



THE BELL

A Monthly Newsletter
15th Avenue Christian Church



November



A Message from Pastor Mike.....

November is an important month in the life of our country and in the church calendar too. We have the tradition, privilege, and responsibility to vote in early November. This is also the month that we honor our veterans. Long ago, following the end of World War I, a day was set aside to remember those who have served our country. What we now call Veterans Day was originally called Armistice Day. A treaty was signed and went into effect at 11AM on 11/11/1918, marking the end of that First World War.

In the church calendar, we honor those who have gone before us on the first day of November. Our tradition at 15th Avenue, as in many other churches, is to remember loved ones who have passed away during the previous 12 months. All Saints Day is an appropriate time to remember all of those who have gone before us. We remember and we are grateful for the time we had with our loved ones. Just as we celebrate Thanksgiving Day, we set aside one Sunday of the year to give God thanks for family and friends who have loved us, sacrificed for us, and influenced our lives for the better. We wrap up the liturgical year in late November, setting up the four Sundays of Advent as the beginning of a new year.

Our Scripture selections for this November will be somewhat of a reversal from our normal pattern. In a typical month, we might find ourselves in the New Testament three times and in the Old Testament once. This year, we will explore three books of the Old Testament (Ruth, 1 Kings, and Daniel,) during November and then close out the final Sunday of the month in the Book of Revelation, in the passage where we are reminded that Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. That last Sunday of the month wraps up what is known as *Ordinary Time*. We have been in Ordinary Time ever since Pentecost Sunday, way back at the beginning of the Summer!

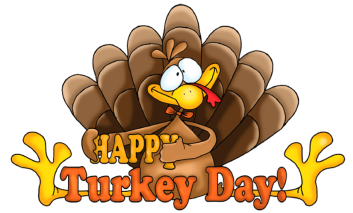
The last Sunday of the church year will fall on November 27th this year. That day is known as *Christ the King* or *Reign of Christ* Sunday. The church year then starts over with the season of Advent which is celebrated on the four consecutive Sundays preceding Christmas Day. In the Disciples of Christ tradition, there has historically been less emphasis on the seasons of the church calendar than might be found in church traditions with more focus on liturgy. However, in recent years, more and more churches have been paying attention to the cycle of the church seasons, because they help us mark the major events in Jesus' life on earth. We remember Jesus' birth, dedication, baptism, crucifixion, resurrection, and the coming of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost. May God bless you as we observe and remember all of those special days in the life of Jesus over the coming year.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty." Revelation 1:8 - NIV -



Thanksgiving Potluck ~ Gathering Together in Fellowship

The Thanksgiving potluck is set for Sunday, November 17th following our Sunday morning service. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex the first 2 Sunday so that you can get an idea about what is needed. Turkey and ham will be provided.



Membership Nurture will provide plates, napkins, and table service, as well as beverages and butter! Categories would include other Entrees, Hot Sides, Cold Sides, Desserts, and Bread/Rolls. Come join us as we gather together for a Thanksgiving meal.

Thanksgiving Food Pantry

Sitting in church this morning I started thinking. On average we have 25 family units represented each Sunday. Rather than setting a \$ goal for our Thanksgiving Food Pantry collection, I am setting a giving-unit goal of 25. If 25 units give \$10 each, we'd raise \$250. If they give \$20 each, we'd raise \$500. Both are substantial gifts for the Food Pantry we help.

Can your family unit help us reach our goal of 25 giving-units donating to Food Pantry in November? Can you share your blessings with those in need? It doesn't have to be \$10 or \$20; any amount is appreciated. We are grateful for all the donations we receive. If you can help, please place your gift in an envelope (at the end of each pew) and mark that it is for Food Pantry (or mail it in but mark that it is for Food Pantry.) Donations will be collected throughout November.

Thank you and God bless you,
Lisa Hatlett, Outreach Chair

We are collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Please contact Marcia Swanson if you have any questions. 309-236-3717

I am looking for volunteers for Advent Readings this year.

If you would like to be a reader during Advent, please let me know and preference for date.

Dates are:

12/1 12/8 12/15 12/22

Jackie Flemming, Worship Chair

(309) 235-0914





Anniversaries

9	James & Beverly DUCEY
17	Rick & Kim MIERS

Birthdays

8	Jeanie KIRGAN
9	Dolores FRYBARGER
13	Ethan FLEMMING
13	Steve SHEESE
15	Lynne SWANSON
18	Henry DIEDRICH
25	Devin BUTCHER

PROFIT & LOSS REPORT

Income	\$5445.00
Expenses	\$8362.96
Net Income	(\$2917.96)

October Attendance

October 6	35
October 13	31
October 20	35
October 27	37

Music Notes

I'm feeling thankful for all the beautiful special music we've had this year, and feeling hopeful that more talents will be discovered among our congregation and friends that we could invite. This November, we can look forward to hearing from Claire Reger, Susan Runyon, Lillian Dawn, and a special guest on Nov. 24 that I'm waiting to confirm.

Yours in Christ,
Sheila Doak



I want to apologize to Don and Kathy Weston for omitting them from my list of rummage sale workers. They were big help during the week of the rummage sale. I really appreciated their help.



Thank you!
Marcia Swanson

Giving in 2025

Hopefully you have received your 2025 Giving Card and Time & Talents survey. This is used as an estimate for what you think you will give in 2025, and to allow committees to see who might be willing to volunteer for an activity. Please consider completing this and returning it to church. We will be collecting them on Consecration Sunday, November 17th during our worship service, but you can also bring it in before then (or after) or mail it to the church office.

Thank you, Lisa Hatlett Stewardship Chair

TIME TO CHANGE THE PARAMENTS!

THE PARAMENTS WILL BE CHANGED ON DECEMBER 1ST FOR THE BEGINNING OF ADVENT. PURPLE REPRESENTS TIMES OF PREPARATION LEADING UP TO CHRISTMAS. IT IS ALSO ASSOCIATED WITH ROYALTY OF THE COMING CHRIST. THIS COLOR WAS A VERY CHERISHED AND EXPENSIVE COLOR IN THE WORLD JESUS LIVED IN. IT WAS THEREFORE AFFORDED ONLY BY THE RICH AND WORN MOST EXCLUSIVELY BY THE ROYALTY.



Brunch-Out

Last month on October 29th, we had 15 people who came to Fresh Kitchen in East Moline. In November, we will not have a Brunch-Out. The Thanksgiving dinner and Consecration Sunday will be held November 17th. We hope to see you all there. The date for December's Brunch-Out is to be announced. Hope you all can join us!

Sally Bartosh



Sanctuary decorating for Christmas season will be Saturday Nov 30th starting at 9:00 AM for anyone that would like to help.

Jackie Flemming

CROP-WALK 2024!!

15th Avenue Christian Church had 7 walkers, and 1 canine:

Pastor Mike

Mark Carlson & Ila (Grace's 6 month old pup)

Ron Standley

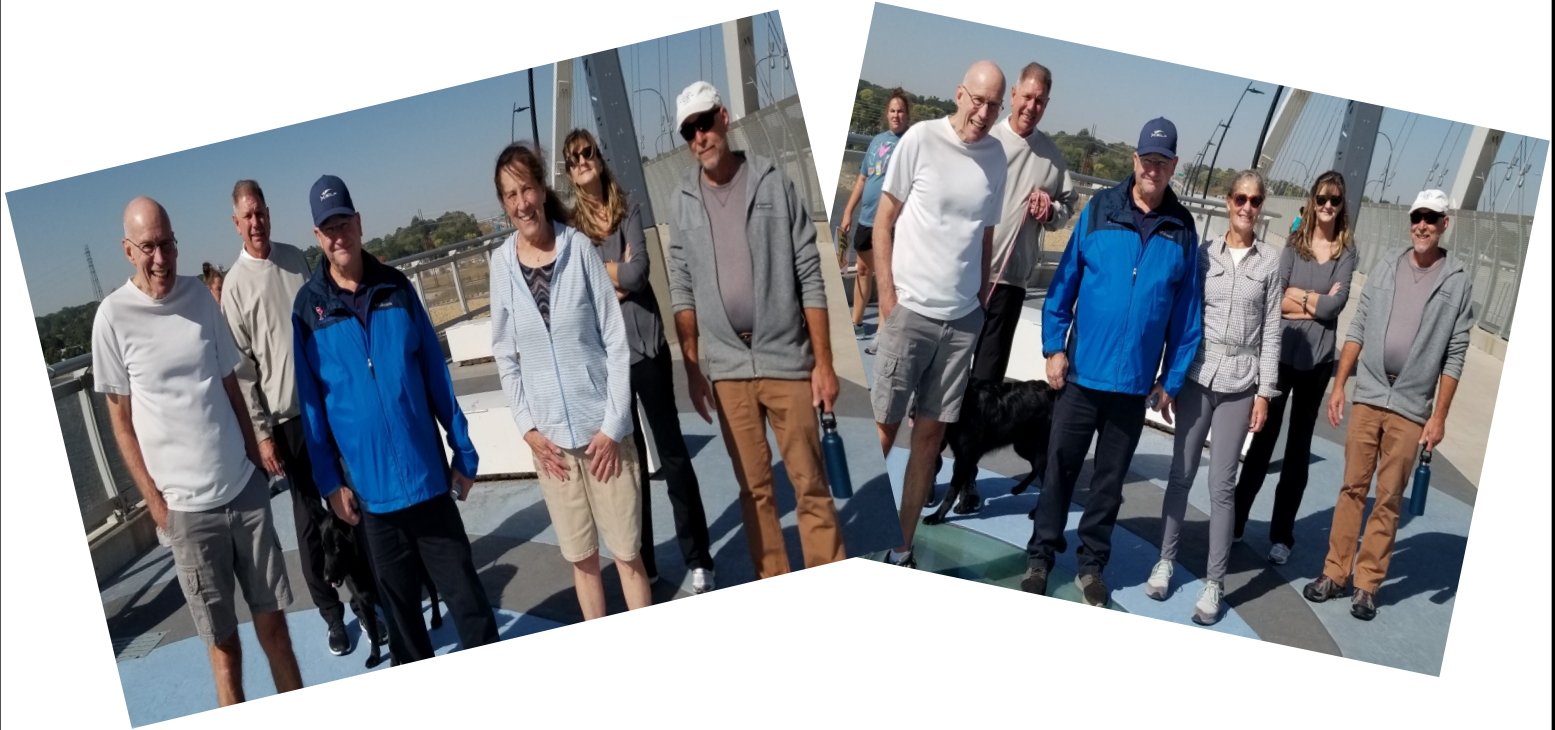
Marty Larson

Vicki Grothusen

Eve Kinney

Jim Kinney

We raised a total of **\$620!**



A special thank you to those who contributed to this very worthy cause feeding the needy locally & globally!!

Pastor Mike

Mable Carlson

Mark Carlson

Sally & Gene Bartosh

Kathy & Don Weston

Judie & Bill Holmer

Alice Lyons

Marcia Swanson

Helen & Dave Popp

Thank you for the opportunity to serve for our church.

God bless, Marty

**Poinsettia Order Form**

*You can help beautify the sanctuary
this holiday season!*

Name _____

Phone _____

Total Plants ordered _____

Amount Enclosed _____

6.5" poinsettias are \$9.00 and are available in red only.

Please fill out and return this order form with payment to the church office by the end of service November 27th, 2024. Orders after this date may not be guaranteed and price will increase. Make checks payable to 15th Avenue Christian Church.

On the back please print exactly how you would like your acknowledgement to read.
One acknowledgement for each plant ordered.

Questions? Call (309)786-6925 from 9 am to 12 pm- Mon-Fri or Jackie Flemming (309) 235-0914.

Office use only

Envelope # _____ qty _____ amt paid _____

Elders Prayer Update Bell Edition

"I call on you, my God, for you will answer me; turn your ear to me and hear my prayer." Psalms 17:6

Elders have been praying for these individuals this month.

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

Consider a phone call, a card or visit to let them know they
are loved and missed and not forgotten.

a young boy, MS, had cardiac arrest (family) Don Young was in hospital Unity Point RI (family)
Diane Butcher was in the hospital (family)

Jerry Roelens died Thursday 10/17 (Barb Hanson & Patty Grubbs and Carol Coykendall)

Jackie Flemming treated for appendicitis (Tim & family) Curtis is in physical rehab (Lisa D.)

Barb (Nancy) Merle (friend of Weston's) Daughter Melanie (Diane Block)
Mike, heart surgery 10/15 (Denny, Bridget and family)

Marilyn Mix, cancer treatments (family) Eugene Bartosh 2nd eye surgery (Sally & family)
Bill Holmer (Judie & family) Bill (Judie's brother) Penny (Reeder)
Hovis, stroke (Kathy & Dawn) Edward Gridley (Jacob)

Granddaughter Caitlin (Karen Hitchcock)

Jackie Adams, is in Hope Creek (Dolores and Dick Frybarger)

Matt, 23, going through very trying times. (Karen Hitchcock)

Kenny (Karen Hitchcock) Sally -cancer (friend of Weston's)

Gibson (friend of Weston's) Bob & Annie Bloomer (family)

Roland, Cancer (friend of Weston's) Patty R. (Rick & family)
Blake (Jeanie) / Emma (Jeanie) / Hunter (family)

Mona Mlekush (family & Alice) Carla / Rosalie / Molly/ Mary/ Nickie (family)

Nancy G, cancer (family) Pat, cancer (family) Kaylee Walker (Karen & family)

Kim Poleing (Karen) Melba Andereck (Jesse & family)

Juliana, Johnny and Hector prayer for guidance (Jeanie Kirgan)

Gavin ,Mike Rushing, Connie (Karen & family) Julie (cancer) Brenda O. (family)

Dawn F. (family) Cara (friend of Diane B.) Jessica Borlan (Swanson's)

Vickie (Jesse & Melba) Beverly Ducey (Jim & family)

Kent Christensen (Kathy, Don and family)

Angie (Don & family) Roy Morley is at home. (Jan & family)



November



2024

15th Avenue Christian Church

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 All Saints' Sunday 9:30am Worship 10:30 Fellowship - Popp's Food Pantry	4	5 6pm Riverbend Bronze	6	7 10am Bible Study	1 2	
10 8:30am Elder Meeting 9:30am Worship 10:30 Fellowship—Popp's Food Pantry	11 VETERANS DAY	12 6pm Riverbend Bronze	13	14 10am Bible Study	15 16	
17 9:30am Worship Thanksgiving Potluck Thanksgiving Offering Food Pantry	18	19 6pm Riverbend Bronze	20	21 10am Bible Study	22 23	
24 9:30am Worship Thanksgiving Offering Food Pantry	25	26 6pm Riverbend Bronze	27	28 THANKSGIVING DAY	29 OFFICE CLOSED	30 Small Business Saturday

Serving Elders
3 Steve Swanson
10 Helen Popp
17 Judie Holmer
24 Lisa Hatlett
Visiting Elder
Diane Block & Sally Bartosh

Serving Deacons
HD Rose Deibert, Karen Hitchcock, Lynne Sheese and Steve Sheese
Preparing Deacon
Steve and Lynne Sheese

Flowers
3
10 Dick Frybarger
17 Karen Hitchcock
24 Steve and Lynne Sheese

Fellowship Time
3 Popp's
10 Popp's
17 Thanksgiving Dinner
24



November

SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

Thanks & Giving

Day 1: Colossians 3:15-17

Day 2: Philippians 4:6

Day 3: Psalm 106:1

Day 4: Ephesians 2:8

Day 5: James 1:17

Day 6: Psalm 100:4

Day 7: Hebrews 12:28-29

Day 8: 2 Corinthians 4:15-16

Day 9: Romans 1:21

Day 10: Isaiah 12:4-5

Day 11: John 10:10

Day 12: 2 Timothy 4:4-5

Day 13: Luke 6:35-36

Day 14: Psalm 107:8

Day 15: Colossians 1:12

Day 16: 2 Timothy 3:1-5

Day 17: Ephesians 4:31-32

Day 18: Hebrews 6:4-6

Day 19: Micah 6:8

Day 20: Deuteronomy 16:17

Day 21: Proverbs 3:27

Day 22: Proverbs 11:24-25

Day 23: Matthew 6:3-4

Day 24: Luke 6:38

Day 25: Acts 20:35

Day 26: 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Day 27: 1 Corinthians 13:1-8

Day 28: 1 Corinthians 13:9-13

Day 29: Matthew 5:10-12

Day 30: Galatians 6:2

*Commit to spending 10 minutes every day to meditate and reflect on God's Word.
Write down what you have gleaned from each day's scripture.*

