



THE BELL

A Monthly Newsletter
15th Avenue Christian Church

December Board and Congregational Meetings

There will be a **Special Board Meeting** after worship on 12/15.

There will be a **Congregational Meeting** after worship on 12/22.

Poinsettia Order Form

You can help beautify the sanctuary this holiday season!

Please fill out and return this order form and payment in full to the church office by noon, **Thursday, Dec. 12, 2019**. *Orders without payment or made after 12/12/19 cannot be accepted.*

6" poinsettias are—\$10.00 and are available in red only.

NUMBER ORDERED _____ Name _____ Phone _____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED (REQUIRED) \$ _____ (Make checks payable to 15th Avenue Christian Church)

Please **print exactly** how you would like your acknowledgement to read in the bulletins on December 22nd and December 24th. (Please use the back for additional acknowledgements if you are ordering more than 1.)

Questions? Call (309)786-6925 from 9 am to 12 pm- Mon-Fri.

Holiday Treats for Sale!!



CWF is having their annual
Holiday Bake Sale after
church on Sunday, December

15th, in the Fellowship Hall. Come on down
for our fellowship time, and stop over to
shop for some of your favorite holiday
goodies. There will be quite a selection to
choose from. Hope to see you there!



Dining Tour Books

Thank you to everyone who
purchased a Dining Tour
book. We have reached our
goal of 25 books sold and
do not have any left for
sale.



“G” Dollar Update

Thank you to everyone who has donated for the “God” dollar Outreach activity. As of Sunday morning, we have received almost \$900 in donations. There is still an opportunity to bring your “G” dollars (or other monetary donations) on Sunday, December 1st. With your help we will truly be able to meet our pledges to the charitable organizations our church supports.



Attention Bakers!

We need you!!! CWF does, that is. We

will be setting up for the Bake Sale on Saturday, December 14th at 3:00 PM. Please remember to have your items packaged for sale. If you are unsure of pricing, please leave it until you bring for set-up and we will help you. We’d like to have all items there no later than 3:30, so that we can complete our set-up and be ready before Sunday morning. If you are unable to make it to the church on Saturday, please try to drop your items off in the kitchen earlier in the week when the church is open between 9:00 a.m. and noon. Thank you!



Decorating for Christmas will be on December 3 at 1:00pm. We'll decorate the Christmas tree and hang wreaths in the Sanctuary.

Come join us! Call Marcia Nelson 309-236-4463 if you have questions.

Thank You

I want to thank the entire congregation for the cards, calls and prayers following my recent surgery. I am doing well and hope to be back in church with you soon.

Wanda Danner

CHURCH FAMILY

THANKSGIVING DINNER

We had an excellent turnout at the dinner on Sunday, November 24th. There were many tasty dishes and desserts to share. Thank you to everyone who attended.



Foot Clinic is scheduled on **January 20th**. Appointments are available every 30 minutes between 9:00 am and 11:30 am.

Elders Prayer Update Bell Edition

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.” Romans 15:13

The elders have been praying for the following .

Please keep these friends, family and caregivers in your daily thoughts and prayers.

A card or a phone call to let them know they are not forgotten.

Gale & Frank J.

Kathy E.

Linda Williams - She was in the hospital due to COPD and emphysema, she may go on the list for a lung transplant.

C.D. Thompson (family)

Wanda Danner (Rod & Curt)

Rosemary (Sarah Wise mother)

David - prostate cancer (Sarah's brother)

Clint Ziemer (brother to Brenda Secor & family)

Ann Scott

Sunny Tedell (friend of Annie)

Marilyn Mix (Jeff & family)

Bob, David, Jane (Kathy & Don)

Mona Mlekush (Ron, Alice, Margaret, Sandy and family)

Vickie Andereck (Jesse & Melba)

Wayne Carter (Suzanne, Eric, Sabrinna, Zac, Mike & family)

Barbara Crangle (Marcia, Doug, Kathi & Jeff)

Ron Lyons (Alice, Sandy, Mona & Margaret)

Dawn Fensterbusch (Kathy, Don & Penny)

Mark Stevens (Nancy & family)

Melanie Becker (Scott, Diane & Dorothy & family)

Olivet Jagusah (Shelia & family)

Kent Christensen (Kathy & Don)

George & Jo (Kathy & Don)

Gale, Judy, Sandy B., Michael (Kathy & Don)

Dorothy Worman (Mike, Bob & Linda)

Cyndee Browner

Jon M. (Dave Popp's friend)

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Birthdays

- 1 DAVE MOYLAN
- 2 KEN ENGSTROM
- 5 GENE BARTOSH
- 6 SHERI MCBRIDE
- 6 DAVID VOORHEES
- 7 NICOLE BENCK
- 7 DON YOUNG
- 8 JAMES DUCEY
- 17 SUE HALLSTROM
- 17 ZACHARY LEATHERMAN
- 21 DOROTHY CLINE
- 21 BERT MAYNE
- 22 ELLEN REEDER
- 26 MARILYN AUSERMAN

All I want for Christmas is for someone to remember my December Birthday.



2020 Calendars are available at the church entrances, the Narthex, and Fellowship Hall.

Anniversary



31 DON & SANDY WENTLER

November Attendance

November 3	60
November 10	50
November 17	72
November 24	70

OPEN DOOR BRUNCH will be on December 8th at the Windmill Restaurant in East Moline, 1190 Avenue of the Cities. Join us for food, fellowship and fun!

PROFIT & LOSS REPORT

Total Income	\$126,257.42
Total Expenses	<u>\$111,361.39</u>
Net Income	\$ 14,896.03

Did You Know That ...

"The Twelve Days of Christmas" historically did not reference the days leading up to Christmas, but the twelve days following it. The period begins with the birth of Christ on December 25th, Christmas Day, and ends with the coming of the Three Wise Men on January 6th, the Epiphany or Three Kings Day.

Giving someone all the gifts mentioned would be pretty pricey. Since 1984, PNC Bank has been tracking the price of giving each gift mentioned in the song with the PNC Christmas Price Index. The index uses current market rates to calculate how much each gift costs on average to the modern consumer. Giving someone every gift mentioned in the song would cost you a small fortune — something along the lines of

\$39,094.93, according to the current Christmas price index. Part of this is because swans are really expensive (\$1,875 each!). But part of the equation is also because the gifts are cumulative — you give each previous gift mentioned with each subsequent gift, which brings your total number of gifts to 364.

- The Partridge in the Pear Tree is Jesus Christ.
- The 2 Turtle Doves are The Old and New Testaments.
- The 3 French hens are Faith, Hope, and Charity, the theological virtues.
- The 4 Calling Birds are the four gospels and/or the four evangelists.
- The 5 Golden Rings are the first five books of the Old Testament.
- The 6 Geese a-laying are the six days of creation.
- The 7 Swans a-swimming are the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, the seven sacraments.
- The 8 Maids a-milking are the eight beatitudes.
- The 9 Ladies Dancing are the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit.
- The 10 Lords a-leaping are the ten commandments.
- The 11 Pipers Piping are the eleven faithful apostles.
- The 12 Drummers Drumming are the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostle's Creed.





December

31 Day Scripture Writing Plan

Each of the scriptures below takes ten minutes or less to copy out. Commit to spending ten minutes each day listening to God's voice as you simply copy these texts out of your Bible.

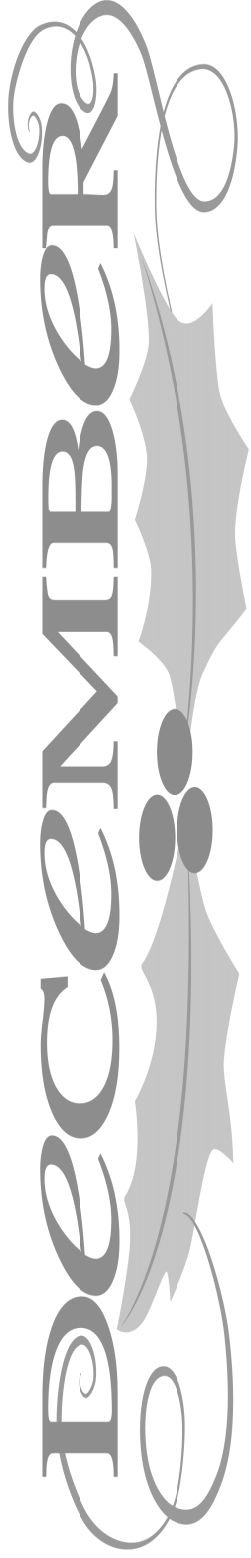
Day 1-Isaiah 7:14-17
 Day 2-Isaiah 9:6-7
 Day 3-Isaiah 11:1-5
 Day 4-Isaiah 11:6-10
 Day 5-Isaiah 40:1-5
 Day 6-Isaiah 52:7-10
 Day 7-Jeremiah 33:14-16
 Day 8-Psalm 72:1-7
 Day 9-Psalm 72:8-14
 Day 10-Psalm 72:15-20

Day 11-Psalm 95:1-7
 Day 12-Malachi 3:1-3
 Day 13-Matthew 1:18-20
 Day 14-Matthew 1:21-25
 Day 15-Matthew 2:1-6
 Day 16-Matthew 2:7-12
 Day 17-Luke 1:26-29
 Day 18-Luke 1:30-34
 Day 19-Luke 1:35-38
 Day 20-Luke 1:46-50


Day 21-Luke 1:51-56
 Day 22-Luke 2:4-7
 Day 23-Luke 2:8-12
 Day 24-Luke 2:13-16
 Day 25-Luke 2:17-20
 Day 26-Galatians 4:4-7
 Day 27-Philippians 2:5-8
 Day 28-Philippians 2:9-11
 Day 29-James 1:16-18
 Day 30-Titus 3:3-7
 Day 31-Choose your own verse



Open my eyes that I may see wonderful things in your law.
 Psalm 119:18



15th Avenue Christian Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 WORLD AIDS DAY 8:30am Elder's Meeting	2 6:30pm 15th Ave Bell Choir Practice	3 6:30pm RiverBend Bronze 6:30pm CWF	4 6:30pm Choir Practice	5 10am Bible Study 7pm Cabinet Meeting	6	7
8 PEACE SUNDAY Christmas Special Offering 11:30am Open Door Brunch at the Windmill	9 8:30am Navigators 6:30pm 15th Ave Bell Choir Practice	10 6:30pm RiverBend Bronze	11 6:30pm Choir Practice	12 Poinsettias Or- ders Due 10am Bible Study 1pm Hymn Plan- ning	13	14
15 Christmas Special Offering 10:30am Special Board Meeting	16 6:30pm 15th Ave Bell Choir Practice	17 6pm Choir Prac- tice 6:30pm RiverBend Bronze	18	19 10am Bible Study	20	21
22 10:30am Congre- gational Meeting	23 6:30pm 15th Ave Bell Choir Practice	24 CHRISTMAS EVE 6:30pm RiverBend Bronze	25 CHRISTMAS DAY  OFFIC--	26	27	28
29	30 6:30pm 15th Ave Bell Choir Practice	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE	January 1, 2020 NEW YEARS DAY OFFICE CLOSED			

Serving Elders
1 Joy Miller & Kathy Weston
8 Lisa Hatlett & Mark Carlson
15 Mark Carlson & Doug Nelson
22 Doug Nelson & Kathi Barnes
29 Dave Popp & Rod Danner

Visiting Elders
Kathi Barnes & Mable Carlson

Serving & Preparing Deacons
Preparing: Lynne Swanson
Deacons: HD Sally Bartosh, Jeff Barnes, Lynne Sheese, Steve Sheese

Greeters
1 Judie Holmer
8 Linda & Larry Clark
15 Helen & Dave Popp
22 Mark & Grace Carlson
29 Joy Miller

Coffee Hosts
1 Judie Holmer
8 Linda & Larry Clark
15 Helen & Dave Popp
22 Mark & Grace Carlson
29 Joy Miller

Flowers
1 Diane Butcher
8 Joy Miller
15 Roger & Mable Carlson
22 Poinsettias
29 Don & Sandy Wentler