

First Congregational Church, UCC

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* All Members, Ministers * Rev. Allen Mothershed, Senior Pastor

* Rev. Jacqueline Perry, Associate Pastor

Saturday Worship 5:30p.m., Lower Level

Sunday Worship 9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m.

Fellowship Hour 10:00a.m., Caf 

Children's Worship, following the

Church School Hour 10:00a.m.

Early Word at 9:00a.m. Worship

DECEMBER 2010

Annual Advent Festival Sunday, December 5th

5:00—7:00pm In the Church Dining Rooms

A potluck supper is followed by Christmas crafts for all ages to make. No reservations are needed. Everyone is Welcome!



Christmas Eve Services

On Friday, December 24, we will celebrate the Divine Presence in our midst through three Christmas Eve services:

5:00pm - "The Cross in the Christmas Tree", a family service led by youth and youth choirs, offering of hats, mittens and scarves to be given to Christian Friendliness of Moline.

7:00pm - Candlelight and Communion, a Christmas service of Word and Sacrament.

11:00pm - "Night of the Father's Love", Chancel Choir and orchestra. Carol singing beforehand.

More Church Family!

Meet the New Members

Emilia Deem

is from Iowa City and she is a “huge Hawkeye fan”. She went to school in Southern California at Chapman University. Emilia is a music therapist for West Music and works with kids who have special needs in the Iowa Quad-Cities Area. Emilia and her husband, Bradley, are expecting their first child on January 4th.

Chris Lundahl

was raised in Cedar Rapids where her family attended First Congregational Church. Today, Chris and husband, Roger, who is also a member of our church, live East Moline. They have two children, Ryan and Elizabeth, both living in Chicago. Chris graduated from Illinois State University and recently retired from the Riverdale School District. Chris volunteers at Bowlesburg Elementary and the church office.

Robert and Sandy Parker

Bob’s family joined First Congregational Church after moving from New York State in 1948. Bob attended church school here and after graduating from Moline High School, he went on to study mechanical engineering at Iowa State and Penn State. He worked in engineering at Chevrolet and Harley-Davidson before joining the faculty at Weber State University in Ogden, Utah.

Bob and Sandy have four children and eleven grandchildren. Recently, they moved back to Moline from Ogden. While in Ogden, Sandy was chosen to carry the Olympic Torch on its way to Atlanta in 1996.

Inspired by Jesus’ words, “*Feed my lambs; tend my sheep*”, Sandy volunteered as a Sunday School teacher, and served as a foster parent for nine babies for the Utah State Department of Child and Family Services. Sandy served on the staff of First United Methodist Church as their Director of Christian Education and Parish Visitor. She says that her mother, the late Dodie Adams Westcott, and her mother-in-law, Marjorie Parker (Heartland)

have inspired Sandy through their lives of prayer and devotion to their families and church.

Clay and Becky Sherrill

live in Bettendorf and have two grown children living in Ames and Denver. Clay works for John Deere and as they have moved to various cities, Becky taught school for ten years; and she also appreciated being a stay-at-home mom. Clay is originally from South Carolina and Becky is from Ohio. They especially enjoy time with extended family and love to travel

Meet the New Staff

DeBor Bowers - Office Manager - loves the theatre, film, music, (he arts in general) mysteries, pleasure reading, hosting parties and cooking. Returned to the Quad Cities after 25 years in Minneapolis, MN. Glad to be here, closer to her family.

Ron Maher - Morning Custodian - likes sports, movies, and bike riding. Also enjoys his family, especially “Daisy” his dog. (She often comes to work with him at FCC!)

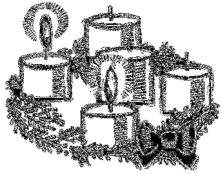
Ron Gruhlke - Afternoon/Evening Custodian - Happy to be staying put in the Quad Cities after many moves and years in other parts of the country due to his jobs (many years managing retail stores). Enjoys time with his family including his wife, children and grandchildren.

Marcia Renaud - Interim Chancel Choir Director - known by many of you, is a long time member of the church. Interests include Golf, Cooking, reading, and writing. Did we mention music?

Deanna Warpehoski - Bookkeeper - also known by many of you, is a long time member of the church. Interests include family time, watching the Green Bay Packers and Hockey, following kids activities (17 years experience and 12 years left!)

MUSIC AND WORSHIP, WORSHIP AND MUSIC!

New Music Sunday for Advent December 5th



This Sunday, congregational song practice begins at 8:45 and 10:45am. Come early if you can, and join us for this pre-service warm-up! At 9:00, Youth Choirs and instrumental ensemble (Jim Roeder, guitar; Audra Bailey, flute; Zach Newcomb, double bass; Chloe Stodt, piano) will lead congregational singing; at 11:00, Chancel Choir and ensemble will lead. *A Shoot Shall Come Forth* is the anthem of the day, with more music from the hymnal supplement *Sing! a New Creation*. You won't want to miss it!

Christmas Eve Worship

A rich palette of Christmas Eve celebrations is offered this year for FCC members and friends. At the **5:00pm Youth and Family Service**, Charlotte Larsen's *The Cross in the Christmas Tree* will be enacted by members of the youth group and youth choirs. This meditative script invites us to remember the whole of Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection as we share the excitement of another Christmas. The **7:00pm** service this year will be a **Candlelight and Communion Service**, using an expanded version of our regular Sunday Word and Sacrament Service for those wishing to participate in a Christmas celebration of the Lord's Supper. Campanella Ringers will offer festive Christmas anthems and embellish congregational singing with decorative descants. Prelude music, including **congregational carol singing**, will begin at **6:45pm**. Our **11:00pm** candlelight service features the choral cantata *Night of the Father's Love* by Pepper Choplin and offered by the **Chancel Choir and a 13-member chamber orchestra**. (Those attending 9:00am worship on November 28 have already heard one selection from the cantata.) **Congregational carol singing begins at 10:45pm**. Anyone who may not be able to attend this late Christmas Eve service is welcome to listen in at the dress rehearsal for the cantata on Wednesday, December 22, at 8:00pm in the sanctuary. *Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ the newborn King!*

Special December Choir Practice Times



Wednesdays December 1, 8, 15

5:30-6:00pm Youth Choirs
Music Room

6:00-7:10pm Youth & Family
Christmas Eve Rehearsal Sanctuary

7:00-8:00pm Campanella Ringers
Pillar of Fire Room

7:15-8:30pm Chancel Choir
Music Room

Wednesday December 22

5:30-6:45pm Youth & Family
Christmas Eve Rehearsal Sanctuary

7:00-8:00pm Christmas Cantata
Orchestra, Sanctuary

7:00-8:00pm Campanella Ringers
Parlor

8:00-9:00pm Christmas Cantata
Choir & Orchestra, Sanctuary

**NO CHOIR REHEARSALS*

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 29

**REGULAR CHOIR REHEARSALS RESUME*

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 5

Lector Training Coming in February

Pastor Jackie is starting to recruit 20 – 25 youth and adults for two-session lector training. A number of group trainings may be scheduled at various times convenient for the participants. Winter training to be completed the end of February so we may schedule lectors for the Lenten season and through 2011. Look for more info on this in future announcements and in January. Contact Pastor Jackie TODAY if you are interested.

Worship, Education, and Fellowship

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

10 am—11:00 am. We welcome many Bible versions. Pastor Jackie leads the study. Bookmarks with the list of readings are available. Lunch after is optional. All are welcome!

Dec 1	Parlor
Dec 8	Home of Jean Gale & Lunch 3 Windy Point, Moline
Dec 15	Parlor
Dec 22	Parlor
Dec 29	No class
Jan 5	Parlor

Sunday Adult Bible Study meets at 10:10am in the parlor. Come as you are, no previous experience necessary!

Book Discussion Group

meets in the Parlor on Wednesdays (see below) at 12:30p.m. Bring a lunch if you like. The new book choice: *The Girls With The Grandmother Faces (A Celebration of Life's Potential for Those Over 55)* by Frances Weaver (New York: Hyperion, 1996) 198 pages. A lighter book during the Holiday time! Readers may want to check the library for a copy or www.Amazon.com. An excerpt from the last chapter: "All the world's a stage, and you are not the first to play the part of Old Person. Just who are you going to be for the last act, the last twenty per cent of your life? How much will the rest of your life characterize your feeling for life itself? Suggested pages for our meeting times:

Wed. Dec. 8	1 - 55
Wed. Dec. 15	56 - 97
Wed. Dec. 22 & 29:	No Book Group
Wed. Jan. 5	98 - 144
Wed. Jan 12	145 - 198

January Bible Study

A Bible study on Spiritual Gifts will start up in early January on Thursday at 5:30. This study is an 8 week study. Please contact Beth Bealer at lizeeb@mchsi.com, or call the church office if you are interested in joining. Study guides need to be ordered in advance. The cost is about \$9.00.

Women's Connection Opportunity

Our funeral reception committee could use another person to help co-chair the coordination of a funeral reception or luncheon. If you could occasionally serve in this way, please phone Mary Curry at 309 797 9283. Training provided! Thanks.

Visit The Giving Tree!

Choose one of the 175 gift tags representing a child, single mom, older adult or person with a disability who would like a gift from you! It is your chance to make someone's Christmas more merry and bright. Choose a tag, purchase a gift, and return it to the church by December 12th. Complete documentation of your tag information is *very important*, so please go to the sign up sheets and provide it legibly. We plan to reuse the ornaments, so take only the tags!

Café Corner News

The holidays mean a lot of travel for Susan and me. Her 94 year old father splits his time now between Minnesota and Florida while my 89 year old mom is hunkered down in Pittsburgh, Pa. This means we usually juggle our Thanksgiving and Christmas times between those locations. So, if you are wondering where we are at points during the "season" you will know what we are up to.

By now, I trust most of you have had a chance to try out our new coffee cups. Nearly all the comments I have heard have been very favorable. They have our church logo and some clever wordage, are well-balanced and hold a nice amount of coffee. I am pleased to report that we have some cups available for sale. They make great pencil holders or a last minute gift for a loved one who may be out of town and missing our church. The price is \$5.00 each. Purchases can be made through myself or DeBor.

We hope that wherever your journeys take you over the holidays that they are joyful and safe. Let's have a cup of coffee together next time we meet.

Happy Holidays,
Wes & Susan



Worship Times: Sunday 9:00a.m. & 11:00a.m. ~ Saturday 5:30p.m.

Practicing Our Faith Devotional

Discernment - Chapter 8

Pastor Allen

A middle-aged man and his family have a difficult decision to make. He has the opportunity for advancing in his career, including significantly more income, but it requires that he move his family across the country and away from his elderly parents who require more care and attention. Does he take the position?

An 70 year old woman whose husband died a year ago wonders if it is time to move into a retirement living facility. While she is doing well now, it seems to be a good time to sell the house that she loves and to be proactive in preparing for her care in the future. Does she sell this old family home and move into a retirement living facility?

Joyce, a middle age mother of four, has been separated from her husband for a year and a half, ever since he abruptly announced that he was moving in with an assistant half his age. After a very painful year, attempts to re-create her life are taking hold. She has discovered personal strength she did not know she had. Now with the divorce almost complete, her husband wants to move back home. Now she wonders what she should do. How does she balance her own personal happiness and her desire to have her family whole? (Practicing Our Faith, “Discernment,” Chapter 8)

Each of these situations presents difficult decisions that require making decisions without knowing the possible outcomes. What does God want each of these people to do? Is there a clear right or wrong? How does anyone know what is the good and what is the wrong? Is there always even a clear wrong or right in every situation?

These are the practical considerations that we look at this month as we read together, chapter 8 of Practicing Our Faith, on Discernment. Discernment as the author defines it is: “the intentional practice by which a community or an individual seeks, recognizes, and intentionally takes part in the activity of God in concrete situations.” Our book mentions several dispositions of our faith which are vital for discerning God’s good in any given situation:

First, a passionate commitment to follow God. This means a trusting that what God wants in every situation is the good of all. Or as Jesus might have said it, “Seek you first God’s good way, and all things necessary for life will follow.” (my paraphrase).

Second, an attitude of indifference towards all other drives and desires. This means not allowing our own desires for wealth, prestige, and security to dominate our reasoning. More important is that we seek what benefits all.

Third, a deep sensitivity to the ways and being of God. This sensitivity comes through a consistent practice of prayer and study of scripture and experience of living the faith. We do not wait to listen to God’s voice when we have a crisis, we learn to recognized it in daily living in the small decisions we make.

In practice this means, first gathering more information, being open to learning, so an informed decision can be made. In Joyce’s situation, she would do well to include others in her decision who might shed light on what she is going through. This may mean learning more about divorce’s effect on children, midlife crisis, testing her husbands resolve and understanding what lead to the affair (including her part in the relationship’s challenges).

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Devotional Continued..... *And more info*

It also means having a time of living with the decision she is inclined to make. What would be the effects of that decision, both negative and positive. This involves time for deep prayer and including a prayerful community of people in her struggle. She will need help to be honest about her discernment. This requires honesty about her own desires and motives.

In times, we tend to develop either a sense of "consolation or desolation" about a decision. "Consolation," as our book points out, leads to joy, peace, creativity, and communion. "desolation" leads to despair, confusion, alienation, and discord.

Our faith life is made up of daily decisions we make. Some are small and relatively easy, and others challenge us to the core. Our chapter this month is readable and practical. May you find new wisdom in living the faith from your study.

Pastor Allen

Youth Group Special Dates

Friday, December 10 - Attend Opening of *Chronicles of Narnia: Voyage of the Dawn Treader*

Sunday, December 12 - Youth Group - Secret Santa - 5-6:30pm

Friday, January 7 - Confirmation / Taize Service - meet at church at 6pm

The Mitten Tree

For the entire month of December, including and during our 5:30 Christmas Eve service, the Children's Worship group will be collecting mittens to be placed on our



"mitten" tree. We ask that you contribute and participate by bring a pair (or two) of new mittens, gloves, and/or hats and place them on the Christmas tree located on the lower level with the stocking hat on top. After the Holidays, the children will prepare them for delivery to needy children and families. We are hoping to fill the tree! Thanks, in advance, for your generosity! For questions, contact Amy Wichman at 332-1709.



THANK YOU!

The Mission Board would like to thank everyone who donated to, helped assemble, hand out and deliver the 96 Thanksgiving Baskets. Thanks to the youth at the Friday night lock in for folding the boxes. Thanks to the following people for helping assemble, hand out, and deliver: Reagan Carlson, Jana Michael, Claire Wallace, Will Wallace, Tevis Messer, Tommy Hillyer and friend Jim, Debbie Newcomb, Joe Newcomb, Annmarie Ulrich, Dave Swanson, Steve Carlson, Becky and Clay Sherrill, Sarah Hillbloom and friend Taylor, Dawn Tidwell and daughter Jill, Charles Curry, Mike Bealer, Chris and Charlie Owen, Kendra Farrell and friend Angela Jepsen, Matt Ulrich, Nicole Dahl, Kitty Hillyer, Dave Holst, Layne Porembski, Tawnya Wandrey and sons Alex and Nolan, Maggie Driscala, Abe Driscala, Deb Carlson, Jeff Miller, Jeff Newcomb, Sherry Reynolds, France Driscala, April Newell, Lexy Reynolds, Deanna Wennekamp and daughter Maya, Jack Reynolds, Jon Reynolds, Louie Gruhlke, Trevor Seyller, Christian Sellyer, Dave Seyller, Heidi Hulme. A huge thank you to Mike Walters for coordinating this mission project, and to Mary Newcomb for stepping in to lead on Sunday.

Prayer List & Other Items of Interest

Please Pray For...

The World

Haiti, as the people deal with cholera
Ghana, Nigeria

The Church

FCC Giving Tree Outreach
Good Samaritan Home (Quincy)
Licensed Ministers: Steve Disseler, Phyllis
Sterr; Beth Turley
In-Care Students: Jon Dainty, Sr.; Daren Hof-
mann, Caroline Shoobridge, Mary Alice Suter
Western Association Retired Ministers

Friends & Family

The family of Nancy Oppenheimer, The family
Florence Twing.

Anna Alak (Hospital Nairobi—Rhoda Agot's
Mother) Marvin Anderson (Denise Browning's
grandfather), Lee Blair, Ruth Brink, Braden
Browne, Judy Byrd, Harley and Kathy, Tracy
(Deb Carlson's sister), Don & June Engstrom,
Kathy Harris, Hazel, Karl Huntoon, Catherine
Jasper, Ledou Jean-Baptiste & Family (friends
from Haiti), Nadine, Delores Larson (Wendy
Simmon's mother), Betty Laws, Julie Laws,
Richard Laws (VA Hospital, Quincy, IL), Larry
Madison, Sydney Sophia Mowen, Marjorie
Parker, Melanie Putnam (friend of the Brown-
ings), Fern Rathe, Nora Rexroth, Marion
Robson, Betty Roseberg, Glen Schwerdtmann,
Billie Seesland, Linda Shearer, Peg Smithers,
1st Lt. Colin Sommers, Leon Starberg, Cliff
Stewart, Louise Stisser (Marcella Armstrong's
mother), Luella Taube, Myles Wandrey & fam-
ily, Oliver Watts & family, Mike Wendt, Mary
Woodburn.

Addresses:

Fern Rathe – Guttenberg Care Center, 1315
Acre Street, Guttenberg, IA 52052

Our Nation and Community

Churches United Local Food Pantries
People experiencing unemployment

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

The church office will close at noon on Friday,
December 24, and reopen at 9:00am on Tues-
day, December 28. The office will again close
at noon on Friday, December 31, and reopen at
9:00am on Tuesday, January 4.

*DON'T FORGET TO SEND IN NEWSLETTER
ARTICLES BY WEDNESDAY THE 29TH. AND
TO HAND IN ANNUAL REPORTS BY NOON
ON NEW YEAR'S EVE!*

Churches United Meal Site Dates for 2011

You may sign up in the church library to serve
at Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church in East
Moline. Meals are served on Thursdays at 6:00
pm. Information Sheets are available near the
Sign-up sheet in the library, or contact Jeff
Miller 309-736-1176 to learn more. 2011 dates
include: January 20, April 21, July 21, and
November 17.

Foot Clinic December 16

The next FCC Foot Clinic will be on Thursday,
December 16 in the Son Cafe. Please call the
church office to make a reservation by Monday,
December. 13

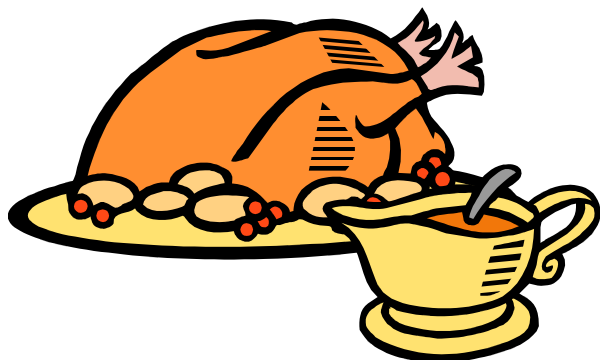
Christmas Fund Time

Once more, the Mission Board is asking you to
donate money to a specific fund. The Christ-
mas Fund is used by the UCC to assist retired
ministers and their families. They assist with
pension supplements, health premium supple-
ments, and emergencies. Some form of Minis-
terial Assistance is being provided to approx-
imately 1,600 persons during 2010. The oldest
person is 107 years of age. Won't you please
help us fund these Veterans of the Cross?



A Message from Your Parish Nurse.....Sara

Steps to Making Sense, Safely, of Turkey and "All the Fixin's"



The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) encourages consumers to pay special attention to holiday food handling and preparation. Most at risk from food borne illnesses are the elderly, people with weakened immune systems from cancer and other causes, pregnant women, and children. To reduce the risk, the FDA advises the following steps:

Keep Clean:

Frequently wash hands and all surfaces touching food. Bacteria can spread throughout the kitchen onto cutting boards, knives, counter tops, sponges, and brushes.

Separate Foods:

Don't cross-contaminate by letting bacteria spread from one food to another. Especially keep raw meat, poultry, seafood, and their juices away from fresh vegetables, such as carrots, and other foods that are ready to eat.

Cook Thoroughly:

Food is properly cooked when it is brought to an internal temperature long enough to kill the harmful bacteria which cause food borne illness. Use a food thermometer to measure internal temperature of foods.

Chill Properly:

Refrigerate foods promptly to prevent most harmful bacteria from multiplying. Refrigerators should be set at 37 degrees Fahrenheit, freezers at 0 degrees Fahrenheit. Occasionally check settings with a thermometer

Talking Turkey...

- * 45 million turkeys are eaten each Thanksgiving, 22 million at Christmas.
 - * The heaviest turkey ever raised was 86 pounds, about as big as a large dog.
 - * Eating turkey doesn't make you sleepy; it's the carbohydrates in the rest of your holiday dinner that do.
 - * The average American consumes about 17 pounds of turkey a year.
 - * Turkey is low in fat and high in protein. White meat has fewer calories and less fat than dark meat.
 - * Only male turkeys (toms) gobble; female turkeys (hens) click.
 - * Minnesota, North Carolina, Arkansas, Virginia, Missouri, and California are the nation's top turkey producers.
- (Sources: National Center for Health Statistics; National Turkey Federation; U.S. Department of Agriculture)

The Christmas Pledge

Believing in the true spirit of Christmas, I commit myself to:

- Remember those people who truly need my gifts
 - Express my love in more direct ways than gifts
 - Examine my holiday activities in the light of my deepest values
 - Be a peacemaker within my circle of family and friends
 - Rededicate myself to my spiritual growth
- Wishing all of you a healthy and blessed Christmas and New Year!

Happy New Year!



>>>>>Watch for more information about our January Program "Eating for Life: Setting up a diet plan that works for you!" <<<<<<<<<

Happy December Birthdays

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| 1. Christian Seyller
Chase Owen | Vivian Panicucci
Andrew Bealer |
| 2. Madeline Eaton
Al Ulrich | 19. Karl Huntoon
Art Gustus
Toni Ensey |
| 3. Rita Melin | 20. Deb Anderson
Rebecca Peterson
Sandra Mulder
Ryan Butz |
| 4. Donna Antu
Addison Sanders | 21. Stephen Biscontine
Elly Rohrbach
Sharon Bannas |
| 5. Peter Owen
Bill Frazier | 22. Bill Wandrey |
| 6. Tom Carlson | 23. |
| 7. | 24. |
| 8. Michael Wendt Jr.
Greg Douglas | 25. Susan Ehmsen
Elaine Pratt
Eric Butz |
| 9. William Gibbons
Trey Larsen | 26. Jon Chapman |
| 10. | 27. Kath Wilson |
| 11. Addison Leach | 28. |
| 12. Marley Patrick
Carol Doyle
Maximilian Sorgenfrey | 29. Melissa Hoff |
| 13. Gordon Ainsworth
Tom Liljegren | 30. Phyllis Bivens
Rachel McGuire
Kyle Lewis
Charles Curry
George VanVooren |
| 14. Hollis Hohensee | |
| 15. Brent McCormick | |
| 16. Diann Moore
Kim Fuller | |
| 17. Sherry Reynolds | 31. Gail Gibbons
Arno Panicucci
Chris Owen
Jane Schultze |
| 18. George Jamieson
Laura Miller | |

Send your birthday to
DeBor to be added to
our church listing!
debor@fccmoline.org



Calendar for December 2010

Wednesday, December 1

- 9:00 am Newsletter, Library
- 9:30 am Valor Quilters, Large Dining Room
- 10:00 am Bible Study, Parlor
- 12:30 pm Book Study, Parlor
- 3:00 pm Warm Fuzzies, Large Dining Room
- 5:30 pm Youth Choirs, Music Room
- 6:00 pm Practicing Our Faith Study, Library
- 6:00 pm Christmas Worship Practice, Sanc.
- 7:00 pm Bells Rehearsal, Pillar of Fire Room
- 7:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Music Rm.

Thursday, December 2

- 9:30 am Card Ministry, Library
- 10:00 am Prayer Group, Pastor's Office
- 6:00 pm RTQS Quilters, Board Room
- 6:30 pm Blackhawk Choir Rehearsal, Sanc.

Saturday, December 4

- 11:00 am Son Café Team, Dining Rooms
- 1:00 pm - 4 pm Christmas Tea, Parlor/Library
- 5:30 pm Worship, Large Dining Room

Sunday, December 5

- 9:00 am Worship, Sanctuary
- 10:00 am Fellowship, Son Café
- 10:10 am Church School
- 10:10 am Cherub Choir, Pillar of Fire Room
- 11:00 am Worship, Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm - AdventFest, Dining Rooms

Monday, December 6

- 9:00 am Red Wagon Christmas Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 6:00 pm Personnel Meeting, Pastor's Office
- 6:30 pm Mary Kay Meeting, Parlor

Tuesday, December 7

- 9:00 am Retired Folks, V.I.
- 11:00 am Blackhawk College Choir, Sanc.
- 1:00 pm MV Quilters, Dining Rooms
- 1:00 pm Church Bridge Club, Parlor
- 5:30 pm Executive Board, Pastor's Office
- 6:30 pm Church L/G, JH Room
- 7:00 pm Diaconate, Board Room
- 7:00 pm Music Board, Parlor
- 7:00 pm CE Board, Royal Fishes Room
- 7:00 pm Banjoleers, Music Room

Wednesday, December 8

- 9:00 am Red Wagon Christmas Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 10:00 am Bible Study, Home of Jean Gale
- 12:00 pm Blackhawk College Choir, Sanctuary
- 12:30 pm Book Study, Parlor
- 3:00 pm Warm Fuzzies, Parlor
- 5:30 pm Youth Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 6:00 pm Youth Christmas Eve Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Pillar of Fire

**Newsletter Article
DEADLINES:
Wednesdays 4:30 p.m.
December 29th
January 26th**

**DATES ARE FINAL, SO BE
SURE TO GET YOUR ARTICLES
TO THE OFFICE ON TIME!**

- 7:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

Thursday, December 9

- 9:00 am Red Wagon Christmas Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 10:00 am Prayer Group, Pastor's Office
- 6:00 pm Cancer thru Christ, Parlor
- 6:00 pm Congregators, Small Dining Room
- 7:30 pm Blackhawk Choir Concert, Sanctuary

Friday, December 10

- 9:00 am Red Wagon Christmas Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm PEO Meeting, Café & Kitchen

Saturday, December 11

- 9:00 am Confirmation with Mentors, Parlor
- 11:00 am Son Café Group, Small Dining Room
- 5:30 pm Worship, Large Dining Room

Sunday, December 12, Giving Tree Gifts Due

- 9:00 am Worship, Sanctuary
- 10:00 am Fellowship, Son Café
- 10:10 am Church School
- 10:20 am Cherub Choir, Pillar of Fire Room
- 11:00 am Worship, Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm Youth Secret Santa, Youth Room

Monday, December 13

- 9:00 am Red Wagon Christmas Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 6:30 pm Mary Kay Meeting, Parlor

Tuesday, December 14

- 9:00 am Red Wagon Christmas Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm Church Council, Board Room
- 7:00 pm Banjoleers, Music Room
- 7:30 pm Nova Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Wednesday, December 15

- 9:00 am Red Wagon Christmas Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 10:00 am Bible Study, Parlor

Email your items for the newsletter to debor@fccmoline.org

Calendar for December 2010 Continued

December 15—Continued

- 12:30 pm Book Study, Parlor
- 3:00 pm Warm Fuzzies, Large Dining Room
- 5:30 pm Youth Choirs, Music Room
- 6:00 pm Practicing Our Faith Study, Library
- 6:00 pm Christmas Worship Practice, Sanc,
- 7:00 pm Bells Rehearsal, Pillar of Fire Room
- 7:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Music Rm.

Thursday, December 16

- 9:00 am Red Wagon Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 9:00 am Foot Clinic, Lower Level
- 9:30 am Card Ministry, Library
- 10:00 am Prayer Group, Pastor's Office
- 6:30 pm Red Wagon Christmas Program, Sanctuary and Dining Rooms

Friday, December 17

- 9:00 am **Santa Visits Red Wagon!**, Parlor

Saturday, December 18

- 11:00 am Son Café Team, Dining Rooms
- 5:30 pm Worship, Large Dining Room

Sunday, December 19

- 8:00 am Hospitality, Parlor
- 9:00 am Worship, Sanctuary
- 10:00 am Fellowship, Son Café
- 10:10 am Church School
- 10:10 am Cherub Choir, Pillar of Fire Room
- 11:00 am Worship, Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm Confirmation, Parlor

Monday, December 20

- 10:00 am Historical Society, Dining Rooms
- 6:30 pm Mary Kay Meeting, Parlor

Tuesday, December 21

- 9:00 pm Retired Folks, V.I.
- 4:00 pm CommU, Cafe
- 6:00 pm Mission Board Meeting, Parlor
- 7:00 pm Banjoleers, Music Room

Wednesday, December 22

- 9:00 am Red Wagon Christmas Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 10:00 am Bible Study, Parlor
- 3:00 pm Warm Fuzzies, Parlor
- 5:30 pm Youth Choirs Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 6:15 pm Youth Christmas Eve Rehearsal, Sanc.
- 7:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Parlor
- 7:00 pm Christmas Cantata Orchestra, Sanc.
- 8:00 pm Cantata Choir & Orchestra, Sanc.

Thursday, December 23

- 10:00 am Prayer Group, Pastor's Office

Friday, December 24—See Front Page of this newsletter for descriptions of these services

- 5:00 pm Worship
- 7:00 pm Worship
- 11:00 pm Worship

Saturday, December 25 - Celebrate Christ's Birth!



Sunday, December 26

- 9:00 am Worship, Sanctuary
- 10:00 am Fellowship, Son Café
- 11:00 am Worship, Sanctuary
- 5:00 pm – AdventFest, Dining Rooms

Monday, December 27—Office Closed

Tuesday, December 28

- 7:00 pm Banjoleers, Music Room

Wednesday, December 29

No Events scheduled at this time

Thursday, December 30

- 10:00 am Prayer Group, Pastor's Office

Friday, December 31

Annual Reports Due!

- 12:00 pm **Office Closes for New Year**

No Events scheduled at this time



Saturday, January 1, 2011

No Evening Worship

Sunday, January 2

- 9:00 am Worship, Sanctuary
- 10:00 am Fellowship, Son Café
- 10:10 am Church School
- 10:10 am Cherub Choir, Pillar of Fire Room
- 11:00 am Worship, Sanctuary

Monday, January 3—Office Closed for New Year

Tuesday, January 4

- 1:00 pm MV Quilters, Dining Rooms
- 1:00 pm Church Bridge Club, Parlor
- 4:00 pm Prenatal Classes, Parlor
- 5:30 pm Executive Board, Pastor's Office
- 6:30 pm Church Life/Growth, JH Room
- 7:00 pm Diaconate, Board Room
- 7:00 pm CE Board, Royal Fishes Room
- 7:00 pm Banjoleers, Music Room
- 7:00 pm Music Board, Parlor

Wednesday, January 5

- 9:30 am Valor Quilters
- 10:00 am Bible Study, Parlor
- 12:30 pm Book Study, Parlor
- 3:00 pm Warm Fuzzies, Dining Room
- 5:30 pm Youth Choirs Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 7:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal, Bell Room
- 7:15 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Music Room

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