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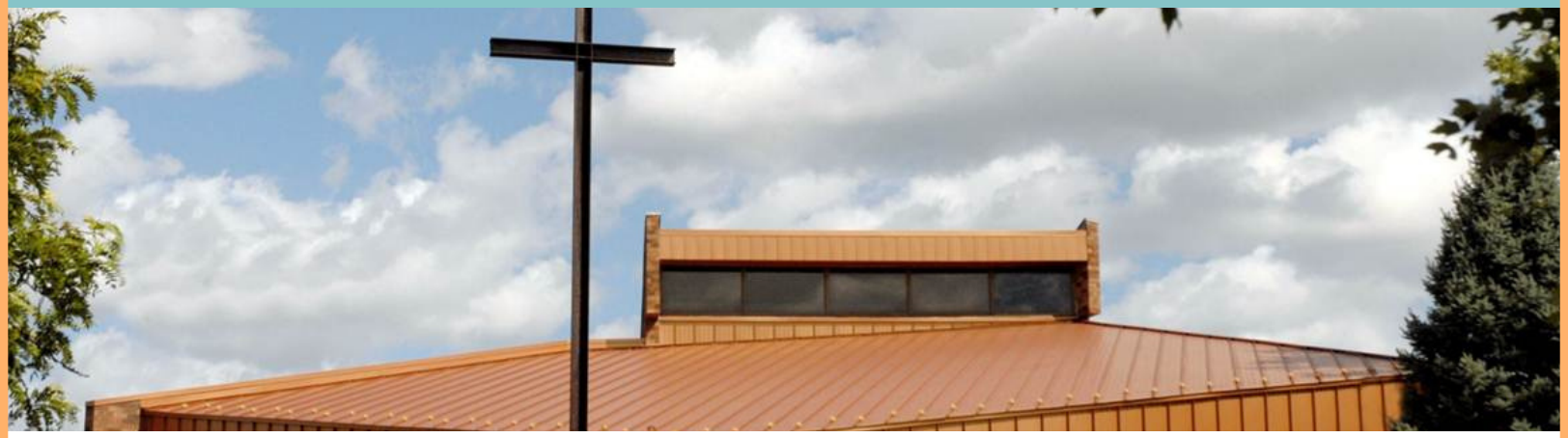


Sunday at Church – January 30, 2022
Fourth Sunday After Epiphany
9:00 a.m. ~ Sunday School
10:30 a.m. ~ Sanctuary & Live-Stream Worship on First Christian's Facebook page

Scripture ~ Luke 7:1-10

Special Music
"There Is a Redeemer"
arr Douglas E. Wagner

Jubilate Ringers

This Sunday
January 30, 2022
Adopted By:

Carmania Lewis
In Honor Of Her 90th Birthday

Thank you for this generous gift supporting our priority of gathering for worship every Sunday and recognizing our desire to enhance our worship experience.
"*Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple and they broke bread in their homes. And the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.*"
-Acts 2: 46a, 47b

In our scripture for Sunday, a Roman centurion has a servant who was very special to him; and the servant was sick. Jesus agreed to heal the man; but as he was on his way to him, he received a message from the centurion. "I'm not worthy to have you come in person; *just say the word*, and I know my servant will be well. "

Just say the word. There is power in words! In Biblical language, words can be blessings or they can be curses. In our terminology, words can build up or break down. How did Jesus (the Word who became flesh) use the power of words in his ministry? How do we, as followers...as the Word *becoming* flesh...understand and use the power of words? See you Sunday.

Service Opportunities

WE NEED YOUR CREATIVITY!
WE NEED YOUR GOOD IDEAS!

2022 is our year for getting our house (or better... God's house) in order. We have areas of ministry that need attention for us to be "the Word becoming flesh" in Peoria, Illinois.

The time is now to ask yourselves where you can best serve this year. Please consider a committee assignment. Sign up at the Information Desk or just call/email Karen. Even the committees that have their desired minimum of four are open to having more if that is where you feel you best serve.

GENESIS STUDY BEGINS THIS WEEK!

We begin this Thursday, Jan. 27, at 10:00 am. with our "Visual Walk through Genesis." The book we will be using is a fascinating look at the first book of the Bible with lots of pictures and added information. Join us! Sign up at the Information Desk.

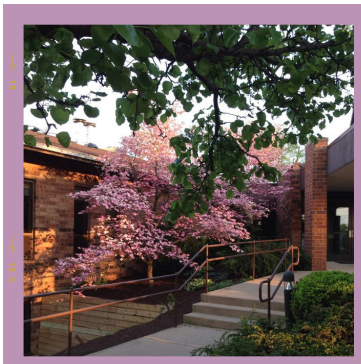
LIMESTONE KIWANIS ANNUAL CHILI SUPPER
(Notice corrected date)

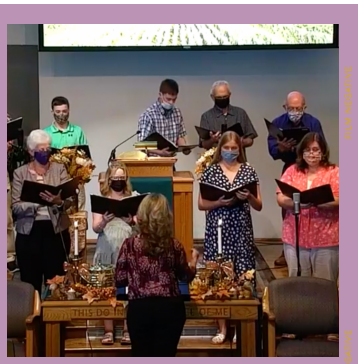
Friday, Feb. 4, 2022 4-6 P.M.
Limestone High School Cafeteria
Chili, Hot Dog, Chips and Drink $7.00
Benefit: Limestone Key Club
See Jerry Hornbacker for tickets.

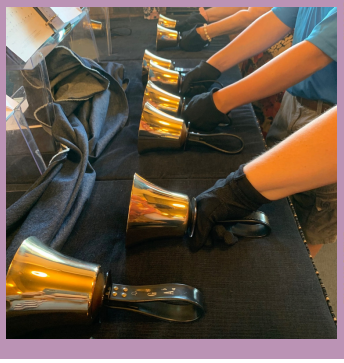
Girl Scout Cookies!

Hi everyone! Girl Scout Cookie season officially begins on February 4th. I will have cookies available at church beginning February 6th before and after the worship service. Cookies are $5 per box. I will also be collecting donations for Operation Cookie Share. Checks can be made payable to Girl Scout Troop 4814. Thank you in advance for supporting my troop!

Natalie Woods
Girl Scout Troop 4814







Church Life

Covid and Worship

Because of the high numbers of those contracting Covid in Peoria County, we will be encouraging our worshipers to once again sit every other pew. Please sit in the pew with the decorated end.

No End of the Month Potluck in January

There will not be an end-of-the-month potluck in January due to the high transmissibility of Covid. MLT will monitor Covid stats to determine if it is safe in February.

Installation Sunday

Installation of Officers, Junior Deacons and recognition of Emeritus honorees this Sunday

Within the context of worship, we shall praise God this Sunday for the calling out from the body of Christ, leaders for 2022. We shall install our officers and junior deacons and have a special recognition for those who are named Elder Emeritus this year. God has blessed First Christian Church with creative, thoughtful and committed leadership through its 177 years. 2022 simply proves that statement and we are grateful for those who said "Yes."

Disciples Women

....will meet on Tuesday February 8th at 12 noon.
Susie Ryan will bring clay and guidance to help us design and make our very own bowl. This Is one of our most popular programs. Join us to see how much fun we have. Bring your own lunch and we will provide dessert and drink. This is a two month project. We will finish at the April 12th meeting. Sign up at the Information desk.

Thank You

A very special thank you to Tim Dougherty, Jenny & John Tripses, and Beth Smittkamp for donating furniture and other items to help a single mom with children in need. Everything is greatly appreciated! - Chere and Steve Peters

Thank You

I want to thank you for the hats, gloves, and scarf donation to my school, Harrison Community Learning Center.
Sincerely, Kelley Robbins
(Note: Hats, gloves, and scarves were donated from our Mitten Tree.)

Thank You

Patrick Payne appreciates all the thoughts and prayers given to him by church members of First Christian Church. He was released from the hospital last week and returned to work this past Saturday.

With Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to Lynne Ceja and CJ Blackwell upon the death of Diane Blackwell of Peoria. Diane passed away on Thursday, January 20, 2022. A memorial service will be planned for a later date. Please keep the Blackwell family in your prayers.

Our sympathy is also extended to the family of Richard Aldrich. Richard passed away on Friday, January 21, 2022. A private service will be held. Please keep the Aldrich family in your prayers.

Birthdays

Tom Nicoll	02/02
Kevin Wolfe	02/02
Sharon Nott	02/04
Kris Plog	02/04
Sherry Wolfe	02/08

CALENDAR EVENTS

TASTING PEORIA

Join us on February 10th at Kenny's West Side at 6pm. This beloved Peoria restaurant and live music venue never fails to please. Sign up at the info desk and see you there!

MOVIE NIGHT

Our next movie night will be on February 18th and we will be showing the classic Whoopi Goldberg film "Sister Act". If you have seen it, come and re-live the joy of this comedy. If you haven't.... you'll definitely want to see it! Show starts at 7pm, sign up at the info desk.

TRIVIA NIGHT

We are postponing trivia night for awhile. We will try once a quarter, so watch for upcoming dates!

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The Week ahead

Tues	01/25	6pm PACC Rehearsal
		7pm Cluster Meeting
Thurs	01/27	10am Genesis Study
Fri	01/28	6pm Tamil School
Sat	01/29	7am Private Group
Sun	01/30	9am Sunday School
		10:30am Worship
		12:30pm Jubilate Ringers
		1pm Sanctuary Choir
		7pm Private Group
Mon	01/31	5pm Tae Kwon Do Class
Tues	02/01	6pm PACC Rehearsal

Serving Schedule

Presiding Elder:	Mike Buckley
Elders:	Chere Peters
	Jenny Tripses
Lay Reader:	Sandy Surface
Acolyte:	Elliot Truelove
Greeters:	Tim Dougherty
	Sandy Surface
Counters:	Mike & Laura Buckley
Deacons	
Chancel:	Kelsey Reynolds
Head:	Lisa Cheatham
	Beth Reynolds
	Kyle Cheatham