



# FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

*A Congregation of Disciples of Christ  
Serving in Center Point since 1874*

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# THE POINTER

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*Worship at 10:15 a.m. -- Fellowship following  
Kids' Club each Wednesday at 6 pm*

## November

- 1 Tuesday  
**CRAFT GROUP**  
Bill & Jan Gross
- 3 Thursday  
Aimee Frasher, Emny Johnson  
Neil & Peggy Dufoe
- 6 Sunday ★Standard Time Resumes★  
**BLESSING BANNER**  
**COMMITMENT SUNDAY**
- 7 Monday  
Margaret Wood
- 8 Tuesday  
**CRAFT GROUP**
- 10 Thursday  
Jack Oliphant, Susan Edleman,  
Steve Kennedy,  
Annabel Mollenhauer
- 11 Friday  
Isaac Syverson, Doug Mollenhauer
- 12 Saturday  
**CRAFT SHOW & SALE 9 - 2**  
Tonie & Barb Wheeler  
Shelby Kennedy
- 13 Sunday  
**HIGH SCHOOL CLUB 5-7**
- 17 Thursday  
Diana Lamphier
- 18 Friday  
Isabelle Ferguson,  
George Osterhaus
- 20 Sunday  
**11:30 BOARD MEETING**
- 21 Monday  
Ray & Vi Haars
- 23 Wednesday  
**COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING**  
**SERVICE HERE AT 7:30**  
**(NO KIDS' CLUB)**
- 24 Thursday  
**THANKSGIVING Private party**
- 25 Friday  
Dylan and Kyle Sarchett
- 27 Sunday  
**ADVENT BEGINS**  
**HIGH SCHOOL CLUB 5-7**
- 28 Monday  
Karen Johnson, Debbie Vopalka
- 29 Tuesday  
Carolyn Holveck
- 30 Wednesday  
Tami Even

### Looking for a Pastor

Rev. John's letter of resignation was delivered in time for the October 17th meeting of the Shared Ministry Council. The Council had met the week before with Rev. Bill Spangler-Dunning, our newly-installed Regional Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the Upper Midwest.

BSD (as he is familiarly known) brought with him a list of names of pastors who are available for consideration as an interim pastor to lead the churches on a temporary basis. Members of the Council surveyed the list, and each took a name to contact to see whether they were still available.

In subsequent meetings, the Council will interview prospective leaders and, following the guidelines of our Shared Ministry Agreement, will select one person to serve both congregations during a time of transition. The interim minister is not available to become the settled minister. A more "permanent" pastor will be sought in the future, and both Boards and both congregations will weigh in on that important choice.

If you have words of encouragement for the Shared Ministry Council, direct them to Diana Lamphier, Aimee Frasher, or Jon Sholes. They need your prayer support as well as they go about their challenging task.

### Commitment Sunday Nov. 6th

Lots going on the first Sunday of next month! It's Blessing Banner Sunday, of course, and on that day we will acknowledge God's blessings by presenting our pledge cards, estimating our giving back to God for 2012.

It's not that God needs the money: it's all God's in the first place, but we need to give. We need to give as a means of expressing our faith in God. With our pledge we are saying that we trust God to make our giving possible.

The time of transition, while the church is seeking a new pastor, is a crucial time when the church must be able to count on every member.

### Craft show, bake sale Nov. 12

The annual craft show, with hand-crafted holiday goods, home-baked goodies and our special hand-made candy comes back to FCC on Saturday, November 12th.

Open time is 9 a.m. Cinnamon rolls will be piping hot. At 11 a.m. soup is on the menu. The drawing for premiums will close the day at 2 p.m.

### Fifth Sunday worship at Urbana

On the fifth Sunday this month (Oct. 30), we will hold a combined worship celebration with our partners in Urbana at 10 a.m. After the service we are welcome at a potluck meal in their social hall. It's a great time when we get together for worship!

### Community Thanksgiving service at First Christian Nov. 23rd at 7:30

The whole town and surrounding area will be invited here to join in Thanksgiving worship at 7:30 on November 23rd. This traditional service is planned and presented by our pastor and ministers of local United Methodist churches. An offering will be received to restore the community emergency fund, a resource to help people passing through town who need gasoline and/or food, and occasionally, lodging for a night. Our fund is pretty well depleted, and both churches have had to add to it already to meet the growing needs.

## October Blessing Banner

Just a little room left on our 2011 Blessing Banner. On October 2nd, these blessings appeared:

- **Dee Dennis** appreciated the beginning of therapy for her left foot, with improvement in her balance and good results all around.
- **Garnet Mader** remains thankful for her father, **Charlie's** strength after suffering a stroke eight years ago.
- **Charlie Ferguson** gave thanks for his and **Cherry's** safe September trip to see the California grandchildren. Their late son, Corey, was memorialized in a golf tournament, where his example of organ donation was highlighted. Charlie emphasized the importance of creating and maintaining friendships, and he urged everyone to consider becoming an organ donor.

Remember to share your blessings on our Blessing Banner next time on November 6th. And remember: *"The blessings are always there for those who are AWARE!"*

## THANK YOU ALL--

To all who attended the retirement concert and reception, to the Grosses, who provided the musicians, to all who acknowledged the occasion with cards and gifts, to those who mounted a layperson-led "Pastor Appreciation Sunday," and for all the blessings and good wishes which follow me into retirement, I am truly grateful. Special thanks to Mrs. C for the reception!

**Rev. John**

WATCHING OUR FIGURES	SEPTEMBER	2011 TO DATE	AVERAGE
Worship Attendance	183	2,049	53
Bible study groups	172	977	54
<b>2011 BUDGET</b>	<b>\$8,875</b>	<b>\$79,875</b>	<b>\$2,048</b>
Budgeted Receipts	\$9,268	\$70,228	\$1,801
Budgeted Expenses	\$10,094	\$69,584	\$1,784
Designated Gifts	\$40	\$9,462	\$243

### Deacons Serving Schedule

11/6	Samantha Mackey	Jeff Pottebaum	Dana Wood	Aimee Frasher
11/13	Peggy Dufoe	JoAnne Gray	Emily Hines	Lea Pike
11/20	Roger Newton	Kevin Kramer	Gail Kester	Bill Wilkins
11/27	Samantha Mackey	Cathy Husmann	Karla Bryant	Garnet Mader
12/4	Sandra Ashlock	Lisa Retzlaff	Janet Gross	Tina Ashlock

### ELDERS

Please greet the week before you prepare:  
**COMMUNION AND FELLOWSHIP**

11/6	Deb Cress	Sandy Merritt	Ann Mollenhauer	Barb Roseberry
11/13	Jon Sholes	Tom Clark	Lamphiers	Jeff Pottebaum
11/20	Marcia Smith	Marion Lamphier	Mackeys	Rose Dick
11/27	Sondra Caughron	Bill Gross	Kramers	JoAnne Gray
12/4	Paula Leidigh	Tom Clark	Advent Dinner	

100%  
ATTENDERS  
IN  
SEPTEMBER

Sandra Ashlock  
Ruth Butterfield  
John Caughron  
Sondra Caughron  
Aimee Frasher  
Harold Frasher

Pat Frasher  
Alma Freeman  
JoAnne Gray  
Bill Gross  
Rose Hines  
Charlie Mader

Garnet Mader  
Roger Newton  
Lea Pike  
Shirley Reints  
Velma Roseberry  
Bill Wilkins