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The Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)

# The Lamplighter



*You are the light of the world...no one after lighting a lamp puts it under a bushel basket...let your light shine before others..."*  
*Matthew 5:14-16 NRSV*

## February 2017

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**Church Office Hours:** 9:00 am – 12:00 pm, Wednesday & Friday

What a difference a day makes:

If this had been written a year ago it would have begun with “where do we go from here...” we knew our time with Pastor Rick and Becky limited even as we wished them well. We were concerned what our future would be without them. We had no idea how we could get to where we wanted to be, where we felt we were called to be. I, for one, had a hard during Lent praying for clarity for our continuation and mission. We all know what happened. The surprise offer on our building sparked a new set of problems even with the resolution of others. We all worked hard to take care of the immediate sometimes forgetting about the long range. We prayed, we worked, we moved, we cried, and we prayed some more. Over the following months we regained some confidence in what our future could hold but still the “how” seemed to elude us at times knowing it could be affected by our choice of a new pastor. Time seemed to crunch as we got over the physical move, we felt exhausted but still managed to look to our congregational needs, and we prepared to say goodbyes and cover workloads. We made plans to continue on for whatever God has in store for us.

The piece got changed to “we don’t know how long this path will be but we were going to travel it no matter what”. We girded up our belts and tried not to think about the Israelites 40 years in the wilderness and thinking more about being called by Jesus into discipleship. We had followed Jesus’ teaching to pick up and follow, trusting God to take care of the rest. We got to work making connections with our new neighbors. We got down to the business and busyness at hand even as we prayed for what we were almost afraid to pray for, that a timely search would be in our future.

Now, this article can be re-titled again to: HALLELUIA! This switch in focus has only come in the last hours. Through the work of the Search and Call Committee and the continued prayers of us all, a new pastor is on the horizon. To paraphrase just a little; ‘he came, we saw (heard), God conquered. Rev. Dr. Jack Sullivan Jr. will be joining us as of Feb. 8, 2017 with a proper installation service coming soon.

The only additional thing I would have to say is: “We ain’t done yet!”

We can’t let our guard down. It isn’t up to any pastor to do the work for us. It is still up to us to feel the mission and move forward with it. Without us, nothing will happen. We have been blessed with Gods call, Pastor Jack will help us, just as we will help him, to put that call into actions that make a difference. Jesus prepared the apostles to teach the Word, and do his work, through the ages it has continued and now it is our turn to teach Gods Word and to do Gods work. God blesses us all.

Update fro SAFY

Sorry there has not been a lot of communication lately. Wrapping up the end of the year was a little chaotic! We truly appreciate all of the toys and clothes for Christmas time. It was very helpful and we actually ended up getting a large sibling placement that came with very little clothing, so because of your congregations help we were able to assist more than we would have been able to J

As far as planning our trainings, we are aiming to provide childcare for a training on April 8<sup>th</sup> from 9am-4pm. If we were able to use your facility, the plan would be to have the training with foster parents in the church area and we would provide the childcare at SAFY. I know there would be a lot of details to work out. Do you know roughly how many people your space could hold? It’s a little difficult due to if we have a lot of foster parents sign up for the training we have to make sure there is enough space. If you could let us know how many people your space could hold, that would help to get a better idea and start planning and if your space would be available on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you so much for all that you do!!

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## February Birthday's

2/1 Charlotte Ballard  
 2/7 Jessie Stahl  
 2/13 Nathan Williamson  
 2/17 Bill Peters  
 2/19 Andy Koehler  
 2/24 Zetah Durain  
 2/25 Debra Kirk  
 2/27 Martha Stoner



### **PRAYER NEEDS THIS MONTH**

- ◆ For those with cancer and undergoing Cancer Treatment: \* Ray Neall, \*Fred Kretzinger\*
- ◆ For those with various health issues and concerns: \*Erma Weist, \*Donna Foreman, \*Karol Smith, \*Ryan Miller, \*Barbara England, \*Kasey Stewart, \*Kathleen Schaeffer, \*Janet Powell, \*Al & Pat Sharninghouse
- ◆ Prayers for the families whose loved ones passed recently, Bo Bradley, Pat Riker, and John Snyder
- ◆ Prayers for peace and just solutions to conflicts, natural disasters, polarizing, police/citizen relationships, terrorism around the world, refugees fleeing and trying to find new host/home countries, and healing of political fractures in our country
- ◆ For our new presidential administration
- ◆ For those seeking employment.
- ◆ For those who are having trouble making ends meet
- ◆ For those who are in physical or emotional pain
- ◆ For our First Christian Church homebound members
- ◆ For military personnel around the world who regularly risk their lives for freedom, such as Natalie Hampshire (deployed as DOD civilian)
- ◆ For discernment of our church members about our church's future ministry.

### First Christian News

**Average number of service attendees for**

**January: 36**

**Amount given in January: \$ 586**

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# February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:00 am Taize Prayer	2	3 11:00 am Bible Study 	4 9:00 a.m. Elders meeting  10:00 am - Board Meeting
5 8:45 am-Chimes 9:30 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Worship 12:00 Coffee Hour	6	7	8 9:00 am- Taize Prayer  	9	10 11:00 am - Bible Study  	11
12 8:45 am-Chimes 9:30 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Worship 12:00 Coffee Hour	13	14	15 9:00 am- Taize Prayer  	16	17 11:00 am - Bible Study	18
19 8:45 am-Chimes 9:30 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Worship 12:00 pm -Coffee Hour	20	21	22 9:00 am- Taize Prayer	23	24 11:00 am - Bible Study	25
26 8:45 am-Chimes 9:30 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Worship 12:00 pm -Coffee Hour	27	28	<p><b>"A SECRET PLACE"</b>                      Please pick up your copy of the Secret Place!                      It is a daily devotion booklet and is found as you enter the building in a small basket.                      Please share with your family!</p>			

# Serving Schedule

## February 5

Minister:  
 Music Coordinator: Patty Koehler  
 Pianist: TBA  
 Children's Sermon: Robin Kretzinger  
 Greeters: David England, Tim Wolfe, Beth Reynolds, Martha Stoner  
 Elders: Robin Kretzinger, Tiffany Miracle  
 Deacons: Lisa Wolfe, Deb Kirk, Karol Smith  
 Coffee Hour: Team #1—Melissa Drown, Bill & Nancy Peters, Karol Smith  
 Counters: Robin Kretzinger, Andy Koehler

## February 12

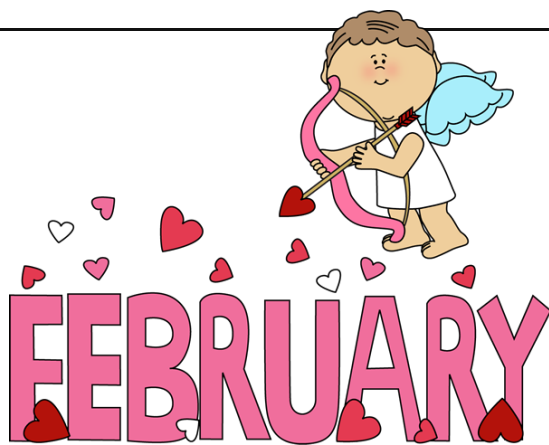
Minister:  
 Music Coordinator: Patty Koehler  
 Pianist: Kathy Baltz  
 Children's Sermon: Patty Koehler  
 Greeters: Tim Wolfe  
 Elders: Linda Pitkin, Nancy Peters  
 Deacons: Charlotte, Ballard, Tara Miller, Mercedes Williamson  
 Coffee Hour: Team #2—Barb Brown, Barb England  
 Counters: Robin Kretzinger, Patty Koehler

## February 19

Minister:  
 Music Coordinator: Patty Koehler  
 Pianist: TBA  
 Children's Sermon: Robin Kretzinger  
 Greeters: David England, Karol Smith, Martha Stoner  
 Elders: Barb England, Beth Reynolds  
 Deacons: Barb Brown, Tim Wolfe, Cindi Beltz  
 Coffee Hour: Team #3—Patty Koehler, Beth Reynolds, Lisa Wolfe  
 Counters: Robin Kretzinger, Bill Peters

## February 26

Minister:  
 Music Coordinator: Patty Koehler  
 Pianist: Kathy Baltz  
 Children's Sermon: Patty Koehler  
 Greeters: David England, Barb England, Tim Wolfe, Beth Reynolds  
 Elders: Beth Reynolds, Barb England  
 Deacons: Bill Peters David England, Steve Strayer  
 Coffee Hour: Team #4—Deb Kirk, Linda Pitkin, Pat Sharninghouse  
 Counters: Robin Kretzinger, Beth Reynolds



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To Us. To Others. To God

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### Sunday Schedule

9:30am Sunday School

10:30am Worship Service

Followed by Fellowship-Coffee Hour

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