



December 2017

Crossroads Connections



A church in the crossroads of life

A Moment with Pastor La'Vetta

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In this Season of Advent I am once again awakened to the beauty of anticipation; The child awaiting an approaching birthday. The graduate anticipating that first job offer. The seminarian taking the pastoral reigns to serve a congregation. A nervous groom anticipating the glowing countenance of his beloved. Mothers and fathers anticipating the long awaited birth of a child. Christians, reliving the exuberance and excitement that comes as we await afresh the coming of the Savior.

Advent unlike any other liturgical season encapsulates the splendiferous beauty of longing, hope, joy and anticipation that sustains us time and time again. Year after year we are invited to embrace the wonder of anticipation. Anticipating the greatest gift ever given, the gift of Jesus Christ our Savior.



Oh, how our hearts long for and need the hope of anticipation today.

I invite you to join me on the Advent Journey. Come along and experience the reawakening of hope and anticipation Advent offers as we look to and long for the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ.

“Advent is always and ever enthralling.... and educating, energizing, ennobling, emboldening, encouraging, enticing, electrifying, enthusing, engaging, edifying, and eye-opening. Advent is ever and again about the new. New truths transform old possibilities into new realities for anyone stuck in tired, worn-out ways. A new beginning on the Church calendar starts us on a new journey of faith. Anticipating a newborn Christ child makes life brand new for each child of God.” Rev. Bob Hill

Worship times:

Sunday School at 9am

Worship at 10am

Blessings,
Pastor La'Vetta

Outreach Update

Soon to Come...

January all month—Soup-er Bowl

February all month—Wrap a Bottom (fill the crib with diapers)

Dear Crossroads Christian and Jr. Wednesday Club members,

Please accept our sincere thanks for your continuing support of the Caseyville Food Pantry! We truly appreciate all you do for those less fortunate in our community. The numerous Meals in a Bag is a great help to many as is the \$80 we'll use to purchase items such as peanut butter, tuna, and other healthy choices for pantry.

—Barb & Linda



If you are interested in assisting with the Christmas Outreach on December 16th, please contact Pastor La'Vetta.

M & M Campaign. The campaign was a success. Thanks to all, especially Patty and Carol for delivering. Thanks also to the Jr. Wednesday Group who partnered with us in this endeavor.

Jr. Wednesday ladies \$168 in food and \$80 in cash

Crossroads members \$396 in food

They love the kits all made up to Make a Meal. See thank you note below. Great job, folks!



CHRISTMAS OUTREACH "CHURCH AT ITS BEST"

DECEMBER 16TH, 2017

PARTICIPATING CHURCHES:

- ABUNDANT LIFE MINISTRIES
- CROSSROADS CHRISTIAN CHURCH (D.O.C.)
- RESTORATION CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

-- DONATIONS ARE ACCEPTED AT PARTICIPATING CHURCHES

-- JOIN US IN SERVING OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY BY

SHARING THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST

-- DONATION DEADLINE: DECEMBER 15



Congratulations

Congratulations to Bob Green and the Collinsville CUSD 10 school district for being recognized as being exemplar for public schools in the Midwest by IFF; the largest nonprofit community development institution in the Midwest



December Sunday Sermons

December 3, 2017 1st Sunday of Advent
 The Message: Faith
 Scripture: Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 and I Corinthians 1:3-9

December 10, 2017 2nd Sunday of Advent
 The Message: Hope
 Scripture: Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 and Mark 1:1-8

December 17, 2017 3rd Sunday of Advent
 The Message: Joy
 Scripture: Psalm 126 and Luke 1:46b-55

December 24, 2017 4th Sunday of Advent
 The Message: Love came down
 Scripture: Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26 and Matthew 12:1-7

December 31, 2017 1st Sunday after Christmas
 The Message: The Salvation of the Lord
 Scripture: Psalm 148 and Luke 2:22-40



Prayers

- Leslie (sister of Mary Petrekovich) now is cancer free after successful surgery
- Lucille Clark-Autry (mother of Pastor La'Vetta) health concerns
- Betty (mother of Pat Hayes) health issues
- Jennie Dahlheimer recovering from pneumonia

"God warms his hands at man's heart when he prays."

— John Masefield

"In worship, God imparts himself to us."

— C.S. Lewis



"Prayer is not asking. Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God, at His disposition, and listening to His voice in the depth of our hearts."—Mother Teresa





Lay Worship Leaders—December 2017

	December 3	December 10	December 17	December 24	December 31
Worship Leader	Ken Holmes	Bob Green	Kay Marshall	Pat McAllister	Dan Upton
Elder	Tom Petrekovich	Dan Upton	Mike Thompson	Ken Holmes	Mona McAllister
Deacons Prepare	Sherry Hardin Kay Marshall	Sherry Hardin Susan Johnsen-Smith	Sherry Hardin Kay Marshall	Sherry Hardin Susan Johnsen-Smith	Sherry Hardin Susan Johnsen-Smith
Deacons Serve	Rita Smiley Kay Marshall	Jill Green Sherry Hardin	Wayne Reichling Sherry Hardin	Sherry Hardin Susan Johnsen-Smith	Sherry Hardin Susan Johnsen-Smith
Deacons Candles	Tom Petrekovich		Pat Hayes		Tom Petrekovich
Deacons Sanctuary	Susan Johnsen-Smith		Susan Johnsen-Smith		Susan Johnsen-Smith
Greeter	Jim Buckhannon	Pat Killian	Jim Buckhannon	Pat Killian	Jim Buckhannon
Audio-Visual	Pat McAllister	Pat McAllister	Pat McAllister	Kay Marshall	Pat McAllister



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SEGA Prayers for the Month

12/3-12/9 National Benevolent Association and its XPLOR Residents
 12/10-12/16 First Christian Church, Bonne Terre, MO
 12/17-12/23 First Christian Church, St. Peters, MO
 12/24-12/30 Centennial Plaza Apartments & Hylton Point Apartments

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship	4	5	6 5:30 Dinner/Video 7:00 Choir Practice	7	8	9
10 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship	11	12	13 5:30 Dinner/Video 7:00 Choir Practice	14	15	16
17 9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship	18	19 11:30 Lunch Bunch	20 <i>No Evening Events Scheduled</i>	21	22	23
24 <i>Christmas Eve</i> 10:00 Worship 6:00 Candlelight Service	25 <i>Christmas Day</i> 	26	27 <i>No Evening Events Scheduled</i>	28	29	30
31 <i>New Year's Eve</i> 10:00 Worship						

Happy Birthday!

7 Kelli Rees
 12 Jim Elfrink
 13 Jennifer Houk
 16 Betty Allen

21 Lori Burgess
 Mona McAllister
 26 Wayne Reichling Jr.

27 Stacey Schneider
 30 Patty Buckhannon
 Lauren Dueland
 Mary Weygandt

Happy Anniversary!

17 Lori & Willie Burgess
 26 Hedy & Leroy Madison
 27 Dan & Kathy Upton

Christmas Offering 2017

Miracles happen in regional ministry

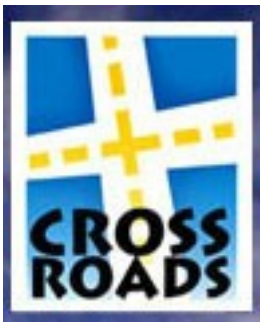
Received in most congregations on December 10 and 17

Miracles happen every day in all our regions as we:

- Assist congregations and leaders in claiming their unique mission and ministry, and provide resources and support.
- Call, commission and ordain new pastors, and support and equip all pastors for their ministries.
- Revitalize existing congregations and plan for new congregations.
- Connect Regional Disciples to give witness to ministries of justice, hope, and compassion.
- Provide camps, conferences, and retreats where children and youth find hope and Christ's love and a community of faith that embraces "everyone."
- Make visible the care for all of God's family through ministries of reconciliation and anti-racism.
- Call and equip passionate leaders for today's church.
- Provide pastoral care for clergy and congregations.

The Christmas Special Day offering supports all of these and many other ministries of our regions. Your generous gifts make a difference!





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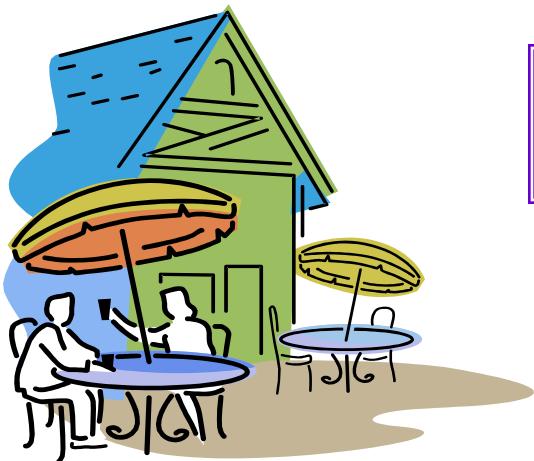
**We're Disciples: a movement for
wholeness in a fragmented world**

Upcoming Events

Lunch Bunch

On Tuesday, December 19, 2017, the Lunch Bunch will meet at 11:30am, at the Restaurant at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows, 442 S Demazenod Dr, Belleville, IL 62223

A sign-up sheet is in fellowship hall.



Worship Time Reminders

Christmas Eve
10am Worship
6pm Candlelight Service



New Year's Eve
10am Worship



The Sunday school classes will not
meet on
December 24th and 31st