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THE LAMPLIGHTER

A Publication of Wabash Christian Church

*Committed to spreading the Good News
of the love of Christ, through service to all.*

DECEMBER 2018

Sunday, December 16, 2018

Congregational Meeting - 10:30 A.M.

Following the Worship Service
Approve Nominations and Budget for 2019



All Church Finger Food Carry-In

11:00 A.M.- Following the Congregational Meeting

*Bring your favorite finger food to share
with your Church family.*



Living Crèche

Sunday, December 23, 2018

5:30 - 8:30 P.M.

Please sign up to participate and/or plan to attend
to experience the true meaning of Christmas.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 24, 2018 - 11:00 P.M.





When I was in elementary school, we always had a Christmas program. One year, my class had to sing “Rockin Around the Christmas Tree” and we had to have choreography with it. Well, anyone who knows me well knows that I’m not very good at singing and I definitely have no rhythm to dance so as a child I didn’t look forward to the yearly productions where I was made to do both while my family and everyone else’s families watched.

This particular year (either the 4th or 5th grade) with “Rockin Around the Christmas Tree” the music teacher decided that my class would not only sing and dance but that we would look the part of kids in the 1950s and that the boys could wear black pants and white t-shirts while the girls wore white shirts and pink or black poodle skirts definitely with a poodle on them. As a “tomboy” I was completely crushed by this. A poodle could look cool on a pair of basketball shorts, right?

The school didn’t provide the skirts we had to wear so our parents had to figure out how to make them or find someone who could or apply a poodle to a skirt we already had. I didn’t own any skirts at that point in time so my mom went to the fabric store and bought what she needed and she and my Grandma Poe spent hours in my grandma’s kitchen making my skirt and they made the poodle and sewed it on. As much as I disliked being in that Christmas program in that skirt, I definitely looked the part. Once I was home, though, that skirt was taken off and never showed back up in my laundry.

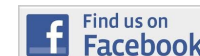
“Rockin Around the Christmas Tree” has never been anywhere near my favorite Christmastime song—not even before that program. When it starts to play on my Pandora radio on my phone or on the radio in my car, though, I’m immediately transported back to elementary school. Now I don’t just feel the annoyance of having to be in the program and how silly I thought I looked in that skirt. Now I have memories. Now I realize what love from my mom and grandma went into making sure I had what I needed so I could do what I needed to do. How much time and love went into making an article of clothing for me to wear just for two hours of my life.

As we make our way through the waiting and expectation of the Advent season and arrive at the birth of Christ, let’s think about those moments of love that shine *(Continued on Page 3)*

Submission Deadlines for the next *The Lamplighter* are due by **Sunday, December 23**. If anyone has news, announcements, praises or prayer concerns they would like to share please submit the information to the office. Submissions for the **Sunday Bulletins** are due by **Thursday morning**. There is a separate inbox for each in the church office. **Any submissions or calendar changes should be made in writing**. Submissions may be edited for space and clarity.



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(Disciples of Christ)



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Use Scrip for Holiday Shopping

Purchase scrip for groceries, gas, gifts, and more...
Scrip cards make great gifts and can be used at chain stores nationwide or many local businesses.

Scrip helps support the church with no additional cost to you!

Amazon - 2.25%	25.00	PF Changs - 8%	25.00
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Best Buy - 3%	25.00	Pizza Hut - 8%	10.00
Bob Evans - 10%	10.00	Red Robin - 11%	25.00
Buffalo Wild Wings - 8%	25.00	Red Lobster, Olive Garden	
Burger King - 4%	10.00	Longhorn, Bahama - 8%	25.00
Chili's - 11%	25.00	Ruby Tuesday - 8%	25.00
Chipotle - 10%	10.00	Shell - 2.5%	50.00/100.00
Claire's - 9%	10.00	Speedway - 4%	25.00
Cold Stone Creamery - 8%	10.00	Starbucks - 7%	10.00
Cracker Barrel - 8%	10.00/25.00	Steak 'n Shake - 8%	10.00
Crate & Barrel - 8%	25.00	Stein Mart - 9%	25.00
CVS - 6%	100.00	Subway - 6%	10.00
Dairy Queen - 3%	10.00	Taco Bell - 5%	10.00
Family Video - 12%	10.00	Texas Roadhouse - 8%	25.00
Goodrich Theaters - 4%	10.00	Walgreens - 5%	25.00
Hardee's - 5%	10.00	Walmart - 2.5%	25.00/50.00/100.00
iTunes - 5%	15.00	Wendy's - 4%, 6.5%	10.00
Kohl's - 4%	25.00		
Logan's Roadhouse - 10%	25.00	Bechtol - 4%	10.00
Long John Silvers - 8%	10.00	Culvers - 10%	10.00
Lowe's - 4%	25.00	Joy Christian - 10%	10.00
Marathon - 3%	25.00	Modocs - 10%	10.00
Meijer - 3%	25.00	Penguin Point - 10%	10.00
O'Charleys - 13%	25.00	The Fried Egg - 17%	20.00
Outback - 8%	25.00		

Check the bottom of your Kroger receipt to make sure you are registered for Community Rewards. If you are not please enroll or sign up again for Wabash Christian Church #UU051.

We have many cards on hand. If you have a particular request or inquiry ask Kim Shellhamer or Lisa Mattern.

Thanks for your support!

CWF Nut Sale

List & Order Forms are available in the East Fellowship Hall.
Please make checks payable to Wabash Christian Church – CWF.

*May the peace and joy of
Christmas be with you!*

Rev. Haley Asberry Personal Contact Info

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OFFICIAL BOARD MEETING

**Wed., December 12, 2018
7:30 P.M.**

Finance Meeting - 6:45 P.M.

December 5 – Deadline to
submit items for agenda.

Pastor's Page (Continued from Page 2)

brightly through the years of our lives. Memories with family and friends. Times when others were beacons of love's light. Times when we were.

John 3:16-17 reminds us:

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Love.

God loves us so deeply and unconditionally that Jesus the Christ was born over 2,000 years ago. How can we reflect God's love to others during this time of the year?

Pastor Haley

BLAST Sunday School Schedule/Themes

Dec. 2: Watch & Discuss *Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas* (Extended Class 11A.M.-1:30 P.M. - Lunch Provided)

Dec. 9: Gifts, Hope, Love, & Forgiveness

Dec. 16: Christmas Celebration

Dec. 23: No Class

*Maybe Christmas, he
thought doesn't come
from a store. Maybe
Christmas, perhaps...
means a little bit more.
-The Grinch-*

Bring a Friend to Church

Christmas Sunday - December 23, 2018 - Special Presentation

The service for Christmas Sunday, December 23 will be a collection of readings, carols, choir anthems, solos and some dance visual enhancements by our dancers in the congregation. It is based on Janet Litherland's "The Promised King."

2019 Budget Update

Phase 1 of our 2019 Budget process is nearly complete. Almost all of our giving units have submitted a pledge card for next year and your Finance Team is already able to say that the “Momentum is Continuing.”

We project that our income will increase, ensuring that the momentum we generated during our 2018 pledge campaign marches forward and enables us to remain on a path toward growing in our commitment to spreading the Good News of the love of Christ, through service to all.

We are now in the midst of Phase 2, which is to prepare our expense budget. Our proposal will be submitted to the Board at its December 12 meeting along with a recommendation that our 2019 Operating Budget be presented to the congregation for approval at a congregational meeting following Worship on Sunday, December 16.

Our thanks to everyone for your stewardship and for your demonstrated support of Wabash Christian Church through your time, talent and treasure.

Jim Widner, On behalf of the Finance Team

Continue the Momentum

Thanks to those who commit to pray and support the ministries of Wabash Christian Church. If you have not turned in a 2019 pledge card you may still do so.

Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established.
Proverbs 16:3



Poinsettias - \$6.00 Each Red, Pink or White*

Poinsettia orders in memory of or in honor of someone needs to be turned in to the church office or Beth Miller by December 16, 2018.

Please include payment with order.

**May substitute with red if color chosen not available.*

Jesus came to give light
to a dark world.

2019

Offering Envelopes

will be available on a table in the East Fellowship Hall later in December. If you do not find your name and would like envelopes please contact the office.

Please notify the office of any changes to your personal information.
Thank you!

Elders Corner (*Continued from Page 11*) said to me that this story is the perfect story. I agree. It is perfect no matter where we are in the world; it is perfect if we are in downtown Wabash or participating in the creche at Wabash Christian Church. It is perfect even if we are in the middle of nowhere, say, in the desert with nothing but starlight above us.

Perhaps you know that I grew up in the desert southwest, in the town Carlsbad, New Mexico. I still have a great fondness for the desert and particularly a longing for the desert sky at night; there is nothing that compares to it.

To the north, west and east of Carlsbad are other small towns, like Artesia and Hobbs and Jal, but as one travels south there is only Highway 180, a long, lonesome, two-lane road which goes to El Paso, Texas. It is 162 miles of nothing, except one very old gas station with a café, about halfway. We always stopped at the Salt Flat Café before resuming our trip. Everyone did or were sorry they didn't!

We traveled that highway to El Paso many times when I was a child. Sometimes it was this time of year and we went to El Paso to do our Christmas shopping. I thought that traveling that road by day was boring and tedious. There were no trees, a few mesquite bushes, nothing else except rocks and sand! “When will we get there?” was my constant question from my spot in the back seat. It seemed an eternity.

But driving back home from El Paso, usually late at night, it was a completely different story. There is no other place I have ever known that shows off so many stars and so large a sky. Often, my Dad would pull over and stop the car so we could get out to look up at the stars. (Isaiah 40:26!)

I think this may have been the kind of sky the shepherds were gazing at when the angel appeared to them in the Gospel of Luke. This may have been the kind of sky the shepherds saw every night until that one night when they saw the angel of the Lord. Mary gave birth to her firstborn son, Jesus, and wrapped him in swaddling cloths and laid him in the manger; that is when the shepherds appeared in Luke's Gospel. They were simply doing their regular night duty of guarding sheep, just a routine night for them. But then heaven broke into earth and the world was changed forever. It is the story of the Incarnation.

“And in that same region there were shepherd out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them and they were filled with a great fear.

And the angel said to them, ‘Fear not, for behold I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a savior, who is Christ the Lord.’” (Luke 2:8-10)

In the story of Advent, the middle of nowhere becomes somewhere no matter where we are; this happens over and over again because Emmanuel, “God with us.”

May you experience the Hope, Peace, Joy and Love of the Advent season, Susie Beamer

MINISTRY NOTES

Outreach Ministry

The Moment for Mission for December is Hands of Hope. Special donations will be taken on December 16 and 23. According to their Facebook page, the Hands of Hope mission is:

“Hands of Hope is a division of Family Service Society, Inc. and exists to prevent domestic and sexual violence and stalking through education, advocacy, and intervention strategies. Domestic violence is an issue that not only affects men and women, but their families and our community. We serve and strive to improve the well-being of all who seek our services.”

Unfortunately, domestic violence is a prevalent problem in all communities and in all age groups. It is difficult to know how to help someone who is in this situation. It is a blessing to have a local agency that you can refer people in need to for help. The 24 hour Crisis Hotline is:

765-664-0701

These very worthy programs need funding to help both adults and children who are in need of their services. Please give generously to this cause.

Pam Guthrie
Outreach Team Chair

Wise men still seek Him.


Worship Ministry

Welcome to Advent season. Thanks to everyone who helped decorate the Sanctuary. We had a great time and I think it really looks nice. I hope you enjoy it this Christmas season.

Don't forget we have a Finger Food Carry-In on December 16 immediately following church service and the Congregational Meeting.

Mark your calendars now for undecorating the church on January 6.

Beth Miller
Worship Team Chair



Helping Hands Outreach
Thursday, December 20
2:30-4:30 P.M. Cook
4:30-6:00 P.M. Serve
and Clean Up

Winter Address

If you “fly south” for the winter please be sure the office has your alternate address and the dates it is use.
Thank you.

**First Day
of Winter
December 21**



**F.I.S.H. Sunday
December 2, 2018**



Anything you give is
needed and appreciated.

May God Bless & Keep You!!

Welcome Scott Billings

Scott Billings came forward to confess his faith and join our church family on Sunday, November 25, 2018. We welcome him into the life and activities as a member of WCC.

To our wonderful Wabash Christian Church family,

Thank you so much for all of the elder's calls, food, cards, and prayers in the recent months. Each one of these lovely gestures has given us a great lift. We are proud to be a part of such a caring church home.

Fondly, Jane and Hap Dragoo

Christian Women's Fellowship - CWF

CWF met on November 10, 2018. The remaining sunshine bags were taken to be distributed.

The feasibility of a new dishwasher for the kitchen was discussed.


Final arrangements for the Nut & Bake Sale were made. The Nut & Bake Sale was November 17 and all went well. Virtually all of the baked goods were sold and nut sales were very good.

Many thanks to all who contributed baked goods and those who came to buy. A special thank you to all who helped with the setup, the selling and the tear down.

The next meeting is December 8 and will be a Breakfast Carry-In. There will also be installation of officers for the coming year.

Carolyn Roser, CWF Co-President

2018 Advent Schedule

Dec. 2		Advent Begins	
Dec. 8	9:00 A.M.	CWF Breakfast Carry-In	
Dec. 23	9:30 A.M.	Christmas Sunday Presentation	
	5:30-8:30 P.M.	Living Crèche	
Dec. 24	11:00 P.M.	Christmas Eve Service	
Dec. 25		Christmas Day - Office Closed	

Hope ~ Peace ~ Joy ~ Love ~ Christ

NEWS AND NOTES

Terri Denney had a procedure on Tuesday, November 27, 2018 in Indianapolis.

Ava Gibson had transplant surgery on Wednesday, October 31, 2018 at Riley Hospital in Indianapolis where she is recovering from the surgery.

Pictorial Directory Photos

If you were unable to have your photo taken by Universal Church Directories and would like to submit a directory photo please turn in a hardcopy to the office by Sunday, December 9, 2018.

If you need to make arrangements to have a photo taken please contact the office as soon as possible.

Joy to the World!

Christmas cards to the church will be posted on the bulletin board outside the church office.



*Thanks be to God for His
incredible gift!
2 Corinthians 9:15*

*Jesus is both the gift
and the Giver
of every good gift.*



Prayer Concerns

Kim Barrus	Teresa Grimm	John Morningstar
Donna Blanke	Sharyle Hapner	Pat Murray
Christine Brown	Gene Howard	Myra Perkins
Kelley Butzin	Wendy Jensen	Dave Renkenberger
Dee Byerly	Kristi Kidwell-Mattern	Hanna Rhoads
Amy Cornell	John Kisner	Corrine Sale
Mandy Davis	Dale Kroft	Laura Schneider
Terri Denney	Betty Lynch	Ron Stein
John (Hap) Dragoo	Barbara Mattern	Jim Widner
Chauncey Felker	Bob Mattern	Dave Williams
Greg Gatchel	Mark Mattern	Leroy Wimmer
Ava Gibson	Tom Mattern	Babette Ziner

Unspoken Requests

Prayer Concerns List Policy Reminder

Members and friends may contact the church office to have someone added to or removed from the prayer list. Names may be removed after 30 days unless the office is notified.

ELDERS CORNER

I like to walk a mile or more several times a week. I got into this habit when I wanted to strengthen my new knees. My knees are now five years old but I keep on walking because it is very good exercise and for several years my knees wouldn't allow me to do it. In warm weather I walk outside, sometimes on our country road.

I also am fond of walking around Charlie Creek Gardens with my friend, Nancy Myers. Often, I walk along the River Walk on the Wabash River. Some years I walk on the River Walk into November, but this year it was a little too cold.

I see a lot of people when I am walking; I have also met lots of dogs; a couple years ago, I met a friendly cat who seemed to want to go home with me. I was tempted but when I picked her up and noticed how healthy and fat she was, I decided she must already have a good home. At the time we already had a cat, Ilene, and I wasn't sure Ilene would approve.

When it is too cold to walk outside I head for the sanctuary of Wabash Christian Church or the Honeywell Center to do my walking. One cold day a few years ago, going into the Honeywell Center, I met a dog, running around outside, chilled to the bone. As with the cat I met on the River Walk, I was tempted to take the dog home with me but I could see that in spite of being cold he looked pretty healthy and probably had an owner—I decided Ilene wouldn't like him either, so I asked the maintenance man at the Honeywell Center if we would call the animal shelter. I heard by the grapevine that his little dog was returned to his home. I hope and pray this was true.

Each year, all the walking and wondering about the homes of dogs and cats, gives me time to think about the Advent season, which begins this year on December 2nd. It is easy to get in the mood for Christmas walking at the Honeywell Center because of the beautiful Christmas decorations, thanks to the work of many volunteers. Sharon Shellhamer often helps with this decorating; at least once she is in charge of it! Driving through town on the way home, bright and shining Christmas lights are everywhere; I am so grateful for this because there really is no season so beautiful and Wabash does it so well.


But even without the beautiful decorations and bright Christmas lights, the season of Advent would still be what it is. The Advent story from the Gospel of Luke, electrifies me every time I read it. I recall the Advent season, many years ago now, when Dr. David Cartwright exclaimed from the pulpit when reading Luke's story of the birth of Jesus, "Doesn't this just thrill you?" Diane Kerlin once

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DEC. SERVING ELDERS		
2	Bread	Modena Mitchell
	Wine	Sharon Shellhamer
	Lounge	Mike Denney
9	Bread	Jim Widner
	Wine	Charlie Guthrie
	Lounge	Linda Mattern
16	Bread	Jon Denney
	Wine	Carolyn Roser
	Lounge	Sara Widner
23	Bread	Marvin Wright
	Wine	Roger Votaw
	Lounge	Charlie Guthrie
30	Bread	Mike Denney
	Wine	Modena Mitchell
	Lounge	Sharon Shellhamer

DEC. SERVING DIACONATE		
2	B	Lynne Keffaber
	W	Pam Guthrie
	L	Bryan Mitchell
	*CL2	Kathy Lower
9	B	Tracey Denney
	W	Rob Shellhamer
	L	Sharon Shaw
	*CL2	Megan Long
16	B	Jerry Perkins
	W	Bryan Mitchell
	L	Diane Kerlin
	*CL2	Beth Miller
23	B	Susan Hite
	W	Brayden Ogan
	L	Rob Shellhamer
	*CL2	Sharon Shaw
30	B	Jack Thomas
	W	Bryan Mitchell
	L	Jo Ann Guthrie
	*CL2	Kim Shellhamer

Communion Preparation



Bryan Mitchell
Jerry Perkins



Hands of Hope Offering
and
Christmas Special Offering
to be received on Sunday,
December 16 & 23, 2018.

Ministry Opportunities Available
Acolytes, Greeters, Worship Leader, Fellowship, and more...
Please sign up to help with God's work!

The Elder and Diaconate schedules are posted outside the sanctuary and church office. Please notify the church office of any changes to the schedules so the press release and bulletins can reflect the changes.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Janet Border
- 6 Mikayla Marz
- 9 Judy Ward
- 10 Jayne Mark
Reid Votaw
- 11 Fred Dorisse
Jeff Knee
Tim Vogel
- 13 Janice Russell
Babette Ziner
- 17 Chris Gressley
- 18 Lisa Gibson
Kolton Hampton
- 21 Cruz Long
Kayla Steele
Kathy Thompson
Janet Vermaas
- 22 Janet Morris
Olivia Shepler
Shelly Uribe
Austin Vrooman
- 28 Richard Lower
- 29 Bob Simons
- 30 Jayme Sorg

Love came down



**Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year!!**

Our Daily Bread – December • January • February 2018-2019
“God with Us” Christmas Reflections from *Our Daily Bread*
Free devotional booklets are available on
the prayer table in the East Fellowship Hall.



DECEMBER LECTIONARY

Dec 2	Jeremiah 33:14-16 Psalm 25:1-10 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36
Dec 9	Malachi 3:1-4 Luke 1:68-79 Philippians 1:3-11 Luke 3:1-6
Dec 16	Zephaniah 3:14-20 Isaiah 12:2-6 Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:7-18
Dec 23	Micah 5:2-5a Luke 1:46b-55 or Psalm 80:1-7 Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)
Dec 30	1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 Psalm 148 Colossians 3:12-17 Luke 2:41-52

*For to you is born this day
in the city of David a Savior,
who is Christ the Lord.*
Luke 2:11

*“The virgin will conceive and
give birth to a son, and they
will call him Immanuel”
(which means “God with us”).*
Matthew 1:23 NIV

December 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1
2 First Sunday of Advent F.I.S.H. Sunday	3	4 9:30A Prayer Group	5 12:00P Sack Lunch Fellowship Deadline for Agenda	6 5:00P Knee Trombone Rehearsal 7:00P Chancel Choir Rehearsal	7	8 9:00A CWF Breakfast Carry-In & Installation
9 Deadline for Directory Photos	10 Office Closed	11 9:30A Prayer Group 4:00P FISH Board Mtg.	12 12:00P Sack Lunch Fellowship 6:45P Finance Meeting 7:30P Official Board Meeting	13 5:00P Knee Trombone Rehearsal 7:00P Chancel Choir Rehearsal	14	15
16 10:30A Congregational Meeting 11:00A Carry-In Hands of Hope Offering Christmas Offering Poinsettia Deadline	17 Office Closed	18 9:30A Prayer Group	19 12:00P Sack Lunch Fellowship	20 2:30-6:00P Helping Hands Outreach 5:00P Knee Trombone Rehearsal 7:00P Chancel Choir Rehearsal	21 First Day of Winter 	22
23 Christmas Sunday 5:30-8:30P Living Creche Hands of Hope Offering Christmas Offering Lampighter Deadline	24 11:00P Christmas Eve Service	25 Office Closed 	26 Office Closed	27 5:00P Knee Trombone Rehearsal 7:00P Chancel Choir Rehearsal	28	29
30	31 New Year's Eve					