



THE DISCIPLE VISITOR

*What shall
we bring?*

Micah 6:6-8

With what shall I come before the Lord and bow down before the exalted God?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of olive oil?

Shall I offer my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?

The Rev. Bruce A. Barkhauer, Minister for Faith and Giving, writes ...

It is clear that at the end of the day, what God wants from us is not our stuff, but our "whole heart". Bulls numbering in the thousands and running rivers of oil are not the sacrifice that God desires, but rather our willingness to abandon all other loyalties and claims that clamor for our attention, in favor of one: God. A commitment that does not get measured by the gold standard of empire's wealth, but rather one of the simple turning of life toward the priorities of the Realm. Do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God. It seems so simple, but we know the opposite to be true. It is easier to just swipe our debit card and contribute to a cause. In the church, it often feels safer to ask for money than to ask for the changing of a life's priorities. It is not that offerings are inappropriate, but they should flow from the heart of relationship and manifest themselves in more than temporal gifts.

The real issue is moving from the transactional to the relational. Such a move is at the core of Stewardship. Stewardship is about more than money. It is a whole life response to the abundant generosity of God. A generosity that is gauged by more than what we hold in our bank accounts. Stewardship is about the care and management of creation, the observation of Sabbath and the care for the precious gift that is our own life. It is about sharing the good news of the gospel by inviting others to join us at an always expanding table of grace. Faithful stewardship is about the intentional and impactful deployment of our spiritual gifts. And yes, it is about our stuff. But more than that, it is a way of giving that flows from the heart in concrete ways in response to what God has already done.

It is also about our stuff. Lest we forget, the bible is concerned about money at two basic levels: First, our relationship with money (and what it can provide); Second, how we use what moves through our sphere of influence toward advancing the principles of the Kingdom of God. Do we use what we have been given to make a difference or to make ourselves more comfortable? Do we own our stuff, or is it the other way around?

At the end of the day, our Stewardship Campaign includes asking for money – a commitment, a tithe- to support the mission and ministry of our congregation. But it's about more than just money and our need as a church to receive it. Stewardship comes from a deeper, more spiritual place ... it comes from our "whole heart", our desire to live into our faith, to share our faith, to be the image of God, to be the feet and hands of Christ in our homes, in our places of work and school, and in our communities. May we give graciously and generously.

Thanksgiving Dinner

ALL are Welcome!

Family, friends, neighbors, etc.

6pm Friday, November 9th, Fellowship Hall

Our Food Drive this year will benefit the Community Services.
Please bring donations to the Thanksgiving Dinner
through Sunday, November 18.

**chicken soup, cream soups, peanut butter,
canned tuna, canned chicken, fruit cocktail,
peaches, pears, dish soap (not dishwasher),
laundry soap, body wash**



Blue Christmas

A Service of Hope

for those who are stressed, lonely or hurting.

Thursday, December 6th

at 7pm

*Special Music by Nathan Stephens
and Andrea Hutchinson*

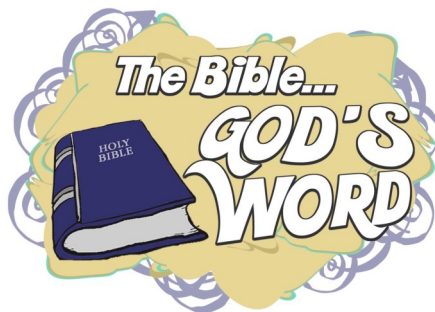
First Christian Church



The Red Sari Group

A monthly lunch ministry for widows and widowers.
This month we meet on **Monday, November 12th, 11:30am at
Royal Buffet & Grille, 3835 Pearl Road, Medina**

All are invited. Please contact Ruth Hawker (330) 722-7142 for more information.



BIBLE SUNDAY, November 25th

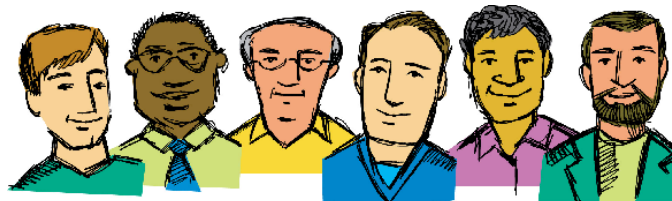
Children 1st-3rd grade, who have not yet received a Bible from the church, will be presented their very own Bibles to take home.



CHILDREN/YOUTH CHRISTMAS SERVICE

This year's Children and Youth Christmas Service will be on December 16th. All of our children youth are invited to participate. Singing, bells, drama, and readings will all be a part of the service. The drama this year, "Finding Jesus", will be directed by its author Nicole Steigerwald! Practices will take place on Sundays, beginning in November, during worship (after the children's moment). Our little ones will be in costume so it's important to know who will be participating so we can purchase enough costumes.

THE MEN'S GROUP, with Wadsworth Christian Church, normal Monday night meetings have begun at Wadsworth church. The topic is "How God Makes Men". Hope to see you all there.
~Dave Baker 330-760-6196



FCC BOOK CLUB - All Are Welcome!

The FCC Book Club is an interdenominational group meeting monthly on the first Thursday of the month, 4pm at the church (unless otherwise noted).

Dec. 6 - A Tree Grows In Brooklyn by Betty Smith

**Each of these events is sponsored by the Women's Group
 All members of the congregation are invited to participate.
 Karen Harrington—ksharrington53@gmail.com -or- 330-416-1585**



NOVEMBER

Angel Tree Ornaments – ALL are Welcome!

November 20th @ 6:30pm in the Library

Linda Dempsey will lead us once again this year, in the annual creation of the Angel Tree Ornaments.

DECEMBER

Cookie Exchange and Holiday Baskets

Time & Date TBD

All are welcome! Come, bring a friend.

Share in the fellowship with your sisters in Christ.



Have You Ever.....

*Considered how much fun it would be to be an ELF at the North Pole?
 This is the year to make that thought a reality.*

When: Sunday, December 9

Where: Peninsula

We will meet at Fischer's Restaurant in Peninsula, at 5:30 PM for dinner. After dinner we will walk across the street to the Elf Headquarters and get into our elf duds at the Elf Central building. We will be greeting and waving to children for about an hour and then head home. Come join us for this magical evening with the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad's Polar Express.

All are welcome to join us.

Sponsored by the Women's Group

**Further questions:
 Contact Karen Baker 330.760.6194
 Or email at hdbbaker@zoominternet.net**



First Christian Church - Medina Organization 2018-2019



ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD (meets 2nd Tuesday every other month beginning February)

The Administrative Board is the body, which conducts all official business in the name of the church. It approves the annual budget, sees that the bills of the church are paid, and approves hiring of personnel. Members of the Board are elected by the congregation, and a quorum of 50% is required for official action. There are 17 voting members of the Administrative Board.

President	Tim Mosley
Vice President	Ken Guest
Secretary	Brigitte Dade
Treasurer	Mark Dolan
Church Clerk	Romy Groves
At Large Member(s)	Jennifer Kotalac
Elder Representative	Tom Dade
Diaconate Representative	Debbie Reid
Finance Committee	Ron Foster
Endowment Representative	Dave Watterman
Financial Secretary	Nancy Madzia
Personnel Committee	Kevin Hutchinson, Linda Dempsey, Bryan Heinig
Trustee Representative	TBA
Worship	Karen Harrington
Student Minister	Ryan Collins
Advisor to the Board	Rev. Laura Fitt-Baird

ADDITIONAL ELECTED OFFICERS

ELDERS

The Elders are called to reason together to find God’s purpose for First Christian Church. They encourage the congregation’s growth as a caring Spiritual Center, share the salvation in Jesus Christ with others, and preside at the Communion Table. They are elected by the congregation for a 3-year term, and have a representative to the Administrative Board.

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| Rick Fitt | Neal Beck | Bev Kreiner | Ray Yoss |
| Susan Chaplin | Ron Foster | Rick Madzia | Kristi Yoss |
| Karen Harrington | Rev. Laura Fitt-Baird | Tom Dade | |

DIACONATE

The Diaconate are called to a role of service. They have responsibility to see that the sanctuary is prepared and cleaned up every Sunday. They pass the collection plate and distribute communion at Sunday services. They are elected by the congregation and have a representative to the Administrative Board.

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| Meg Guest | Nicole Steigerwald | Kirk Van Auken | Sheila Peo | Ken Guest | Reed Hollopeter |
| Doug Whittington | Nancy Madzia | Cindy Van Auken | Scott Reid | Tanya Mosley | Debbie Reid |
| Steve Neal | Pat Neal | David Jordan | Reid Miller | | |

TRUSTEES

The Trustees are charged with the maintenance and upkeep of our church building. They are elected to a 3-year term, have a representative to the Administrative Board, and are also included in the Program Council because numerous Ministry Opportunities exist for building upkeep.

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| Reed Hollopeter | Scott Reid | Doug Whittington |
| Rich Demchak | | |

ENDOWMENT

The Endowment members are charged with managing and investing the funds from various gifts to the memorial, scholarship, and music accounts. They are elected by the congregation to a 3-year term, and have a representative to the Administrative Board.

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| Neal Beck | Dave Watterman |
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Jonas, Lilah, and Kelly Baird will perform in the Children's Choir! Get your tickets today!

<http://www.weathervaneplayhouse.com/joseph-and-the-amazing-technicolor-dreamcoat-2018-11-20>

Performances run Nov. 23 to Dec. 22, 2018

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

THURSDAYS: Nov. 29, Dec. 6, 13 and 20 at 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAYS: Nov. 23, 30, Dec. 7, 14 and 21 at 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAYS: Nov. 24, Dec. 1, 8, 15 and 22 at 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAYS: Nov. 25, Dec. 2, 9 and 16 at 2:30 p.m.



NOVEMBER

Birthdays & Anniversaries



1st	Doug Hurst	21st	Katelyn Kotalac
5th	Meg Guest	22nd	Liana Baird
12th	Evan Hollopeter	24th	Michael VanDyck
13th	Christina Collins	25th	Patrick Mansor
	David Whittington		Marian Mishler
	Katherine Hiner		

Happy Anniversary!

6th	Doug and Jill Hurst	26th	Dave and Karen Baker
9th	Mike and Shelley Prandi	27th	Dave and Norma Watterman
17th	Tom and Kaaren George	29th	Ray and Kristi Yoss



SUNDAYS

- **Coffee Café 9:15am Every Sunday**
- **Sunday Worship Service 9:45am Every Sunday**
- **Adult Sunday School at 8:30am and 11am Every Sunday**
- **The Avenue 3pm November 18**
- **Elders Meeting 11am November 18**

MONDAYS

- **Preschool 9am Monday—Thursday**
- **Yoga class 6:15pm (downstairs classroom) Every Monday**
- **Stephen Ministry 7pm (Library and the Wineskins Room) November 5 and 19**
- **Worship Meeting 6pm (Wineskins Room) November 5**

TUESDAYS

- **VOTING All Day—Library—November 6**
- **Boy Scouts 6:30pm (Fellowship Hall) Every Tuesday**
- **Women's Group Angel Making 6pm (Library) November 20**

WEDNESDAYS

- **Bell Choir Practice 6pm (Sanctuary) Every Wednesday**
- **Choir Practice 7pm (Library) Every Wednesday**
- **Battered Women's Shelter donations to the Salvation Army by 4pm November 14**
- **HeartSpace 12pm Mtg and 1pm Sacred Space (Wineskins Rm/Labyrinth) November 14**

THURSDAYS

- **Women's AA 6pm (Library) Every Thursday**
- **Cub Scout group 7pm (Fellowship Hall) Every Thursday**
- **Book Club 4pm (Wineskins Room)**
- **Thanksgiving Day, November 22nd, Office Closed**

FRIDAYS

- **Thanksgiving Dinner 6pm (Fellowship Hall) November 9**

SATURDAYS

- **AA 8:30am (Library) Every Saturday**



GENERAL PRAYERS: Prayers of healing and recovery for a young friend of the Bakers.

DEATHS:

- Charlotte Draper, Nicole Steigerwald's friend
- Don Beckman, Bob Searcy's friend
- Bob Hayes, Kyle Paladino's father-in-law
- James Wright, Tanya Mosley's friend and co-worker

HEALTH CONCERNS / SURGERY / RECOVERY:

- Lynn Sandrock
- Brigitte Dade
- Barb Pavlick
- Carl Miller
- Billie VanDyck
- Bev Kreiner (recovery)
- Allison Kotalac (recovery)
- Jack, Ron Foster's brother-in-law (recovery)
- Russ Kotalac (recovery)
- Laura, Debbi Miller's co-worker
- Veronica Cross, Nicole Steigerwald's niece
- Min Domenick's brother-in-law
- Nancy Cressman's great grandson
- Jack, Ron Foster's brother-in-law (recovery)
- Victoria, Polly Robinson's daughter (recovery)
- Bob Logan, Norma Bryant's brother-in-law (recovery)

SHUT-INS / REHAB / HOSPICE

- Tom George
- Dottie Randall
- Nancy Cerny
- John Stachler
- Robert Norton
- Dorothy Sevougian (The Avenue)
- Delcie Pound (The Avenue)
- Pearl Schwandt (Brookdale N)
- Jane Smalley (Brookdale S)
- Julie Bevacqua (Brookdale S)
- Lyla Calhoun (Concordia at Sumner)
- Nanny Rogers, Ken Guest's grandmother (rehab)
- Dan, husband of Linda, Betty Sandrock's cousin (Hospice)

LONG TERM HEALTH PRAYER LIST

- Jimmy, Toni Holloper's dad
- Patty, Toni Holloper's mom
- Linda Dempsey's mom
- Mark, Brigitte Dade's brother
- Ida, Bev Kreiner's mother
- Donna Kordish, Baker's friend
- Kelly Jo Love, VanDyck's friend
- Paul, Mike Prandi's brother-in-law
- Gerry, Neal Beck's former wife
- Jim Lyon Sr, Ron Foster's brother-in-law
- Joanna Confer, Norton's granddaughter
- Dale Shenk, Norma Watterman's brother
- Steve Shenk, Norma Watterman's nephew
- Pam Warner & husband Curt, Sandrock's cousin
- Kam, Tanya Mosley's friend's 6wk old baby (surgeries)
- Nancy Rockwell, Karen Harrington's step-mom
- Judith Rainery, Debbie Krause's mom
- Mackenzie McMahon, Evan Holloper's friend's daughter
- Norman, Karen Harrington's dad
- Jan and Grace, Naomi Grega's mom and grandma
- Sue Martin, friend of Bobbi Way

CANCER:

- Steve Kerns, Bobbi Way's son
- Janice, friend of the Bakers
- Amy, friend of Hillary Fink
- Jack Massey, Hillary Fink's grandfather
- Deb Thomas, friend of the Kaufmans
- Lois, friend of the Bakers
- Susan Zito, Jennifer Burneson's aunt
- John K., friend of the Dades
- Bob, Barb Pavlick's son
- Rob Walter, Betty Sandrock's cousin's son
- John, brother of Barbara Woodman
- Ron, Tom Dade's friend
- Millie Gerak, Evan Holloper's friend
- Ron Ebert, Neal Beck's friend
- Susan, Debbie Krause's sister
- Heidi Hodges, friend of Nicole Steigerwald
- Judy Dawson, Sheila Peo's friend
- Jill, Shelley Prandi's friend
- Lucy Parschauer, Chris Mansor's friend
- Brother-in-law of Jack Swaddell
- Tino, the Downings' friend
- Sherri Kerber, neighbor of the Guests
- Todd Bauer, Cari Hiner's friend
- Gene Clark, Debbie Reid's brother
- Mike Minarczyk, relative of Jill (Brigitte Dade's daughter-in-law)
- Marie Barr-Quackenbush, the Van Aukens' neighbor
- Valerie, friend of Christine Walters and Marcia Paladino
- Rhonda Russell, Chris Mansor's daughter-in-law's mother
- Camryn Colahan, Romy Groves' family member.
- Sherry Steingass, Van Auken's daughter's former co-worker

MILITARY: Bill Stewart, Sean Jaycox, John Hinkel, Aaron Mishler, Corey Jansen, Jacob Warren (Karen Harrington's nephew), Emerson (Carl & Debbie Miller's son), Stephen Douglas (Ashley Searcy's friend), Marie Barr-Quackenbush (friend of the Van Aukens)

WORSHIP PARTICIPANT SCHEDULES for NOVEMBER 2018



TRUSTEE for NOVEMBER – Rich Demchak

GREETERS

- November 4:** Scott and Debbie **Reid**
- November 11:** Nicole **Steigerwald**,
Norma **Watterman**
- November 18:** Doug and Barrie **Whittington**
- November 25:** Kirk and Cindy **Van Auken**
- December 2:** *Ray and Kristi Yoss*

ELDERS

- November 4:** Ray and Kristi **Yoss**
- November 11:** Bev **Kreiner**, Tim **Mosley**
- November 18:** Karen **Harrington**, Tom **Dade**
- November 25:** Neal **Beck**, Ray **Yoss**
- December 2:** *TBA*

LITURGISTS

- November 4:** Ken **Guest**
- November 11:** Karen **Baker**
- November 18:** David **Jordan**
- November 25:** Bev **Kreiner**
- December 2:** *Rick Madzia*

SONG LEADERS

- November 4 :** TBA
- November 11:** Bryan **Heinig**
- November 18:** Deborah **Miller**
- November 25:** Debbie **Krause**
- December 2:** *TBA*

DEACONS

- November 4:** Ken **Guest**, David **Jordan**
Meg **Guest**, Tanya **Mosley**
- November 11:** Kirk and Cindy **Van Auken**
Doug and Barrie **Whittington**
- November 18:** Dave **Baker**, Reid **Miller**
Scott and Debbie **Reid**
- November 25:** Steve and Pat **Neal**
Reed **Hollopeter**
Nicole **Steigerwald**
- December 2:** *Meg Guest, Tanya Mosley*
Ken Guest, David Jordan

HOSPITAL VISITORS

- November 4:** Susan **Chaplin**
- November 11:** Ron **Foster**
- November 18:** Harold **Kaufman**
- November 25:** Bobbi **Way**
- December 2:** Susan **Chaplin**

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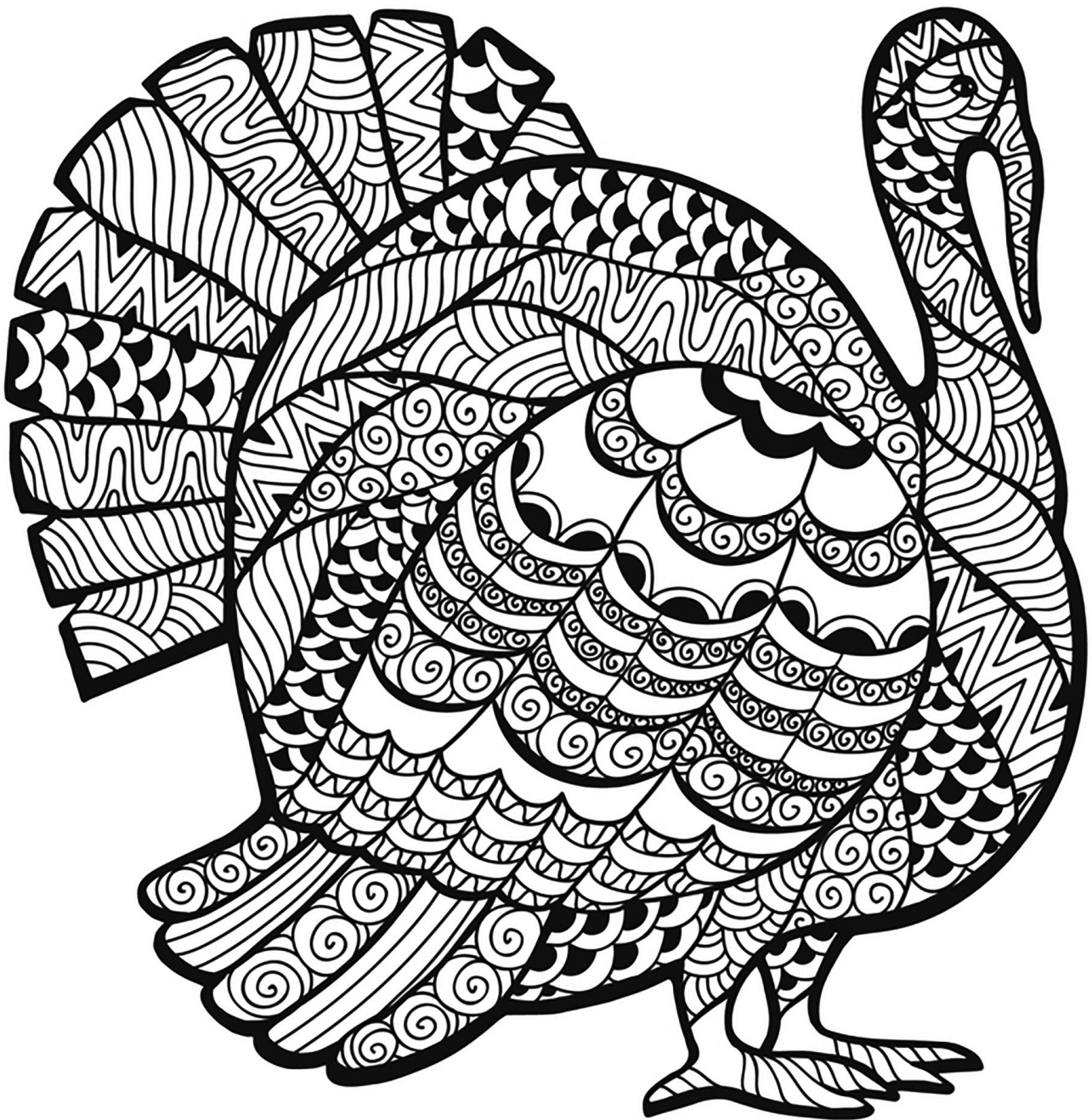
- November 4:** Rick **Madzia**
- November 11:** Rick **Madzia**
- November 18:** Dave **Watterman**
- November 25:** Dave **Watterman**
- December 2:** Rick **Madzia**

ACOLYTES

- November 4 :** TBA
- November 11:** Lilah **Baird**, Ali **Meisterics**
- November 18:** Jonas **Baird**, Brayden **Semancik**
- November 25:** Brenna **Sanchez**, Susan **Chaplin**
- December 2:** *William Guest,*
Brayden Semancik



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First Christian Church—Medina (Disciples of Christ)

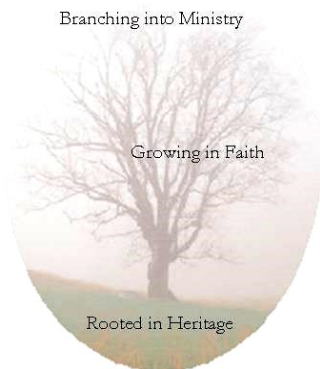


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NOVEMBER APPLEBEES FUNDRAISER!

In July we participated in a five Sunday Applebee fundraiser. We raised \$305 for FCC. Let's do it again in November!! **On Sunday, November 18th and 25th enjoy lunch or dinner at Applebees, give your server your church bulletin, and FCC receives 15% of your bill** (November 11th, Veteran's Day, is excluded because Veterans receive free meals at Applebees on that day).



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS NOVEMBER 2018

- November 4—*Scripture:*** Ruth 1:1-8 and Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 12:28-34
- November 11—*Scripture:*** Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17; Psalm 127; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44
- November 18—*Scripture:*** 1 Samuel 1:4-20; 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25; Mark 13:1-8
- November 25—*Scripture:*** 2 Samuel 23:1-7; Psalm 132:1-12, (13-18); Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37
- December 2—*Scripture:*** *Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; Luke 21:25-36*

Weekly Bulletin Deadline: TUESDAYS—DECEMBER / JANUARY Combo Newsletter Deadline: November 19, 2018