

THE MESSENGER

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Home Maintenance

The Pastor's

TRAIN



OF THOUGHT

Our house here in Butler is the newest one I have ever lived in. (I'm not counting the apartments we've rented at various times, mostly because I don't actually know when they were built, and we didn't own them.) The first one I really remember was built in the 1920s, I think. We moved from it to a ranch built in 1953. The house where we lived in Iowa—and still own, with renters living there now—is Craftsman style, built in 1910. Our house here dates from 1976, with extensive remodeling done in the 2000s.

When you own your home, as opposed to renting, you're responsible for keeping it up. You can't call the landlord and have them take care of the worn-out roof, the water heater that leaks, the air conditioner that gives up the ghost on the hottest day of the year. It's on you. Home ownership is part of the American Dream, but it isn't cheap; and the older the house, the more upkeep it takes.

The building in which we work and worship is our church family's home. It's a beautiful facility, but it's also an older one, which means there's a lot of work needed to keep it up. Everett does an outstanding job keeping the building clean and handling day-to-day maintenance, but right now we've got some issues that are beyond his ability to fix. We are going to have to have some major work done to stop water coming in during windy rainstorms and to repair the damage that water has done in our sanctuary and basement. A plaster ceiling in one of the basement rooms has fallen victim to the law of gravity and is going to have to be dealt with.

In an older building, there's just about always something that needs work. These are just the most visible and most urgent matters right now. Fixing them—and fixing whatever the next issue turns out to be—costs money. That's why the Stewardship Committee has decided to kick off a building fund campaign in February. There's more information on this in their article elsewhere in this newsletter. Many of us made pledges toward the building fund last fall, and we need to honor those pledges; but during this campaign we're being asked to do more, as we're able.

God has given us this beautiful and comfortable home for our church family, and it's our job to take care of it so that it can help us do the ministry to which God has called us. I pray we will all work together to do that.

Sharla

February Serving Schedule

February 2

Elder: Diana Rich
Scripture: Shawn Quick

9:30 a.m. Worship

Deacons: Dianne Silvers, Peggy Fuller,
Carol Hedrick, Dale Kinsman
Greeter: Brayden Saucerman

February 9

Elder: Justin Quick
Scripture: Sally Anton

9:30 a.m. Worship

Deacons: Chuck Lewis, Derek Lile, Alan
Munday, Lucille Munday
Greeter: Candi Agnew

February 16

Elder: Don Malan
Scripture: Carol Roberts

9:30 a.m. Worship

Deacons: Jennifer Schmehl, Dianna Silvers,
Mike Studards, Kathy Wood
Greeter: Judy Taylor

February 23

Elder: John Daniel
Scripture: Jennifer Schmehl

9:30 a.m. Worship

Deacons: Denise Burch, Peggy Fuller, Carol
Hedrick, Dale Kinsman
Greeters: Chelsea McConkay, Hayley
Patterson

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

Birthdays

2—Lakyn Fuller
3—Kimberly McGuire
4—Kelsey Lewis
4—Paula Brede
4—Terry Agnew
5—Kevin Huenefldt
8—Abe Lewis
9—Beth Ann Davis
20—Chelsea McConkay
21—Ed White

Anniversaries

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

Budget

December Income
\$11,537.92

December Expenses
\$12,500.41

2019 Income
\$112,309.38

2019 Expenses
\$119,091.68

Attendance

| Date | Sunday School | | Worship |
|-------------|------------------------------|------------------------|---------|
| December 29 | Life Group—8 Elementary—3 | Officers—0 Total—11 | 45 |
| January 5 | Life Group—9 Elementary—2 | Officers—0 Total—11 | 40 |
| January 12 | Life Group—6 Elementary—3 | Officers—0 Total—9 | 27 |
| January 19 | Life Group—0 Elementary—0 | Officers—0 Total—0 | 44 |

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

Important Dates

04—Disciples Women
16—Board Meeting
18—Community Café

February 2020

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 2 9:20 Prayer 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School 11 Life Group | 3 | 4 6:30 pm Disciples Women | 5 6 pm Youth Group 7 pm Choir Practice | 6 9 am Parent's Day Out | 7 | 8 |
| 9 9:20 Prayer 9:30 Worship Congregational Meeting 10:45 Sunday School 11 Life Group | 10 | 11 | 12 6 pm Youth Group 7 pm Choir Practice | 13 9 am Parent's Day Out | 14 | 15 |
| 16 9:20 Prayer 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School 11 Life Group Board Meeting | 17 | 18 5:30-6:00 p.m. Community Café | 19 6 pm Youth Group 7 pm Choir Practice | 20 9 am Parent's Day Out | 21 | 22 |
| 23 9:20 Prayer 9:30 Worship 10:45 Sunday School 11 Life Group | 24 | 25 | 26 6 pm Youth Group 7 pm Choir Practice | 27 9 am Parent's Day Out | 28 | 29 |



Upcoming Sermons

February 2

Message: "Wasting the Teacher's Time"

Scripture: Mark 5:21-43

About: Given the culture of the times, neither of the two people healed in today's reading had much worth. Yet Jesus gave time and energy to both of them.

February 9

Message: "I Never Promised You a Rose Garden"

Scripture: Mark 6:1-29

About: In this long passage we learn of the rejection of both Jesus and John the Baptist, and then, with rejection fresh in their minds, the disciples are sent out on their own mission trips.

February 16

Message: "Exterior Sin Management"

Scripture: Mark 7:1-23

About: The religious teachers and leaders were very concerned about the disciples' failure to follow external purity practices. What was Jesus' response, and what does he say to us today?

February 23

Message: "You're Not Listening"

Scripture: Mark 8:27-9:8

About: Peter knows who Jesus is, but cannot understand or accept what that will mean for him or for his followers.

 **HAPPY**
Valentine's
DAY 

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), and Facebook (kmam kmoe)
- Bates County Live

Cancellation information will also be posted on the church's facebook page (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.



DISCIPLE'S WOMEN

Disciples Women will meet on February 4 at 6:30. Refreshments by Diana Rich and Devotional by Sharla Hulsey. Please enter through the front glass double doors. **The north door will remain locked all evening.**

Thanks, and hope to see you there.

Thoughts & Prayers

Aimee Daniel, Bill Adcock, Bill Cumpton, Carl Shubert, Darlene Adcock, Dennis Shannon, Dusty Warren, Frank Morris, Gary Studards, Jamie Hibbs, Kay Haile, Kenny Hunt, Lona Grosshart, Madison Tippie, Rachel Bittencourt, Rhonda Yarick, Sharon Jones, Tracy Clayton, Tylor Smading,



Week of
Compassion
February 16 & 23, 2020

Board Minutes

January 19, 2020

Pending Board Approval

Board members present: Deacons- Mike Studards, Jennifer Schmehl, Lucille Munday, Kathy Wood, Alan Munday, Chuck Lewis and Dianna Silvers. Elders-Dolly Studards, John Daniel, Diana Rich, Don Malan, and treasurer, Judy Colburn. Others present: Rev. Sharla Hulsey, Carol Roberts, and Jesse Bray with GFI.

Don Malan called the meeting to order at 10:47 AM. Don Malan opened with prayer.

The agenda was adopted with additions on motion of Lucille Munday and second by Kathy Wood.

The minutes of the 11-17-19 meeting were reviewed. The minutes were approved as presented on motion of Alan Munday and second by Jennifer Schmehl.

Financial Reports: The December 2019 financial reports including Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Budget Performance sheets as of 12-31-19 were reviewed. John Daniel reviewed a few items noting year-to-date numbers. He noted that a significant amount was spent from the "Building" fund and almost \$2800 was borrowed from the "General Fund" that will need to be reimbursed. (see Stewardship Department later in minutes for plans to re-pay and replenish those accounts). The financial reports were approved as presented on motion of Alan Munday and second by Diana Rich. Full reports are available in the church office.

Ministers' Report: Rev. Hulsey gave her report noting she has reduced her in-office hours due to her shoulder injury, subsequent surgical repair and current rehab. She has not been released to drive yet. She has postponed starting her D. Min. program at Phillips Seminary until June. Her full report is available in the church office.

Old Business:

North Basement Wall Repair Update: Nothing new to report.

Choir Robe room ceiling repair update: Nothing new to report.

New Business:

Review Contract with Kershner Heating and Cooling: There was a request to review the current Service Agreement and invoice from Kershner Heating and Cooling. There were a few questions about the amount of the bill received 10-11-19, what the \$800 annual service agreement covers, etc. No decision was made. All board members were requested to review this bill and agreement and discuss later. The Service Agreement will automatically renew 7-20-2020 unless cancelled by 06-20-2020.

Review Office Copier Proposal from GFI Digital: Jesse Bray presented information and proposal for a new office copier/printer/scanner. In his presentation he noted some advantages would include Help desk support, quick service call times for repairs, quarterly reviews of account, change from monthly overages to quarterly overages, built in number of B&W and color copies in the monthly payment, a newer copier, and they would auto send toner as needed. His proposal would save the church about \$800 per year. He also noted that GFI would pay-off the current contract by sending a check to FCC in about 2 weeks. Two options of copy machines were included in his proposal, a Sharp, or a Ricoh. On motion of Lucille Munday and second by John Daniel the board approved the proposal from GFI Digital for the Sharp equipment. No opposition was noted.

Report from the Office of the General Minister and President (OGMP): A letter and one-page report was included in the packet. This reflects FCC-Butler's Congregational Giving Report through September 2019. This is just 'For-Information-Only', no action is required by the board.

Department/Committee Reports:

Don Malan noted he hopes to get all 2020 department and committee chairs filled soon. He will announce his request at church next Sunday. Some have already accepted, but others are still vacant.

Membership: There will be "Souper Bowl" Sunday on February 2nd. The congregation is requested to bring cans of soup and boxes of crackers for the local food pantry. It was also suggested that cash donations are helpful as the food pantry can buy these items in bulk with the cash. Any check should be made to "Community Food Pantry".

Stewardship: Diana Rich noted this department has met and, to increase the "Building Fund" and re-pay the "General Fund" money borrowed, several activities are being planned as follows:

Re-establish a fund-raising campaign with a visual thermometer to reflect the progress being made with goal of \$40,000.

Kick-off on February 9th

March-a chili and soup supper that will be promoted and invite the community.

April- a pancake supper, again inviting the community.

May-(probably)the traditional dessert auction.

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

Adjournment: With no further business brought to the board, the meeting adjourned at 11:31 AM on motion of Alan Munday and second by John Daniel.

Submitted by: Carol Roberts, (acting) Secretary

2020 Building Fund Drive

The Stewardship Committee is proposing a 2020 building fund drive. There are many repairs that need to be made to our church. This year we are concentrating on the following repairs:

- Repair the north wall of the Fellowship Hall
- Repair the north wall of the Sanctuary
- Repair the ceiling in the Choir Robe Room
- Remove the wall in the Chapel to increase space and storage for PDO

We are hoping to raise \$40,000 for these repairs.

Some planned dates for fundraisers:

- * February 9—We kick off the campaign with an explanation to the Congregation.
- * March 12—Chili / Soup Supper fundraiser, we plan to invite the public to this event.
- * April 23—Pancake Supper fundraiser, we plan to invite the public to this event.

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