

The Marshall Christian

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NO. XI

November 2018



Elder/Deacon Serving Schedule

November 4th & 11th

Elders:

Wayne McReynolds
Carol Schupp

Deacons:

Cindy Brandt
Linda Crews
Ron Schupp
Katie Shannon
Leroy Wise

November 18th & 25th

Elders:

Zach Crews
Wayne McReynolds

Deacons:

Carolyn Buck
Brenda Coffman
Georganne DeMoss
Nancy Jackson
Amber VanDyke

Outside Communion:

November 11th

Gwen Clemens
Wayne McReynolds

November 25th

Kris Milliron
Donna Smith

November Worship Leaders:

Nov. 4- Carol Schupp
Nov. 11- Wayne McReynolds
Nov. 18- Kris Milliron
Nov. 25- Wayne McReynolds

November Children's Church:

Nov.4- Tiffany Thornton
Nov.11- Virginia Bryant
Nov.18- Grace & Adrienne
Nov.25- Makenzie Thomason

“Buds and Blossoms “

In October I attended a Persons in Ministry Retreat hosted by the Region. Almost one hundred ministers and church leaders gathered in Columbia for three days. Two of the topics of informal discussions were the facts that attendance was dropping in all congregations and there was a dire need to do something different.

One metaphor in particular stood out to me. A flower remains closed in the bud until the effort required to keep it closed becomes greater than the effort needed to allow it to open and bloom. In so many congregations today, the work and pain to keep our churches the same and closed to change has become greater than what it takes to open them up to new ideas. When we are hurting enough by staying closed, and can overcome our fear of change...we allow ourselves the opportunity to bloom into something new and exciting.

My sabbatical study of 25 congregations that have opened their church space to non-profits and other community organizations found that 95% of them were willing to do so only when they reached a point of desperation, when they were hurting bad enough in attendance and/or in finances that they had to try something new. These churches found new life and in some cases, a new calling. A few years ago

the General Church even developed a new division to help churches make changes – Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation.

It's important to realize that the changes we are considering go beyond combining worship services. They include changes to make our worship service more inviting and welcoming to visitors – changes such as relaxing the service, including more contemporary music, doing away with those things that make guests feel uncomfortable, simplifying some things, etc. They include making the church itself more welcoming and inviting by changing furniture or adding designated space for young children. They include focusing less on our past history and more on the present and what we can do to be Christ's church today. More than anything...they include changes in each of us to make us more open to people who dress differently than we do on Sunday mornings or people who like worship songs that are strange to us or people who don't know the Lord's Prayer or the Gloria Patri or when to stand or sit, etc.

Yes, these changes will be uncomfortable, maybe even painful in some sense...but they sure beat dying on the vine. This is a time for us to open our hearts and minds to bloom and see what new thing God has in store for us.

In God's Grip, LOY

November Anniversaries & Birthdays

Birthdays

- 2– Phil Perkins
- 4– Norvelle Brown
 Ramona Green
- 6– Butch Ash
- 7– Jim Dryer
 Evelyth Hill
 Julie Hoffelmeyer
- 8– Loy Hoskins
 Daniel McGraw
- 9– Richard Bailey
 Linda Lawless
- 11– Randy Quinn
- 12– Robert Crawford
 Les McKinney
- 13– Karl Caldwell
 Marge Ford
- 14– Ali Evans
 Jeanne LaRue
- 15– Charles Marsh
 Debbie Tucker
- 17– Marcia Phillips

- 20– Jeff Swinger
- 21– Sharon Martinez
- 22– Tanner Clemens
 Amy Clemons
 Cole Igo
- 23– Jennifer Marquess
 Lou Soendker
 Anita Wright
- 24– Leroy Wise
- 25– Jason Amary
- 26– Kendalyn Joliff
 Doug Kueker



Anniversaries

- 1– Blaine & Tiffany Thornton
- 3– George & Michelle Porter
- 7– Mark & Diane Green
- 9– Carl & Margaret O'Dell
- 12– Charles & Ruth Marsh
- 19– Randall & Oleta Wilson
- 24– Jack & Micki Uhrig
- 30– Ken & Virginia Bryant

Community Thanksgiving Worship Service

First Christian Church will host his year's Community Thanksgiving Worship Service on Tuesday, November 20 at 7:00 p.m. The Fellowship Committee will provide refreshments.

One More Movie Night

Our final movie night this year will be held November 4 in the parlor at 5:00 p.m. Bring your own snacks to add to the popcorn that will be provided. Tonight we will see, "Bridge of Spies", a 2015 movie, rated PG-13, lasting 142 minutes.



Fellowship Dinner in November

Make plans to join us in the fellowship hall following the 10:00 worship service on November 18 for a Thanksgiving fellowship dinner featuring all the traditional Thanksgiving fare. Members are asked to bring a salad or dessert to share.



End of Daylight Saving Time



Remember to set your clocks BACK one hour before worship services on Sunday, November 4 as Daylight Saving Time will come to an end. This means that everyone will get an extra hour of sleep on Saturday night so we can all arrive at church the next morning wide awake!

Service Outside the Sanctuary (S.O.S.)

On November 4, we will take part in a special Sunday service. It will begin with a combined, short worship service for everyone at 9:00. Then we will go out into the community to provide services to various individuals and organizations. Following that, we'll meet back at the church for a light fellowship meal. We are requesting volunteers (sign-up sheet in the parlor) and help identifying those whom we can help or offer assistance.



Jell-O and Pudding for Holiday Project

We are collecting boxes of Jell-o and/or pudding mixes for the Saline County Holiday Project. We will turn them in on December 8. You can bring your boxes to add to the stack that is being built in the Sun Room near the west wall. Our goal is to collect 600 boxes.

Special Offering this Month

On November 11 and 18 we will be receiving our special Thanksgiving offering. This offering supports our 14 Disciples-related colleges, universities, and seminaries. In the



past year, over 12,000 students have graduated from these schools. In addition, this offering helps fund the Higher Education and Leadership Ministries of the Christian Church. Your gifts make a difference in the lives of many.

Stewardship Campaign

Enclosed is a pledge card from the Stewardship Committee for the upcoming year. That committee will base next year's budget in large part on the pledges. 1 Timothy 6:10 tells us that the love of money is the root of all kinds of evils. We have ample proof of the truth of that statement. But money is also the root of much good when love is focused elsewhere. The great healing and learning centers throughout the world have been created by people with big hearts who have been generous with their money. Money is not a dirty word. It is simply another word for 'power'. This power can be used for good and noble purposes or it can be used to destroy and corrupt. The money we have provides us with the opportunity to give to the Lord's work. It is your way of unleashing the power you have at your disposal for the world's most noble venture – Christ's church.

On Friday, December 7, our church will be hosting hundreds of Marshall area citizens at our **Annual Chili Supper and Silent Auction**. These guests will help us raise money to donate to organizations in our community. These organizations help thousands of people by giving food, helping heat homes, providing for the elderly, educating children, and making life a little easier and a little better in so many ways.

Last year, we raised \$11,000 at this event!! We hope you will join with your FCC friends in whatever way you can to make the 2018 chili supper and silent auction a success.



Here are some ways you can help:

- **Sign up to work on one of the committees.** There will be a poster in the parlor. It helps us plan if you sign up early.
- **Donate something(s) to the silent auction.** You can let me (Ginger) know by email, in person, or by filling in a form that you will find in the parlor. PLEASE let me know SOON as this is a very time-consuming process to make the brochure, the signs, and the bid sheets for each item. Detailed information helps. The sooner we have this information, the sooner we can use some of these items in our advertising (Facebook posts, KMMO Community Spotlight, etc.) Please drop off your items in the church office as soon as you can.
- **Sign up to make a dessert** on the poster that will be in the parlor.
- **Help set up the chili supper and silent auction** on Wednesday, December 5 at 5:00.
- **Buy and sell chili supper tickets.** They will be available in the parlor after services in mid-November.
- **Help advertise the event.** We will have flyers you can take to post at your workplace or at the places you frequent. You can share Facebook posts. When the silent auction brochure is available, you can share it with your friends and co-workers. This helps generate interest.

**We are six weeks out from this event.
Please prayerfully consider what you can do to help.**

Salvation Army Bell Ringing
Our church has volunteered to ring the bell for the Salvation Army giving at the entrance to WalMart on Sunday, November 25. Pairs of volunteers will be there from 1:00 until 6:00 that afternoon. A sign-up sheet is up in the parlor.



Upcoming Sermons

November 4	"Just Do It" (S.O.S. Sunday)	James 1:22-25
November 11	"Building Bridges" (Veteran's Day) (Faith in Film)	Matthew 5:9
November 18	"Humble, Simple, Faithful Thanksgiving" (Thanksgiving Sunday)	Psalms 131
November 25	"When Truth Stomps On Our Toes" (Christ the King Sunday)	John 18:33-37
December 2	"The Past, Present, and Future of Advent" (Hanging of the Greens)	1 Thess. 3:9-13

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Youth Director– Kris Milliron

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Chris Layton

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Office Admin.– Hope Richards

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Judy Morris