

# THE CHRISTIAN ECHO

December

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
Goodland, Kansas

2022

Christmas time is here. Happiness and cheer. Fun for all that children call their favorite time of the year. Snowflakes in the air. Carols everywhere. Olden times and ancient rhymes of love and dreams to share. Sleigh bells in the air. Beauty everywhere. Yuletide by the fireside and joyful memories there.



Christmas time is here. We'll be drawing near. Oh, that we could always see such spirit through the year. Sleigh bells in the air. Beauty everywhere. Yuletide by the fireside and joyful memories there. Christmas time is here. We'll be drawing near. Oh, that we could always see such spirit through the year. (Vince Guaraldi Trio 1965).

These are the lyrics to one of the most recognizable pieces ever recorded. We don't always appreciate the lyrics because we are caught up in the melody. Even in life, we can become so engaged in the rhythm that we fail to hear the lyrics. The lyrics are the words, the lyrics are what the composer wishes that we would hear.



God has created a beautiful melody and rhythm to life, the trees with their rustling leaves, the birds with their songs, the oceans crashing waves all lend their sounds to the melody of life; but the lyrics are important too. The lyrics are the words and are recorded in the Bible. The words are what the authors wish we would hear... those that have ears, let them hear what God has to say.



*Just Don*



# FOR YOUR INFORMATION!

## Extended Prayerful Considerations:

Please include in your ongoing prayers the following:

Sharon Bowker      Roger Collins  
Galen Cooper      Lois Cossman  
John & Glenda Hamilton  
Charley & Janet (Chatfield) Johnson  
Lonnie Kerr      Craig Lawson  
Jennifer Martin      Sharon Mann  
Marie Marsh      Vetha Petty  
Jeannie Pyles      Sherida Shoff  
Bernie Taylor      Emma Van Vleet



### Please pray for our Active Military:

Tyson Reed, Chris Elliott, Nathan Craig, D J Glassman



12/4	Terry Webb
12/5	Abby Jolly Hutson Joseph Von Lintel Thatcher Jones
12/6	Tori Jones
12/8	Amy Griffith Fenner
12/12	Jeff Vignery Tharon Barber
12/14	Debbie Martin
12/15	Trent Coon
12/16	Jesse Cooper Kevin Kibel
12/17	Sam Rethmann
12/18	Cindy Bowman Tony Martin
12/20	Conner Keith Hayden Blochlinger Haile Blochlinger
12/21	Erin Snider Biernacki
12/23	Nicole Smith Ploeger
12/26	Reese Hillmer Isabella Duncan
12/27	Kim Cole
12/29	Brenner Guyer
12/30	Joy Hayden

## GENERAL FUND GIVING

Date	Amt Needed	Offering	Over/Short	In-Person
11/6	\$2,249.70	\$2952.00	+\$702.30	55
11/13	\$2,249.70	\$2541.00	+\$291.30	58
11/20	\$2,249.70	\$5194.43	+\$2944.73	54
11/27	\$2,249.70	\$717.25	-\$1532.45	67



## Happy Anniversary

12/5	Lon & Carolyn Kerr
12/14	Gil & Bernie Taylor
12/22	Chris & Amanda Ross
12/23	Jon & Jennifer Goin
12/27	John & Glenda Hamilton
12/28	Doug & Belinda Amend
12/30	Lynn & Dee Ann Ihrig

*God's "Gift"*  
gave us:

*God's  
Riches  
At  
Christ's  
Expense*

## NEEDS FOR THE CHURCH:



### !Paper Towels!

39gal "outside" weight trash bags

A big THANK YOU to those who are so generously giving in this way!!

## Calendars & Note Pads for Sale



The Membership & Evangelism committee still has magnetic note pads & calendars for sale. Be sure to pick some up!!

Don't forget—they are good gifts as well.

The calendars are \$8 each and are filled with uplifting pictures of God's creation. The magnetic notepads are \$4 each and have a word of inspiration at the top to brighten your day.







## Snippets from the last Board Meeting

- ♦ The CWF Soup Dinner was a success, raising \$732.81 after expenses. They also hosted the Church's Thanksgiving Meal.
- ♦ From property: A snow removal service is being sought for this winter as the previous company has dissolved. The locust tree on the west side has been removed. Much work is being done on the sound system to try to find the problem that is coming over facebook. Thank you to Larry Grieve for donating the monitor in the office for the security camera images.
- ♦ The second Sunday in December the congregation will vote on the board members to fill the expired terms for 2023. Also up for approval is the 2023 budget.

## USDA Commodities Distribution

The commodities distributions will be on a monthly basis for the time being. The next distribution will be:

**December 19, 2022 @ 1:30pm**



If you would like to help, please let **Pastor Don** know. Our Lord asked us to feed the hungry, and so we shall!!

Giving thanks for those who gathered together to make other's Thanksgiving Day one that included fellowship. The approx. number of people that was served was 85. Many thanks also for those who headed it up—Tracy Hillmer, Kim Cole, & Tim Armknecht.

Some came from across the street and some came from Arkansas—whether near or far, we valued their presence!



## Splish Splash—Baptisms Everywhere!!

Thanking God for these professions of faith and our new brothers and sister in Christ...



Shawn Ryan

Jerome  
Engelbrecht



Emily Hanson

Quilts were presented at the Veteran's Day Celebration from the Nifty Needlers to these men who served our country. We are grateful for them and others like them who gave of their time. Also to the Nifty Needlers for their fine work as well! The recipients were:



Dick Spurlock



Greg Kroskey

*Christmas Eve*

Dec. 24th CANDLELIGHT SERVICE 5:00pm

!Come celebrate with us!





## WHO AM I?

Last month's "Who am I?" was **Landin Von Lintel**

1. What is your favorite Christmas tradition? Getting gifts to open.
2. Do you have a favorite Christmas memory or gift received? A 3-speed bicycle
3. What is your favorite Christmas food? Mincemeat Pie
4. Where were you born? Riverton, WY
5. What do you like to do in your spare time? Play Bridge
6. Do you have a favorite movie or book? The movie "Quiet Man"
7. You've had the opportunity to live in (or visit) some really interesting places. Is there someplace that stands out as your favorite place to live (or visit)? Circle J Ranch, Ten Sleep, WY
8. Can you put into a few words what the birth of Jesus Christ means to you? Salvation



### Ring that Bell!

On Saturday, Dec. 10th, FCC will take our turn at ringing the Salvation Army bell from 10am-4pm. Volunteers are needed for 1/2 hr or 1 hr timeslots. Please call Connie Grieve @ 785-821-4433 to sign up.



### CWF EVENTS

The next meeting will be Wed., Dec. 7th, at 2:00pm. Mary Smith is giving the devotion & Connie Grieve is providing the refreshments.



On Nov. 6th, our brothers and sisters in Christ at Emmanuel Lutheran Church here in Goodland celebrated 100 years. We were honored to be asked to take part in their joy and thanksgiving by having a combined choir.

This all started when one of their members heard our choir at the Elderetti Spaghetti function held here in January of this year. The seed that was planted grew into this wonderful experience of new found fellowship. We were all saddened when it was 'over'. But wait—there's more! Since it started at the spaghetti supper, we invited them to join US for the next Elderetti Spaghetti function in Jan. of 2023. The anticipation and possibilities are growing and we will have to see what God has in mind from there!



*Hello, FCC Choir! Thank you for participating in our special Centennial Worship Service. Your presence and musical contribution made for an extra special day for all of us! You are a blessing! Pastor Don McMillan*

*Deb: You and all the choir folks from First Christian have given us a blessed gift... music—to move hearts to take hold of faith in a greater way. Thank you for leading the choir; voices combined, letting us soar to new heights. You are a blessing for us all! Pastor Don McMillan for all of Emmanuel Lutheran*

**100  
years**



## Reflections from our Church Sign

(wisdom that blesses our community weekly)

- \*\*The heart is an organ, keep it in tune with Jesus
- \*\*For the road to heaven, turn right and go straight
- \*\*True worship is not lip service but life service!



### ***Who is this clarinet player incognito?***

Not sure what the story is, but this picture was submitted for the newsletter. Maybe an explanation will surface or maybe we could make one up? What do YOU think? Who could have been the one to request this????



**Congrats** to Reese Hillmer—  
You can move away, but we still love & care about you (and your family)!  
Look at the wonderful things you are doing!



Soooo proud of you and keep up the good work.

Can't wait to see what is next...



### **~Honoring their memory~**

Poinsettias now beautify our sanctuary because of these people whose lives have been beautified by friends and family for whom they are remembering:

**Sam Rethmann:** for Betty Rethmann & Harold Rethmann

**Jeannie Pyles:** for Edgar and Ella Jackson, Hal Pyles, Lyle Jackson, Betty (Hay) Jackson

**Lynn & DeeAnn Ihrig:** for Don & Doris Arnold, Brett Arnold, Oscar & Leola Ihrig

**Tony & Debbie Martin:** for Bud & Linda Fogo & Helen & Buford Hevner, Connie Hammond

**Mary Daise:** for Bill E Daise

**Ron & Judy Vignery:** for Glenn & Florence Vignery, Lowella Stiles, John Alexander

**Watson & Annabelle Hevner, Tonya Armstrong Cook**

**Lois Cossman:** for Bob Cossman

**Barry & Joni Guyer:** for Lowell Guyer, Darrell Mann, Craig Mann

**The Griffith's:** for Eva Kirk, Irving Imhof, Neal & Vera Bock, Diana Imhof Jones

**Gil & Bernie Taylor:** for Dave & Loretta Fleming

## Nifty Needlers

Meeting every Tuesday @ 2 p.m. in the Church's Sewing Room (north west corner of the building).



Tireless workers for sure. Those folks who receive these creations can't help but feel the love and caring that is stitched into them!!

A BIG thank you goes to Sam Rethmann for making 10 new "Ephesian Crosses". These are gifted to the new members of our church. It takes all of us using our gifts to fulfill the needs of the church and we are thankful for your contribution, Sam!!

### **Welcome ~ LJ Von Lintel**

We are very happy to have you among us and that you have joined our church family! You have a beautiful family (of which we have been previously acquainted), but it is wonderful that now it feels complete.

Blessings as you learn and grow with us...

Again, WELCOME!!





# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

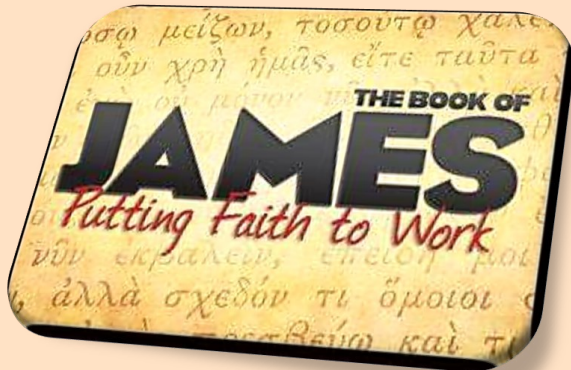
## Bible Study

Looking for a study of God's word? Look no further. Pastor Don will be teaching two classes on Tuesdays—one at 10:00 a.m. and one at 7:00 p.m.

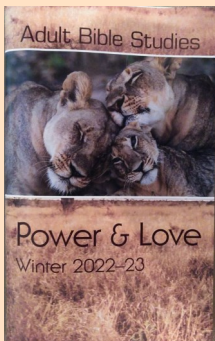
It doesn't matter if this is your first Bible study or you are a bit seasoned, you will be met where you are and encouraged to grow!



Starting in January:



## FRIENDSHIP CLASS Every Sunday at 9 a.m.



### “Power and Love” December

**Power & Vulnerability**  
The Spiritual Practice of  
Scriptural Study

Dec. 4 ~ Reign Over Us

Dec. 11 ~ Doing the Right Thing

Dec. 18 ~ To Whom Do We Pay Homage?

Dec. 25 ~ The Holy Family Becomes Refugees



**!!ALL NEW!!**

## DISCIPLE ZONE 2.0

Every Sunday @ 10:30 a.m.,  
Toddler—5th Grade

We are trying something new this fall - Disciple Zone will be held each Sunday during the 10:30am Church Service. If you cannot be present, we still hope you will bring your kiddos!

Questions? Call Tricia Meier @ 785-728-7045

## FCC



**YOUTH**

**GROUP**

**6th-12th Grade**

**Each Sunday @ 5:30pm**

**In the youth room**

**!! Come, be a part !!**

**Tricia Meier @ 785-728-7045**

## <<Game Day Group>>

Ever wanted to get together with others and play different (and familiar) card games, dominos, or any other type of game?? Well, this is your day, because that is what this group is doing!

Please come join in whenever you can.



*Every Thursday @ 1:00 p.m.  
Church Parlor*



# December 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1.  1:00pm Game Day Group	2.  9:00am Exercise	3.   FCC Youth Group overnight lock-in
4.  9:00am Friendship Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship & Disciple Zone 2.0  <del>5:30pm FCC Youth Group</del>	5.  9:00am Exercise	6.  <del>10:00 Bible Study</del>  2:00pm Nifty Needlers  <del>7:00pm Bible Study</del>	7.  9:00am Exercise  2:00pm CWF Mtg (moved from 14th)	8.  1:00pm Game Day Group	9.  9:00am Exercise	10.  FCC's turn for bell ringing Salvation Army 10am-4pm
11. 7:30am Board Meeting 9:00am Friendship Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship & Disciple Zone 2.0 Congregational Mtg.  5:30pm FCC Youth Group	12.  9:00am Exercise	13.  <del>10:00 Bible Study</del>  2:00pm Nifty Needlers  <del>7:00pm Bible Study</del>	14.  9:00am Exercise  7pm Choir Practice	15.  1:00pm Game Day Group	16.  9:00am Exercise	17.
18. 9:00am Friendship Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship & Disciple Zone 2.0 Christmas Program  5:30pm FCC Youth Group	19.  9:00am Exercise  1:30pm Commodity Distribution	20.  <del>10:00 Bible Study</del>  2:00pm Nifty Needlers  <del>7:00pm Bible Study</del>	21.  9:00am Exercise  <del>7pm Choir Practice</del>	22.  <del>1:00pm Game Day Group</del>	23.  <del>9:00am Exercise</del>	24.   <b>5:00 pm Christmas Eve Candle Light Service</b>
25. Merry Christmas 9:00am Friendship Class 10:00am Fellowship time 10:30am Worship & Disciple Zone 2.0  <del>5:30pm FCC Youth Group</del>	26.  <del>9:00am Exercise</del>	27.  <del>10:00 Bible Study</del>  <del>2:00pm Nifty Needlers</del>  <del>7:00pm Bible Study</del>	28.  <del>9:00am Exercise</del>  <del>7pm Choir Practice</del>	29.  <del>1:00pm Game Day Group</del>	30.  <del>9:00am Exercise</del>	31.

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Pastor's Cell (870) 692-7242 (Pastor Don Warren)  
Church E-mail: fccd@st-tel.net

Friendship Class 9:00 a.m.  
Fellowship Time 10:00 a.m. (Refreshments served)  
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.  
Disciple Zone 2.0 on Sunday mornings during worship.  
Fcc Youth Group Sunday evening.

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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

### Vision Statement

To be a faithful, growing church,  
that demonstrates true community,  
deep Christian Spirituality,  
and a passion for justice.

(Micah 6:8)

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### Mission Statement

To be and to share the Good News  
of Jesus Christ, witnessing, loving,  
and serving from our doorsteps  
"to the ends of the earth."

(Acts 1:8)

## December 2022

	4	11	18	24	25
<b>Elders</b>	Dick Hayden, Off Ron Vignery, Com	Kim Cole, Off Debbie Martin, Com	Ron Vignery, Off Dick Hayden, Com	Debbie Martin, Off Kim Cole, Com	Kenny Griffith, Off Tim Armknecht, Com
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Connie Grieve	Birkley Barnes	Jo Simmons	TBA	Mary Smith
<b>Greeter(s):</b>	Mary Daise	Nona Mason	Joy Hayden	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed
<b>A/V Tech-Closer</b>	Terry Smith	Andrew Luna	Terry Smith	Terry Smith	Kenny Griffith

Romans 5: 1-5

### **In Keeping with Scripture OR Scripturally Speaking**

1Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

2Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. 3More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, 4and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 5and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.