



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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November 10, 2020



A PRAYER FOR NOVEMBER by Ralph Waldo Emerson

*For each new morning with its light,
Father, we thank Thee
For rest and shelter of the night,
Father, we thank Thee.
For health and food, for love and friends,
For everything Thy goodness sends,
Father, in heaven, we thank Thee.*

(Thank you, Margaret Black, for this poem.)

IN THANKS-GIVING 2020

This year's *In Thanks-giving* project will be in support of **CHOICES PREGNANCY & HEALTH**, which FCC has supported financially for many years. Thank you so much for your personal support of this mission.



During November, we will be collecting monetary and supply donations for Choices Pregnancy & Health. We are hoping to collect \$750 for them to replace 3 well-worn loveseats in their client room, to update the rooms and make them more comfortable. Any additional funds will be designated toward car seats, which often cost between \$100 & \$150. Car seats need to be replaced, as they have expiration dates.

In addition, we will be collecting supplies from the list below, to help stock their "baby bucks" room. Choices Pregnancy & Health teaches classes to help their clients learn life skills. There is an "earn while you learn" program that allows clients to earn "baby bucks" to purchase items from what they have in stock. Please place items in the cloak room.

Any monetary donations can be placed in the container in the front of the auditorium, or mailed to the FCC office. *IF WRITING A CHECK*, please write "*In Thanks-giving*" in the memo line.

Items needed for the "baby bucks" room:

Diapers (size 4 or 5), Baby wash/soap, Hygiene items for mom (shampoo, conditioner, body wash, lotion, toilet paper...), Laundry soap or dish soap, Formula (usually the Enfamil brand), Chapstick for clients, Disinfecting wipes/spray (for the office, as they go through a lot of these)

ATTENDANCE
11-8-2020

Morning Worship: 61

OFFERING
11-8-2020

Spendable: \$3,329.00
Memorials: 10,945.00
TOTAL \$14,274.00

"If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."
John 14:14, NRSV

Nancy Burkeen (Kate Shunk's aunt)- incurable cancer

Bev Harvey (Deanne Rothermel's dear, close friend)- fighting a rare cancer since June; doctors have now given her four months to live

Greg Ritter (Joyce's husband)- has had a stress test and is on a heart monitor; doctor suspect a blockage

Joyce Ritter- suffering from hives from a medication she was given for her rotator cuff surgery

Rowen (Glenda Case's great-nephew)- surgery went well, cancer is gone; still in a lot of pain

Gaynell Taylor (Kate Shunk's 90-year old grandmother)- in the hospital with unexplained bleeding; prayers for her and for the doctors, as they try to figure out what's going on

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP MEETING

Thursday, November 12-- 6:30 p.m.

Hostess: BRENDA ELAM

Devotions: SANDY BRAGG

Missions: MARGARET BLACK



*Women's
Fellowship*



***This is the last week to hear what you are thankful or grateful for. This can be short or long, anonymous or sign your name. After you get your thoughts together, contact Judy Zylstra or the church office by mail, text, phone call or message.*

The annual **COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE** will be held on Sunday, November 22, at 7:00 p.m. at First Christian Church, Villa Grove. Jon Brashear, VG United Methodist Church, will be speaking.

Once again, it's time for **OPERATION G.I.F.T.!** If you would like to help out, your monetary donation can be dropped off at the Villa Grove State Bank, put in the offering (making sure to write "OPERATION G.I.F.T. on the memo line) or given to **KATE SHUNK**. Donations will be collected until November 22.



“Yeah, right!”
11/10/2020

Mathematicians say that two negatives make a positive. But two positives will never make a negative. To which I say, “Yeah, right!” Sorry, bad joke. Put together, those words are often spoken sarcastically and with great cynicism. You may want to say them when politicians make promises. Or when your doctor says, “This won’t hurt at all.” Or when the navigator says, “Don’t follow the GPS. I know a shortcut.” The claim just doesn’t match our belief system.

In John 20, Jesus rose from the grave and showed himself to his disciples. Except for Thomas, who wasn’t present. When Thomas did show up, his fellow disciples said they had seen Jesus. Thomas’ reaction was a real, “Yeah, right!” moment. His actual words were, “Unless I see where the nail marks were and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it.” Fortunately for Thomas, Jesus obliged, and Thomas had an “Ah-ha” moment. Then Jesus taught Thomas an important lesson. “Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.”

You may not believe that Jesus can do all the things he claims. You may not believe He is sovereign over all kingdoms and rulers of the earth. You may not believe He can completely forgive you of your sin. You may not believe... because it doesn’t match your preconceived idea of who God is, or what He can and should do. So, with skepticism, you say, “Yeah, right.”

And maybe that is exactly the point. God doesn’t act as we understand. His ways are higher than our ways. His understanding is greater than we can imagine. His power supersedes ours.

Though we may not feel that God loves us, He does. Though we may question His promises, He is faithful. Believing, fully believing, in God is true freedom and peace.

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Elders:

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| Elmer Decker | Steve Lacine |
| John Dilliner | Chad Reno |
| Bob Dowler | Joe Rothermel |

Service at the church building on November 15- 9:30 a.m.

Greeter: FRAN WALDROP

No Bible Study this Wednesday

Elders mtg 6:30pm/Board mtg. 7:30pm

Elder-On-Call for November: BOB DOWLER (549-9791)

Mission of the Week: CHOICES PREGNANCY & HEALTH
Charleston, Illinois
Chris Bugle, Executive Director

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

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