

THE MESSENGER

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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Sing a New Song!

When you arrive at worship on the First Sunday of Advent this year, you'll notice something different in the pews. We have new hymnals!

Well, technically the *Chalice Hymnal* isn't new; it was published in 1995 and has actually now gone out of print. Some of the copies we have aren't new, either: they were given to us by other churches that had more than they could use. And we aren't getting rid of our old hymnals. We'll still sing our "old favorites" from them.

But the *Chalice Hymnal* has some really good stuff in it! In addition to new(ish) hymns by authors who weren't represented in our current hymnal, there are lots of readings from Christian writers all the way back to the Middle Ages, Psalms to be read responsively, and even some worship helps, including basic Sunday resources, ideas for what to do when taking Communion to someone who is ill or homebound, and the three-year cycle of daily worship and prayer I've been using in my livestreamed Morning Prayers.

Even better, since it was put together specifically for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), there are lots of Communion hymns in the *Chalice Hymnal*. Our current hymnal only has four!

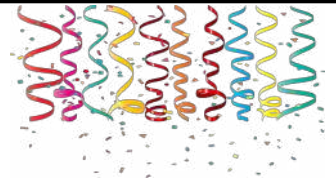
Through Advent we'll be singing a simple response from the *Chalice Hymnal*. The words are fairly new, but the tune is familiar—it's the alternate tune for "Away in a Manger." It has one verse for each Sunday of Advent, plus one for Christmas Eve.

I hope this song, and the rest of the *Chalice Hymnal*, help us to sing new songs to our God...even as we keep singing our old favorites, too.

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December Serving Schedule



BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Dianna Silvers
- 3 Noah Lile
- 3 Patsy Quick
- 4 Gary Coffman
- 6 Franklin Baldwin
- 9 Karen Russell
- 10 Ruth Weil
- 12 Michael White
- 13 Braysen Hamlett
- 18 Phyllis McBrayer
- 25 Christina Quick
- 26 Gene Morrison
- 29 Jarod McBrayer



ANNIVERSARIES

- 18 Bob & Louise Foster
- 18 Gary & Mary Coffman
- 24 Gene & Jackie Morrison
- 26 John & Maribeth Golladay

December 5

Elder: Shawn Quick

Deacon: Chuck & Carol Lewis

Greeter: Bob Thomas

Scripture Reader: Shawn Quick

December 12

Elder: Carol Roberts

Deacon: Judy Colburn, Dianna Silvers

Greeter: Judy Taylor

Scripture Reader: Chuck Lewis

December 19

Elder: Diana Rich

Deacon: Dale Kinsman, Everett McBrayer

Greeter: Everett McBrayer

Scripture Reader: Carol Hedrick

December 26

Elder: Justin Quick

Deacon: Peggy Fuller, Gary Coffman

Greeter: Carol Roberts

Scripture Reader: Phyllis McBrayer

Music Director: Carol Ann Winburn — **Accompanist:** Mary Coffman

Sound Techs: Phyllis McBrayer, Dianna Silvers, Justin Quick



ATTENDANCE



Date	In-Person Worship	Online Live Stream*	Life Group	Sunday School
10/31	40	15	7	0
11/7	30	11	8	5
11/14	32	11	11	0
11/21	25	7	0	0

**If you are joining Sunday worship via Facebook Live, let us know you are tuning in by leaving a comment on the live stream video or visit fccbutler.org and click the Register Attendance button.*



BUDGET

October Income

\$9,034.26

October Expense

\$8,091.45

YTD Income

\$89,926.62

YTD Expense

\$91,047.10

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



December 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6 pm - 7 pm Youth Group 7 pm - 8:30 pm Choir	2	3 9 am - 12 pm SonShine Ladies	4
			5 9:30 a.m. Worship Fellowship Meal after Worship	6	7	8 6 pm - 7 pm Youth Group 7 pm - 8:30 pm Choir
12 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Life Group 11:00 a.m. Elders Meeting Christmas Special Offering	13	14	15 12 pm Rotary Christmas Dinner 6 pm - 7 pm Youth Group 7 pm - 8:30 pm Choir	16	17 9 am - 12 pm SonShine Ladies	18
19 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Board Meeting Christmas Special Offering	20	21 5:30 pm Community Café	22 NO Youth Group 7 pm - 8:30 pm Choir	23	24 Christmas Eve 6:30 pm Candlelight Service	25 Christmas Day 
26 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Life Group	27	28	29 NO Youth Group 7 pm - 8:30 pm Choir	30	31 New Year's Eve	

IMPORTANT DATES

5	Fellowship Meal after Worship	21	Community Café
12	Elders Meeting	24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
15	Rotary Christmas Dinner	25	Christmas
19	Board Meeting		



Upcoming Sermons

December 5, 2021 (2nd Sunday of Advent)

Ben Field will be preaching.

December 12, 2021 (3rd Sunday of Advent)

Shawn Quick will be preaching.

December 19, 2021 (4th Sunday of Advent)

J.C. Thompson will be preaching.

December 26, 2021 (1st Sunday after Christmas)

Scripture: John 1:1-18 (RCL: Christmas, 2nd and 3rd Propers, all years)

Psalm: 123

Theme: the meaning of Christmas

Title: "More Than Presents and Carols"

What I was thinking: John's Gospel contains no birth narrative; instead he includes a soaring prose poem about who Jesus is in relation to God and all of creation.



THOUGHTS & PRAYERS

Sympathy to the families of Paula Shaffer, Larry Bosch, Goldie Appleberry, and Kathy Crist.

Current & Ongoing

- ◆ Deloris & Frank Baldwin, Lyndell Colburn, Bill & Cheryl Cumpton, Marilyn Eneff, Bob & Louise Foster, Misty Foster, Lona Grosshart, Carol Hamilton, Caleb Hoffard, Wendy Huge, Kenny Hunt, Roger Hunt, Sharon Jones, Tim Lemm, Walker Lesmeister, Alicia Lindsey, Dale McMorris, David Middleton, Kevin & Pam Miller, David Mills, Bruce Peirce, Joyce & Ron Rich, Jeanine Stephenson, Will & Christian Tucker, Dusty Warren, Linda Wix.

At Home

- ◆ Bud Armstrong, Ruby Cummings, Julie Lewis

Currently Serving in the Military

- ◆ Jordan Olson, Ryan Strong, Josh Thompson, Matt Thompson



ANNOUNCEMENTS



- **Volunteers Wanted**
Needing 3 - 4 people to operate the camera for the Facebook Livestream. If interested contact the church office or Carol Ann.
- **Disciples Women**
Due to conflict of date, the Disciples Women meeting has moved from December 7 to **November 30**. Please enter by using the North door. If you need the elevator, please call Carol Roberts @ 660-200-5816. All are welcome to attend. Disciples Women are collecting Best Choice Labels.
- **Christmas Special Offering - December 12 & 19.**
- **NO Youth Group** on December 22 & 29 due to the Christmas holiday.
- **Community Café** will resume in December. FCC will host on Tuesday, December 21.
- Membership Department hosting **Fellowship Holiday Dinner** on **December 5** after Worship.
- **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service - December 24 at 6:30 p.m.**

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.



First Christian Church Board Meeting Minutes



November 21, 2021

Board members present: Deacons-Jennifer Schmehl, Gary Coffman, Peggy Fuller, Dale Kinsman, Chuck Lewis, Carol Lewis, Judy Colburn, and Everett McBrayer. Elders-Diana Rich, Carol Roberts, Don Malan, Justin Quick, Phyllis McBrayer, and Shawn Quick. Others present: Rev. Sharla Hulse, and Carol Ann Winburn.

Don Malan, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:38 AM. He then opened with prayer.

After review, the agenda was adopted on motion of Carol Roberts and second by Justin Quick.

The minutes of the 10-17-2021 regular board meeting were reviewed. The minutes of the Special Board Meeting of 10-24-21 were reviewed with a correction of total budget from \$130,883 to \$131,493. The congregational meeting minutes of 11-14-21 were reviewed. All these minutes were approved on motion of Shawn Quick and second by Diana Rich.

Financial Reports: The October financial reports including Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Budget Performance sheets as of 10-31-2021 were reviewed, as well as all end-of-the-year numbers. Income in October \$9,034.26 Total Expenses in October \$8,091.45. The financial reports were approved as presented on motion of Shawn Quick and second by Diana Rich. Full reports are available in the church office.

Ministers' Report: Rev. Hulse reviewed her attached report. She noted visits, meetings, conversations, and official activities she has been involved in. She continues to do the morning prayers every day on Facebook Live. She noted her second knee replacement surgery is scheduled for December 1st. She plans to be off the first 3 Sundays in December as well as out of the office.

Old Business:

Property Department (North Roof Repairs): Chuck Lewis reported he has talked with Mark Knoll and he plans to start the roof repairs the week after Thanksgiving.

Memorial Gifts Committee: It was noted Lyssa Lile is looking to find the new office chair. The marquee out front has been patched, but the inside framework is broken and may need more extensive repairs in the future. The plexiglass has been replaced which makes the signage more visible and several noted this looks very nice.

New Business:

December Board Meeting: Plans are to hold this meeting as scheduled.

Department/Committee Reports:

Procedural Document Review-Update: Carol Roberts reported this committee has been meeting regularly about twice a month and will continue to look at the purpose and responsibilities of all FCC departments and committees until all are completed. No meetings are being planned in December. This Committee will have a full report and present to the board early in 2022.

Outreach Department: Phyllis McBrayer reported that Community Café Christmas Dinner will be at FCC on December 21, 2021

Worship Department: Carol Ann Winburn reported they are still working on the microphone issue she talked about earlier. She reported on Christmas season plans, noted there will be Advent drama readings during morning worship and no special evening Christmas program will be held, but there will be a Christmas Eve program. During Rev. Hulse's absence, speakers have been arranged for all three Sundays. The individuals who filled the pulpit during her absence in September will return during this absence. Carol Ann noted that elders may be asked to assist with some additional duties on those Sunday's.

Department/Committee Reports Cont.

Endowment 3rd Quarter Report: The report was in the packet for all to review. No action required.

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

Adjournment: With no further business brought to the board, the meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM on motion of Justin Quick and second by Phyllis McBrayer.

Submitted by: Carol Roberts, Secretary

First Christian Church Congregational Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2021

Don Malan called the congregational meeting to order at 10:31.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. The proposed 2022 budget was presented. A condensed version was printed and available in the bulletin showing a total expense budget number for 2022 of \$131,493.

The list of nominations for deacons, elders, board officers, endowment trustees, pastoral support committee and deacon emeritus was presented and available in the bulletin.

Don Malan ask if anyone had questions, none were voiced. He then asked everyone to complete their ballot.

The ballots were collected.

As there was no further business for this congregational meeting, the meeting adjourned at 10:35.

Submitted by: Carol Roberts, Secretary

POST MEETING INFORMATION:

Vote Count:

1. 2022 Budget Yes: 24 No: 1

2. 2022 Nominations Yes: 25 No: 0



Building Fund Drive

The Stewardship Committee is having a 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

Current donations: \$25,888

Goal: \$40,000



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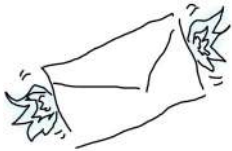
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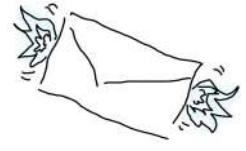
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THE MESSENGER



*"For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."*

—Isaiah 9:6

