



The Christian Messenger

January 2018

Grant's Good News

Rev. Grant Wade

As we wrap up another year and look ahead to 2018, I am filled with hope for our future! We're certainly not the biggest church, nor are we a perfect church. However, through 2017 I saw so many signs of a faithful, healthy, vibrant church – and that's what matters. In 2017, we met a lot of new people, and we blessed a whole lot more through our various ministries.



In 2018, my hope is that we can continue to serve together in ways that bring hope to our community and bring glory to God. There is much work to be done, and it is holy work. God has positioned us in a unique way to be able to serve and minister to people in today's world. I don't think you can find a more welcoming, inclusive church in our community. That is certainly one of the ways in which I believe God will use us for His glory this year.

As you look ahead to 2018 and think about your hopes and dreams for you and your family, I hope you'll consider how God may want to use you in a new way this year. It is my desire to help you grow and become the person that God has called you to be. Maybe 2018 is the year you decide that you want to be baptized. Maybe 2018 is the year you decide you want to commit to FCC by joining us in membership; or perhaps this year you're going to find a way to be more involved in the life of the church. None of our journeys are finished – God is still working on each of us, and I am confident that when you yield to the Holy Spirit, you will find the guidance that you need! When that happens, I hope and I pray that you will come and talk with me so I can help you on your journey of faith.

We're all in this together. It's been a great journey so far, and I anticipate 2018 will be another year of great things.

"When anyone lives in Christ, the new creation has come.
The old is gone! The new is here!" — 1 Corinthians 5:17

See you Sunday,

Pastor Grant

1st Tuesday Lunch

Let's ring in this new year of 2018 with a bang, and everyone join Pastor Grant for lunch at TNT on Tuesday, January 2, at 11:30 am. Good food, good fellowship, good friends — what more could you ask for! You can RSVP to the church office or fill out the communication slip on December 31. If you don't know ahead of time, that's okay – come on in to TNT if you can. The more the merrier! Please join us – everyone is welcome.



Christmas Décor Takedown

The chore of taking down all the Christmas decorations will begin at 11:00 am, following worship, on Sunday, January 7. All helping hands are welcome! It usually seems like it all comes down a lot faster than it went up!



HIPPA—Hospital Notifications

It is important to remember that hospitals will not notify us that you or your loved one is present in their facility unless you or a family member requests that we be notified. This is protected health information under the HIPPA Privacy Rule, and hospitals and other care facilities are required by law to be in compliance. They will notify us once you make that request.



Security and Safety

Here at FCC, we have been working on plans regarding safety and emergency procedures. One small step that has already been implemented is to lock all secondary doors once worship begins on Sunday mornings. You can still exit any door, but this will prevent unsupervised entry after worship has begun. If you have any questions or concerns, please see Pastor Grant or one of the Board members.



Family Event @ Isaak's

All families with children of **any** age are invited to join us on Sunday, January 21, to have some fun family time in Mattoon at Isaak's Family Fun Center! We'll head over at 11:30 am, following worship, and stop in at Freddy's for lunch, then on to Isaak's. They offer a lot of different fun activities. There's a little something for everyone — Arcade Games, Laser Tag, Black Light Mini-Golf, Arcade Games, a Climber, and Toddler Play Areas. Invite your friends and neighbors — it'll be fun! Please let Pastor Grant know if you're planning on coming or have any questions.



Communication Slip

Each Sunday we ask you to fill out the "Communication Slip," and it's important that you know "why" we do that. We use the communication slip for a variety of purposes, and some of them are as follows:

- 1) To track attendance. We don't use them to count how many people are here, but we do use them to track *who* was here. It is helpful to our Elders if everyone fills a slip out each Sunday they are in attendance. Our goal is to be able to reach out to folks who haven't been in attendance for a while, and the communication slip helps us track this.
- 2) To receive communication from you. When your address or phone number changes, please remember to let us know by listing that on your slip. It is helpful for all of us if our records are accurate!
- 3) To keep updated on prayer concerns. It is wonderful to be able to share these things during our prayer time. However, sometimes you have a private request, or something you don't want to say in front of the entire congregation. Being able to list your prayer concerns on the slip is a great way to ensure we all receive them. Additionally, it is helpful to Pastor Grant so that he knows he has the correct spelling and details.
- 4) To sign up for events and activities. There are times when it is helpful for us to know how many of you are planning to attend a particular event or function. By RSVPing on the slip, it makes our job that much easier when it comes to planning certain things.

These are just a few reasons why we have the communication slips and appreciate when they are used. Thanks for helping with this simple logistic and enabling a direct line of communication between church family and the church office!

Ministry Teams

With the start of a new year, it is time for us to focus on filling out our ministry teams and leaders. The current teams without leadership are as follows:

Christian Education

Discipleship

Personnel

Outreach

Memorial

Stewardship

Worship

If you would be interested in taking leadership over one of these areas, would you please let Pastor Grant or Roger Glazebrook know?



Quilting & Sewing Class

The Quilting & Sewing Class, offered by the U of I Extension Service, and led by Brenda Pierce and Sharon White, will meet next on Saturday, January 13, from 9–11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.



Monthly All-Church Workday

We're going to take a break this month after all the extra work that everyone did in November and December. Thank you for the giving of your time and labor so generously. We'll meet again in February all rested and refreshed! There's always plenty that needs done!



AMEN Men's Group

Saturday, January 20, at 8:00 am, is this month's AMEN Men's Group meeting. Men of all ages are welcome! They meet on the third Saturday of each month in the FCC Parlor for food, fellowship, and discussions of matters of faith.



Mending Hearts

Everyone is welcome to join our grief group, Mending Hearts, on January 27, at 10:00 am, here at FCC in the Parlor. They share ideas, readings, activities, and thoughts with one another that help with the process of learning to live with loss and grief. The meetings are the last Saturday of each month.

Ladies of Faith

Cathrine's will be closed the first week of January, so Ladies of Faith will not meet on January 4. They will meet again the next week on the 11th, and will continue to meet as usual each week on Thursday mornings at 10:00 am at 5 West Coffee Lounge. Women of all ages are invited to attend. This is a great way to spend an hour each week sharing your thoughts and prayers, have a devotion, and get to know each other better.



Coffee & Chat

Please join us on Wednesday, January 10, as we head over to Courtyard Estates for our monthly "Coffee & Chat." Pastor Grant will have a fun activity, along with a lesson, to share with the residents, and Deb Best will be playing some familiar songs on the piano while everyone sings along. Nancy Elder usually brings a delicious treat to serve the residents, along with coffee and tea. We gather at 9:45 am, our program begins at 10 am, and we finish up before 11 am. This is a great and simple way to be a blessing to some of our own church members there, as well as many folks who don't get a lot of visitors.



Memorial Gifts

When making memorial donations, please do so separately from your regular giving. We sincerely appreciate these gifts, but for our record-keeping, it is necessary that they be done as a separate donation. The memorial donations and the regular giving contributions are separate accounts, and are also in different banks. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Grant or Brenda Pierce.

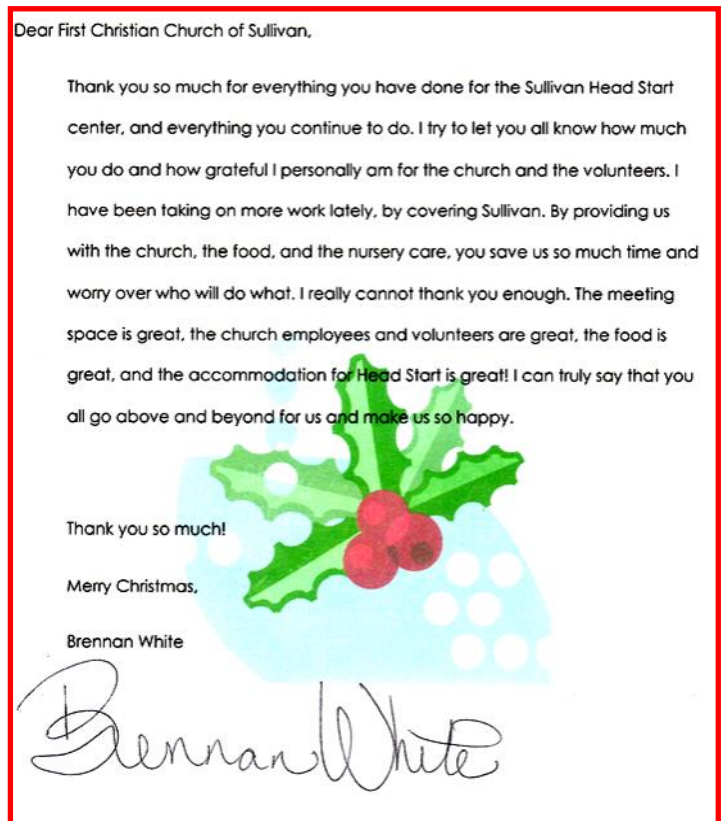
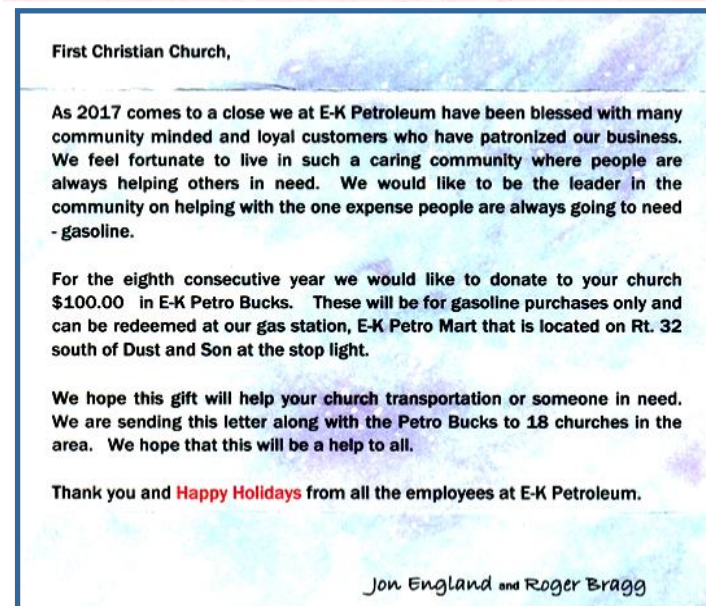


Youth Mid-Winter Retreat

Come "Rise Up" at the CCIW Mid Winter Retreat, which is an amazing 24 hour event held every year for grades 6th – 12th. It is an opportunity for the youth of our region to reunite with friends and other people that they have met throughout the region. We engage in Godly play, mission, key notes, discussion, and worship. Join us and renew your spirit with your fellow disciples. This year Mid-Winter Retreat will be hosted by Eureka Christian Church and Eureka College. Please let Pastor Grant know if you are interested in attending or you can register online at <https://cciwdisciples.org/shop/events/midwinter2018>.



Thank You



Scripture Readings for January



1 Ephesians 1:1-23	11 Mark 3:1-19	21 Mark 10:13-31
2 Ephesians 2:1-22	12 Mark 3:20-35	22 Mark 10:32-52
3 Ephesians 3:1-21	13 Mark 4:35—5:20	23 John 12:20-36a
4 Ephesians 4:1-16	14 Mark 5:21-43	24 John 12:36b-50
5 Ephesians 4:17-32	15 Mark 6:1-29	25 Acts 9:1-25
6 Psalm 72	16 Mark 6:30-56	26 Acts 9:26-43
7 Ephesians 5:1-20	17 Mark 7:24-37	27 Acts 12:1-25
8 Ephesians 6:10-24	18 Mark 8:27—9:1	28 Acts 13:1-12
9 Mark 1:21-45	19 Mark 9:2-29	29 Acts 13:13-25
10 Mark 2:1-17	20 Mark 9:30-50	30 Acts 13:26-41
		31 Acts 13:42-52

January Serving Schedule

Elders

Richard Glazebrook – all four Sundays

Jan. 7: TBD

Jan. 14: Cheri Rich

Jan. 21: Peggy Hargis

Jan. 28: Harry McCorkle

Deacons

Prep & Serve: Brenda Kroll

Serve: Lori Harbaugh & Scot Light

Checker & Serve: Melissa Dolan

Worship Leaders

Jan. 7: Richard Glazebrook

Jan. 21: TBD

Jan. 14: Dave Walker

Jan. 28: TBD

Tech Booth

Media: Madeline VanKeuren – 7th & 14th

Mike Smith – 21th & 28th

Sound: Kyle Kroll



CCIW / Local Church Prayer Calendar

Jan. 7–13: Colfax CC, Arrowsmith CC, New Covenant CC Normal / Jonathan Creek Christian Church

Jan. 14–20: FCC Lawrenceville, Lomax CC, Mackinaw CC / New Life Church

Jan. 21–27: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Concejo Ecumenico Cristiano de Guatemala / St. Columille Catholic Church

Jan. 28–Feb. 3: Glen Oak CC Peoria, Memorial CC Peoria, FCC Petersburg / Smyser Christian Church

Prayer Requests



Joys: Venessa Marshall's grandfather doing well, Jack Crane recovering, Bud & Carolyn Brown's new great-granddaughter, Joyce Abderhalden's great granddaughter, Andrew Sparrow-married, New Choir robes

Concerns: Rhonda Frank, Debbie Pohlmann, Jane Russell, Carol Gregory, Bill & Beverly Alwerdt, Bud Brown, Pat Swarts, Mandy Holtzhouser, Jared Davis, Tim Cole, Peg Fish, John Leonard

Calendar

Sundays — 9:30 am Fellowship, 10:00 am Worship, 10:15 am Kids' Church

Thursdays — 10:00 am Ladies of Faith @ 5 West Coffee Lounge

Weekly Fellowship Hall Use — 5:00–6:00 am Monday-Wednesday-Friday – Chix in Training
9:00–10:30 am Thursday – Weight Watchers

No Monthly All-Church Workday and No Head Start Meeting this month.

Monday, Jan 1	Happy New Year! Church Office Closed
Tuesday, Jan 2	11:30 am 1st Tuesday Lunch at TNT
Wednesday, Jan 3	7:00 pm Choir Practice
Thursday, Jan 4	No Ladies of Faith Group
Sunday, Jan 7	11:00 am Christmas Cleanup following worship 12:00–2:00 pm Fellowship Hall Reserved
Wednesday, Jan 10	10:00 am Coffee & Chat at Courtyard Estates 5:45 pm Elders' Meeting 7:00 pm Choir Practice
Saturday, Jan 13	9:00–11:30 am Quilting/Sewing Class in Fellowship Hall
Sunday, Jan 14	10:00 am Worship – No Choir
Monday, Jan 15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Wednesday, Jan 17	7:00 pm Choir Practice
Thursday, Jan 18	12:00 pm Board Reports Due
Saturday, Jan 20	8:00 am AMEN Men's Group in Parlor
Sunday, Jan 21	11:30 am–2:00 pm Family Event at Freddy's & Isaak's Family Fun Center in Mattoon
Monday, Jan 22	3:00 pm Newsletter Articles Due
Wednesday, Jan 24	6:00 pm Board Meeting in Parlor 7:00 pm Choir Practice
Saturday, Jan 27	10:00 am Mending Hearts in Parlor
Wednesday, Jan 31	7:00 pm Choir Practice



January Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

- 1 Benjamin Dillner
- 4 Erin Wade
- 5 Scott Neal
- 6 Ethan Smith
- 9 Mike Marshall
- 11 Barb Daily
- 14 Kyle Crafton
Millie May Mills
- 17 Bob Haverstock
Jill Inman
Nancy Kuhns
Sawyer Wade
- 18 Lucas Mossman



- 20 Chester Reeder
- 21 Lindsay Ray
Marvin Wiley
- 23 June Hutchcraft
- 24 Ron Sutton
- 26 Leslie Mossman
- 28 Jim Gaither
Doug Reeder
- 29 Joyce Abderhalden
Tom Hargis
- 30 Jordan White
- 31 Allyson Glazebrook
Lou Ann Soper

Anniversaries

- 2 Jeffrey & Rachel Elzy
- 7 Mike & Venessa Marshall
- 15 Aron & Mindy McPheeters
- 23 Jack & Rose Crane
Andrew & Beth Thompson





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Return Service Requested

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Worship with us!

Sunday Worship: 10:00 am

Kids' Church: 10:15 am

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Office Hours: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, 12:30 – 3:00 pm, Monday – Thursday; Closed Friday

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