

The Eureka Messenger

Christian and Congregational Church
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December 28, 2018

Sunday Worship—9:00 a.m.

Adult Bible Study—10:30 a.m.



ANNUAL MEETING

In accordance with the church bylaws, the **Annual Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, January 27, 2019**, immediately following the worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to present the written yearly reports of officers, the board, trustees, the pastor, committees, organizations and departments; to install new officers; to hear general statements from the moderator; and to transact any business that may be presented at that time. Please plan to attend this very important meeting in the life of the church!

All **yearly written reports** by church officers, trustees, committee chairs, and leaders should be submitted to the Church Office by noon on **Monday, January 7, 2019**, in order that the written Annual Report may be prepared for presentation at the Annual Congregational Meeting, on Sunday, January 27, 2019. If possible, Joanie, our church secretary, would like to have those reports emailed to her at ccchurch6276@att.net. If you do not have access to a computer, please deliver your reports to her at the Church Office.

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(Adopted by the Church Board on July 7, 2004)

The mission of our congregation is to provide opportunities to worship God, to grow in faith, to witness, and to serve others in the name of Jesus Christ, so the people of the local community and the world may experience God's love



9:00 a.m.—SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

10:15 a.m.—ADULT BIBLE STUDY

6:30 p.m.—CHURCHBOARD (1st Wed. of the month)

1:30 p.m.—CCWF (1st Thurs. of the month)

5:30 p.m.—J.A.M. Adventures Night (last Wed. of the month)



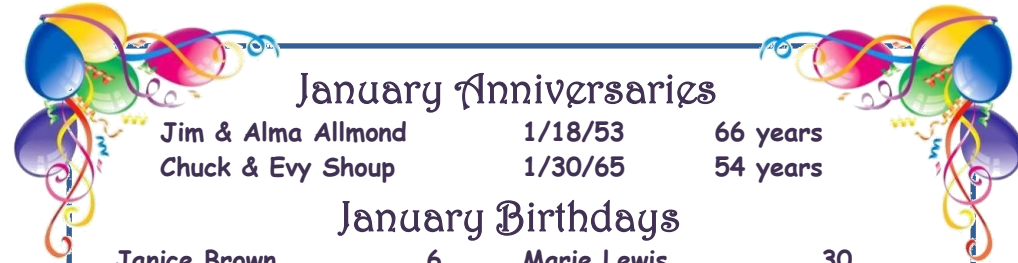
Souper Bowl ★ SUNDAY

February 3, 2019

The Christian Missions & Social Action Committee is asking everyone who attends church on "SOUPER BOWL" SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd, to bring cans of soup and/or donate at least \$1.00 per person, which is being collected in SOUP POTS, in Fellowship Hall. Proceeds are being donated to the Eureka Area Ministerial Alliance to help feed the hungry in our community. All donations are important.

Please participate in this important ministry as we reach out to serve others, in Jesus' name, who are hungry and in need of our assistance. Thank you.

—**Christian Missions & Social Action Committee**



January Anniversaries

Jim & Alma Allmond	1/18/53	66 years
Chuck & Evy Shoup	1/30/65	54 years

January Birthdays

Janice Brown	6	Marie Lewis	30
Josey Leigh Seymour	6	Mac Obourn	30
Rosalie Brenton	22	Robert Obourn	30
Tyler Wells	25	Nicholas Shoup	30
Loretta Gulick	26	Evy Shoup	30
Lois French	30		

People celebrating birthdays or wedding anniversaries will be honored during the 9:00 a.m. worship service on the first Sunday of each month. Make sure the Church Office has a record of your special day on file. Church Phone Number: 620-583-6276.



Church Christmas Card

*WISHING YOU THE HOPE,
PEACE, JOY & LOVE of CHRISTMAS!*

Merry Christmas to One and All!



Jim & Marilyn Seymour
Sherry Stapleford
Margaret McMullen
Kristi Stapleford

Carolyn Harber
Chuck & Evy Shoup
Charlene Town
Roger & Sue Denner



Monthly Attendance and Offering Totals:

ATTENDANCE:		OFFERING GENERAL FUND:	
Worship/Sunday School			
Nov 25—20/ No SS		Nov 25—\$380.24	26% of budget needs
Dec 2—42/ SS=5		Dec 2—\$596.82	41% of budget needs
Dec 9—23/ SS=7		Dec 9—\$994.70	69% of budget needs
Dec 16—26/ No SS		Dec 16—\$1,043.70	72% of budget needs
Dec 23—30/ No SS		Dec 23—\$524.30	36% of budget needs
Dec 24—29 Christmas Eve			

MENDED HEART THRIFT SHOP

111 E. 3rd, Eureka

New Hours / New Management

Wed – Fri 10am – 6pm
Sat 10am – 2pm

A lot of changes have been made at the Thrift Shop and more to come.
Clothing is \$1/bag

Accepting donations of household goods.
Volunteers welcome – stocking/clerk/remodeling
(building shelves, racks, etc.)



Community LinC Dinners

Jan 10th & 24th 6:00 p.m. @ United Methodist Church

Jan 16th 6:00 p.m. @ Hamilton Community Center

All are welcome to attend, with transportation also being available to the meals.
Meals are served every second and fourth Thursday of the month in Eureka
And every third Wednesday in Hamilton & every fourth Tuesday in Madison.



Lord Hear Our Prayers

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Jim & Alma Allmond
Vernon Ball
Rev. Chauncey & Edna Biby
Kim Blevins
Ray Blevins
Jessie Bonar
Leonard & Jean Booth
Rosalie Brenton
Gene & Nadine Burtin
Shirley Campbell
Bessie Daniel
Randy, Robin & Brandon Endress
Ruby Foster

Carolyn Harber
Delorice Honeyman
Harold Hosler
Marie Lewis
Lois Lyons
Chance & Colton McCoy (serving in the military)
Ruth McIntosh
Stan Mitchell
Marty Powell
Kay Rice
Jim Seymour
Carole Shirley
Shirley Sprague
CCC SEARCH COMMITTEE

FRIENDS & FAMILY

Brett, Carmen & Gavin Allmond, Leoncia Allmond; & Connie Fagala (Family of Jim & Alma Allmond)
Lucille Atherly (Virginia Powell's mother & Larissa Wells grandmother)
Sharon Beeman
Sue Bitler (Harold Hosler's sister)
Calvin Bogle
Avery Bradley (Nadine Burtin's brother)
Marty Brenton (Rosalie Brenton's son)
Kason Butler (Son of Josh Butler & grandson of Danny Butler)
Linda Cassin (Daughter of R.G. & Marie Lewis)
Trevor Cook (Great-nephew of Charlene Town)
Brenda Cullins (Marty Powell's sister)
Ettore del Pozzo
Fred Denner family (Charlene Town's nephew)
Linda Denner (Roger & Sue Denner's sister-in-law)
Pat Denner (Charlene Town's sister-in-law)
Dick Detwiler
Jerry Doles (Billie Hanson's brother)
Malachi Duarte
Wilma Edwards (Harold Hosler's sister)
Karen Ferguson (Daughter of Ken Harlan)
Henry & Martha Francis
Mike French (Lonnie Hanson's cousin)
Becky Frischenmeyer (Friend of Jackie Shirley)
Vincente Garcia family (Luis Escobedo's grandfather)
Tisha Gravatt
Joe Greenleaf (Kathy Poling's son)

Dr. Bruce Grene (Friend of Pat Obourn)
Tiffany & Angie Gulick
Don & Julie Hager (Nephew & Neice of Leonard & Jean Booth)
Max Hayen (Father-in-law of Amy (Seymour) Hayen)
Susan Hayes
Jim Honeyman (Delorice Honeyman's son)
Jamie Hulse (Jim & Marilyn Seymour's daughter)
Howard Joy (Friend of Jim & Marilyn Seymour)
Sharon Kreger (Joanie Cain's aunt)
Karen (Downard) Kiene (Sister of Darby Downard & niece of Leonard & Jean Booth)
Zack, Chelsi & Mason Marshall (Friends of Josh & Larissa Wells)
Steve Martin (Regional Minister, Christian Church in Kansas [DOC])
Alyssa Moore (John Moore's daughter-in-law)
Dawn Moore (Pastor Larry Moore's wife)
Wanda Moore (Pastor Larry Moore's mother)
Bret Nash
Pastor Matt Osborn
Eric Pedersen (brother-in-law of Rob & Jamie Hulse)
Phil Piatt (Cousin of Jim & Marilyn Seymour)
Marcus Ploof (Son-in-law of Ruth McIntosh)
Joyce Saunders
Jon Seymour (Son of Jim & Marilyn Seymour)
Patrick Seiter (Husband of Stacy (Hamilton) Seiter & son-in-law of John & Terry (Mann) Hamilton)
Sue Wilson (Wife of Rev. Dan Wilson)



The Christian and Congregational Women's Fellowship (CCWF) held its annual Christmas Tea on December 6, 2018, with Vice President, Charlene Town acting as emcee for an organ recital with Dr. Judy Strecker. The opening prayer was offered by Rev. Chauncey Biby.

Dr. Strecker took her audience on a journey of that night when our Savior was born; from sweet jubilee for the realization of the prophesy, Mary placing her infant son in the manger, the creation throughout the millennia of poetry and music, to the shepherds' joy and praising, and finally, the solemnity and celebration of this wonder of wonders.

The program guests were then offered fruit, crackers and cheese, and cookies. The guests were free to sit and visit as long as they chose, which made the afternoon a delight.

Platters and plates were prepared for our shut-ins, Vintage Park, Eureka Nursing Home, the Senior Center, and Greenwood County Hospital. Billie Hanson graciously delivered the goodies.

Later, the meeting was called to order by VP Town. The women opened with the Disciples of Christ Opening Prayer. The minutes for the November meeting were read by Robin Endress and approved as read by Charlene Town. The treasurer's report was read by Marilyn Seymour with an accounting of purchases for the Tea. The balance was stated as reconciled and in balance with the bank. Labels report: no longer taking Campbell's soup labels. Board Report: It was announced that due to medical conditions, Rosalie Brenton has resigned her position as Membership and Evangelism Chair.

New Business: Nadine Burtin is to be taken off the phone list. The Burtin's new address is at the Eureka Nursing Home.

There will be no meeting in January or February. Beth Osborn with Community Linc will give the lesson on March 7, 2019.

The closing prayer was the United Church of Christ Benediction.

—Christina del Pozzo, Secretary

Friendship Meals



The Eureka MEALS ON WHEELS/FRIENDSHIP MEALS program is desperately in need of individuals with vehicles to assist with home deliveries of meals Monday thru Friday. Meals are normally delivered at about 10:30 a.m. It only takes about 30 minutes of your time and is so appreciated by those who receive a nice nutritious meal. You can volunteer for one day a month, one day a week -- as little or as much time as you can spare. If interested, please call or text Cathy Stapleford at (620) 583-4643. This is a much-needed program for our community. PLEASE HELP, IF YOU CAN!!

Military & civilian personnel serving here & overseas— veterans, Patriot Guard, our country & its leaders, world leaders; victims and survivors of terrorism, war and natural disasters, people fighting for freedom in their countries.

MEMBERS' NEWS

THANK YOU:

† **Thank you** to all who helped with Advent Services, Christmas Eve Service, CCWF Christmas Tea, and Christmas Brunch. Many of you helped by being readers, candlelighters, decorators, coordinators for special events, cooks & kitchen helpers, attendees and anyone else who helped to make this awesome time of the year special, THANK YOU.

† **Thank you** to everyone who contributed to our **Annual Church Christmas Card mission ministry** this year. The proceeds will be divided and sent to the Colorado Christian Home for Children in Denver (DOC) and the Evangelical Children's Home in St. Louis (UCC).

† *May the peace, love and joy of the Christmas season be yours throughout the year. Thank you* so much for the 'goodies'. The cookies are gone and real good.
—Lois Lyons

JOY:

Dean Everett Derryberry & Addison June LaVonne Derryberry were dedicated and became members of Christian and Congregational Church on December 2, 2018.

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The Church Board met on Wednesday, December 5, with 11 members present. Moderator Carolyn Harber called the meeting to order and opened with a reading from The Upper Room entitled, "Christmas Perfection". Board members recited the Church's Mission Statement.

Minutes of the November 2018 Church Board Meeting were approved as presented. Financial report for November 2018, was approved as presented. Reports were given on behalf of the standing committees, trustees, and CCWF.

Sunday, November 16, the Worship and Devotional Life Committee will host a brunch immediately following worship services.

On behalf of Rosalie Brenton her resignation was submitted as chair of the Membership & Evangelism Committee and all other committees she is serving on. In accordance with the Church By-laws the Church Board will appoint someone to serve as chair of the Membership & Evangelism Committee for the remainder of Rosalie's term.

The annual Congregational Meeting will be held January 27 following worship services.

Prayer concerns were reviewed.

The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, February 6, 2019, at 6:30 p.m. in the church library. There will be NO Board meeting in January.

The meeting closed with the board members praying together "The Lord's Prayer."

—Sherry Stapleford, Recorder/Secretary

New Year's Resolutions?

As we begin a "New Year", how many of us will once again make those "New Year's Resolutions"? You know, the same ones each year, like lose weight, get in shape, get organized, manage finances better, quit drinking, quit smoking, etc. How long do these resolutions last? A few days, a few months? Usually not much past that.

As Christians we might make resolutions to pray more, read our Bible more, memorize verses of Scripture, or give more to our church.

While all of these are good resolutions, our first priority (not just at the beginning of a year, but all year) should be to love God and to do His will in our lives. Therefore, we should set Godly goals and pursue them for Him and with His help.

I'm a "list maker". I feel inspired when I write down all that I *need* to do daily such as read my Bible, pray, exercise, take my vitamins, eat healthy, clean house, make a craft, etc. I would eagerly and excitedly write them all down with anticipation and confidence that *this time* I will succeed in doing them all faithfully from now on. *Then* in reality, I may do them all one day, some I'd do for a week. Then I'd fail, not doing any of them. Feelings of inadequacy, failure, etc. would flood my mind. I finally realized that I couldn't do these things on my own. Instead of trying to change everything at once, I needed to ask God what He wanted me to change and ask Him to help me. I have a long way to go but together, one change at a time, we are succeeding.

My "resolution" became one of my prayers. I replaced each bad habit with Godly things. I made small changes like listening to Christian music instead of secular, reading Christian books & my Bible instead of magazines and surfing through Pinterest, listening to sermons/Christian podcasts instead of computer games, praying more for my family and loved ones instead of criticizing and judging them, making time for relaxation, and spending time with friends instead of making excuses that I'm too busy. What we fill ourselves with is what we become.

²⁰Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, Ephesians 3:20

My prayer for you in this new year is that you will make one resolution - to draw closer to God. He will guide you through the changes He would have you make.

~Joanie Lawrence-Cain

JANUARY 2019 LECTIONARY READINGS

Jan 6 Isaiah 60:1-6
 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
 Ephesians 3:1-12
 Matthew 2:1-12
 Liturgical Color: **White**
EPIPHANY
COMMUNION UCC TRADITION

Jan 13 Isaiah 43:1-7
 Psalm 29
 Acts 8:14-17
 Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
 Liturgical Color: **Green**
BAPTISM OF
OUR LORD

Jan 20 Isaiah 62:1-5
 Psalm 36:5-10
 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
 John 2:1-11
 Liturgical Color: **Green**
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER
EPIPHANY

Jan 27 Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
 Psalm 19
 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
 Luke 4:14-21
 Liturgical Color: **Green**
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER
EPIPHANY
ANNUAL MEETING

Feb 3 Jeremiah 1:4-10
 Psalm 71:1-6
 1 Corinthians 13:1-13
 Luke 4:21-30
 Liturgical Color: **Green**
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER
EPIPHANY
SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY



Sun, Jan 13 – BAPTISM OF OUR LORD
 Liturgist: Evy Shoup
 Serving at the Table: Acolyte(s): Sue Denner
 Evy Shoup, Chuck Shoup
 Serving the Congregation: Roger Denner, Sue Denner
 Greeters & Usher: Margaret McMullen, Sherry Stapleford
 Sound System Operator: Bruce Detwiler
 Lay Leader: Chuck Shoup

Sun, Jan 20 – SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
 Liturgist: Bruce Detwiler
 Serving at the Table: Acolyte(s): Sherry Stapleford
 Sue Denner, Roger Denner
 Serving the Congregation: Teresa Detwiler, Sherry Stapleford
 Greeters & Usher: Evy Shoup, Billie Hanson
 Sound System Operator: Chuck Shoup
 Lay Leader: Bruce Detwiler

Sun, Jan 27 – THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
 Liturgist: Randy Endress
 Acolyte(s): Kennedy Johnson, Cody Johnson
 Serving at the Table: Teresa Detwiler, Bruce Detwiler
 Serving the Congregation: Roger Denner, Sue Denner
 Greeters & Usher: Julie Bilson, Michelle Johnson
 Sound System Operator: Bruce Detwiler
 Lay Leader: Randy Endress
ANNUAL MEETING following worship

Sun, Feb 3 – FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
SOUPER BOWL SUNDAY
 Liturgist: Chuck Shoup
 Acolyte(s): Sara Endress
 Evy Shoup, Chuck Shoup
 Serving at the Table: Billie Hanson, Randy Endress
 Serving the Congregation: Randy Endress, Robin Endress
 Greeters & Usher: Lay Leader: Chuck Shoup
 Sound System Operator: Roger Denner

*** If you are not able to serve on a scheduled Sunday, please notify **Joanie Cain** at **583-6276, 620-750-0394**, or email ccchurch6276@att.net immediately so that a replacement may be found for you. Thank you! ***

Dr. Judy Strecker - CD's Available!



Dr. Judy Strecker has blessed us with her God given talent in playing the organ not once but TWICE! CCWF August Coffee on August 2nd and the CCWF Christmas Tea on December 6th. Her husband, Jerry, recorded both concerts.

The recordings are available for \$10.00 each. Call the church office to order your copy!



Thanks
to Our
Volunteers!

JANUARY 2019 SERVING SCHEDULE



Sun, Jan 6 – EPIPHANY / COMMUNION UCC TRADITION

Liturgist: Christina del Pozzo	Acolyte(s): Evy Shoup
Serving at the Table:	Teresa Detwiler, Bruce Detwiler
Serving the Congregation:	Chuck Shoup, Evy Shoup
Greeters & Usher:	Luis Escobedo, Cindy Escobedo
Sound System Operator: Roger Denner	Lay Leader: Bruce Detwiler

January Chancel Flowers: *In Memory of My Loved Ones*
 Shirley Campbell

January Communion Preparer(s): Roger & Sue Denner

JANUARY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1  (Church Office Closed)	2 NO Board Meeting	3 NO CCWF	4	5
6 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Adult Bible Study	7 ANNUAL REPORTS DUE	8	9	10 6:00 PM Community LinC Dinner @ UMC	11	12
13 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Adult Bible Study	14	15	16 1:00 PM Ministerial Alliance Meeting at UMC	17	18	19
20 9:00 AM Worship 10:30 AM Adult Bible Study	21 	22	23	24 6:00 PM Community LinC Dinner @ UMC	25	26
27 9:00 AM Worship NO Adult Bible Study ANNUAL MEETING following worship Newsletters Available	28	29	30	31		