

THE CHRISTIAN INESSENGER

First Christian Church, Maryville, MO

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Contribution statements

Your annual contribution statements will be mailed to you soon. If you have moved recently please email or call the church office to update your address. Thank you!



We delivered packages to 15 families for our first ever Christmas Adopt-a-Family program. Thank you to everyone who bought, wrapped, sorted, and delivered.





MINIS RY CENTER FOOD PANTRY & CLOTHING ROOM

Can you minister to our community on Wednesdays from 1:15 to 3:30 p.m. Or Tuesdays from 6-8 p.m.? FCC is scheduled to help The Ministry Center during the month of January and we need volunteers. We need a total of 4 people every Wednesday and 2 every Tuesday during our month.

If you're able to fulfill this valuable volunteer role, please sign up on the sheets on the Welcome Table or contact us by email at officemanagerfccmaryville@gmail.com or phone 660-214-3414.



Sunday Mornings

Last Supper Leftovers Sunday School Class 9 a.m. Room 106

Children's Sunday School (K-4th Grade) Youth Sunday School (5th - 12th) 9 a.m. - 10 a.m. Downstairs

10:30 a.m. Service in the Sanctuary

Monthly Worship Attendance

The Christian Messenger is published bi-weekly.
Information is due in by noon the Tuesday before publication.

The next issue is **Jan. 18, 2023**

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Keeping in touch with our church families

Congratulations!

Ed and Joan Farquhar, have a new great grandson, James Edward Midland. He was born in Harrisburg, VA and his parents are Drew and Melissa Midland, Mark and Louise Farquhar Midland are his grandparents.

Our Community Prayer List...

John Praiswater K
Pastor Terry Robinson K
Naoma and Lisa Smeltzer R
Karla Parman J
Bob Colville
Emily McLain

Kay Davison Karen Brown Richard DeMott JoAnn Nanninga

Active Duty...

Josh Carpenter Sam Ferguson Kevin Schluter Craig O'Brien Jimmy Costello

Prayer List Guidelines...

Names are added to the prayer list by request and remain on for two weeks unless we receive an update requesting to be left on. Please let us know what your request is and if we can share it with others. Contact the pastor or the church office at 660-214-3414 or officemanagerfccmaryville@gmail.com with prayer requests.



2024 Dates and Hostesses

Circle of Joy, our Women's Fellowship group, Meets on the first Monday of the month At 1:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall unless otherwise noted

Please contact hostesses to RSVP

Jan 8 Pajama party potluck
Feb 5 Valentine craft/potluck
March 4 Carol Peters, Sandi Mull

April 1 TBD

May 6 Betty Praiswater, Linda Davison



Gina Johnson Senior Pastor

Virginia Ripple Office Administrator

Deena Poynter Music Director Anita Dew Organist

Pat Immel
Technical Director

Pastor's Pen A message from my heart to yours

T's hard to enter the New Year and not take time to reflect on the past. We celebrate what is good, but we also want to see where we came up short and do better in the new year. It's a cultural norm to come up with one, if not several, New Year's resolutions that we believe will better our lives. The world will be first in line to tell you what your resolutions should be. Don't let the world be your guide for change, but submit yourself to God and trust Him to help you identify the areas that need attention. Romans 12 is a great place to look for guidance on how to live our lives. We read in verse 2, "do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect." We have each been given gifts according to God's grace, so we should use them to glorify our Father. You may wonder, how do I do that? Romans 12:9-13 lays it out a good start for us...

"Let love be genuine; hate what is evil; hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers."

It's a side effect of living in today's world to want to do more, have more, and be more. Everyone is so quick to tell us how to go about achieving those things, but I want to say "seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Matthew 6:33

Happy New Year!





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