

# THE MESSENGER



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## More Than We Can Imagine

*The Pastor's*

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OF THOUGHT

In February of each year, Disciples congregations receive a special offering for Week of Compassion, the relief, refugee, and development mission fund for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada.

Last year our church's Board approved a donation to WOC when hurricanes were doing damage in the southeastern United States. We're also encouraged to give as individuals whenever there is a disaster or special need, and when we give to a special need, 100% of the money we give goes to the need. That's possible because of the special offering in February. WOC has extremely low overhead compared to some other organizations (like the Red Cross), but there are still staff to pay, supplies to buy, and so forth. The February offering helps cover those expenses, as does the "Circle of Compassion" endowment fund supported by congregations who make permanent gifts of \$10,000 to the Christian Church Foundation in support of Week of Compassion.

Emergency disaster assistance may seem like something we do to help folks far away from us, but consider this: a few years ago when a major ice storm hit the Kansas City area, WOC worked with local churches and agencies to assist with cleanup and other needs. And when we had serious flooding in the area where I used to live in Iowa, our Regional Minister got a call from WOC, asking whether there were DOC churches or members who'd been affected. We had two families in our church who had, and WOC sent both of them funds to help with cleanup.

In addition to disaster relief, WOC helps to resettle refugees who must flee their home countries and seek safety elsewhere, and has ongoing projects throughout the world to bring communities out of poverty. WOC has supported clean water projects in Haiti, for instance; and worked with financial institutions in West Timor, Indonesia, making it possible for local people to buy seeds and animals to provide food for their families, as well as equipment needed to operate sustainable businesses. The February WOC offering supports this work as well.

None of us can address every need in this world on our own. But when we come together through our giving to Week of Compassion, then the doxology at the end of Ephesians 3 is fulfilled:

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

*Sharla*





## February Serving Schedule

February 3

Elder: Diana Rich  
Scripture: Don Malan

9:30 a.m. Worship

Deacons: TBA  
Greeter: Billie Bopp

February 10

Elder: Shawn Quick  
Scripture: Judy Daniel

9:30 a.m. Worship

Deacons: TBA  
Greeter: Jennifer Schmehl

February 17

Elder: Phyllis McBrayer  
Scripture: Alan Munday

9:30 a.m. Worship

Deacons: TBA  
Greeter: Judy Taylor

February 24

Elder: John Daniel  
Scripture: Carol Ann Winburn

9:30 a.m. Worship

Deacons: TBA  
Greeters: Peggy & Bob Thomas

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

2—Lakyn McGuire  
3—Kimberly McGuire  
4—Kelsey Lewis  
4—Paula Brede  
4—Terry Agnew  
5—Kevin Huenefeldt  
8—Abe Lewis  
20—Chelsea McConkey  
21—Ed White

## Anniversaries

1—A.F. & Deloris Baldwin  
11—Allen & JoDee Fink  
14—Scott & Julie Bitner

## Budget

December Income  
\$ 11,547.86

December Expenses  
\$8,969.61

Year-to-date Income  
\$166,876.45

Year-to-date Expenses  
\$153,769.82

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

## Important Dates

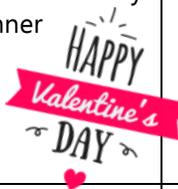
5—Women's Group 6:30 pm  
7—Deadline for V-Day Dinner  
14—Valentine's Day  
14—Valentine's Day Dinner  
17—Elders Meeting 5 p.m.  
17—Board Meeting 6 p.m.  
18—Presidents Day  
19—Community Café



## Attendance

Date	Sunday School		Worship
December 30	Life Group—0 Elementary—0	Officers—0 Total—0	53
January 6	Life Group—7 Elementary—9	Officers—0 Total—16	67
January 13	Life Group—10 Elementary—2	Officers—0 Total—12	45
January 20	Life Group—11 Elementary—1	Officers—0 Total—12	45

# February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9:20 Prayer 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School	4	5 6:30 p.m. Women's Group	6 6-7 p.m. Youth Group  7 p.m. Choir Practice	7 9 a.m. PDO	8	9
10 9:20 Prayer 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School	11	12	13 6-7 p.m. Youth Group  7 p.m. Choir Practice	14 9 a.m. PDO  6:30 p.m. Valentine's Day Dinner 	15	16
17 9:20 Prayer 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School  5 pm—Elders 6 pm—Board	18	19 5:30-6:00 p.m. Community Café	20 6-7 p.m. Youth Group  7 p.m. Choir Practice	21 9 a.m. PDO	22	23
24 9:20 Prayer 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School	25	26	27 6-7 p.m. Youth Group  7 p.m. Choir Practice	28 9 a.m. PDO		



# Upcoming Sermons

February 3

Message: "Do This, Not That"

Scripture: Matthew 6:7-18

*What I was thinking:* This passage included the Lord's Prayer, but we also have some instructions about the mostly-forgotten spiritual discipline of fasting.

February 10

Message: "It's a Mighty Rocky Road"

Scripture: Matthew 7:1-29

*What I was thinking:* This passage contains a bunch of instructions for how to live as a disciple of Jesus. We will probably focus our attention on one or two of these, but only after hearing the entire chapter.

February 17

Message: "Out of the Corner of Your Eye"

Scripture: Matthew 13:24-43

*What I was thinking:* The kingdom of heaven doesn't come into focus if we look at it straight on, through lectures and explanations. Instead, we get at what the kingdom is like through story and metaphor.

February 24

Message: "Truly you are the Son of God"

Scripture: Matthew 14:13-33

*What I was thinking:* The feeding of the multitude is one of the few stories that is included in all four Gospels. It's often paired with Jesus walking on water. Why?



## Women's Group

The FCC new women's group will have their first organizational meeting on Tuesday evening February 5, 2019. If you are interested in meeting with other FCC women during book/bible study, devotionals, service projects, and just time getting to know other women of the church please join this group.

**If you need a ride, please call the church office and we will make that happen.**

## Books!!

We are dismantling our church library. During the next few months a table will be in the foyer with some titles for the taking. However, if anyone wants to go in the library to browse the shelves to select some materials, feel free to do so.

## Weather Cancellation Policy

If the Weather Is Bad...

...the pastor and board chair will decide together whether we will have worship. We will ask Everett for input as well. A decision will be made by 7 a.m. Sunday. We'll then contact the following news sources:

- WDAF (Fox4)
- KSHB (Channel 41)
- FM-92.1 and their website ([www.921news.com](http://www.921news.com)), and Facebook (kmam kmoe)
- Bates County Live

Cancellation information will also be posted on the church's facebook page ([facebook.com/FCCButlerMO](https://facebook.com/FCCButlerMO)).

If you haven't seen or heard anything by 8 a.m. (to give the media outlets time to post the information), you can assume we'll go on as usual; but please use your common sense about whether you believe it's safe to get out. We would rather have you stay home and be safe than try to get here and have an accident or a fall.

If worship is cancelled, all other Sunday activities (including Sunday school and any meetings) will also be cancelled.

On weekdays, if Butler's school has cancelled classes, the church will be closed and all activities for that day will be cancelled.



## Valentine's Day Dinner

Join us on Valentine's Day for a lovely dinner at 6:30 pm. Please RSVP to the church office or Phyllis McBrayer before February 7th!!



## Thoughts & Prayers

Al Decker, Angie Jones, Aimee Daniel Breiner, Ann Taylor, Barbara Walsh, Caleb Hoffard, Carl Shubert, Dennis Shannon, Dustin VanMeter, Galen Robertson, Hailey Carter, Jerry Hertzog, Jill Tiona, Kay Haile, Keith McBrayer, Lona Grosshart, Pat Arnold, Paul Miller, Rachel Bittencourt, Rhonda Yarick, Sam McCombs, Verna Kooker

## Help Is Needed For The Butler Ministerial Alliance

The Butler Ministerial Alliance is in need of emergency assistance funds to continue to help those in need in our community. The giving of funds is suspended until we have money in our account to give away. Please consider giving above and beyond your usual giving to support the Alliance and all the good they do in Butler and Bates County!

## 18th Annual Celebration of Church Music

A concert benefiting The Ministerial Alliance of Butler will be held on Sunday, March 17 at 3:00 pm at the First Christian Church. Refreshments will follow the concert.

# Board Minutes

January 20, 2019

## Pending Board Approval

Board members present: Deacons- Judy Daniel, Judy Colburn, Carol Lewis, Carol Roberts, Mike Studards, Jennifer Schmehl, Lucille Munday, Kathy Wood, and Alan Munday. Elders-Phyllis McBrayer, Shawn Quick, Dolly Studards, John Daniel and Diana Rich. Others present: Rev. Sharla Hulseley, Don Malan, and Everett McBrayer.

Alan Munday called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM. Shawn Quick opened with prayer.

The agenda was adopted with additions on motion of Diana Rich and second by Shawn Quick.

The minutes of the 11-18-18 meeting were reviewed. The minutes were approved as presented on motion of John Daniel and second by Phyllis McBrayer.

**Financial Reports:** The November and December financial reports (Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss)s were reviewed through December 31, 2018. John Daniel reviewed the reports. Both reports were approved by motion of Shawn Quick and second by Judy Colburn. 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 visits and meeting activity. She thanked everyone who helped during her illness. She reported that she and Board Chair, Alan Munday met to discuss how to decide if church needs cancelled. She reported that they will have a conversation and consult with Everett McBrayer. A decision will be made by 7:00 AM and will make announcements on local radio station, Bates County Live, channels 4 and 41, and the church's Facebook page. She also noted that if Butler school is closed, the church office will be closed. Reminder that Lent starts with Ash Wednesday on March 6. There will be a service that evening. Rev. Hulseley will be gone on Sunday, March 10.

### Old Business

**Church Security.** Nothing new to report. This committee will continue to look for the best option for FCC.

**Enhance current hearing devices:**

Purchase of 4 more receiver packs at \$85/each, and a package of 10 ear buds for \$18 has not been completed yet. Rev. Hulseley is working on this.

Everett McBrayer is still working on getting a bid from Bollweg Electric for the total cost to replace florescent lights in the basement with a newer type of light to eliminate interference.

**Clean-up Day:** Judy Daniel continues to process the elimination of books in the church library. She moved several books to a table in the foyer, and she will place different books there each week for anyone to take.

**Church Directory:** Rev. Hulseley reported the directory is in process. Devon is working on the final details to submit. It was also reported that the file with the previous directory pictures has been located that might be used to secure pictures. As soon as everything is submitted, a proof will be received to pre-view.

**Debit card vs. credit card:** Rev. Hulseley has not selected the best option. She will continue to research and report at the next board meeting.

**Repair of North Wall:** Everett McBrayer has not gotten additional bids. He will continue to work on this and report back.

**Furnace in Sanctuary:** Everett reported that Kershner looked and repaired it but uncertain of cost.

# Board Minutes—Continued

## New Business

**2019 Chairperson for Deacons:** Lucille Munday volunteered to fill this position. She will plan a meeting with new deacons to review the procedure used during communion.

**Committee Chairs for 2019:** Christian Education: Judy Daniel and Carol Roberts; Membership: still to be confirmed, Outreach: Shawn Quick; Property: Everett McBrayer; Stewardship: Diana Rich; Evangelism: to be determined by the group meeting with Rev. Hulsey; Personnel: Dolly Studards and Lucille Munday.

**New Mailbox System for Office:** Administrative Assistant, Devon Copsey submitted a proposal for a new mailbox system that will allow more mailboxes that can provide more people access to materials, easier to read labels, and adjustable shelving. The cost is \$99.99. This was approved on motion of Carol Roberts and second by Judy Colburn.

**Member for Endowment Committee:** On motion of Carol Roberts and second by Dolly Studards Chuck Lewis was approved to serve 3 years on this committee. Other members are Alan Munday, and Justin Quick.

## Committee Reports

**Christian Education:** Carol Roberts reported the first meeting of the Women's group will be Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. If anyone needs a ride, please call the office.

**Worship:** Phyllis McBrayer reported on numerous activities planned: Community Café on 02/19, Valentine's Day dinner on 2/14. She would like to get RSVPs by 2/7. She noted that on Superbowl Sunday she is asking the congregation to bring soup or crackers to be donated to the food pantry. It was noted that in the past, the food pantry has requested cash as they can purchase these items at a better price. Phyllis noted she will check with them and let the congregation know about donations.

**Personnel:** There will be a meeting immediately following this board meeting.

**Closing Prayer:** Diana Rich closed the meeting with prayer.

**Adjournment:** With no further business brought to the board, the meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM on motion of Carol Roberts and second by Shawn Quick.

Submitted by: Carol Roberts, Secretary

## Attention

We now have a weekly email newsletter. If you want to be added to this email list, please let the office know. Put a little note in the collection plates or email/call the office with your name and email address and we will get you added. This list will get a link to the Sunday's sermon, any special announcements, and important dates delivered weekly (usually on Monday).

Stay up to date with FCC!



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