

China Baptist Church

Second Sunday of Advent

Over 217 Years of Ministry December 9, 2018 ~ Ronald E. Morrell, Sr. Pastor



**TODAY THE
COMMUNITY
CHRISTMAS
CONCERT AT
6:00 P.M.
HERE AT**

CHINA BAPTIST CHURCH

We are collecting the **ANGEL TREE GIFTS** But there may be some more tags that we need be taken and to buy a gift.

ANGEL TREE GIFTS ARE when mom or dad is in prison, their children are often the silent sufferers. You can let them know they aren't forgotten. You can give the child of a prisoner the joy of Christmas this year

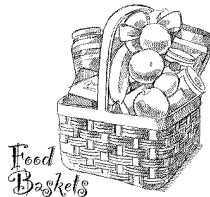


WHITE GIFT OFFERING

The Annual White Gift Offering will be received TODAY December 9.

The food you bring to give will be distributed in

Christmas baskets to needy families in our area. The money you give will be used to buy food to round out the baskets and will be used for gift certificates for families to help them have a better Christmas. You may make donations of cash or check later by giving it to either David Rodrigue or Kim Buckley.



**TWENTY-SIXTH
ANNUAL
TREE LIGHTING
Was last Sunday
evening
December 2nd**



We had a wonderful time after we lit the tree, singing carols and having some warm refreshments, the choir sang a very special song, maybe you can convince them to sing it at the Coffee/Fellowship Hour.

When you contribute to the Tree Lighting you not only recognize someone, but help the church as well. There are folders available listing the donors and who the lights were lit in memory or honor of. Additional gifts were also given as part of the Tree Lighting.

At the latest tally we had raised over \$2,000 this year, that is the most money raised with the tree lighting. The funds will go to the General Fund to help with the operating expenses of the church.

Thank you to everyone who contributed.

All young people 7th through 12th grade are invited to Youth Night this Saturday evening, December 15, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

At this event you will have an opportunity to share the Christmas spirit as you enjoy putting food baskets together so others in our community can have a joyous Christmas dinner. Help us celebrate the birth of Jesus!



If you have any questions or ideas to share as to what you would like for future Youth Night events, you may call Faye Stevens at 453-4495 or email me at efstevens@myfairpoint.net.

ADVENT QUARTER STICKS AND FOLDERS



The Diaconate Board are giving out **Advent Offering Quarter Sticks and Folders**. You have the choice of taking dime or quarter folders or both. There is a slot in each folder for a dime or quarter for each day of Advent. For **something new** this year we are

bringing back the **Quarter Sticks** the sticks each hold \$10.50 of quarters. The sticks along with the folders then become part of the Advent offering which is

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received at the Christmas Eve Service. You may also turn them in at other times as well.

The Advent Offering is collected by the Diaconate and becomes part of their Discretionary Fund. Some of this fund is used by them to do things that "ought or should" be done in the way of good deeds. They use it to supplement their other important funds: Deacons, Scholarships and Camperships.

Custodial Volunteers for November:

Chris Coull *Mid-Week Sanctuary Cleaning*
Bob Noonan *Sanctuary Pre-Sunday*
Needed *Linda Morrell Restrooms*
Lois Bouchard *Fellowship Hall Midweek*
Needed *Fellowship Hall Pre-Sunday*

The Prayer Chain coordinator is Lois Bouchard and we are updating our prayer chain, those on the prayer chain usually call one or two other people on the list to pass on prayer requests? If you are interested in being a part of the prayer chain, or have a prayer request you may call Lois Bouchard at 437-2967. If you have a prayer request please make sure that you are not sharing something confidential and that the information is ok to share with a number of individuals.



The Board of **CHRISTIAN education** is offering a Sunday School Program for Children. It is when we have traditionally had Children's Church. There are two age groups and it will be curriculum based.

HOW ABOUT VOLUNTEERING SOME TIME TO HELP AROUND THE CHURCH?

There are still lots of things that need to be done both inside and outside. If you have some time please talk to Jack Knizeski and he will match you with a task.



COLD WEATHER IS HERE and we need to continue to remember those in our area who struggle to have enough to feed their families. There is always a need for the household staples, toilet paper, but as weather gets cooler, it is always good to have coffee, tea, soup, crackers, pasta, peanut butter, or jelly to help fill their cupboards. Any goods you bring to donate to the China Community Food Pantry can be placed in the white box at the back of the church. Your gifts are greatly appreciated!



This Week at CBC

Wednesday December 12

Diaconate Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.

In the Vestry Upper Room

Wednesday Night Quilters 6:15 p.m.

In the Vestry Fellowship Hall

Thursday December 13

Women's Bible Study Group 9:30 a.m.

In the Vestry Fellowship Hall

Boy Scout Troop #479 6:30 p.m.

In the Vestry Fellowship Hall

Saturday December 15

AA Meeting 8:00 a.m.

In the Vestry Fellowship Hall

Youth Night 6:00 p.m.

In the Vestry Fellowship Hall

FUTURE DATES

Third Sunday of Advent December 17
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 23
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.

Christmas Eve Monday December 24
Christmas Eve Service 7 p.m.

PRAY FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS.

College Students for 2018-2019

Help us keep our list of college students updated.

Brad Bickford - UMA

Jeff Kierstead - MMA

Alicia Lemieux - UMA

Aaron Noonan - KVCC

Tyler Noonan - UMF

Nathan Martin - Thomas

Luke Peabody - UMO

Melissa Wood - UMF

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE OPEN THIS WEDNESDAY

Please contact the pastor if you need assistance 207-968-2366 or pastor@chinabaptist.org

The **Bottle/Can Drop Box** is outside of the Vestry, this is to raise money for various church projects. You may also take them to the redemption center at LaVerdiere's General Store. Tell them it is for China Baptist Church.