



November 2016

Crossroads Connections



A church in the crossroads of life

A Moment with Pastor Mike

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The last three-plus years I've been with you as an interim pastor have been blessed. In those years, we have come to know and to love one another. Usually, we don't make a practice of joining congregations that we serve as interim, but we have joined Crossroads Christian Church and will stay members here, and will be part of this church family, after my ministry here has ended.

I am very pleased that the search committee has named, and the board ratified, a candidate, the Rev. LaVetta June Hall, to be your settled pastor. She is scheduled to preach on October 30, and we will vote as a congregation on calling her on November 20, at our annual meeting. Assuming that the call is extended and accepted, I will continue to serve as your interim pastor until the end of this year, and Pastor LaVetta will begin on Sunday, January 1.

Between now and then lies the most important part of my work as interim pastor. Officially, this final task is called "Commitment to New Directions in Ministry."

Unofficially, it means that I will be doing everything that I can to help Crossroads Christian Church make a smooth transition to a new settled pastor, and to make our new settled pastor's entry into the church successful. Her success will be my success.

Many of you have said, "I wish you could stay." I very much appreciate the love and affection behind those statements. We deeply care for you as well. However, my role is to help get you ready for a new settled pastor. Your search committee has done a wonderful job, and I hope that you will open your hearts to LaVetta as you've opened them to me. Our hearts will be with you.

It's time to look to the future. Saying goodbye is always hard, but it is a little easier now, since we will remain as members.

May God's blessing be with us and God's Spirit guide us as we follow God's lead into the future.



Worship times:

Sunday School at 9:30 am.

Worship at 10:45 am.

Grace and peace,
—Pastor Mike

Advent

(November 27 – December 24)

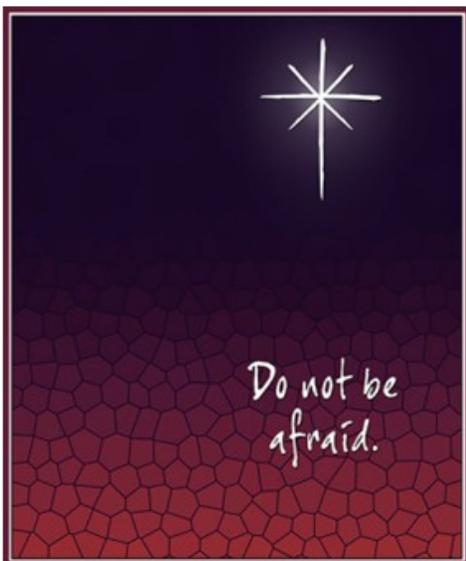
Reclaim the spiritual dimensions of the Advent season this year with

Do Not Be Afraid,

a timely devotional booklet from the Society of St. Andrew, as relevant as today's news.

Make room in your heart and in your busy days throughout the month for a few minutes each day reading scripture, reflecting on a brief meditation, and praying, in preparation for the Savior who is to come. Used each year as a spiritual underpinning for Advent by hundreds of congregations of all denominations across the United States, these daily meditations—all new for 2016—are the words of people of faith, both pastors and lay persons, from all walks of life.

The Advent devotions program offers an opportunity for your congregants to give in support of Society of St. Andrew's feeding ministries, reflecting Jesus' own concern for the least, the last, and the lost.



Reaching Out

November's Loose Change Offering will be Mukunzi Olivier, whom the choir has been supporting for the last seven years. October's Loose Change Offering to BEACON totaled \$170.

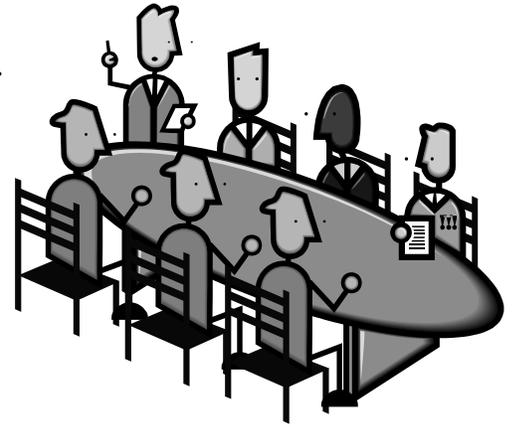


Make a Meal is well underway. The generosity of The Junior Wednesday Club helped make last year's campaign a huge success. They have asked to join us once more this year!

Since the Food Pantry clients can only come once a month, we will deliver what we have every Tuesday evening right up to Thanksgiving.

Chips from the Board

- The 2017 budget was approved by the board
- The board approved unanimously the search committee's recommendation for settled pastor. She will preach on October 30.
- On November 20th, Crossroads will have its annual meeting. Among business items to be voted on are: The candidate for settled pastor, the slate of officers for 2017, and the congregation will vote to approve the 2017 budget.
- December 10th will be the Christmas Party.
- With the change in office hours at the church, Pastor Mike urged members to contact him on his home or cell phone with pastoral needs/concerns. Home) 314 524 6072 Cell) 314 363 8481



November Sunday Sermons

November 6, 2016 25th Sunday after Pentecost/All Saints Sunday

The Message: Living for Jesus

Scripture: Ephesians 1:11-23 and Luke 6:20-31

Theme: Living, Loving, Dying, Rising

Loose Change Offering: Mukunzi Olivier

November 13, 2016 26th Sunday after Pentecost

The Message: Going the Distance

Scripture: Isaiah 65:17-25 and Luke 21:5-19

Theme: When the Going Gets Tough

November 20, 2016 27th Sunday after Pentecost/Thanksgiving

The Message: With a Grateful Heart

Scripture: Colossians 1:10-20 and Luke 1:68-79

Theme: Thankful for God's Wonderful Gifts

November 27, 2016 1st Sunday of Advent

The Message: Living Expectantly

Scripture: Isaiah 2:1-5 and Romans 13:11-14

Theme: Wait...Wait...Wait for it...



Prayers

- Jenny (daughter of Pat H.) now able to adopt Arianna
- Mark (friend of Tom & Mary) has liver cancer
- Prayers for the family of Tray Turner
- Sudden death of Kim Hampton's grandson
- Those affected by hurricane Matthew
- Carolyn Percivall back at St. Paul's following a brief hospital stay
- Mary Petrekovich retina eye center good report
- Vicki Kruta in Bria Convalescent Center in Belleville
- Connie McAllister recent hospital stay
- Bardell (brother of Mary P.) has bronchitis and pneumonia
- Jean (co-worker of Lori) broken neck from recent fall
- Lenny Pritz continues to rehab at home
- Jo Jones in Memorial Hospital



Council on Christian Unity Election Eve Prayer

Out of gratitude for your many gifts, O God, and trusting in your abiding faithfulness...

We pray for our president elect, that they will lead our country with strength and compassion; that they may represent the very best of the United States around the globe; that they may be committed to justice and peace, and bringing our nation together to address our challenges.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for our governors and legislators, that they will be responsive to their whole constituency and enact laws that ensure the wellbeing of all the people they represent.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for all others elected to public office, that their service to their people would be just and beyond reproach; that where ever they serve in local government, schools, or law enforcement, they would treat all people with dignity and serve the common good.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for our nation, our cities, and our neighborhoods, that together we can create a place where all people are respected and safe, where difference of opinion does not lead to violence, and where our combined creativity heals brokenness of all kinds.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray also that regardless of the outcome of this Election Day, we would remember that we are called by Christ to care for our neighbor, pursue peace and work for justice in our communities. Inspire us to work together, across divisions and difference, to create beloved community where ever we can.

Lord, hear our prayer.



Lay Worship Leaders—November 2016

	November 6	November 13	November 20	November 27
Worship Leader	Ken Holmes	Mike Thompson	Dan Upton	Pat McAllister
Elder	Bob Green	Carole Thompson	Ken Holmes	Mona McAllister
Deacons Prepare	Carol Brookshier Mary Petrekovich	Pat Killian Sandy Dixon	Carol Brookshier Mary Petrekovich	Pat Killian Helen Richter
Deacons Serve	Shirley Holmes Jan Evans	Lori Burgess Trish Dueland	Lori Burgess Trish Dueland	Jan Evans Shirley Holmes
Deacons Candles			Pat Hayes	
Deacons Sanctuary			Pat Killian	
Greeter	Jim Buckhannon	Pat Killian	Jim Buckhannon	Pat Killian
Audio-Visual	Pat McAllister	Pat Hayes	Pat McAllister	Kay Marshall



November 2016

SEGA Prayers for the Month

11/6-11/12 Higher Education and Leadership Ministries, St. Louis, MO
 11/13-11/19 First Christian Church, Kennett, MO
 11/20-11/26 Abbey Road, Cape Girardeau, MO
 11/27-12/3 First Christian Church, Chaffee, MO

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			2 5:30 Dinner/Video 7:00 Choir Practice	3	4	5
6 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship	7	8	9 5:30 Dinner/Video 7:00 Choir Practice	10 7:00 Choir Practice	11	12
13 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship	14	15 11:30 Lunch Bunch	16 5:30 Dinner/Video 7:00 Choir Practice	17 7:00 Elders Meeting	18	19
20 10:45 Worship 12:00 Mtg/Luncheon	21	22	23 <i>No Events Scheduled</i>	24 <i>Thanksgiving Office Closed</i>	25	26 9:00 Sanctuary Decorating
27 9:30 Sunday School 10:45 Worship	28	29	30 5:30 Dinner/Video 7:00 Choir Practice			

Happy Birthday!

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|-------------------|------------------|-------------------------|
| 3 Adriana House | 17 Joy Weygandt | 26 Carolyn Percivall |
| 8 Zach Johnson | David Weygandt | 27 Ken Holmes |
| Abigail Reichling | 21 Eric Mielke | Onnie Wargo |
| 11 Cherry Carty | 24 Phil Elfrink | 30 Susan Johnasen-Smith |
| 15 Steve Barbee | Connie Green | John Rickert |
| | Steven Reichling | |

Reminder!!

**Daylight Savings Time ends
 Sunday, November 6 at 2:00am.
 Don't forget to set your clocks
 back one hour.**

Thanksgiving Offering 2016

The Thanksgiving Offering benefits the Colleges, Universities, Seminaries, and Divinity Houses affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). These learning communities are an extension of the church, challenging students to understand and respond to God's call to serve.

From the very beginnings of the movement, Disciples have founded institutions of higher learning, encouraging students in their intellectual pursuits. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is still committed to higher education. Your gift to the Thanksgiving Offering helps underwrite the education of students attending one of our fourteen undergraduate institutions and our seven seminaries or divinity houses.

Thousands of students have attended the Colleges and Universities of the Christian Church receiving both a quality education and the opportunity to remain within our Disciple's heritage. Your financial gift provides scholarships and support for spiritual life offices. By giving to the Thanksgiving Offering you are investing in our students and helping keep education costs down.

The Thanksgiving Offering also provides scholarship and support for those pursuing theological education at one of our seven seminaries or divinity houses. Consider the many generations of pastors, who, if not for the support of faithful congregations and individuals over the ages would not have flourished as our pastors, teachers and leaders. What impact has your pastor had in the life of your church, community or region? You can thank them by supporting the Thanksgiving Offering.

Attending a Disciples College or Theological School is possible through the scholarships and grants that are made available by generous individuals, the Disciples Mission Fund and your gifts to the Thanksgiving Offering.

Please give generously to this year's Thanksgiving Offering.



**THANKSGIVING
OFFERING NOVEMBER
2016**



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

Upcoming Events

Lunch Bunch

On Tuesday, November 15, 2016, the Lunch Bunch will meet at 11:30am, at the Arbor Restaurant in Bel-Air Bowl, 200 S. Belt West, Belleville, IL. A sign-up sheet is in fellowship hall.



Upcoming Events

Congregational Meeting and Luncheon—Sunday,
November 20, 2016



Thanksgiving Day—Thursday,
November 24, 2016 (office
closed)

Decoration of the Sanctuary for
Advent—Saturday, November 26, 2016

1st Sunday in Advent—Sunday,
November 27, 2016

