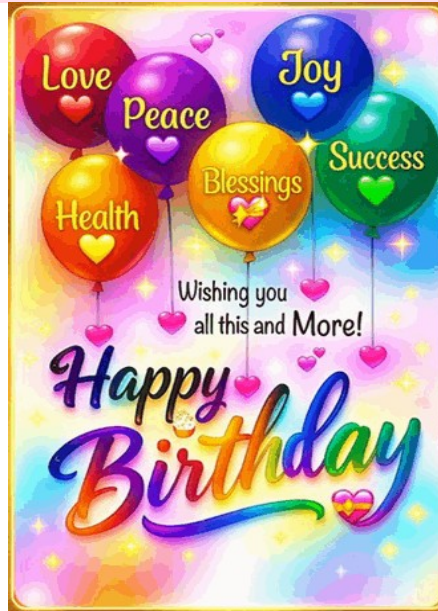


## Celebrations

01-Judy Yoder  
 3- Greg Schultz  
     Shirley Schultz  
     Jessica Dryer  
 4- Sidney Ehrhardt  
 8- Chloe Venable  
 10- Jarid Wise  
 11- Barb Utlaut  
 13-Shala Smith  
 14-Bailee Ann Merchant  
     Michelle Porter  
 14-Taylor Scarff  
 15- Trish Fletcher



16- Jordan Bishop  
 19- Grace Miles  
 22- Alexander VanDyke  
 23- Maggie Hoffelmeyer  
     Melisa Shannon  
 25- Crete Coslet  
     Garrett Green  
 26- Kirby Rugen  
 27- Zach Crews  
 28- Eric Arnett

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 YOU DO  
 BE DONE  
 WITH  
**LOVE.**

1 CORINTHIANS 16:14 NKJV

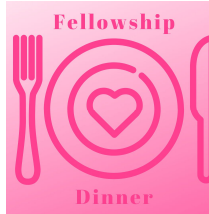


### Tid-Bits...

The **Ladies Luncheon** will meet at KFC on February 5 at 11:30 AM.

*Ladies Lunch*

### Join us February 8<sup>th</sup> for



Fried Chicken and Ham mashed potatoes green beans corn casserole and rolls are on the menu. Please bring

a dessert or side salad to share if able.

It's our turn to deliver **Meals-on-Wheels** the week of February 9<sup>th</sup>. If you'd like to join our team of volunteers, please contact Ken Bryant, or the Church office.



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A reminder that Church closings due to inclement weather will be announced on KMMO, and a One-Call will be sent

with as much notice as possible.



## What's ahead for FCC's Outreach?

### \$ One for All

Baby, it's cold outside, and while the temperature is dropping, the cost of heating our homes and the church keeps rising. During February, the Outreach Committee hopes you will consider increasing your church donation by \$1 or more to help pay for the rising costs of heat. Whatever funds are raised will be split between our church's heating costs and HEET which is an agency that helps local families in need pay their heating and cooling bills. How you wish to interpret this challenge is up to you; increase by \$1 or more each time you donate in February or increase by \$1 or more for each member of your family or turn down your thermostat and donate the projected savings to \$One for All. It is entirely up to you. If you choose to participate, please indicate with your donation the amount that you wish to designate to the \$One for All project by writing on the envelope or on the memo line of your check.

### Baby Grace Shower

Watch for information soon on a very special opportunity to help the babies in our community. The Outreach Committee and the Christian Women's Fellowship are planning a baby shower on April 19 to help keep little bottoms dry through the work of Baby Grace's program to provide diapers and wipes to families in need.

### Blood Drive

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Blood Drive will be Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Time TBA. FCC and Saint Peter Catholic Church jointly sponsor this Community Blood Center drive. Mark your calendars.

### Food Assistance

FCC continues to provide food for the Community Food Pantry and the Little Food Pantry in our parking lot. Groceries and hygiene items can be placed in the large box inside the east doors or in the Little Food Pantry. Monetary donations

are always welcome, too.

At the request of the Community Food Pantry, each month in 2026, a call will go out to all churches, clubs, etc. for a specific item (e.g. toilet paper – which cannot be purchased with SNAP benefits). This will enable every family to receive these items that are often not available in sufficient quantities to help all the families. We will announce each month's item in the bulletin and newsletter as we receive word.

If you would like to be more involved in FCC's outreach work, please consider joining this committee. We only have one-two meetings each year, and we welcome fresh ideas of ways we can Reach Out to our neighbors. Let Pastor Randall, the office, or Ginger McGraw know of your interest. Thank you.

***The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Matthew 25: 40***



## Reaching Out...

Wow! Just WOW! First Christian Church has really made an impact on our community this season! Here are just a few of the results of our efforts:

Last year's mitten tree was outstanding with 187 socks, hats, gloves, underwear, and more contributed to area schools. This year we collected 252 items!!!! Just think of all the little kiddos and teens who will be warmer because of your generosity. (Watch for season-end sales to save on items for next Christmas's mitten tree.)

Last year, we provided nearly 300 boxes of pudding and gela-

tin for the Saline County Holiday Project. This year, we were

asked to collect 500 cake, cookie, and brownie mixes for the boxes of groceries families receive that enable them to fix a holiday meal. Because you cared, we were able to meet that goal for our neighbors. You really stepped up, FCC.

Checks are on their way to organizations we help with through our Chili & Soup Supper

and Eats, Sweets, & Treats Sale. These organizations help people

in our community, and we are pleased to support their efforts. This year, we raised almost \$6,000, down slightly from last year, but we still have frozen

meals and soups for sale, so that number will, hopefully, continue to rise. Whether you helped set up, cook, serve, donated groceries, baked dessert items for the supper, donated money to cover expenses, made yummys for the E, S, & T Sale, or helped clean up, we appreciate you so much!

Speaking of the frozen meals, on November 9, a dozen FCC members gathered under the direction of Tiffany Thornton to make hundreds of two different meals and four varieties of soup in just a few hours. All the grocery ingredients

were donated by FCC members. THANK YOU! There are still wonderful meals and soups in the Fellowship kitchen freezers if you would like to purchase a few for those busy days or for compassionate gifts.

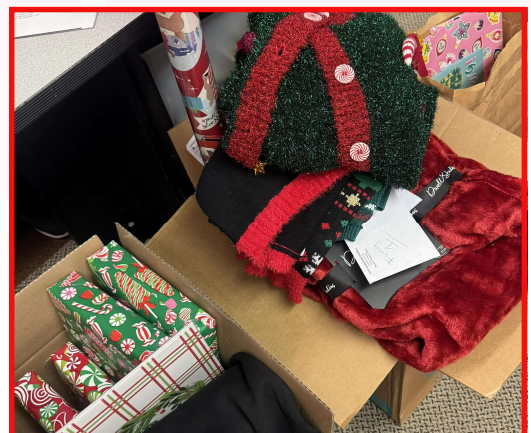
The outpouring of love for the two families FCC "adopted" for Christmas

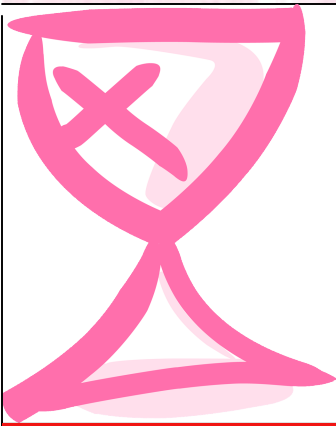
was amazing! Our members reported they loved shopping for

gifts with their children and had fun finding just the right gift from the suggestions for each fam-

ily member on the cards they chose from the Angel Tree. Boxes of gifts as well as gift cards, cash, and coolers of frozen meat were delivered to each family. The families were moved by your generosity and sent big thank yous to all who helped brighten the season.

On Sunday, January 25, FCC provided a delicious hot meal for The Bridge, a Christian fellowship group at Missouri Valley College. Thank you to all who contributed a dish. We will provide meals again on March 22 and May 3. If you would like to help with either meal, please contact the office or Ginger McGraw.





**The Executive Board and General Board will meet on February 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 and 6:00 respectively.**



## **First Christian Newsletter**

### **From the Pastor...**

Jesus told us that "...You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." Matthew 22:37-40 New Revised Standard Version Updated Edition. It seems very clear that love is the capstone of Christianity. There are many more instances of Jesus words in the scriptures which are in agreement.

We at FCC are really good at loving our neighbors. Groups and individuals living in Marshall are also good at loving our neighbors. It is a wonder to see all of the expressions of love that happen.

Recently the number of those in need in our county have greatly increased. It seems to be well beyond the ability of anyone to help with everything needed. I do understand that no one entity or person has the resources to fix everything. But, I also understand

That we are not called to neglect our families by giving everything away. We are only called to do what we can afford to help oth-

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ers and show them the love. Sometimes this involves giving up something that we are doing so to help others. I have decided that with the cost of postage and the price of nice cards being high, I will stop sending Birthday cards and take the savings and give to help those in need. My apologies to those that will not receive a birthday card from me this year. Please know that your lack of a card may be feeding, clothing, or help housing the homeless, and in general showing the Love from the Christian Church of Marshall.

Blessings,  
Rev. Randal

