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The Peoria Christian

This Sunday:

October 9, 2022
Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

10:30 a.m.
Sanctuary Worship
Live Stream Worship ~on YouTube

Rev Karen Merrick will be preaching

Scripture
1 Corinthians 3:2-6

Special Music
"Here at Your Table, Lord"
~arr Dan R Edwards
Jubilate Ringers

This Sunday: Getting Warmer!—Living up to our Name

This Sunday we begin a 3-week series I'm calling "Getting Warmer" or, getting closer to the kingdom of God. This Sunday we will consider what it means to take our name personally and seriously. We are "Disciples of Christ". A disciple is a learner, a life-long follower of a specific teacher. Our teacher is Jesus Christ.

Consider a four-legged chair as a metaphor for being "whole". It takes all four for balance. The first three legs represent our physical, emotional and our social well-being. The fourth leg is our spiritual well-being. What are we doing to keep our spiritual selves strong for our overall balance? More on Sunday! - Karen

Stewardship Month: Getting Warmer!

It was a fun childhood game. One person would hide something and the other would have to find it. The "hider' would give clues, letting the "finder" know if they were getting warmer, or closer, to the object.

October is our traditional month to begin to consider leadership and resources for our next year of mission and ministry. This year our Stewardship theme is "Getting Warmer!" If we are moving forward on our journey in faith together through worship, study and service, then we are getting warmer as we seek God's kingdom.

For the next three Sundays in worship, we will be looking at the ways that ministries of First Christian help us "get warmer."

This Sunday, we ask you to help us save some funds by picking up your stewardship manilla envelope with your name on it from the table in the lounge. Inside the envelope is our 2023 calendar and on the last page is a pledge card. Please consider your pledge and return the card by Oct. 30th. All envelopes not picked up this Sunday will be mailed next Monday.

We have wonderful givers at First Christian. We also discovered this year that only ½ of our givers actually turn in a pledge card. If that is not something you are comfortable doing, that is absolutely fine. But if you haven't pledged because it slipped your mind to return the card, please make an extra effort to do so. It is so helpful to those who create the budget for the new year.

2023 will be a decisive year for First Christian as it calls first an interim and then a new pastor. Please look for ways to help make this year of transition exciting and purposeful and smooth as we shape our committees and budget for 2023.

Church Life

Trunk or Treat – October 31

We just set out our Trunk or Treat sign-up last Sunday and are already 1/3 towards our goal for having enough volunteers to offer a Trunk or Treat experience to the community. If you are not needed to distribute candy from your own front door, please consider joining in the fun at First Christian on Halloween, Oct. 31 from 4:30-6:30. We will have tables ready in the lounge. You could put out a few Halloween decorations and have some candy ready. Costumes are not mandatory but lots of fun. Please sign up this Sunday at the Information Desk if you can help.

Legacy Lunch and Conversation with Matt Rosine

We will be celebrating All Saints Day on Nov. 13th this year. On that day we will remember those who passed to life in the spirit this year, joining the cloud of witnesses who continue to cheer us on. Also on that day, we show our gratitude for gifts that have been received through memorials and to our permanent fund and dedicate them to the good use of future church ministries.

Matt Rosine, our area representative from the Christian Church Foundation (Disciples of Christ), will be joining us that day and will be our guest at a lunch that all are invited to when he will share information about leaving a gift to the church in your will. This is an informational lunch and will leave us with good ideas and considerations for the future. He plans to share information for no more than 30 minutes leaving time if there are any questions. The rest of your Sunday afternoon will be yours. Please sign up at the Information Desk if you can join Matt for lunch that day.

...Halloween Candy Needed for Disciples Women Project

At the October meeting of Disciples Women, they will be packaging Halloween candy in bags for distribution to local agencies. Please help with candy donations (small wrapped candy for filling the bags). You may place your donation in the basket in the lounge.

Disciples Women

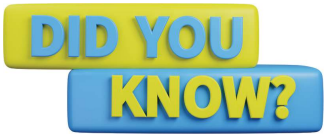
Please join us on Tuesday, October 11, at 12:00 noon. We will be filling bags with Halloween candy to distribute to children in the Peoria area. Bring your own lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided. All are welcome! Please sign up at the information desk.

October Sunday Study

Roger and Vickie Baker are leading a study on the First Letter of John in October. All are welcome.

Church Women United

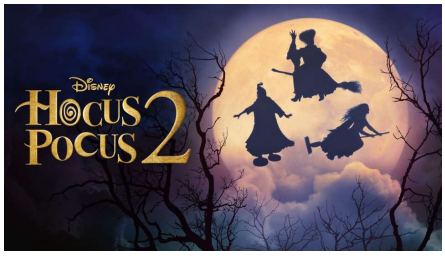
Church Women United will meet at First Christian Church, Peoria on Friday, October 7, at 9:00 a.m. The program is Human Rights Day Celebration "A Call to Act". Special guest speaker is Marcellus Sommerville, Director, Friendship House of Christian Service. Please join us. If you have any questions, contact Aldine Allen.



Did you know?

Philip Moldenhauer and Kay Jones have moved permanently to their second home in Largo, Florida. We wish them well.

Reminders



Movie Night

Join us on Friday, October 21st, at 7:00 p.m. for the movie, "Hocus Pocus 2". Please sign up at the information desk.

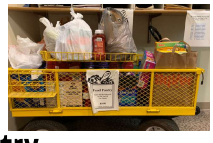
Three young women accidentally bring back the Sanderson Sisters to modern day Salem and must figure out how to stop the child-hungry witches from wreaking havoc on the world.

Coming Home

Save the date for December 4th for our "Coming Home" Sunday. Invite your families to join you in worship that day. It's also a potluck Sunday, and there will be light entertainment from the Peoria Area Civic Chorale.

Tasting Peoria

Ready for some great pizza?! Join us on Wednesday, October 26th at 6pm at Sugar Wood Fired Bistro. The drinks are good, the pizza is better, but the company is best! See you there!



Food Pantry

In October, our donations will be going to Woodland Baptist. Any non-perishable items are much needed and appreciated. Thank you!

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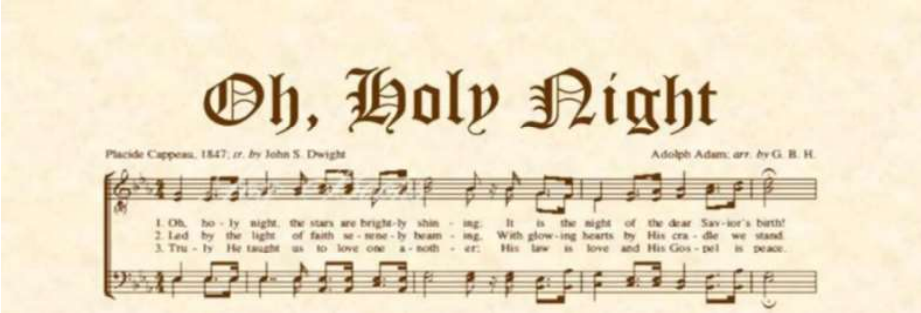
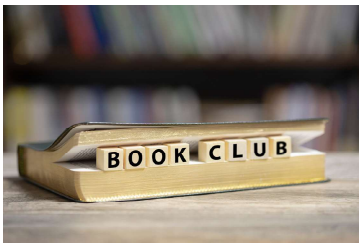

Advent Devotional

"O Holy Night" is our theme for the Advent devotional this year. This favorite Christmas Carol was written in French by Adolphe Adam and translated by Unitarian minister John Sullivan Dwight. It became a favorite in churches everywhere. One writer said, "This carol has been a staple in churches and holiday films for decades, and its notoriety is well deserved. It's glorious, yet serene, with just a little darkness mixed in."

We have chosen phrases from "O Holy Night" that reflect the special weekly themes in Advent; and we invite you to decide what advent theme you want to focus on...hope, peace, love, joy, Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. Then sign up under that theme at the Information Desk. Then take a copy of the instructions and call on the Spirit for creativity and insight as you write.



October Book Club

The October book club selection is 'Have a Little Faith' by Mitch Albom.
We will meet on Tuesday, October 25, at 7:00 p.m. at Margaret Goulden's home at 133 Eastwood Dr, East Peoria.

Do you remember the 2014 Ice Bucket Challenge? Across the country, videos were being posted of folks making a pledge to donate to ALS research. Then, a little gimmicky but very effective, a bucket of ice water was dumped on their heads. After church one Sunday, a few brave First Christian people gathered at the bench outside the front door and made their pledge and received their dose of ice water.

The ALS Association said that $2.2 million of funds that were raised from the Ice Bucket Challenge went into funding the development and trial of the new drug that the Food and Drug Administration approved this week for treatment of ALS, which is also known as Lou Gehrig's disease. The new drug is not a cure for the fatal neurodegenerative disease, but it does slow down the effects. Funding from the challenge has "dramatically accelerated the fight against ALS."

Animal Blessing Report

The pet blessing we enjoyed last Saturday was lots of fun! A number of dogs came who were so excited to be there with their friends. The weather was perfect and we blessed a number of dogs, pictures of cats and said a prayer of thanks for those who had died recently. Thanks to all who helped with this event.

Midwest Food Bank ~ Volunteer Project

First Christian Church is putting together a group to do a volunteer project at Midwest Food Bank of Peoria on Thursday, October 27th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Our group will be packaging bulk food items so they can be readied for distribution to local food pantries. The Food Bank is located at 9005 N. Industrial Rd. in Peoria. Please sign up at the information desk or contact Steve Hinrichs at shinrichs23@gmail.com for more information.

Camp Walter Scott – Work Day

Next work day is Saturday, November 5, 2022
campwalterscott.org/workdays/

Birthdays

Brooke MacDonald	10/14
Hudson Wronkiewicz	10/15
Levi Holloway	10/16
CJ Blackwell	10/17
Jenny Tripses	10/17

Anniversaries

Mark & Elisa Rogers	10/12
Jerry & Val Hornbacker	10/17

This Week

Tues	10/04	6pm PACC Rehearsal
Fri	10/07	9am Church Women United
		6pm Tamil School
Sat	10/08	7am Private Group
Sun	10/09	9am Adult Sunday School
		10:30am Worship
		12:30pm Jubilate Ringers
		1pm Sanctuary Choir
		7pm Private Group
Mon	10/10	5pm Tae Kwon Do
		5:30pm Worship Meeting
		6:30pm Personnel Meeting
Tues	10/11	12pm Disciples Women
		6pm PACC Rehearsal

Serving Schedule

Presiding Elder:	**Jenny Tripses**
Elders:	**Kevin Cheatham**
	Steve West
Lay Reader:	**Terrie Wronkiewicz**
Acolyte:	**Natalie Woods**
Greeters:	**Sandy Surface**
	Debbie Presnell
Counters:	**Jim & Beth Smittkamp**
Deacons	
Chancel:	**Monica Hinrichs**
Head:	**John Best**
	Laura Buckley
	Steve Hinrichs