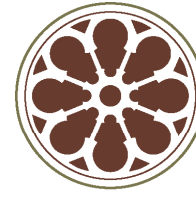


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SOUTH ELKHORN CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

December 14, 2010, No. 43

Worship Sunday at 10:30 AM, Sunday School at 9:00 AM

Upcoming Events

Wednesday, December 15—Connections at 5:45 PM, former SECC Praise Band, Tina Pickard speaking, meal catered by Fazoli's.

Saturday, December 18, Choir rehearsal at 9:00 AM. Children's Dance Team dress rehearsal 11:00 AM-12:15 PM.

Sunday, December 19—Christmas Cantata, Children's liturgical dance, women's and men's choir. Children & Youth will meet at noon for lunch and a mission project.

Birthday Party for Jesus, this Sunday at 9:00 AM in McMahan Hall. Everyone is invited! Bring a book for Tom Pinkstaff's Clinic (toddler-3rd grade books). We will sing, read Christmas stories and decorate nativity scene cookies as our snack.



Friday, December 24—Christmas Eve Worship Service at 7:00 PM, Carol Singing and Candle Lighting. Childcare is available.

Sunday, December 26, no Sunday School.

What's Happening . . . Week of December 19		
Sunday December 19	9:00 AM 9:00 AM 10:30 AM Noon	Sunday School Birthday Party for Jesus Worship Service "Christmas Cantata" Children & Youth Mission Project
Monday December 20		
Tuesday December 21	6:00 PM	Stephen Ministry Training
Wednesday December 22		
Thursday December 23		
Friday December 24	7:00 PM	Christmas Eve Worship Service
Saturday December 25		"For Unto Us a Child Is Born" Merry Christmas!
Sunday December 26	10:30 AM	No Church School Worship Service

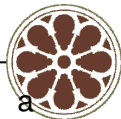
S.E.C.C. Staff:
 Senior Minister..... Mickey Anders
 Associate Minister..... Holly Fuqua
 Music Minister.....Chris Weiss
 Pianist.....Kay McAllister



Secretary.....Tammy Starbuck
 Little Elks Pre-School Dir...Carol Neal
 Nursery Attendants.....Kenna Blanton
 Megan Brown, Jennifer Davis
 Children's Director.....Megan Brown

The Current

Our Mission Statement: To Love God and Neighbor through
 Worship, Witness, Fellowship, Service and Discipleship.



I have finally gotten around to reading a book I have had on my shelf for a year now. It's *The Faith Club* by Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver, and Priscilla Warner. After September 11, 2001, these three women from different faiths - Judaism, Christianity and Islam - began weekly meetings to discuss their religious differences and similarities. I found it to be a very intriguing book. But I really loved a quote that I found from Suzanne on page 160 about what going to church meant to her:

"...I could not help but be reminded of past conversations in which friends had dismissed churchgoing as a big coffee hour. At those times, I hadn't come to the church's defense. I didn't have the language or the confidence to express why I found church attendance important. But now that I was exploring my faith and religious practice with Priscilla and Ranya, I was gaining the voice to express why I do what I do.

"Why did my husband and I muster our kids on Sunday morning, scrub them, dress them, and hurry our family to church by nine-fifteen? It wasn't just for a cup of tepid coffee and gossip, or a chance to check out everybody's wardrobe. Why did I teach Sunday school?"

Why have we served on committees devoted to the spiritual, financial, charitable and, yes, social aspects of our church community?

Perhaps Jesus put it best: "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20).

"My husband and I find that our church community helps us provide our children a moral compass for life. It helps us renew and enhance our own faith through communal prayer and study. And it provides the opportunity to experience God's goodness through communal acts of charity and service. It keeps me grounded at the same time that it lifts me up."

I hope that all of us have inspiring answers like that to give when asked why we go to church. No doubt there are many weak answers and many wrong reasons to attend. There are times that all of us get disappointed and maybe even disgusted with some things about church life. But at the core, there is a transformative power at work in church, and I hope that we can express that as well as Suzanne did in the quote above.

At Christmas, it is good for us to remember why we do what we do. I pray that too will be able to say, "It keeps me grounded at the same time that it lifts me up."

Mickey

Serving Sunday, December 19	
Worship Leader	Christmas Choir Cantata
Elders	Dale & Janet Warren
Deacons Serving Communion	Prepare & Serve: Sue Southworth Prepare & Serve: John Cole Prepare & Serve: Carole Cole Distribute: Morgan Alexander Distribute & Serve: Kainan Hudson Clean & Serve: Gretel Morgan Clean & Serve: Lynn Purdom Clean & Serve Stage: Darrin Deaton
Greeters	Norm & Virginia Atkins Mike & Val Huggins
Sound System	Media Team
Acolyte	Landon Feese
Fellowship Hour	Dee Pinkstaff, Carol Rice
Homebound Communion December 26	Steve Feese, Kelly Nossokoff, Eddie Overton

Our Attendance		
	12/12	Last Year
10:30 AM Worship	240	248
Church School	66	
Children	45	

There will be no Sunday School on Sunday, December 26. Please come at 10:00am for fellowship time.

New Prayer Concerns:

(Names will rotate off of list after six weeks. Call the church office to have the name added to the continuing prayer concern list.)
Carole Cole
Doug Phillips
Chester Anders (Mickey's father)
Don Koehler (friend of Lois & Jerry Walker)
Stacia Kauffmann (friend of Nancye Smith & Mary Louis Phelps)

Continuing Prayer Concerns:

Gwen Courtney	Anne Lane	Zach Pickard
Dorothy Moore	Bart Denham	Charlotte Higgins
Barby Hardy	Velda Staggs	Cathy Morris
John Hawkins	Joe Murphy	Barry Atkins
Kristie Minke	Kay McAllister	Peggy Thomas
Mike Vanderpool	Kathryn Wemyss	

Friends/Relatives of Members:

Keen Babbage (friend of the Alexanders)
Margaret Bay (Terry Bay's mother)
Cathy (friend of Terry Bay)
Melissa Burklow (Becky Burklow's niece)
Kenneth Chaney (Robin Feese's father)
Monette Hayden (Eddie Overton's mother)
Edwina Keller (Juanita Keller's daughter in law)
Jane Lemonds (friend of Ginger Helton)
Margaret (Joan Rudnick's sister-in-law)
Paul McDonald (Kristie Minke's uncle)
Grace Moore (Betty Fraley's cousin)
Kevin O'Bryant (Thelma Brown's nephew)
Mike O'Bryan (Thelma Brown's brother in law)
Karen Sanders (Friend of Kristie Minke)
Michael Simounet (Gene Simounet's grandson)
Peter Simounet (Gene Simounet's son, Nicole Price's brother)
Mary Ethel Skinner (Lynn Perron's mother)
Anne Stagg (Lizzy Brown's sister)
Bob Strait (Karen Keeling's father)

Homebound Members:

Ella Fuqua Margaret Peacher

Military Prayer Concerns:

Joshua Walker (Iraq)

Please call the church office if you would like to add or remove a name from this list.

**Children's Praise Dance Team Schedule
Kindergarten—3rd Grade**

Saturday, December 18, 11:00 am
(Dress Rehearsal in the CMC)

Sunday, December 19, 10:30 am
Performance during Worship

We look forward to seeing you soon!
Gaynelle and Holly

**Upcoming Children and Youth Events
(K– 12 Grades)**

Sunday, December 19
9:00 am Birthday Party for Jesus
10:30 am Children's Praise Dance Team
Performance
Noon (after worship service), Children and
Youth: Lunch and Christmas Mission Event

**Sunday, December 26 and Sunday,
January 2** No Youth Groups. Merry
Christmas!

We will have the 2011 Calendar soon!

Children Worship & Wonder Schedule

Reminder—Please look inside your bulletin on Sunday mornings to check the Storyteller and Greeter schedule for the day.

12/19 The Magi Shows the Way
Storyteller: Holly Fuqua
Greeters: Timothea Branham, Tina Pickard

12/26 Meeting the Christ Child
Storyteller: Holly Fuqua
Greeters: Tina Pickard, Jennifer Aldarondo

1/2 Children's Book
Storyteller: Timothea Branham
Greeters: Angie Kerrick, Suzanne Johnson and Pat Murphy

1/9 Jesus Is Baptized
Storyteller: Timothea Branham
Greeters: Tina Pickard, Jennifer Aldarondo, and Jamie Crouch

1/16 Jesus in the Wilderness
Storyteller: Holly Fuqua
Greeters: Tina Pickard, Jennifer Aldarondo and Jamie Crouch

1/23 Parable of the Mustard Seed
Storyteller: Holly Fuqua
Greeters: Nicole Shaffer, Brian Smith, and Kelly Reese

1/30 Parable of the Leaven
Storyteller: Sarah Anders
Greeters: Nicole Shaffer, Brian Smith and Kelly Reese

Women's Book Study

Please join us on Thursday, January 6 at 10 am in Room 211/212 as we begin a new book study together. We will be studying *Fingerprints of God: Recognizing God's Touch on your Life* written by Jennifer Rothschild. It is a six week study that teaches us to recognize six things we can experience because of God's touch: honor, intimacy, shelter, guidance, redemption and refinement. We have daily homework and we will be blessed weekly with video lectures by the author herself.

Please sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer if you would like to join us!

The cost of the book is \$12.00. The books have been ordered and will be distributed on January 6 during class.



GOII* HOURS

This week: 75 hours 30 min
Year to date: 4487, 45min

To illustrate just how much good a few people can do, South Elkhorn Christian Church is tracking the amount of time our members spend in service to others. Be sure to record your GOII* Hours each Sunday on the attendance pad.

*GOII – Getting Out Is In

Stephen Ministry: SMILE

Stephen
Ministry
Is
Life
Encouragement

Are you, or someone who you know, in need of a good "smile?" If so, please contact Gaynelle Morris, Stephen Ministry Leader.



**Earth Stewardship
Recycling Tip**

Recycle last year's cards into this year's gift tags. Use serrated scissors to cut the front of the card into appealing shapes and sizes. Make sure this year's cards are made from recycled paper.

Children and Youth Meals Needed for Sunday Night!

If you would like to provide a meal or order a meal for a Sunday evening, please sign up on the bulletin board in the foyer in the CMC or email Holly at hollyfuqua@gmail.com. You will be reimbursed for your expenses (Approximately 35 people). Please contact Ginger Helton if you have any questions (368-0872).

The dates needed are:

January 9, 5:00 pm: Martha Circle
January 16 after church
January 23, 5:00 pm
January 30, 5:00 pm
February 13, after church
February 20, 5:00 pm
February 27, 5:00 pm
March 6, 5:00 pm
March 13, 5:00 pm
March 20, after church for children
March 20 need homes to host Progressive Dinner for Youth
March 27, after church
April 10, 5:00 pm
April 17, 5:00 pm
May 1, 5:00 pm

As you can tell, we have many dates available. We hope you can help! Thank you so much!



Thank you!

Thanks to everyone who helped with Drive Through Bethlehem. Once again, it was a huge success as we were able to share the Christmas Story with our community.

Thank you to the "About Christianity Class" for planning the Drive Through Bethlehem.

Thank you to Bob and Kim Sherman and Ginger Helton for a wonderful Christmas Party lunch for our Youth Groups.

Thank you to JD Haggard and Will Anders for your weekly commitment in the Media Booth.

YOU ARE INVITED!

What: Birthday Party for Jesus
Who: EVERYONE IN THE CHURCH!
When: Sunday, December 19, 9am
Where: McMahan Hall
What To Bring: A Children's Book for Tom Pinkstaff's Clinic (Toddler-3rd grade books)

We will sing, read Christmas stories, and decorate Nativity Scene cookies as our snack.

Bring your friends and come on over!!! This will be in place of Sunday School. We hope you join the party!!

Memorials

In Memory of Juanita Sears
Given by Matt and Betty Gibbs

In Memory of Lula Eades
Given by Matt & Betty Gibbs
Dick & Pat Murphy

In Honor of The Outreach Team
Given to The Faith, Hope & Love Garden
Given by Elise Wallace

Did You Know?

Elliot Weiss took his first steps during the Congregational Meeting.



The children bring up their offering every Sunday for the Children's Sermon and the recent amount collected was \$128.79. This money is used for the CMC mortgage. Way to go children!!!!!!

We had 30 children and youth after church on Sunday for our Christmas party. It was a snowy day, but the snow did not slow down our attendance.

Weather Cancellations

If Fayette County Public Schools are closed due to bad weather on Thursdays, then the Women's Book Study on Thursdays will be cancelled as well.

SO YOU THINK YOU CAN RING!

This is a last minute reminder to South Elkhorn Christian Church's Salvation Army Bell Ringers. We are ringing Friday, December 17 at the Beaumont Kroger and Saturday, December 18 at the Palomar Walmart. If you have any questions don't hesitate to call Doug Alexander at 221-1032 (cell), 373-0333 (office), or 224-4742 (home), or dgapr@insightbb.com.