

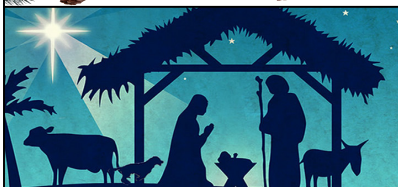
## Ti-Bits and Upcoming Events

The Ladies Luncheon will meet at Mazzio's on December 5th at 11:00 AM. Join them for good food and great fellowship. All women are welcome to attend.

CWF Circle will be on December 17 in the Church Parlor at 9:30 AM. There will be a short meeting followed with a Christmas Coffee. Those attending are asked to bring a treat to share with others. Come and celebrate the season of our Saviors birth.

It is our week to serve Meals-On-Wheel December 2-6th. Please contact Ken Bryant, or the Church Office, if you are able to help.

The Fellowship Committee's next dinner will be on January 12th. Five different kinds of soups and sandwiches are on the menu.



CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

"The Pageant of the Holy Nativity" will be presented at FCC on this evening at 6:00 pm. The Pageant was initially presented at our church in December of 1949 and annually until 2009.



Our Mitten Tree is up and waiting for your donations of warm mittens, hats and socks.



*Our annual Chili Supper & Eats, Sweets, & Treats Sale is fast approaching.*

Saturday, Dec. 7  
4:00 – 7:30 pm  
Drive-Thru Available  
4:00 – 6:00 only

### Church Staff

**Minister– Rev. Randal DeMasters**

**Custodians– Ron & Carol Schupp**

**Financial Secretary– Ken Bryant**

**Office Admin.– Hope Richards**

**Music Director– Hope Richards**

**Pianists–Hope Richards**

**Kay Wise**

**FCC Praise Band— Kevin Dryer,  
Lori Layton, Joe Palen, Hope Richards and Kay Wise**

### **Stop by our Website at**

[www.fccmarshallmo.org](http://www.fccmarshallmo.org) to check out upcoming events, bulletins, newsletters, and information about our groups, ministries, staff, and upcoming events.

## December Birthdays & Anniversaries



### BIRTHDAYS

- 1- Paxton Joliff  
Molly Krog
- 2- Jeff Wise
- 3- John Fletcher  
Cyndi McCord
- 6- Stacey Smith
- 10- Chris Layton
- 12- Gwen Clemens  
Bert Shannon
- 14- Brienne Asbury  
Heidi Joliff
- 15- Nicki Coslet  
Sherry Shannon
- 18- Karolyn Caldwell
- 20- Jill Buck  
Meg Kissner

- 21- Emily Kueker
- 22- Linda Dryer
- 23- Amanda McCord
- 24- Carolyn Buck  
Kevin Dryer  
Seth Cline
- 26- Ann Pannell
- 27- Virginia Bryant  
Jeff Dryer  
Jo Wilhite  
Wayne Wise
- 28- Kevin Ash  
Vic Hessel  
Tyler Smith
- 31- Sarah Dowell  
Abby Gass



- 1- Justin & Abby Schroeder
- 10- Matthew & Jessica Green
- 12- Loyd & Ann Pannell
- 17- Paul & Michelle Scarff
- 23- Todd & Christy Marshall
- 27- David & Marlene VanHorn
- 30- Tom & Kathy Monning
- 31- Josh & Natalie Hoffelmeyer

“Maybe Christmas, he thought, doesn’t come from a store. Maybe Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more.”



### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1- Christy Coslet  
Ann Rea
- 2- Amber VanDyke
- 4- Jarred Amary
- 5- Emily Ward
- 7- Larry Wright
- 8- Jim Jackson
- 9- Doris Ash
- 10- Tim Clemens
- 11- Michelle Alspach
- 12- Sandra Miller  
Karla Seigfreid
- 13- Tom Phillips

- 13- Owen Schroeder  
Doug Swinger
- 16- Kathryn Jones
- 19- Darlene Arnett  
Brad Richards  
Charlot Thornton
- 20- Jessica Parker
- 21- Alexia Bowlen  
Megan Phillips
- 22- Roger Barnes  
Adrienne Layton
- 23- Trevan Joliff
- 24- Vince Buck
- 25- Judy Frerking

- 25- Parilee Jackson
- 29- Jim Edwards
- 30- Linda Clark  
Jeff Kreisel  
George Porter
- 31- Missie Kreisel

### ANNIVERSARIES

- 2- Chris & Lori Layton
- 20- Jim & Sue Crawford
- 21- Prichard & Lois Mencl
- 28- Butch & Doris Ash



Bells Will Be Ringing....

Our Church is signed up to “ring the bells” on December 18th from Noon-8:00 PM in front of Wal-Mart. There will also be a sign up sheet in the Parlor. Merry Christmas!

If you would like to remember a loved one with a Poinsettia displayed this year, please have them in the Church office between December 17-19. They will be available for pick-up after December 22nd.





# OUTREACH

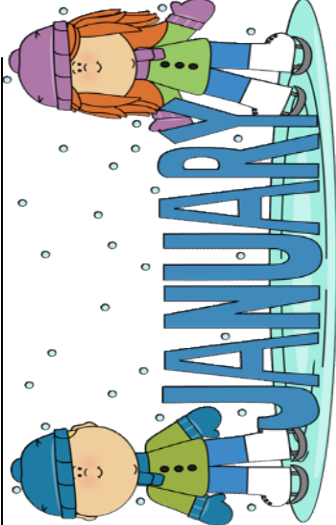


# COMMITTEE

So many opportunities to share our gifts happen at this time of year, and it can get confusing as to the who, what, when, & where! We hope this chart helps fill in the needs and how-tos to make it easier to participate in the projects going on at FCC. Thank you !

| PROJECT   | NEED   | DUE BY  | HOW TO   | CONTACT PERSON                          |
|---|--|---|--|---|
| <b>Chili &amp; Soup Supper</b>                        | <b>Workers &amp; desserts &amp; meat</b>   | <b>Supper is Dec 7.<br/>Set-up is Dec. 4</b>  | <b>Please sign up soon on the posters in the parlor so we can plan. Pies &amp; other desserts are needed.</b>  | <b>Virginia Bryant<br/>660-886-0282</b> |
| <b>Eats, Sweets, &amp; Treats Sale</b>                | <b>Goodies of all kinds – sweets, snacks, meats, meals, etc. to sell</b>   | <b>Accompanies our Chili Supper on Dec. 7</b>   | <b>Sign up on the poster in the parlor. Bring them to the Fellowship Hall during the day on Dec 7.</b>   | <b>Ginger McGraw<br/>660-620-2480</b>   |
| <b>Holiday Project<br/>Jell-O<br/>Collection</b>      | <b>Several hundred boxes of gelatin &amp; pudding</b>  | <b>Turn in by Dec. 8</b>  | <b>Bring to the FCC office. (We will take them to MCC to Holiday Project so all can have a Christmas dinner.)</b>                                      | <b>FCC Office<br/>660-886-3338</b>      |
| <b>Hygiene Kits</b>                                   | <b>Shampoo, soap, toothpaste &amp; other hygiene items that will be given to students in our area</b>              | <b>The need is all year, but many are needed right away</b>                             | <b>Pick up a list of items on the Parlor tables. Pack all items on the list in a large zip-lock bag or buy any item(s) off the list to contribute.</b> | <b>Roberta Reed<br/>660-202-0981</b>    |
| <b>Special Thanksgiving &amp; Christmas Offerings</b> | <b>Tgiving offering to seminaries &amp; DOC colleges;<br/>Christmas offering to church camps &amp; conferences</b> | <b>Tgiving offering on Nov 24 &amp; Dec 1<br/>Christmas offering on Dec 15 &amp; 22</b> | <b>Special envelopes will be available on the bulletin/communion cup tables or write special offering on the memo line of your check</b>               | <b>FCC Office<br/>660-886-3338</b>      |
| <b>Mitten Tree</b>                                    | <b>Mittens, gloves, hats, socks, underwear, etc.</b>   | <b>Nov 26-Jan 2</b>   | <b>Clothespin items to the Christmas tree in the parlor or take them to the office. They will be giving to children in MPS</b>                         | <b>FCC Office<br/>660-886-3338</b>      |

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General Board meeting will be at 6:00 on December 11th And January



A Message from our Pastor...

Bah! Humbug!

Ah, the disparaging sound of Christmas. Unfortunately, the first of many, I am afraid. People work so hard to make Christmas a success.

First of all, the gifts for all the people on the list. What does one get for a 85 year old Grandparent? Why couldn't it be easy like a nicknack or a bottle of something alcoholic like Uncle Harold prefers? But, no, no space for anything in the apartment and a teetotaler to boot. Then what about sister and brother and the children. One must make sure that the amount spent per family is exact to the penny for each. Thank goodness I started on December 26 last year to work it all out.

Now, to the meal. No oysters for Aunt Susanna and no cornbread for Uncle Cecil in the Stuffing. Of course, both white and brown gravy for that and the potatoes. Sweet potatoes as well as mashed this year or not. Remember the problems with Don's daughter, the Vegan. I just can't figure it out. No time, move on.

Is Sadine going to come? She likes the Christmas plates with

Santa on them. Of course, her daughter Cherylynn is so vocal about not liking Santa after not getting a bite when she was twelve years old. Come on girl you just turned twenty-five. Get over it.

And so it goes on and on working to make Christmas Day perfect. It is a shame that we try so hard to make the day perfect. It just doesn't happen.

It is so hard to even try when the first Christmas Day was so perfect. You just cannot out do God.

"For God so lived the world that he gave his only begotten son...."

Let go of all the fuss. God has done the best! Enjoy the love. Have a God filled Christmas.

Blessing,

Rev. Randal



This year our Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service will be held on a Tuesday night. Join us at 7:00 p.m. as we share together in communion and the lighting of candles. The service will be held in the Sanctuary.