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Thanksgiving Special Offering

Each year our church receives six special offerings to support the world-wide mission of the whole of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The Thanksgiving Offering supports Disciples of Christ colleges, universities and seminaries all across the country as well as Higher Education and Leadership Ministries. There are 14 Disciples related colleges and universities and 7 Disciples related seminaries. Over 27,000 students attend Disciples related institutions of higher education every year. Persons from our church have attended those institutions including Chapman University and Culver-Stockton College. Our Thanksgiving Offering helps prepare leaders for the church. Please support this year's special offering by using the envelopes provided in the Sunday bulletin.

Inter-Faith Thanksgiving Service

Woodland Ecumenical and Multi-Faith Ministries (WEMM) is sponsoring an inter-faith Thanksgiving worship service on Sunday, November 20th at 4 p.m. in the sanctuary of St. John's United Church of Christ. All are welcome to join in this celebration of thanksgiving for all of God's wonderful gifts of life.

Annual Congregational Meeting, December 4th

Plan to join us for a potluck lunch after church for our annual congregational meeting as we review and celebrate the past year, dream about the year ahead of us, elect our congregation's leadership for 2017, and approve the 2017 church budget. All are welcome...and all are needed. Bring a main dish, salad or dessert to share.

Flower Group Cookie Exchange

The Flower Group will get an early start on the spirit of Christmas when they meet for a cookie exchange on Thursday, December 2nd. We will be meeting at Marj Hansen's home at 11am, with sack lunches as usual. All are welcome. If you can hear laughter you have come to the right place.

Creche & Music Festival

The 15th Annual Woodland Creche and Music Festival will be held December 2nd through December 11th, from 2:00pm to 8:00pm. Some 1,000 nativities from around the world will be on display. These nativities are from every media imaginable and are displayed by people living throughout the area.

Choirs and individuals throughout the area will be performing. Our choir is scheduled to sing on December 11th at 5:00pm. Please come support our choir.

If you have nativities that you would like to display, please take them to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints located at 850 Pioneer Avenue in Woodland on November 15th through November 19th between 2pm and 7pm. Please call 379-3553.

Harvest Auction

Join the Woodland United Methodist Church for a Harvest dessert, quilt, and hand knit scarf Auction on November 20th at 11:00am in their Fellowship Hall located at 212 Second Street. For more information contact the church office at 530-662-6274.

Woodland Chamber Singers

The Woodland Chamber Singers will be presenting their 41st annual Winter Concert, entitled "Welcome Now the Holiday" at 7:00pm Friday, December 2nd and Saturday, December 3rd, and 5:00pm on Sunday, December 4th, 2016. It will be at Woodland Presbyterian Church, corner of Gibson and 98. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students 12 and over. Those under 12 are free. Tickets are available from any singer, or at the door.

WEMM Christmas Baskets

For at least three decades Woodland Ecumenical and Multi-Faith Ministries (the new name for Woodland Ecumenical Ministries) has prepared Christmas baskets for hungry families in our community. We are doing so again this year...and our church is being asked to provide 700 cans of fruit for this year's effort. Lon Springer has once again consented to lead this effort for our

congregation. You can purchase cans of fruit and bring them to the church or you can give Lon money directly and he will shop around and find the best price on canned fruit. (Peaches are the preferred fruit.) If you would like to help put the bags of food together, that will be done at the LDS Stake Center on Gum and Pioneer Avenues on Thursday, December 15th at 4 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Lon Springer or Larry Love.

Sophia Mendoza, Moving on

Our wonderful and much loved childcare provider Sophia Mendoza has enlisted in the Air Force and so will be leaving us. Sophia's last Sunday will be November 20th. Our children dearly love Sophia...and all the rest of us are so very grateful for the loving care she has provided for our little ones for the past several years. We wish her God's greatest blessings as she moves into this new adventure in her life. Please take the opportunity to say thank you to Sophia.

Notify Us of Schedule Changes

We will begin work soon on the next Master Schedule for February through July of 2017. If you would like to be removed or added to any schedule lists, or have particular times you would like to NOT be scheduled, please contact the office with these requests via phone (662-9356) or email (jinnwcc@sbcglobal.net). Many thanks for your hard work and ministry!

Round About Us

Special thanks to **Katelyn Reimer**, **Karen Webber**, and **Sharon Armus** for a wonderful Stone Soup Supper and Variety Show on Friday, November 4th. The stone soup was delicious and the entertainment excellent with readings, recitals of poetry, storytelling, skits, and musical performances by some of our young ones like **A. J. Felix**, **Maddie Shull**, **Clara Shull**, and **Abby Wilmot**. If you missed it, fear not because there will be more wonderful gatherings coming in the not too distant future.

Twenty-two different persons enjoyed being together at the Community of the Great Commission (CGC) for our church's annual retreat. Fifteen persons participated for the full weekend and another seven came up for the day on Saturday. Attending were **Joyce Henning**, **Beth Erickson**, **Nancy and Larry Love**, **Jeanelyse Doran Adams**, **Kris**, **Megan**, **Maddie and Clara Shull**, **Barb Patterson**, **Alberta Bradley**, **Austin Kennedy**, **Austin's**

friend, **Elijah, Angie and Jayson Martinez, Kathy Cholewinski, Linda Quinn, Heather Craig, Beja and Evelyn Springer, and Katy Rangel and Raul, Jr.** During the weekend the group sang, learned, ate delicious camp food, visited around Kris Shull's roaring fire in the Claar House fireplace, played spoons, created works of art, and simply enjoyed the beauty of God's good creation. Thirteen members of the group including Maddie, Clara, Eeve, Jayson, Raul Jr., Austin and Elijah, hiked down to Michigan Bluff and spent some time exploring the marvelous old cemetery. Our theme for the weekend was taken from the title of a book our Wednesday night study group is reading, "The Impossible Will Take a Little While." Jeanelyse, Linda, Beth and Larry led the study and discussion times.

At the very end of our retreat **Angie Martinez** began suffering severe chest pain and was transported by ambulance (accompanied by Barb Patterson) to Auburn Faith Hospital. After a couple of hours in ER Angie was released and able to return home with the rest of us. Thank you to all who received that message via a text to **Becky Gordon** and prayed for Angie during your worship time in Woodland.

Ellen Parker is continuing her recovery from surgery at Alderson's Convalescent Hospital...and would enjoy visits.

Peggy Phelps was in ICU at Woodland Memorial Hospital for several days recently but is doing much better.

Sharon Armus, Karen Webber, and Katelyn Reimer recently traveled to Long Beach to visit **Austen, Lisa, Jacqueline and Harrison Armus.** They also spent a day in Disneyland.

Bob Adams spent a week or more in Missouri recently attending a class reunion of Culver Stockton College from which he graduated. He also attended the church he pastored during the time he attended Culver Stockton. The little church is at a country crossroads and continues to thrive. Bob noted that the parents of the young families during his time there are now in their seventies and eighties, and the children of the church during his time are parents and grandparents...but continuing to share life together in the church. Many of the people remembered Bob from his time as a young student pastor.

Esther Stiles is back in Woodland after some three weeks in Taiwan and Okinawa for a family wedding...and Dale and Ferdie (the hound dog) are so glad to have her back.

We are grateful once again for the special music provided for us by **Sarah Tarleton** on November 6th.

It was good to see **Kathy Wertman** (sister of Karen Webber, Sharon Armus and Becky Gordon) in worship with us as she was in Woodland on her way to a Disneyland visit with some of her family.

(If you have news of your family or the church family that you would like included in the Oakleaflet, please contact Larry.)

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!

CWF will soon be selling several items for your gift giving....either gifts to yourselves or gifts for friends and family!

Turkish Scarves	25.00
Recycled tea bag items	
Angels	6.00
Bookmarks	3.00
Words of Hope	4.50
Bean soup mixes	5.00
Dip mixes	3.00
Salsa mixes	3.00
Fair Trade chocolate	5.00

ALL sales from these items go to help benefit women and families in our county and in South Africa and Turkey.

Please stop by our outreach table in Parker Hall after worship on Sunday and see what wonderful items we have to offer!

HOLIDAY CONCERT

We will be hosting a *Holiday Concert* on Friday, December 16th at 7:00pm in our Sanctuary.

Please join us for a festive evening of solos, choral arrangements, piano pieces, Christmas stories, and sing-alongs as we enJOY the spirit of the holidays. A refreshment hour will follow in Parker Hall, with hot drinks and cookies.

We will also be having our new holiday **PIE AUCTION** during the refreshment hour. Sign-ups to provide cookies or snacks for refreshment hour, or to provide pies or tarts for the **PIE AUCTION**, are in Parker Hall.

We will be accepting donations and offerings during the refreshment hour. All proceeds for the evening will go towards camp scholarships for our Youth.

Don't forget to invite your friends and family!!!

Flower Group

11-3-2016



We smile, we laugh a lot, we serve and we pray.

One by one we each arrived in the Sanctuary wearing our smiles, carrying our sack lunches in one hand and Fall decorations in the other hand. We had work to do!

As per past years, Pat Nickell brought the large sheet of plastic for carpet protection, and Wanda Freeman brought her beautiful piece of dark brown burlap, which makes a perfect background for what we were about to accomplish. It was time to decorate the Sanctuary for Thanksgiving!

Each lady had brought something to add to the nice supply of pumpkins and colorful gourds that Short Parker had delivered. We soon had an abundance of grasses, dry colorful corn, flowers in Fall colors and art pieces. About half of us made excellent suggestions from the pews as to where things should be placed as the rest of the group went into action placing things here and there, until we got the display in front of the communion table just right. Each year our Fall arrangement turns out so beautiful!

With our job complete we had a moment of silence, thanking God for the bounty of beauty he provides for us. Alice Schoner the read a beautiful reading, reminding us all to "slow down a bit, be quiet, and be with God".

As we enjoyed our sack lunches we remembered those that needed a special prayer, a visit, a warm hug or a cheerful card. We smiled at our accomplishment as we munched on cookies from Betty's kitchen and some very special chocolate coated mints from Gloria.

The ladies came wearing a smile, and left wearing an even bigger smile! I hope you have enjoyed our colorful Fall display. Happy Thanksgiving to All.

All ladies and their friends are invited to join us at our meetings. If you would like to join our ladies' group, or have questions, please feel free to call Betty (662-6277) or MaryJo (662-7417).

You will be getting a reminder call about our December "Cookie Exchange".

Season's Greetings to All
Betty & MaryJo

Prayer Concerns

Gwen Miller, Carl Schoner, Ellen Parker,
Leigh Dieckman, Peggy Phelps, Jahn Family,
Doug & Tiffani Jahn, Steve Love

November 22nd

April Kramer
Kendall Lambert
Doug & Lila Lawson
Lois Lawson
Karen Lilyblade
Carlos & Amanda Lopez

November 29th

Larry & Nancy Love
Ivan & Lindsay Lowry
Carlene Lucas
Christian Lyster-Bradley
Dave & Brenda Mahoney
Al & Chris Mancilla

November 20, 2016

“A Cosmic Chorus of Praise”
Larry Love, Pastor

Sermon Scripture: Psalm 103
Scripture Text: Ephesians 1: 3-14

Service in Worship

Worship Leader: Del Zeiger
Children’s Moment: Gloria Dewey
Childrens W&W: Nancy Love
“How the Church Tells Time”

Greeters: Angie & Jayson Martinez
Candlelighters: Chris Paulucci, Presley Phillips
Power Point: Sue Tarleton
Flowers: Flower Group

Service at the Table

Elders: Cathie Wicks, Del Zeiger
Diaconate Captain: Chris Mancilla
Diaconate Team: Heather Craig, Kathy Cholewinski,
Kris & Megan Shull

Service in Ministry

Pastoral Care Elder: Marjorie Brown
Fellowship: Heather Craig, Gloria Dewey,
Becky Gordon, Sharon Armus
Kitchen/Nursery: Gloria Dewey
Building Monitor: Gordon Davis

November 27, 2016

“It’s Time”
Larry Love, Pastor

Sermon Scripture: Isaiah 2: 1-5
Romans 13: 11-14
Scripture Text: Psalm 122

Service in Worship

Worship Leader: Gloria Dewey
Children’s Moment: Bob Adams
CW&W: Becky Gordon
“The Prophets Show the Way to Bethlehem”

Greeters: Ally Jahn, Gabriela Strong
Candlelighters: Becky & Sean Gordon
Power Point: Melissa Paulucci
Flowers: Alberta Bradley

Service at the Table

Elders: Wanda Freeman, Jeanelyse Adams
Diaconate Captain: Chris Mancilla
Diaconate Team: Heather Craig, Kathy Cholewinski,
Kris & Megan Shull

Service in Ministry

Pastoral Care Elder: Nancy Love
Fellowship: Karen Webber, Kathy Cholewinski,
Barb Patterson, Melissa Paulucci, Chris Mancilla
Kitchen/Nursery: Alberta Bradley
Building Monitor: Sharon Armus

December 4, 2016

“Turning Toward the Life-Giving Dream”
Larry Love, Pastor

Sermon Scripture: Isaiah 11: 1-10
Scripture Text: Matthew 3: 1-12
Romans 15: 4-13

Service in Worship

Worship Leader: Barb Patterson
Children’s Moment: Eleanore Garnett
CW&W: “Mary & Joseph Show the Way to Bethlehem”

Greeters: Randy & Patty Overfield
Candlelighters: Heather Craig, Patty Clark
Power Point: Micah Love
Flowers: Susie Hardman

Service at the Table

Elders: Patty Clark, Nancy Love
Diaconate Captain: Sharon Armus
Diaconate Team: Chris & Melissa Paulucci,
Beth Erickson, Sarah Danielson

Service in Ministry

Pastoral Care Elder: Jeanelyse Adams
Homebound: Del Zeiger, Becky Gordon,
Sarah Danielson, Beth Erickson
Fellowship: Susie Hardman, Gabriela Strong,
Peggy Phelps, Alberta Bradley, Dona Ostergaard
Kitchen/Nursery: Sharon Armus
Building Monitor: Randy Overfield