

News



Views

November 16, 2011 First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Wilmington, NC

Italics indicate non-FCC group

Sunday, November 20

**Dedicate Christmas Boxes and
Thanksgiving Baskets**

8:45 am Turning Point

9:45 am Sunday School

11:00 pm Traditional Worship

12 pm Board Meeting

Interfaith Guests Depart

4 pm K'Motion and The Vibe Pack

Thanksgiving Boxes

Monday, November 21

12 pm Al Anon

7 pm Book Club

7:45 Carolina Carolers Rehearsal

Tuesday, November 22

7 pm Night of Thanks

Wednesday, November 23

7 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, November 24

Happy Thanksgiving!

Church Office Closed

2-6 pm Rose/Points Family

Thanksgiving—Fellowship Hall

Friday, November 25

Church Office Closed

Saturday, November 26

9 am Decorate for Advent

7 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday, November 27

1st Sunday of Advent

8:45 am Turning Point

9:45 am Advent Breakfast

11:00 pm Traditional Worship

Recent Attendance

8:45 11:00

11/13/11 86 80



A Night of Thanks

Tuesday, November 22

6:45 pm Coffee, juice & holiday breads in the
welcome area

7:00 pm Worship

Advent & Christmas at FCC

November 27 - Worship Fully

9:45 am Advent Breakfast

December 2

7:30 pm Carolina Carolers Concert

December 4 - Spend Less

December 11 - Give More

December 18 - Love All

5:00 pm Christmas Oratorio

December 24

5:00 pm Children's Pageant

10:40 pm Pre-Service Music

11:00 pm Candlelight Service

December 25

10:00 pm Christmas Day Worship

Notices and Reminders

Worship Focus for Sunday is *Awake to God: Free to Risk*; Psalm 123, Matthew 25:14-30.



Lectionary Readings to use in your daily practice of prayer and scripture.

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100
Ephesians 1:15-22; Matthew 25:31-46

Pray for Our Missionaries

Bruce Van Voorhis serving in Hong Kong.



It's Time to Decorate!

If you would like to participate in decorating our sanctuary for the beautiful Advent season, we need you. **The Worship Team invites you to join us Saturday morning, November 26, at 9 am.** Mark your calendars, bring your ladders, and come on down. Thank you for your help.

— The Worship Team



Fall Workday

Plan to come this Saturday, November 19, from 8:00 until

noon to help with several needs. Outside we will be working in our prayer garden, the playground, clearing the roof, and blowing the leaves off the parking lot. Inside we will be cutting some doors, organizing our storage room - Room 18, minor pew repair, and cleaning wax from the sanctuary carpet and pews. **We need lots of helpers so plan to come!**

Turning Point Thanks

Special thanks to the recent donors of coffee and coffee supplies! We have plenty of good coffee for weeks to come!

A Word from Lance, cont'd

depression. Healthy food is expensive and adults and children need good nourishment to maintain immune systems and have the energy to learn and work. With so many in our culture talking about turkey and dressing and pecan pies, many families just cannot afford to join in this cultural mainstay of our country. Receiving a gift of the traditional Thanksgiving meal can be a great emotional uplift too as families realize that they are loved and they too will join in their country's celebration just like other families. This year we hope to provide the gift of a Thanksgiving meal to at least 20 families. When you sit around your Thanksgiving meal this year, remember those families, your part in blessing them, and God's blessing of you that has made you able to be a blessing to them! See you Sunday.



**Thanksgiving Baskets and
Operation Christmas Child boxes
will be dedicated
this Sunday, November 20.**

Who, what, where, when?

Getting Dirty for Jesus Saturday, December 3

First Christian Church will volunteer with WARM (Wilmington Area Rebuilding Ministry) on Saturday, December 3. This is a great opportunity to do locally what our ASP teams do each summer. We can expect to help finish projects that involve painting, installing storm doors, putting down vinyl flooring, etc. **If you would like to volunteer, please contact Chris Furr by email at dfurr1@ec.rr.com, by phone at 392-0593, or in person by Sunday, November 20** and complete a Volunteer Bio form. Chris has copies of the form, or you may print one from the WARM web site, www.warmnc.org. There will be a job for everyone regardless of skill level!



December Book Club

Book Club will be meeting on a different date this month. **So please mark your calendar to meet on Monday, November 21, at 7:00 pm in the church Parlor.** We will meet to discuss Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter by Tom Franklin. Books are available in the church Library. Please remember, if you cannot make it to Book Club on that night, your book must be turned in to the Church Library by that night so they can all be returned to the Public Library in the set. Thanks!

— Ann Respass



Congratulations to Andy & Jennifer Gardner Haigner

upon the birth of twin sons, Cooper and Dustin. The boys, born at 32 weeks, are in the NICU at Rex Hospital. Proud grandparents are Ranny and Sherry Gardner



Carolina Carolers Concert Friday, December 2, 7:30 pm

The Carolina Carolers are performing a concert as an outreach for FCC. This is a perfect opportunity to invite some friends who might be interested in checking out our church. Of course, our own Music Director, Steve Field, is a caroler, as well as his wife, Liz and mezzo-soprano Marty Brown and tenor Brynn Ulisnik. The carolers appear in Dickens' era costumes and will take you on a musical journey through Christmas past and present. There will be sing-alongs and Christmas stories and poetry as well from their narrator, Kathy Benson. **The concert is Friday, December 2, at 7:30 and is free and open to all.** We will be taking donations to support the refitting of the music rooms. It promises to be a great night!

Bring **canned fruit** in November for the Food Pantry.



Put it in the Little Red Wagon.

Please do not bring items that have expired or are close to their expiration date. Thank you.

Prayer Concerns

Long Term Health Care Concerns

Helen Dunn, Rosa Gaylord, Foye Marshburn, Betty Nash, Dick Oosterwyk, Betty Snook, Jeanette Wolfe

Church Family

- Sara Brown, scheduled for a procedure to help the numbness in her hands and legs
- Betty Davis, being treated for depression
- Ellie Duckett, continuing chemotherapy treatment
- Doris Eakes, natural treatments for cancer
- Ed Ferrier, Ann Boston's father, at Silver Stream for physical rehab after a fall
- Linda Frost, recovering from a heart attack at Trinity Grove
- Cooper & Dustin Haigner, twin sons of Andy and Jennifer Gardner Haigner, born at 32 weeks, in the NICU at Rex Hospital in Raleigh
- Allan Huband, continuing cancer treatment
- Ned Lavengood, recuperating at home
- Jim Lee, undergoing treatment & continuing tests
- Diana Wierse, continuing intensive physical therapy on her knee

Friends and Family

- Barbara Ables, Roy Archibald's sister, lung cancer
- Daniel Boyd, Tena Perry's nephew, deployed to Afghanistan
- Kevin Frawley, friend of Bill & Ann Boston, diagnosed with lung cancer
- Luis Guardiola, Rev. González' cousin, deployed to Afghanistan
- Daniel Kennedy, Greg Kennedy's father, dementia has progressed causing additional issues and concerns
- Cheryl Manus, friend of Tena Perry, moved to Hospice Care in Charlotte
- Aaron Martin, friend of Bill & Ann Boston, diagnosed with liver cancer
- Joe Martin, Bruce & Sherry Johnson's friend, throat cancer
- Peggy Pridgen, friend of Bruce & Sherry Johnson, stage 4 lung cancer
- Ella Sue Stanton, Libby Stanton's mother, esophagus problems, undergoing tests
- Elsie Stocks, Dava Bright's mother, health issues
- Kathy Wirkus, Alicia Luce's sister, undergoing additional chemotherapy
- Community of Puente Azul, El Salvador
- Natural disaster victims around the world

Serving November 20

11:00 Communion Table Prayers

Millie Griffin, Kenny Morris, Sr.

Home-Bound Communion:

Charlie Vaughan, Jerry Roberts, Harry Griffin

Deacons

Faye Hodges (captain), Julie Furr, Charles Manning, Bryan Young Hickman, Courtney Young Hickman

Communion Prep

Robbin Capps, Bryan & Courtney Young Hickman

Children Worship & Wonder

Nov 20 Bridgette Johnson & Sue Morris

Nov 27 Advent Breakfast

Turning Point Kids

Nov 20 Steve & Pat Brooks

Nov 27 Jane Coleman & Sam Rose

Minister On-Call Schedule

Nov 18-19 Dr. Perry

Nov 25-26 Rev. González

Greeters

8:45 Nov 20 John & Jeannie May

Nov 27 Val Moreau & Sam Rose

11:00 Nov 20 Vivian Vaughan

Nov 27 Ann Boston

Night of Thanks: John & Christie Reaves

Lay Reader

Nov 20 John May

Nov 27 Darrell McHaney

Sunday Door Lock-up

Nov 20 Maurice & Patsy Emmart

Nov 27 Jerry & Joy Roberts

Budget Update

Budget through 11/13/11 \$137,035.80

Income 122,069.34

Income Short of Budget \$14,966.46

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A Word From Lance

Thanksgiving is a week from this Thursday. Questions are beginning to be asked about who is cooking what dish and who is coming. Some will be baking the bird and some will be deep frying it. Those special dishes and deserts are also being planned. I'm getting hungry as I write about it and I am looking forward to family time.

Thanksgiving for us as the church community is a large experience. We begin with reflecting on all God's blessings in our lives. It's an exercise in gratitude that we all benefit from practicing. Counting our blessings is even something to sing about. Amidst our gratitude for our blessings and our time we plan with family, we also share out of our abundance with love for individuals and parents with children who experience food stress, and holiday

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