



The Marshall Christian

A Message from Our Outreach Committee...

Service Time

10:00

Indoor Service

General Board meeting will be November 8 at 6:00 pm



At the first meeting of the FCC Outreach Committee this fall, some of our new members were a little surprised by how much outreach Marshall First Christian Church provides, so we realized that many church members might also be unaware of the impact FCC's collective efforts are able to make. That is why this letter is coming to you. In it, we strive to humbly inform you (and hope it won't be perceived as preening and bragging!) about the impact of FCC's combined outreach endeavors.

Outreach can mean many different things to different congregations and at different times in a single congregation. At Marshall First Christian Church, our current Outreach Committee's mission is to reach outside the walls of our church building to offer help to our community and beyond.

A couple of quick points:

Besides the projects of the Outreach Committee, other organizations at Marshall FCC have service projects that offer help, and these are included in this letter. While assembling the information, we realized that it might appear that FCC just provides money. But please consider the work behind the projects that results in the money our congrega-

tion gives - for example, the planning, shopping, preparing, set-up, cooking, serving, and clean-up at our annual chili/soup supper as well as the labor that earns the money individuals donate through their offerings and though their donations of baked goods, boxes of pudding, hygiene kits, and more.

CHILI SUPPER and EATS, SWEETS, & TREATS SALE -

In 2022, this annual event provided a total of \$8,300 to local organizations in our community that help people. The organizations include

HEAT

(assistance with utilities)

Habitat for Humanity

(provides housing)

Cub & Boy Scouts

(teaches skills and values)

Marshall Senior Center

(provides meals for seniors)

Community Food Pantry

(provides food assistance)

CASA

(Court Appointed Special Advocates for children)

Parents as Teachers

(provides resources for families of small children)

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Marshall Ministerial Alliance (provides benevolent assistance to those in crisis),
 Mary Montgomery Hospice (provides end-of-life support for patients and their families), and
 MPS SAFE Program (provides needed items and support to children in Marshall Public Schools).

HYGIENE KITS & BLANKET SUNDAY– The Christian Women’s Fellowship group coordinates the collection of Hygiene Kits that include soap, shampoo, towel, razor, comb, toothbrush, toothpaste and more in a large ZipLock bag. These kits are given to local schools and other agencies that distribute them to those in need. In 2022, 60 kits were assembled by FCC members.

CWF also sponsors Blanket Sunday when members can donate money that will be used to purchase a specific type of blanket shown to be the best choice for those experiencing homelessness or are in crisis and disaster situations. The CWF also contributes to many other outreach efforts.

MITTEN TREE – During the Advent season, members may add new mittens, gloves, hats, socks, underwear, etc. to the Christmas tree in the parlor. All of the items are given to local schools to distribute to students as they are needed.

FOOD PANTRY & MEALS ON WHEELS – FCC members help deliver Meals on Wheels to seniors in Marshall every fifth week and deliver donated items to the Community Food Pantry from the large box inside the east doors.

THE HOLIDAY PROJECT – Our congregation collects hundreds of boxes of pudding & Jell-O for the Community Holiday Project which provides qualifying families food, household supplies, gifts, and toys during the holiday season.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS – During the year, all Disciples of Christ (Christian) Churches collect “Special Offerings” for national and international outreach. The special offerings are:

- Easter Offering (supports General Ministries of the Church across the world),
- Pentecost Offering (supports new DOC churches),
- Thanksgiving Offering (supports DOC colleges, seminaries, & theological programs)
- Christmas Offering (supports ministries of camps & conferences)
- Week of Compassion Offering (relief, refugee, & development work of the Church),
- Reconciliation Ministry (pro-reconciliation / anti-racism work of the Church).

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.OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - FCC members may opt to fill a shoebox with gifts for a child. The shoeboxes are given to children in countries around the world as part of the mission of Samaritan's Purse, a Christian organization providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world.

CONGREGATIONAL OFFERING - Our offerings to our church go for many different things - utilities, salaries, insurance, maintenance, and other necessary but mundane items. Our offerings in 2022, also provided over \$25,000 to outreach efforts. Some of these funds were added to the donations from the Chili Supper that are given to local organizations, and some funds were given to

Mid-America Regional Church & Church Finance International Offices- supports the work of the DOC

Harvey Baker Smith & Christian Ministry Scholarships- awarded to ministry students at DOC colleges

Global Ministries - a collaboration between the DOC and the United Church of Christ to receive and share the Good News by joining with global & local partners to work for justice, reconciliation & peace.

Disciples Ministry - For specifics, see <https://disciples.org/general-ministries/>

SPECIAL PROJECTS - FCC members are given opportunities to help people with special projects throughout the year. These appeals for help are varied and have included

Donations of cereal, money for Gideon's Bibles, funds for disaster and refugee relief, support for missionaries, and more.

FCC women gather to prepare freezer meals that are available for those who need them and to sell at the Eats, Sweets, & Treats Sale.

Volunteers provide a few meals for the Sunday night gatherings of The Bridge, a Christian student group at Missouri Valley College.

FCC BENEVOLENT FUND - Members may offer donations of money that our minister may use to help people seeking aid through the FCC office.

DESIGNATED FUNDS - Some families have established funds that they designate the church to use for particular outreach efforts.

We hope you have found this letter informative, and we welcome any questions you may have. We are approaching the season where there are a lot of "asks". Please prayerfully consider what you can do to help in these projects. These are *opportunities* for helping, not expectations. Each individual's circumstance is different, and participation at ANY level is so appreciated!

Thank you for your help!

The Marshall FCC Outreach Committee



November Birthdays and Anniversaries



BIRTHDAYS

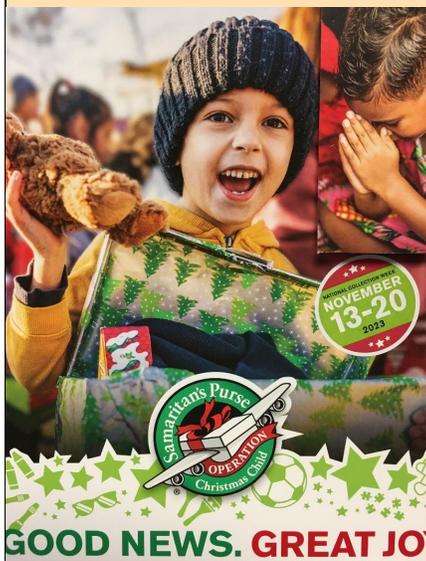
- 1- Finley Asbury
- 2- Phil Perkins
- 4- Norvelle Brown
Ramona Green
Ryan King
- 6- Butch Ash
- 7- Jim Dryer
Evelyth Hill
Julie Hoffmeyer
- 8- Daniel McGraw
- 11- Randy Quinn
- 12- Channing Coslet
Robert Crawford
Les McKinney
- 13- Karl Caldwell
Kaitlin Clemons

- 14- Jeanne LaRue
- 16- Melanie Dowell
- 17- Marcia Phillips
- 19- Liam McCord
- 20- Jeff Swinger
- 21- Sharron Martinez
- 22- Tanner Clemens
Amy Clemons
Cole Igo
- 23- Jennifer Marquess
Anita Wright
- 24- Leroy Wise
- 26- Kendalyn Joliff
Doug Kueker
- 27- Anniston Clark
Jeff Coslet



ANNIVERSARIES

- 1- Blaine & Tiffany Thornton
- 3- George & Michelle Porter
- 7- Mark & Dianne Harvey
- 24- Jack & Micki Uhrig
- 28- Mike & Keri James
- 30- Ken & Virginia Bryant



SHARE the LOVE
of GOD
THROUGH
OPERATION
CHRISTMAS
CHILD

Take a cardboard Christmas box, a pamphlet, and a label from the church parlor. The pamphlet will explain how to fill a box and cover the shipping cost of \$10. Boxes should be returned to the church no later than November 13. Contact Virginia Bryant for further information.

It is our week to serve
Meals-On-Wheels
November 6-11



Please contact Keen Bryant, or
the Church Office, if you are able to help.



The Fellowship Committee

Will host dinner on
November 19th. Turkey, mashed potatoes, dress-
ing, and green beans will be served.

Our Church is putting together **Missouri Personal Hygiene Kits** November 7th. We have bulk ordered enough individual items to put together 100 kits. We are collecting monetary donations to help cover the cost of these items. If you are able to help, you may drop your donation in the prepared box in the sun-room, bring it into the office, or give it to Roberta Reed. Thank you in advance for your help. Deadline to bring in products, or donations, is November 5th.

Our Visiting Veteran Pastor and Friend Says: "Thank You" to FCC and offers follow up resources

Abundant Thanks to Pastor Randy, Hope Richards and *all the folks at FCC Marshall that made my visit* such a blessing to me! A copy of my sermon, the gift handout of hymns And BSA Litany and the take home spiritual exercise with action steps, are available by email from the Church Office

I live **alone** and often work **alone**. To have gifted folks in leadership with me such as your Pastor, Regional Minister Paul Koch, Intern Sharae Kelly, Hope Richards and the FCC Praise Band, was an **Added Blessing**. *Thanks to all the loving caring hands that made the lovely luncheon after services possible!*

You have every reason to be proud of Scoutmaster **Chad Brashears** and that cadre of wonderful adult volunteer Scouters and those remarkable **Scouts and Cubs in Troop 45 and Pack 45!**

For me and for you, there was a great deal to **"Take in"** as well as **"take out"** from *the single hour* worship service! To help you, **"take home"** and to **"take to heart"** as follow up, a copy of the sermon and luncheon handout is available from the church office by email or hard copy.

Pastor Bob

November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Ladies Luncheon	3	4
5 Personal Hygiene Kit deadline	6 Meals On Wheels week	7 Hygiene Kit Assembly	8 General Board Meeting 6:00	9	10	11
12	13 Christmas Shoeboxes deadline	14 CWF Meeting	15	16	17	18
19 Fellowship Dinner/ Decorate Church	20	21 7:00 Community Thanksgiving Service At Covenant	22	23 Office Closed	24 Office Closed	25
26	27	28	29	30		

Bits and Pieces...



To the staff of FCC, and members who have helped with food, cards and prayers for the loss of our loved one, Tom Bailey. Your love surrounds us.

Donna Bailey
Linda & Rick Gochenour
Rick & Gale Bailey
Bryanne & Dennis Cochran
Kelly Norwood
And families

Ladies Christian Luncheon Group

The October luncheon met at Break of Dawn. 10 people attended, enjoying good food and good conversation.

Everyone visited, sharing what they have been doing at home and in the community, and what is important to them.

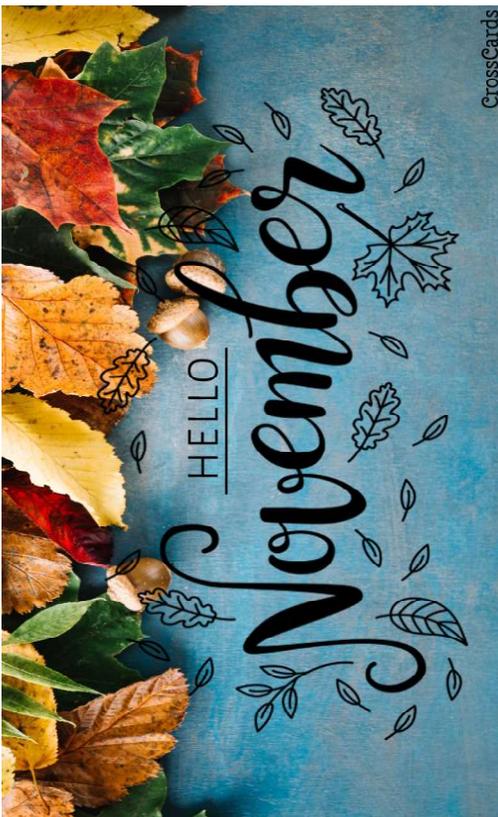
The group is inviting all Church ladies to join them for the November lunch, which will be at Mazzio's on November 2 at 11:00 .

CWF held their first meeting in September. Discussions were help about upcoming projects for the next year. It was voted to prepare the meal for "The Bridge" college on October 8th, coordinating with Outreach chair Ginger Mcgraw. The second Fall project twill be " Hygiene Kits" for the Community Holiday Project, currently being collected.

If you would like to join CWF, contact Roberta Reed.



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



Visit our Church Website!

Stop by our website at www.fcmarshallmo.org to check out upcoming events and activities, serving schedules, bulletins and newsletters, and information about our groups, ministries, staff, etc.



Church Staff

Minister– Rev. Randal DeMasters

Custodians– Ron & Carol Schupp

Financial Secretary– Ken Bryant

Office Admin.– Hope Richards

Music Director– Hope Richards

Pianists–Hope Richards

Kay Wise

FCC Praise Band -

Elizabeth Cline, Kevin Dryer,

Lori Layton, Joe Palan, Hope

Richards and Kay Wise