



THE

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, OWENSBORO

(Disciples of Christ)

CALLER

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From the Preacherman....

On Tuesday, November 3, you won't find me at church. I will be serving as an election worker at the courthouse polling station here in Owensboro. A few months ago, I saw an invitation to be a poll worker and it stirred something deep inside of me. I signed up and, astonishingly, they sent me a schedule for training. (My daughter Martha is serving as well.) So, on that day don't call the church looking for me and don't call my cell phone expecting an answer. I will be busy.

The question some have asked me is "Why?" Why in the world would you do this now? There are several reasons, but first and foremost is the pandemic. I was concerned that the virus might make the job untenable for people with health issues. Would there be enough people to safely run the polling stations? I realized that I can do this. This is how I can serve our community. We live in a world of giant problems overwhelming us into inactivity. Simply do what is in your power to do. I can do this, so I will.

The reasons run deeper, however. I am willing to risk my health for my country. People who came before me, people I will never know, gave their lives so that we can vote. I honor them by working the polls. I believe in the grand, outsized claims of this country. And I believe we fall short, failing to live up to that vision every day. We can either quit or we can do better. My life as a citizen of these United States teaches me to keep trying, no matter what. We honor our ancestors by our efforts.

Deepest of all reasons to serve is my faith as a Christian. My ancestors came to this country so that others would simply leave them alone and let them worship as God led them. They found that freedom here. I want there to be room enough for all kinds of people in this country, every kind of religion and no religion, all ethnicities and belief systems and political persuasions. Here is what my ancestors found: when any faith is coerced, it isn't really faith. You cannot force faith through fear or anger. People come to our church not because they must, but because they may. I believe in that radical view of faith. I will work next Tuesday, in part, for that reason.

So, if you have not already voted, go do it. People sacrificed everything for you to have that right. Don't take it for granted.

Peace....Chris

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Owensboro, Kentucky Mission Statement

*"Our mission is to manifest
Christ's love by empowering all to
compassionate service."*

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Mission Statement

*"We are Disciples of Christ,
a movement for wholeness in a
fragmented world. As part of the
one body of Christ we welcome all
to the Lord's Table as God
has welcomed us."*

CHURCH STAFF

Ministers.....The Congregation
Sr. Minister.....Rev. J. Chris Michael
Minister of Pastoral Care....Pam Woodward
Education & Programming Coordinator....
Leigh Anne Castlen
Financial Manager.....Kristin Callis
Secretary.....Anne Carlisle
Pianist.....Ann Jeannette Pierce
Choir Director.....Mike Tichenor
Nursery Attendants.....Cynthia Smith
Chandler Fleischmann
Elee Roach

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Church Office Hours

Mon-Thurs 8 am-noon and 1 - 5 pm

You may listen to our worship service via your computer or smartphone by accessing www.MIXLR.com/FirstChristianChurch at 9 am CT Sunday, or by using a speakerphone dialing 1-214-699-5100. The access code is 6939237#

Listen Live or archived services on Facebook

FCC App for iPhone & Android

Stay connected with the church, download from the App Store and Google Play - First Christian Church—Owensboro

Christian love and sympathy is extended to Holly, Dave, Jackson, and Scarlett Roark and extended family in the death of Holly's mother, Gloria Sue Ludwig, who passed away September 23.

DWM NOVEMBER SERVICE PROJECT

Collecting items which will be given to TrueNorth Treatment Center. Please drop donations off at the church office.

Bed and Bath Needs:

Twin Sheet Sets	Twin Blankets
Pillows	Towels
Wash Cloths	

Personal Care Needed Items:

Shampoo	Soap
Deodorant	Tooth Brushes
Hair Brushes	



DWM Sponsored

PECAN SALE

\$11 for 16-ounce bag

In November (before Thanksgiving), DWM will sell pecans for St. Joseph Peace Mission, as we

have in years past. The pecans will be coming from same place in Georgia as last year. Stop by the Church office before Thanksgiving to purchase pecans for your holiday baking.

PAINTING PUMPKINS!



Nominees for Church Office

Each year the Church has the opportunity to select Elders and Deacons for the upcoming year(s). This is a vitally important task and we need every Church member's help. Please take a moment and submit the names of members you believe could serve in these important roles in the life of our Church. The nominating committee will take this list and propose a final list of names for the Congregation to approve.

I suggest that the following person(s) be nominated for election as...

ELDER:

DEACON:

SIGNATURE:

Please fill out this form and mail it to the Church office at PO Box 966, 42302, or call the church office with your nomination(s). Nominating Committee members are Kyle Aud, Shannon Divine, Kaye Farmer, Meaghan Glenn, Brenda Hoyt, Tom Maddox, Laura Michael, and Jason Roberts.

To reduce your carbon footprint:

Use only compact fluorescent (CFC) or Light Emitting Diode (LED) light bulbs.



Sunday Morning Worship Online and Dial-In

We hope that you will join us for worship each Sunday. There are 3 ways to attend:

Facebook Live! - Watch and listen live Sunday at 9AM on our Facebook page, which is accessible via our website. **You do not need to be a Facebook member to access the Church's Facebook.**

Listen live at 9AM on **Mixlr** – go to fccowb.org scroll down to the Mixlr information and click in the box.

Listen live at 9AM by **dialing** 1-214-699-5100, enter access code 6939237#
Services are recorded on Facebook and Mixlr, so you may access them any time.

NOVEMBER

CALENDAR

Sunday, November 1

9:00 am Worship Online and
*In-Person for last names A, B, I

Wednesday, November 4

6:30 am Men's Bible Study – Panera
11:30 am Property Team Mtg - Sanctuary

Thursday, November 5

2:30 pm Refugee Food Pantry

Sunday, November 8

9:00 am Worship Online and
*In-Person for last names C, D, E, T

Wednesday, November 11

6:30 am Men's Bible Study - Panera

Sunday, November 15

9:00 am Worship Online and
*In-Person for last names F, G, J

Monday, November 16

9:00 am Assemble Christmas Tree

Tuesday, November 17

5:45 pm Board Meeting – Zoom

Wednesday, November 18

6:30 am Men's Bible Study - Panera

Thursday, November 19

2:30 pm Refugee Food Pantry

Sunday, November 22

9:00 am Worship Online and
*In-Person for last names H, K, L, N

MONDAY, November 23

9:00 am Decorate Christmas tree

Thursday, November 26

Office Closed

Sunday, November 29

9:00 am Worship Online and
*In-Person for last names M, O, P, Q, S
*The order of those invited to worship in-person is subject to change as we monitor the number of Covid-19 cases. Please watch your email for your invitation to sign-up to attend.

BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Calvin Gilbreath
- 4 Anne N. McMahon
- 11 Miles Baur
- 12 Cheri Robinson
- 12 Eric Farmer
- 13 Linda Ward
- 13 Doug Hoyt
- 14 Jody Emerson
- 14 Reid Sterett
- 15 Candance Brake
- 16 Mia Belcher
- 16 Nina Belcher
- 16 Ginger Norris
- 16 Nancy Barnard
- 16 Garret Carter
- 16 Rich Suwanski
- 17 Ellen Hayden
- 18 Beverly Dawson
- 19 Mick Ford
- 19 Kristi Isenbarger
- 20 John Roberts
- 21 Madeline Howell
- 21 Robert Goebel
- 21 Earl Mac Green
- 21 Ashtyn Callis
- 21 Brooks Aud
- 22 William Hayden
- 23 Billy Isenbarger
- 24 Robert Lawson
- 26 Pam Woodward
- 27 Paige Castlen
- 28 Sherry Rhoads
- 29 Mackenzie Mahlinger
- 30 Kerri N. Bruckner
- 30 Seth Woodward

ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Steve & Cathy Perrin
- 15 Robert & Yvonne Julius
- 16 Jason & Nan Pierce
- 27 Mitch & June Stapleton
- 28 Barbara Bennett
& Hervey Howell
- 28 Ron & Jane Howard



Thank you Adam Lott for planning and installing a Gaga Ball court at Camp Kum-Ba-Ya for your Eagle Scout project this summer. We also thank all the others from Owensboro that volunteered to help with the construction of the court.

Gaga is a variant of dodgeball that is played in a Gaga pit. Similar to dodge ball, the game is played with a soft foam ball, and combines the skills of dodging, striking, running, and jumping, while trying to hit opponents with a ball below the knees.

IN APPRECIATION

Dear Members & Friends of FCC, Owensboro,

Thank you so much for your generous Legacy Fund donation to Campaign KBY.

Your gift will immediately be put to use to remediate, restore, and renovate the Billy Williams Lodge.

By God's grace, the camping ministry that we create together in the West Area is changing lives and developing disciples. Camp Kum-Ba-Ya is a sacred space where campers grow in faith, deep spiritual friendships are formed, God's call to ministry is discerned and many sense the peace of Christ and discover a deeper connection with God.

With deep gratitude,

Rev. Rachel Nance Woehler

Transitional West Area Regional Minister