



The MESSENGER

➤ *Disciples Women's Ministries* – The first meeting of DWM for 2018 will be held on Thursday, January 4, at 1:00 PM in the Conference Room. We will begin our new study "Rediscovering Our Spiritual Gifts."



➤ *Youth Mid-Winter 24 hour Retreat* – For grades 6-12, January 20-21, Eureka, \$20. Registrations due January 6. Leave FCC 12:30 PM. Please see Holly Irvin for more information.

➤ *Undecorating* – Monday, January 8, 4:30 PM. Please come when you can to help take down our Christmas decorations and return our Sanctuary to its everyday beauty. There is an Official Board meeting that evening at 6:00 PM, so we will finish quickly with everyone's help. Thank you!

➤ *Congregational Meeting* – Sunday, January 21, 2018, 10:00 AM, in the Sanctuary, for the purpose of approving the 2018 budget.



➤ *Bible Study* – You are welcome to come read through the short Letters of Paul (currently II Timothy) on Wednesdays at noon in the Conference Room. Jim Warren leads the study.

➤ *Gifts for Another Table* – During January please bring the following items to church which will be given to Ministry & More Food Pantry: canned fruits & vegetables, boxed meals (macaroni & cheese, Hamburger Helper), canned soup with pull-top opening lids, crackers, cookies, cereal, and peanut butter & jelly. This is a fantastic food party that helps many people in the area.

➤ *Wednesday Supper Club*
January 17, 5:30 PM, Applebee's
 Please note number attending on a Sunday attendance pad or phone FCC office (829-9327) before 4:30 PM Monday, January 15.



Witness of the Faithful

Attendance: 12/24: 112, 196, 75 12/31: 112
Offering: \$65,742.64
2018 General Fund Pledge Campaign Update:
 139 pledges = \$467,490. Pledge cards are available in the attendance pads in the pews or by calling the church office.

Prayer Concerns

Shirley Ryan AbilityLab: Sharon Warren
 (Room #2236, 355 E. Erie Street, Chicago, IL 60611)
Aftercare: Bob Corbett, Lori Craig, Dave Eyman, Jackie Hux, Erma McDaniel, Peggy O'Neal, Brenda Phillis, Mary Smart, Jim Underhill, Don Wey
Hospice: Harold Goyen, Marilyn Thompson, Virginia Warren
Assisted Living: Alma Samuels (Taylors' home)
Nursing Homes: Blm. Rehab -- Marilyn Thompson;
Heritage, Blm. -- Paul Cope, Merle Murray, Virginia Warren; Heritage, El Paso – Sonna West; Heritage, Nrm. – Mickey Armstrong, Harold Goyen; Liberty, Clinton -- Corena Meyer; Martin Health -- Dave Dungan, Marlyn Mahannah, Lois Murray, Barbara Thatcher; Sugar Creek -- Roberta Blomgren
Military: Chris Kavanaugh (Marines, CA); Harley Scott (Phillis niece/Navy, VA)
Dedication: Raelyn Iboke Bekofe, daughter of Maximes & Euphrasie Bekofe, was dedicated during worship December 31.

Thank You

A note posted on the Centrum bulletin board has been received from: Marilyn Thompson (health/cards).

Christmas Greetings from ...

Todd & Corin Chapman family, Mary Moran, Harry & Elizabeth Schultz, Evergreen Senior Living, and Life Touch Directories

Inclement Weather

Please listen to WJBC radio, check our Facebook page, or go to the church website for information regarding cancellations.



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Mailed: January 3, 2018

Serving Sunday, January 7

Acolytes: Ellie Chapman, Maddie Chapman
Child Care: Trish Logan, Kathie Chapman
Deacons: 9:00 Stacey Erickson, Brian Metz
10:15 Peg Larson, Valerie Fisher
Jr. Deacons: Mason Janvrin, Logan Janvrin
Drivers: Rich Crusius, Gary Thompson
Elders: Al Leight, Marla McElroy
Homebound Elders: Art & Camille Taylor
Fellowship Host: Nancy Guither
Fill Candles: Mark Gramley
Greeters: Shirley Wotherspoon, Rick Erickson, May Jackson
Information Center Host: Susan Chaney
Scripture: Susan Cleaver **Time for Children:** Linda Lehmann
Sound Tech: James Nussbaum **Video Tech:** Nate Damery
Pulpit: Jim Warren, *What Time Is It?*, Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

Serving Sunday, January 14

Acolytes: Bekah Warren, Gabriel Warren
Child Care: Trish Logan, Rich & Karen Crusius
Deacons: 9:00 Vicki Hall, Ted Logan 10:15 Amy Nichols, Matt Davis
Jr. Deacons: Averie Kiesewetter, Gabe Warren
Drivers: Ryan Newton, Gary Thompson
Elders: John Hensley, Susan Cleaver
Homebound Elders: Al & Beverly Leight
Fellowship Host: Pam Yerkes
Fill Candles: Mark Gramley
Greeters: Cindy Rousey, Pete Whitmer
Information Center Host: Karen Crusius
Scripture: -- **Time for Children:** Patty Thompson
Sound Tech: Dave Phillis **Video Tech:** Todd Chapman
Worship & Wonder Greeter: Sue Bandy
Pulpit: Jim Warren

Sunday Traditional Worship 9:00 AM
One and All Worship 10:15 AM
Sunday School 10:15 AM
Sunday Youth Group 5:00 PM

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