will be eliminating the books in the library and they are free to take any. Dorothy Carter mentioned she has access to a magnifying reader if anyone is interested.

Weddings: The revised Property Use policy and contracts was reviewed. After discussion, this was approved as presented on motion of Carol Roberts and second by Carol Lewis.

Church Directory: More helpers are needed to assist during the photography events on Oct 29 & 30. It was noted this directory will be somewhat different than previous directories. The company will reprint if 15 or more changes are needed. A digital option will be available.

Debit card vs. credit card: Judy Colburn stated she did check the options on this; but was still unsure what is needed. It was decided that a credit card would give the best option as it will give a record of spending and that the name on the card should be "First Christian Church – Sharla Hulsey". This will be available for office use. Rev. Hulsey will check for the best option and obtain one.

Repair of North Wall: This has been discussed in past board meetings, but no decision was reached. Everett McBrayer will be asked to get additional bids and present these at the November board meeting with proposals on the timeframe this could be completed.

Update on Phone Bill: Judy Colburn had an update on the question asked last month about why the phone bill was so high. It was noted that the bill was close to \$200. Administrative Assistant, Devon Copsey, made a phone call and got this reduced to approximately \$130/month.

New Business:

2019 Nominations: The following nominations were presented: **Elders:** Diana Rich 3 years and Phyllis McBrayer for 1 year. **Deacons:** (all 3-year terms) Jennifer Schmehl, Lucille Munday, Denise Burch, Kathy Wood, and Alan Munday. **Officers:** Chair: Alan Munday, Vice Chair: Don Malan, Secretary: Carol Roberts, Treasurer: Judy Colburn, and Financial Secretary: Diana Rich.

2019 Budget: Shawn Quick presented the 2019 budget. After discussion and a few revisions made, this was approved on motion of Carol Roberts and second by Don Malan.

Congregational meeting: This meeting will be held November 4th immediately following church. The purpose of this meeting will be to approve the nominations and budget for 2019. This will be announced in the newsletter and all church bulletins through that date.

Battery back-up and Cordless Keyboard/Mouse: A proposal from Devon Copsey was reviewed to obtain a battery back-up for the office computer and a wireless keyboard and mouse. After discussion, it was approved to allow her to obtain both and get the best option as listed. This was approved on motion of Don Malan and second by Justin Quick.

Endowment Fund Report: A report from the Christian Church Foundation was included in handouts. The account summary for FCC Butler, showed the ending value on 09/30/18 to be \$8,470.10. No action was required. This was just for informational purposes.

Committee Reports

None noted at this time.

Closing Prayer: Rev. Hulsey closed the meeting with prayer.

Adjournment: With no further business brought to the board, the meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM on motion of Don Malan and second by Shawn Quick.

Submitted by: Carol Roberts, Secretary

2019 Nominations

Elders: Diana Rich to serve for 3 years and Phyllis McBrayer to serve for 1 year

Deacons: (all serving for 3 years) Jennifer Schmehl, Lucille Munday, Denise Burch, Kathy Wood, and Alan Munday.

Board Officers: Chair—Alan Munday, Vice Chair—Don Malan, Secretary—Carol Roberts, Treasurer—Judy Colburn, and Financial Secretary—Diana Rich

2019 Proposed Budget

	2018 Amended Budget	2019 Proposed Budget
Income		
Church offerings		
Sunday School offerings		
Interest		
Parents' Day Out		
Miscellaneous		
Total Income		
Expense		
Administrative Salaries	\$72,110.50	\$69,284.26
Minister's Salary	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00
Social Security offset	\$2,830.50	\$2,830.50
Minister's Health Fund	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Minister's Housing	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
Minister's Pension Fund	\$5,180.00	\$5,180.00
Minister's Savings		
Admin Asst Salary	\$11,375.00	\$8,320.00
Custodian Salary	\$6,600.00	\$6,900.00
Church portion of taxes	\$1,500.00	\$1,428.76
Fed tax withholding		
State tax withholding		
SS tax withholding		
Medicare tax withholding		
Workman's comp	\$1,625.00	\$1,625.00

2019 Proposed Budget—continued

	2018 Amended Budget	2019 Proposed Budget
Administrative Expenses	\$15,550.00	\$17,090.00
Office supplies	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Postage	\$600.00	\$600.00
Telephone	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Mileage reimbursement	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
Minister's book allow- ance	\$300.00	\$600.00
Christmas gifts	\$150.00	\$150.00
Continuing educations	\$500.00	\$500.00
Office equip & maint.	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Publicity & advertising	\$200.00	\$200.00
Bookkeeping		\$3,540.00
Education	\$4,660.00	\$2,400.00
VBS	\$1,000.00	\$900.00
Education materials	\$1,000.00	\$400.00
Leadership develop- ment	\$0.00	\$0.00
Children's church	\$0.00	\$0.00
Church camps	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00
Background checks	\$660.00	\$100.00
Building Maintenance	\$18,575.00	\$21,229.00
City utilities	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00
Gas company	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
Insurance	\$5,575.00	\$7,229.00
Trash pick-up		
Bldg repair, maint. & supp.	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00
Worship	\$1,850.00	\$1,850.00
Worship supplies	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Music & seminars	\$300.00	\$300.00
Drama team	\$50.00	\$50.00
Pulpit supply	\$500.00	\$500.00

2019 Proposed Budget—continued

	2018 Amended Budget	2019 Proposed Budget
Membership	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Membership cultivation	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
Fellowship dinners		
Gifts for graduates	\$200.00	\$200.00
 Evangelism	 \$160.00	 \$160.00
Radio	\$60.00	\$60.00
Evangelism meeting		
New member packets	\$100.00	\$100.00
Evangelism training	\$0.00	\$0.00
 Outreach	 \$7,600.00	 \$8,050.00
Ministerial alliance	\$300.00	\$750.00
Habitat for Humanity		
Mid-America Region	\$4,000.00	\$3,800.00
Parents' Day Out	\$2,700.00	\$2,900.00
Disciples Mission Fund	\$500.00	\$500.00
Woodhaven	\$100.00	\$100.00
 Total Expenses	 \$118,645.00	 \$122,063.26

Church Website—<https://fccbutler.org>

Please bookmark the new website for the church.

The Calendar will be updated and you can even add the events to your Google or Apple calendar!

You are able to give donations and memorial donations online too! We use PayPal for the service but you do not need a PayPal account to give.

Did you miss a Sunday? The following Monday, we will have the sermon available for you to listen to or read.



The Office of the General Minister and President

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada

September 2018

Dear First Christian Church,

As summer turns to fall, we prepare for new seasons in the life of our Church. As you plan holiday worship and organize budgets for next year, I encourage you to also reflect on *what it means to be Disciples*, to truly be a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world.

When we prayerfully prepare with a sense of abundance, we know that God provides what we need, to do the work that calls us. Disciples know that by sharing the work, we accomplish what, by God's design, we cannot do alone. As you know, one of the ways we operate as one Church is through giving to Disciples Mission Fund (DMF).

I thank First Christian Church for sharing in that work. By contributing to DMF, through budgeted gifts and Special Day Offerings, you are responding to our call as Disciples.

Already in 2018, *your gifts have changed the world*. Thanks to you, our racial and ethnic ministries, the **Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries** (Obra Hispana), **National Convocation**, and **North American Pacific / Asian Disciples** (NAPAD), hosted biennial assemblies full of celebration and community.

Thanks to you, Disciples students are surrounded by support as they plan for their futures. Our **14 colleges and seven theological programs** offer opportunities to continue education in Disciples communities. **Higher Education and Leadership Ministries** (HELM) provides scholarships to make that education possible, primarily through the upcoming Thanksgiving offering.

Thanks to you, you region and our general ministries can continue their work to witness to and serve all people in the name of Jesus Christ. Only by sharing this work can Disciples succeed.

As we look ahead to the next season, I give thanks to your congregation for your prayerful generosity as you reach from your doorsteps to the ends of the earth through your continued commitment to Disciples Mission Fund.

With deep gratitude for your generosity,

Rev. Teresa "Terri" Hord Owens
General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

To make a gift online, or to find an electronic version of this letter to use in your congregation's publications, visit disciplesmissionfund.org. [Turn this letter over](#) to review your congregation's giving report.

Teresa Hord Owens
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Summary of Congregational Remittances – Giving Year to Date (YTD) as of 8/31/2018

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	Aug. 2018 YTD	Aug. 2017 YTD	\$ change	% change
Disciples Mission Fund	250.00	250.00	\$ 0.00	0.0%
Easter	226.00	0.00	\$ 226.00	
Pentecost	171.00	0.00	\$ 171.00	
Thanksgiving	0.00	0.00	\$ 0.00	
Christmas	206.00	30.00	\$ 176.00	586.7%
Blessing Boxes	0.00	0.00	\$ 0.00	
Designated Operating	1,374.99	2,291.66	(\$ 916.67)	(40.0%)
Designated Area/District/Convencion	0.00	0.00	\$ 0.00	
Regular Capital	125.00	0.00	\$ 125.00	
Designated Capital	0.00	0.00	\$ 0.00	
Capital Campaign	0.00	0.00	\$ 0.00	
Designated Capital Campaign	0.00	0.00	\$ 0.00	
Week of Compassion	92.00	170.00	(\$ 78.00)	(45.9%)
Designated Week of Compassion	0.00	0.00	\$ 0.00	
Reconciliation	0.00	0.00	\$ 0.00	
Designated Reconciliation	0.00	0.00	\$ 0.00	
Totals	\$2,444.99	\$2,741.66	(\$ 296.67)	(10.8%)

Please email a request to contributions@disciples.org if you would like to receive the following:

- Detailed Listing of Congregational Giving Report
- Online access to your congregation's giving records
- Information on submitting offerings electronically
- Other questions

Be sure to include your Church PIN#.

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Thank you for your support!

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