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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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November 2, 2026



ANNUAL CHURCH THANKSGIVING DINNER

Sunday, November 8—12:00 p.m.

Turkey, ham, dressing, drinks and table service will be provided. Please bring a dish to share. Invite your friends and neighbors!!

2026 IN-THANKSGIVING PROJECT!
Saturday, November 21
9:00 a.m.-Noon

The In-Thanksgiving project for this fall is the IDES (International Disaster Emergency Services) GAP (God Always Provides) meal-packing event. Each meal feeds six and costs a quarter. We will be packing 15,000 meals, which will total $3,750.00. We'd like to have five lines again this year, so we need at least 50 volunteers to help pack the meals. A lunch bucket is set out in the sanctuary for monetary donations, and a sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the south hall.



NOVEMBER 1, 2026

Worship & Nursery	88
Sunday School	46
Preschool Class	2
Youth SS Class	3
Blessed Believers	14
The Fellowship Class	21
Chosen Ones	6

OFFERING: $3,650.00
Spendable 2,895.00
In-Thanksgiving 655.00
Benevolence 100.00

Veterans Day

Veteran's Day Assembly
Villa Grove School gym
Wednesday, November 11- 9:00 a.m.
All veterans will be honored.
The community is welcome!

IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

Bernadine Andrews- scan showed no cancer; will go to Barnes Nov. 16 to see if treatment is needed
Linda Dilliner- prayers for safe trip home on Thursday, and continued healing
Family of Leroy Dorfmeyer- Pete Eisenmenger's grandfather
Sarah Hughes- hospice
Nancy Jackson- home, but is still weak and in pain
Juanita (Dave Herschberger's sister)- cancer is in her brain; will have radiation mapping this week
Lola- please keep her in prayer
Rachel Romine (Sarah Cannon's niece)- speech has returned after having had a stroke
Jean Zylstra (Mike's mom)- in hospital, will find out about surgery on Wednesday

First Christian Church,
Thank you all for the prayers and cards. All are appreciated.

EDNA WALDROP

Dear FCC Family,
Thank you so much for all the gifts, cards and well-wishes during Pastor Appreciation Month. Judy and I are truly humbled by your generosity.

MIKE & JUDY ZYLSTRA





CHRISTMAS CHOIR REHEARSALS!
Sundays following Sunday School (11:45 a.m.)
Performance on December 20
EVERYONE IS INVITED TO JOIN!!

God Supersedes Politics
11/3/2026



God's people, the Israelites, were in a quandary. They saw that other nations had kings and they wanted one, too. They went to Samuel with their request. Samuel went to God and God told Samuel not to take the request personally because they hadn't rejected Samuel, they had rejected God as their true King. God warned the Israelites that an earthly king would demand certain "rights." He would take their land, money, and possessions for himself. He would conscript their sons for his army. He would become egotistical and claim that the nation's prosperity was due to his administration and not God's providence. It all came true. The history of Israelite politics is not pretty. Most kings were evil and rejected God.

In the New Testament, Jesus and his disciples never taught about earthly politics. Paul, in 1 Timothy 2:2, does tell his protégé to ***Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity***. The only kingdom Jesus was concerned about was the Kingdom of God. Yet politics were around. The Roman Emperor was in charge and Jews paid taxes and tributes.

In our world, political discussions will happen, even in church. Oh, we know that God does not need any specific politician or political party to accomplish his will. What I think God does desire is that we do not take our freedoms for granted. I think He desires that any vote we cast be backed by a Biblical worldview. That we understand that the kingdoms of this earth will pass away but God's word is eternal. That governments do not have the power to change the world. The only way change happens is when people yield to the power of the Holy Spirit. Only He can transform hearts.

Even in our politics, we must never abandon our Christian mission, leading people to Jesus and making them into disciples of Jesus.

Mike

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Bob Thomas

NOVEMBER 8, 2026

Worship Service 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Greeters: Larry & Sheryl Mulvaney (Front) Patti Groves (South)

Coffee Fix/Cleanup: Brenda Elam/Bob Dowler

Nursery: John & Amanda Boyd

Serving: B. Smith, M. Hughes, R. Graham, C. Cannon

Mission of the Week:
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MISSIONS (ICOM)
Clayton, Indiana
David Empson, Executive Director