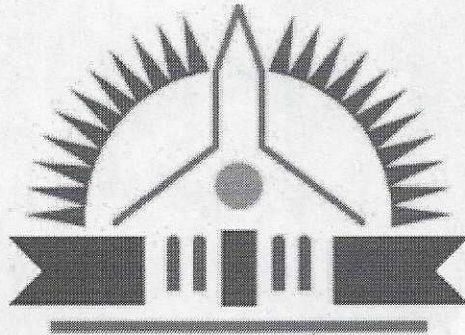


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Church Newsletter

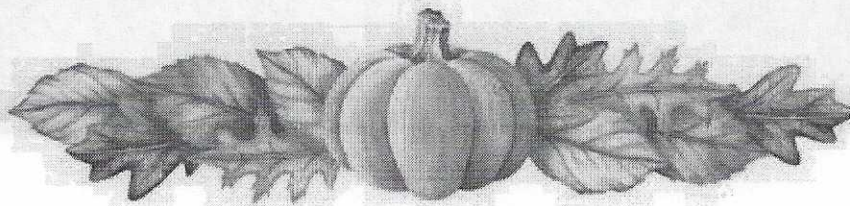
November / December 2024

We Thank Thee

For flowers that bloom about our feet;
For tender grass, so fresh, so sweet;
For song of bird, and hum of bee;
For all things fair we hear or see,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

For blue of stream and blue of sky;
For pleasant shade of branches high;
For fragrant air and cooling breeze;
For beauty of the blooming trees,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

~~Ralph Waldo Emerson



YOUTH NIGHTS

Our next Youth Night will be held on Wednesday, November 13th at 6:30 p.m. at Perry Christian Church. Come and join us for fun, food and worship. Give thanks to God for all our blessings. The December Youth Night is scheduled for Wednesday, December 11th at 6:30 and it will be held at the church as well.

CWF CHRISTMAS COOKIE AND TREATS EXCHANGE

Our annual CWF Cookie/Candy Exchange will be held on Tuesday, November 5th in the church basement. This is not only for our CWF ladies but for ALL ladies interested in joining us for the day.

We will first meet for lunch at the Junction at noon and then go back to the church afterwards for our treat exchange and a time of friendship and fellowship. Ladies are asked to bring 2 dozen cookies and/or candy to share with others. We will sample some of our goodies and then each one present will take a container of treats home with her when we are finished.

This is always such a fun event and we look forward to having MANY of you ladies join us!

HARVEST DINNER

Mark your calendars and plan to join us on Sunday, November 24th for our annual Harvest Dinner following the morning worship service. Turkey, dressing, gravy and beverages will be provided. We ask that you bring a side dish and/or dessert to add to the meal. Please invite family and friends to join us for our worship service and for this wonderful time of fellowship.

BLESSING OF THE PETS

Our Blessing of the Pets service will be held at on Sunday, November 10th at 1:00. Since animals are not allowed inside the building, please meet outside in the front yard and Pastor Eric will be on hand to provide a special blessing.

CHRISTMAS CARD EXCHANGE

If you are interested in participating in a church Christmas Card exchange, please plan to bring your cards to church beginning the week of December 1st. We will have containers marked with each family's name sitting on the pews outside the church office. We'd like to have all the cards picked up no later than Sunday, December 22nd in case we need that room for seating on Christmas Eve.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

This year our Breakfast with Santa will be held on Saturday, December 7th from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. at Perry Christian Church. Pancakes, sausage, juice and milk will be served and the children will have an opportunity to meet with Santa and share their Christmas wishes.

Bring your children, grandchildren and friends and join us for this special morning.

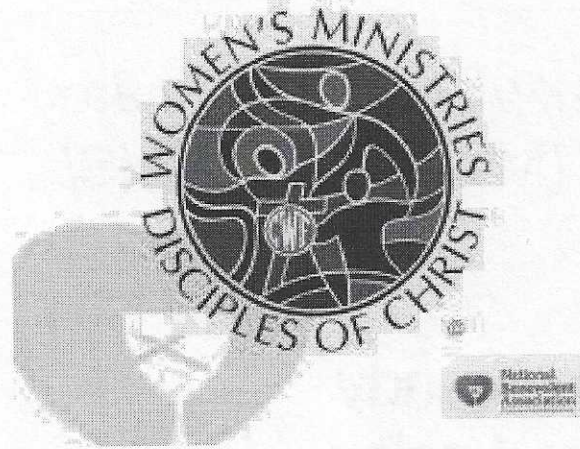
POINSETTIAS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

If you would like to bring a poinsettia to place on the altar at Christmas, you are welcome to do so. Please let Arlen know who your poinsettia is in honor of so we may include that information in the bulletin.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Our Christmas Eve service will be held at 5:00 p.m. on December 24th with Pastor Leanne as our speaker. This is such a wonderful, beautiful service that you will not want to miss it. Come join us as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

Happy 150th Anniversary Disciples Women!



Disciples Women's Ministries (also known as CWF or Christian Women's Fellowship) is a general ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. Its beginnings can be traced back to October 21, 1874, when Caroline Neville Pearre organized a group of women that came to be known as the Christian Women's Board of Missions. This group, which was organized and managed exclusively by women, was organized for the purpose of addressing the lack of local and international mission work by the Church. In February 1876, just a short two years after organizing, the first mission trip to Jamaica took place, where they were tasked with resurrecting the ministry previously led by the American Christian Missionary Society. In addition to mission work, the CWBM provided training and programs, which equipped thousands of young people, and established four Bible Chairs at state universities.

Since then, Disciples Women have continued to organize in innumerable ways and advocate for serving the needs of God's people across time, culture, and geography. Other groups and many phenomenal women help make up the Disciples Women's fabric through their much-needed work that's left an indelible impact on general church ministry and the world.

In 1949, Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF) was formed by 75 women at Turkey Run, Indiana, to unify all the different women's groups.

The Christian Women's Fellowship is open to all women of the church and we invite all to participate. We meet on the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00 in the church office. Following our meeting, we go out for lunch together and enjoy great food and fellowship.

This is a wonderful and active ministry in our church and one that will bless you greatly. Come and be a part of our group!!

November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Finley Asbury Alisha Eisele Paul Dean Wasson	2
3 Jim Anderson Church Board Mtg. 12:00	4	5 Jay Asbury CWF @ 10:00 a.m.	6 Rob Henderson	7	8	9
10	11 Tim Byrne Chris Johnson	12	13 Dave Johnson Tristan Johnson	14	15	16 Makinna Long
17 Harlan & Connie Murray	18 Chloe Foster	19 Rae Bair	20 Landon Cripe Dave & Glenna Johnson	21	22	23 Tanner Eisele Jordan Wilkinson
24 Nancy Seelow HARVEST DINNER @ 12:00	25	26	27 Tom Fierge Tom Hurley Tony & Lan Blanchard	28 Arlen & Christia Provancha	29 Carol Norman	30

November Diaconate

Elders: Carol Norman & Arlen Provancha
 Deacons: Jon LaManes, Kim Meyers, Melanie Utterback, Kim Meyers
 Teen Assoc.: Tristan Johnson

November Greeters

11/3 Terry Davis & Thresa Hurd
 11/10 Willene Asbury & Alvin Seelow
 11/17 Tom Hurley & Mary Wasson
 11/24 Jim Bair & Jeanie Gay

December 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Brian Schutte Board Mtg @ 12:00	2	3 CWF Cookie & Treats Exchange @ 10:00 a.m.	4	5	6 Leanne Reed	7 Breakfast With Santa
8 Michael & Diane Brooks	9 Kelsey Caldwell	10 Glenna Johnson	11 Robert & Paula Roland	12	13 Lois Stuart	14 Bre Asbury Robert Norman
15	16	17 Lynn Broyles	18 Connie Murray	19 Donnie & Jean Schutte	20	21
22	23 Judy Itshner	24	25 Gary House	26	27	28 Michael Brooks Melanie Utterback Jim & Rae Bair
29 Eric & Terri Holmes	30 Ruth Seelow	31				

December Diaconate

Elders: Jim Gay & Nancy Seelow
 Deacons: Renea Brown, Chris Johnson, Rachel LaManes, David Lewellen
 Teen Assoc. Tanner Eisele

December Greeters

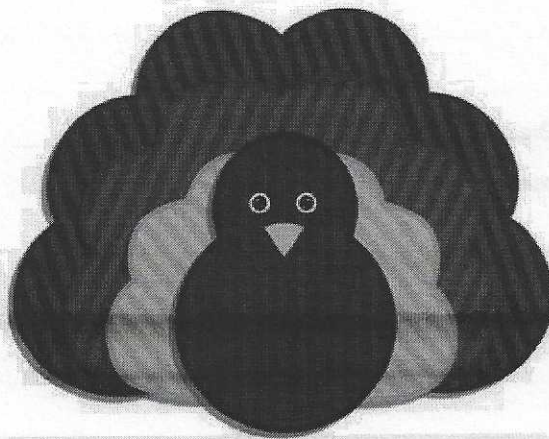
12/1 Rylee Eisele & Jim Gay
 12/8 Kim Meyers & Alvin Seelow
 12/15 Buddy Norman & Carol Norman
 12/22 Dustin Wasson & Mary Wasson
 12/29 Renea Brown & Terry Davis

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Gobble Gobble!

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 TURKEY

Happy Thanksgiving
 From Daily Dish
 Magazine





Arlen Notes

It may seem like it is a long way off, but Christmas will be here before you know it. In fact, the first Sunday of Advent is December 1. Therefore, I have already started working on the Christmas music and Advent Candle Lighting Ceremony for this Advent season. I am sure that most of you know that I love Christmas music, but I do not like playing Christmas music until after Thanksgiving Day. If in doubt just ask my family!

Hopefully, you will enjoy the songs of thanksgiving that we will be singing in church during the month of November. Remember "I will enter His gates with Thanksgiving in my heart and His courts with praise," Psalm 100:4. "Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song," Psalm 95:2.

Thank you to the following families for agreeing to participate in the weekly Advent Candle Ceremony this year:

December 1	Renea Brown and family
December 8	Glenna Johnson and family
December 15	Tim and Alisha Eisele and family
December 22	Gage and Jessica Bailey and family
December 24	Melanie Utterback and family
December 29	Arlen Provancha and family

I pray that the Christmas music selected this year, and the Advent Candle Ceremony will help prepare your heart and mind for the return of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Furthermore, I pray that you do not get lost in the hype, commercialism, and frenzy of the Christmas Season, but it will take time to remember the reason for the Christmas Season.



Merry Christmas or Happy Holidays

by Rachel Held Evans

There is a pernicious rumor that resurfaces every Advent season and spreads across social media faster than a cold in a kindergarten class. It is the rumor that God can be "kept out" of Christmas. You may have heard it from Kirk Cameron or an anchor at Fox News, or an army of culture warriors who have once again worked themselves into a frenzy over the "War on Christmas." Galvanized by fear, they storm checkout counters to demand that clerks issue them a "Merry Christmas" instead of "Happy Holidays" and cry persecution when inflatable manger scenes are moved from public courthouses to private property. They pine after the good-old-days when Christians could force Jewish kids to sing Christmas carols at school and they demand that every gift purchased, every mall opened late, every credit card maxed out must be done so in Jesus' name or else Christ will be "kept out" of Christmas.

They do it because someone told them that God needs a nod from the Empire to show up, forgetting somehow that the story of Advent is the story of how God showed up as a Jew in the Roman Empire. In a barn. As an oppressed minority. To the applause of a few poor shepherds.

The whole story of Advent is the story of how God cannot be kept out. God is present. God is with us. God shows up-not with a parade but with the whimper of a baby, not among the powerful but among the marginalized, not to the demanding but to the humble. From Advent to Easter, the story of Jesus should teach us that God does not need a mention in our pledge or on our money or over the loudspeaker at the mall to be present, and when we fight like spoiled children to "keep" God in those things, we are fighting for idols. We are chasing wind.

Religious persecution is real. Suffering is real. But sharing the public square is not persecution and being wished "happy holidays" causes no one to suffer. We would do well this time of year to remember the words of the Apostle Paul from Philippians 2:

"Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but to each of you to the interests of others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!"



**SORRY FOLKS, WE'RE BOOKED SOLID ... GOD
HIMSELF COULDN'T GET A ROOM HERE TONIGHT**

Perry Community Thanksgiving Service
Sunday, November 24, 2024 2:00 pm
Perry Christian Church.

There will be a practice starting on Sunday, November 3rd at 2:00 pm at the Perry Christian Church for anyone interested in singing. Practice will be held on Saturday, November 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd at 10:30 am.

Perry Community Christmas Program
Sunday, December 15, 2024 2:00 pm
Perry Christian Church

There will be a practice on Saturday, December 7th, and 14th at 10:30 pm at the Perry Christian Church for anyone interested in singing.

Thank you to Veneda Orth for taking care of the candles. Also, thanks to Shelby Hymes, Kim Meyers, and Connie Hopke for making sure the communion is ready every Sunday. Thanks to these ladies for helping to make the Sunday service a success.

Monroe City Singers Christmas Concert

Monroe City Methodist Church

December 5, 2024 at 7:00 pm

December 8, 2024 at 3:00 pm

December 8, 2024 at 5:00 pm



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Christmas Word Search



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A cartoon illustration of Santa Claus with a white beard and red suit, peeking from behind a large red and white striped candy cane. The background features green holly leaves, red and white polka dots, and a red ribbon.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

9am-11am

SATURDAY DEC 07

A red-gloved hand with a white cuff, pointing towards the church name.

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Youth Night



*Wednesday
November 13th at
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Come and join us for fun, food and
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