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Our mission is to announce the Good News of God's love for all, by letting the joy of our relationship with Jesus shine through our daily lives, seeking to make disciples for Jesus, baptizing in his name and teaching toward maturity in faith.

Sunday School
9:15 a.m.

Worship
8:00 a.m. &
10:30 a.m.



"Paying Attention"

As we start to wrap up October and everything that has happened in the life of our church recently it is easy to be focused on the next thing coming up instead of taking a breath and paying attention to the presence of God. At a retreat that I attended recently our group did an exercise that I felt was very helpful. We were asked to stop and to take a breath and answer three questions. 1. In this past week, what moment are you most grateful for? 2. In this past week, what moment are you least grateful for? 3. In this past week, when did you see a glimpse of God?

As the church ends another busy month and we gear up for November and December let us all be reminded to take a breath and think about these questions each week. Maybe, just maybe, our lives will be enriched by paying attention to the ups and the downs of life as we experience the presence of God in our midst. I am so very thankful for the glimpse of God that I see in this wonderful congregation. I am also thankful for times of rest and a reminder of the presence of God that is always present.

Shalom, Rev. Harmon



Stewardship
Thoughts

Moment of Thanksgiving from our Stewardship and Finance Ministry

THINGS WE'RE THANKFUL FOR:

1. Pastor Adam and his leadership, vision, and heart for serving others, and for his wife Tiffany who puts up with a lot of demands on Adam's time!
2. A lawn full of pumpkins that allows us not only to help our 10 ambassadors to Nicaragua raise money for their trip, but gives them an opportunity to interact with folks in our community and tell them about our church.
3. The Thanksgiving season.
4. Committee chairpersons, committee members and all those who work behind (and in front of!) the scenes to help our church function.
5. Music ministry and the talents of all our musicians who add richness to the worship experience.
6. Our beautiful church building, steeped in tradition, history and memories.
7. Our youth group who made the decision to share the gospel message along with a shoebox full of gifts for thirty needy children.
8. Those in our church, past and present who have given and will give to a permanent fund which among other things helps us fund the upkeep of the church.
9. Education we provide through Bible study, book study, Sunday school and the willing teachers who lend their time.
10. Each and every giver, each and every gift given to honor God.



Sermons for November

November 6, 2011

Scripture: Matthew 25:1-13

Title: "Ready to Shine"

November 13, 2011

Scripture: Matthew 25:14-30

Title: "Abundant Possibilities"

November 20, 2011

Scripture: Matthew 25:31-46

Title: "Reign of Christ"

November 27, 2011

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Title: "Christmas Is Not Your Birthday!"

GOLDEN LEAVES

We will be meeting and having a potluck meal on Thursday, November 10 @ 10:30am. Guest speaker, Terry Smither, EMT .

Martha Kimberlin
Franceline Parris
Frances May
Bob Raynes
Joe & Lorene Hocker
Jackie Dean
Don Smither
Edith Fournier
Karl Frees



Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, November 20

Following 10:30am
worship service



Advent Book Study

Our Advent Bible Study this year is going to be on Mike Slaughter's new book, "Christmas Is Not Your Birthday."



"This Christmas, cut through the hype that leaves you exhausted and broke at the end of the year. Instead, experience the peace of knowing that God is truly with us, the joy of giving sacrificially, and the love of a Savior who gave everything he had for us. In five short, engaging chapters, Pastor Mike Slaughter inspires readers to approach Christmas differently, and be transformed in the process."

We will be starting the Advent Bible Study on **Sundays from 4 – 5:30 p.m.** starting **November 20th** and ending on **December 18th**. The cost of the book for the study is \$5. If you are interested in this study please sign up in the back of the sanctuary by **November 13th**. If you will be participating in the study and are in need of childcare please let us know.



Congregational Meeting

Congregational Meeting
Sunday, November 13
following both worship services

There will be a Children's Christmas program again this year on December 11th at the 10:30 service. We will begin practicing on Sunday, November 6th from 9 to 9:30. Hope to see everyone in November...



Christmas Program Rehearsals

Sherry Krohn and Megan Davidson

CHANCEL CHOIR

MODIFIED CHANCEL CHOIR SCHEDULE

Please join us!!

Regular Choir Practice 7pm – 7:45pm

Christmas Cantata Practice 7:45pm – 8:15pm



INSTRUMENTALISTS WANTED!

If you play an instrument, we'd like to know! If you're uncomfortable playing solo, no problem! Groups are needed, too! We appreciate all of the musical talents our church members possess and would love to hear more! Please contact Megan Davidson if you might be willing to play sometime. There are plenty of opportunities for various instruments so please don't be shy! Any instrument at any level is welcome!

MEMBERSHIP



Thanksgiving Dinner!!! November 13th, A 6:00pm. Turkey, dressing, potatoes and gravy, rolls and drinks will be furnished. Please bring a covered dish and dinnerware.

TOYS FOR TOTS!! We are doing toys for tots and we only have a couple of weeks to do this. As the last day will be the Thanksgiving Dinner. So please bring a toy for a child in need of a Christmas present. Do not wrap it and place it in the box in the fellowship hall.



PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS – 2012

SUBMITTED BY MEGAN DAVIDSON, CHAIR, ON BEHALF OF THE 2011 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

BOARD OFFICERS

President: Lyle Krohn
 Vice President: Judy Kilp
 Secretary: Judy Manning
 Treasurer: Mary Parker
 Financial Secretary: Sophia Smither
 Member at Large: Elwin McKenzie
 Member at Large: Jessica Gipson
 Christian Ed Chair: Georgia Cornell
 Evangelism Chair:
 Membership Co-Chairs: Nancy Emmons & Mary Riemenschneider
 Outreach Chair: Jamie Jennings
 Property Co-Chairs: Robert Surber and Jim Emmons
 Stewardship/Finance Chair: Doug Manning
 Worship Chair: Jamie Mathews

DIACONATES (3 year term – expires 2014)

Megan Davidson
 Ryan Davidson
 Aaron Johnson
 Jerry Fitzgerald
 Kay Fitzgerald
 Linnette Pugh
 Cynthia Livingston
 John Latimer
 Mary Beth Latimer
 Jason Gipson
 Tracy Wooten

DIACONATES (1 year term – expires 2012)

Merrie Wilson

ELDERS (3 year term – expires 2014)

Tony Livingston
 Kerry Morgan
 Jo Irwin
 Steve Allbaugh

ELDERS (2 year term – expires 2013)

Sue Logan

JR. DIACONATES (1 year term)

Luke Cooper
 Henry Frees
 Shayne Smither
 Drake Mathews

Disciples Women / CWF Christmas Brunch

Saturday, December 10, 2011
10:00am-12:00pm



All women are invited.

Look for more information to come.

MICAH

Our next scheduled Outreach night is Monday, December 12. We will be leaving the church at 4:00pm, returning no later than 8:00pm. If you are interest in attending, make sure Brenda has your name. We have a limited number of spots opened.

NOVEMBER THEME

In November we will be focusing on the theme, "Thanksgiving."

Youth will interact with living homeless. Building relationships with other youth. They will experience what it means to be a Christian family?

The youth are participating in the Christmas Boxes program. They are looking for donation of small items to place in their shoe boxes. We will have a wrapping party on Saturday, November 19.

SPIRITUAL MENTORS—Yes, Sign me up!



You can help the youth and recycle your empty aluminum cans by bringing them to the church. A wooden box for the cans is located on the west side of the church. In order to prevent loose cans in our bin, please tie all of your bags shut, before placing them in the bin. Thank you!

People who are intentional about participating in the spiritual formation and Christian education of our young people. What do young people need in their lives-the wisdom and thoughtfulness of more mature Christians. Being in ministry with youth is extremely rewarding. Youth are honest, up-front, and excited about their relationship with Christ.

- Share your faith, building relationship
- Hospitality
 - These people really care about me here.
 - They really want the best for me.
 - I'm not a number or an outsider here. I have a place.
 - They know me by name and greet me personally.
 - Acknowledge me on special occasions. (birthday, etc.)
 - I'm being invited to be with them, part of the Body of Christ.
- Be present at rites of passage for youth in the church
- Pray for our young people on a regular basis
- Offer pastoral care to youth in times of anxiety and challenge
- Show interest and be a support person to youth for mission trips, summer camps, retreats, Sunday School, Youth Group, etc
- Set an example for young people in the way they live, worship, play, and interact with others

**BE A PART OF BUILDING A FIRM
FOUNDATION FOR OUR YOUTH.**

Questions, contact Brenda



**YOU COULD
HELP FEED OUR
YOUTH**

Thank you for your support! Please keep bringing in your receipts. It takes awhile to collect \$500.00 in receipts to receive \$75.00 in pizza. It takes the full \$75.00 to feed the youth group one meal. Thank you for helping us provide a good meal for these youth. The box for your receipts is located in the back of the church.

OUTREACH



KFC-Keep Funding Churches Bucket is November 6.

Thanks to all who helped at the Food Pantry, October 14.

We sent 43 flood buckets to Festival of Sharing, October 15. Penny jar = \$74.41. \$145.00 in checks and \$84.00 in container for cash donations. Other kits were also sent along. Value of things taken was \$3,121.00. Thanks to you and other donations given we attained our goal. Bill and Mabel deserve a big "Thanks" for hauling it all down to Sedalia and our own First Christian Youth for filling (stuffing) the buckets with the supplies.

Harvesters School Backpack deliveries are going well. Thanks to those helping me.

Events coming up: Thanksgiving "Moment for Missions" November 13, Joyce speaking at both services. Offering then collected on November 20.

December 12 is our next Micah Ministry work trip. Sign-up will be in the sanctuary.

We will soon be working on Christmas Adopt-A-Family.

Christmas, "Moment for Missions" is the 4 of December with offering collected on December 18. We are skipping December 11, due to Assistant Director of Week of Compassion, Brandon Gilvin, will be here. And, soup will follow 10:30am worship service.

DRIVE-THRU NATIVITY



More information will come next month regarding the drive-thru nativity but please mark your calendars now! We need lots of volunteers. This activity provides a fun way for our church to gather together to create a wonderful gift for the community! The drive-thru nativity will be held on Saturday, December 17th. Please contact Ryan or Megan Davidson if you are interested.

Food Pantry



SUGGESTED FOODS

Canned vegetables	Pasta	Pudding	Cereal
Canned fruit	Dry Beans	Flour	Soup
Canned meats	Crackers	Powdered Milk	Rice
Macaroni & cheese	Cake mix	Vegetable oil	Sugar
Peanut butter	Baby food & related items		

The Food Pantry is looking into buying a walk-in freezer if enough \$ is raised.

We continue to serve about 1000 people each week.

Volunteers are needed Fridays (anytime) from noon to 7 p.m. If interested, please contact Lyle Krohn.



Disciples Women / C.W.F.

~Deborah Circle, Met October 17th with 5 present. The group decided to have the Christmas Women's Brunch on December 10th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Ruth Cummins and Ellen Wray are co-chairpersons. Women from all the churches in our area will be invited for the pot luck meal, program, and special music. A pot luck sign-up sheet will be placed on the bulletin board in the sanctuary in November.

The group discussed a new study. We hope to use the "Heaven" study that Sophia presented to the Rachel Group.

Judy Manning read a nice card from Edith Fournier and "Cell Phone Vs. Bible". Nancy Emmons read "Footprints". Ellen presented an "emotional" lesson on Bathsheba. King Solomon was born of David and Bathsheba's marriage as were three other children.

The next meeting is November 21st at 1:30 p.m. Ruth Cummins will present the lesson, and Ellen Wray will provide refreshments. We invite all women interested in good fellowship, interesting Bible study, and stimulating conversation to join us.

~Rachel circle met on October 11, with 4 members present. Nancy Emmons read a poem entitled "Footprints in the Sand." There was some discussion about a school project in Nicaragua. Sophia gave the lesson on Heaven. Mary Parker furnished refreshments. The next meeting will be held on November 8, in the Fellowship Hall.

~A reminder to continue saving barcodes from Best Choice items plus barcodes from Campbell soup products. The CWF receives \$30 for each 1,000 Best Choice codes and this money goes to our outreach concerns. The Campbell soup codes are sent to Woodhaven Learning Center for their many programs. Thanks for all your help!

The family of Lawrence Kircher appreciate the ladies who prepared the meal, and Rev. Harmon for the service at the church.



Velda L. Kelley



Thank you to my Church Family, in sharing in the celebration of my 80th birthday. It was a very nice day for me.

Ruth Cummins

Mom had a joyous weekend of celebration for her 90th birthday. Everyone in our family wants to extend their thanks to Adam, Tiffany & the boys, Brenda, Millie, Beverly, Megan & Ryan, Janet & Precious, Sophia (I think Rich filled in too) Jo, Sherry, Iliene, Delores (and my sincere apologies if I have left anyone out) for all their help and hard work. And thanks to everyone who attended - it wouldn't have been a party without you all. We are so blessed to have such a loving and generous church family – the Light of Christ shines brightly in each of you.

Teri Riemenschneider



FALL CHURCH CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday, November 19

8:00am—12:00pm



November 22 @ 7:00pm
in Fellowship Hall is our next meeting.



Disciples Men/CME

Tuesday, November 8 & 8:30am
Come join us for breakfast!!

SERVING IN NOVEMBER

8:00am Worship

Elders: Andrea Murphy

Deacons: Courtney Covey & Mary Parker

10:30am Worship

Worship Leader: Dee Shelton

Greeters: Robert & Debbie Surber

Sound: Cheryl Tinsley (Nov. 6 Ryan Davidson)

Acolyte: Youth

Elders: Beverly Tinsley & Jennifer Cook

Deacons: +Julie White, Robert Surber, Debbie Surber, Teri Riemenschneider & Henry Frees*

+Denotes Deacon in charge *Denotes Balcony

Communion Prep:

Julie White

Communion Calling:

6-Milly Long

13-Bill Maxon

20-Mabel Maxon

27-Don Smither

Children's Moments:

6-Jennifer Cook

13-Ryan Davidson

20-Frank Long

27-Brenda Brown

Musicians:

<u>8:00am</u>	<u>10:30am</u>	<u>Choir</u>
6- Sherry Krohn	Sherry Krohn	Janet Allbaugh
13- Jo Irwin	Jo Irwin	Jo Irwin
20- Jo Irwin	Jo Irwin	Jo Irwin
27- Janet Allbaugh	Janet Allbaugh	Janet Allbaugh



NOV. BIRTHDAYS

2-Joe Hocker

3-Merlin Williams

4-Melanie Church

4-Ed Peeples

5-Chris Beeman

5-Ellie Devine

5-Mary Richardson

6-Aaron Johnson

7-Courtney Covey

8-Samantha Elliott

9-Leslea Johnson

9-Ellen Wray

10-Tracey Brown

10-Joan McLain

10-Sophia Smither

12-Kristine Williams

13-Hunter Cooper

14-Donna Young

16-Jerry Fitzgerald

17-Don Smither

17-Brian Steele

21-Kerry Grooms

26-Nancy Emmons

27-Dee Shelton

29-Kelly Cave

30-Jennifer Cooper



NOV. ANNIVERSARIES

1- Will & Jamie Jennings

1- Cliff & Tina Thompson

8- Jason & Jessica Gipson

8- Jim & Glenda Shelton

10- Mike & Kristi Adair

16- Bret & Gail Sexton

25- Kris & Jennifer Cook

28- Robert & Maxine Farr



The Thrift Shop is in need of volunteers. They particularly are looking for cashiers and or persons to sort and hang clothes for sale.

If you are able to donate a few hours to this ministry, please contact Kathy Schrock at the shop. 816-884-2279



November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

1- 6:30pm Ministry Chairs 7:00pm Ministry Groups	13- Congregational Meeting <i>-following both worship services</i> 6:00pm Thanksgiving Dinner
2- 6:00pm-8:00pm Youth Group 7:00pm-7:45 Chancel Choir 7:45-8:15 Christmas Cantata Practice	15- 7:00pm Board Meeting
3- 3:30pm Exercise 5:30pm TOPS	16- 6:00pm-8:00pm Youth Group 7:00pm-7:45 Chancel Choir 7:45-8:15 Christmas Cantata Practice
5- 9:30am-3:00pm Area Assembly @ Bolivar, MO	17- 3:30pm Exercise 5:30pm TOPS
6- KFC Collection	19- 8:00am-12:00pm Fall Church Clean Up Day Youth Christmas Child Packing Party
8- 8:30pm Disciples Men/CMF 7:00pm Disciples Women/CWF Rachel Circle	21- 1:30pm Disciples Women/CWF Deborah Circle
9- 6:00pm-8:00pm Youth Group 7:00pm-7:45 Chancel Choir 7:45-8:15 Christmas Cantata Practice	22- 7:00pm Vision & Mission Meeting
10- 10:30am Golden Leaves 3:30pm Exercise 5:30pm TOPS	23- 7:00pm-7:45 Chancel Choir 7:45-8:15 Christmas Cantata Practice
13- 8:45am Elder's Meeting	24- Thanksgiving Day
	27- 8:45am Elder's Meeting
	30- 7:00pm-7:45 Chancel Choir 7:45-8:15 Christmas Cantata Practice

FACTS AND FIGURES

Sunday, October 2

8:00am Worship	30
Sunday School	28
10:30 am Worship	68
General Fund	\$1,739.364
Reconciliation	\$159.00

Sunday, October 9

8:00am Worship	24
Sunday School	30
10:30am Worship	67
General Fund	\$4,396.78
Reconciliation	\$25.00
Missions	\$30.00
Funnel Cake Booth	\$3,338.56

Sunday, October 16

8:00am Worship	29
Sunday School	31
10:30 am Worship	70
General Fund	\$1,798.29
Book Sale	\$40.00

Sunday, October 23

8:00am Worship	25
Sunday School	20
10:30 am Worship	79
General Fund	\$1,252.23



The Green Team is planning an eco fair during a Sunday morning. We will feature fair trade food to sample, and ways to be more eco friendly at home and at church. More details will follow in upcoming bulletins.

RECYCLE YOUR INKJET CARTRIDGES

The next time you're emptying spoiled produce into the trash, consider this: The U.S. could save the equivalent of 350 million barrels of oil a year if we stopped tossing food into the trash. A study in Environmental Science & Technology determined that's how much energy it takes to produce the food Americans buy but never eat. Before you buy, consider how much you realistically can use or freeze. *Shape magazine, Nov. 2011.*



Church Elevator

Elevator Operator

We now have an elevator operator available, on Sundays. If you would like to volunteer to be a operator, contact Frank Long.



Newsletter
DEADLINE!

The deadline for the Church Newsletter is Sunday, November 20, 2011

Please turn all articles into the church office or email them to office@harrisonvillefcc.org or brenda@harrisonvillefcc.org



Secret Place WINTER edition is available.
Get your copy today!.

September 30, 2011

General Fund: Balance in checking--\$2,288.62
Balance in Demand Plus--\$6,424.05
Memorial: Balance in Investment Savings--\$6,720.65
Endowment: Balance in Yoder savings--\$1,414.39
Balance in Mauck/Morse flex plus--\$19,260.40
Income (year to date)--\$114,429.33
Expenses (year to date)--\$128,373.20



"I'd prefer turkey nuggets."

Thanksgiving Dinner Sunday, November 13 @ 6:00pm



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