



FIRST
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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FCC children (age 4 years - 5th grade) are going to “Share Christmas” by singing carols to our friends who cannot worship with us in person and at our Senior Adult Dinner. Sign-ups and information are available at the Station.

Schedule/Times:

December 7th 5:00-7:00pm Rehearsal
December 14th 2:00-7:00pm Caroling and Dinner

Volunteers are greatly appreciated.
We need parents to meet the 2-adult rule requirements and assistants to help guide children.

**Mustard Seed Network
Kyoto, Japan**

Brandon, Kinsey, Rachel and Logan had a great time visiting Jared & Stephanie Henke. They walked nearly 8 miles a day, ate several Japanese meals and spent time with the Mustard Seed Kyoto church and the Henke family. They were encouraged to hear what God is doing in their church, while humbled to think that only 1% of Japan is Christian.

Brandon, Kinsey, Rachel and Logan look forward to sharing their Kyoto, Japan experience with us sometime in the near future.



The Reporter can also be viewed online at www.fccsaalem.net

January Newsletter deadline: December 15th (This includes all newsletter, calendar and scheduling items.)

FCC LEADERS

MINISTRY TEAM:

Phil Martin
Lead Minister

Dave Jarrett
Creative Arts Minister

Jesse Brinkley
Children's Minister

Logan West
Student Minister

Trisha Mosbarger
Secretary

ELDERS:

Wyett Coldasure
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For more information including sermon downloads and more please go to: www.fcssalem.net



FCC would like to donate to "Restore Network of Illinois" for our Christmas Service Project. You can learn more about "Restore Network" @ restorenetwork.org or by scanning the QR code.



16,657 children are in foster care in the state of Illinois

485 more will enter the system this month due to abuse or neglect

36% will change homes two or more times while in care

The mission of Restore Network is to help the church respond. They link arms with those on the front lines of foster care through long-standing partnerships with child welfare agencies and court staff. But, as a privately run organization, they can remain agile in their response to the foster-care crisis, allowing them to respond in real time, as Christ would.

If you would like to donate to "Restore Network of Illinois", you can specify on your check in the memo line and place it in the FCC offering box. There are also a variety of ways that FCC can donate their time. Please scan the QR code above to see the different ways that you can volunteer your time with just a few hours a month.

FCC Thanksgiving Dinner

Our annual FCC Thanksgiving Dinner was held on Sunday, November 23rd with approximately 160 people present. Thank you to all who helped in the kitchen, who made the food, ate the food and who stayed and helped put things away. We hope you all had a great time fellowshiping and eating good food with your FCC friends and family.



December Birthdays

1	Randy Schultz	17	Aaron Middleton
1	Denice Phillips	17	E J Wolfe
1	Tammy Kell	17	Andrew Bryan
1	Brandon Howe	18	Max Dye
1	Darci Holsapple	18	Alicia Maciejowski
3	Dena Jones	18	Gregory Gabbard
4	Danette Wolfe	18	Gavin Zimmemann
4	Ashley Vick	18	Silas Trinkle
6	Sonia Hertel	19	Cecilia Baumann
7	Barbara Williams	20	Audrey Lybarger
7	Lynnie Cain	20	Kayce Krutsinger
7	Allison Cain	21	Jacob McIntosh
8	Jim Martin	22	Daisy Williams
10	Shelli McIntosh	23	Rebekah Howe
11	Cooper Schaubert	26	Lisa Mills
13	Abby Clark	26	Mays Mosbarger
14	Zella Trinkle	26	Colson Quick
15	Mike Squibb	26	Silas Vick
15	Stephen Johnson	27	Sue Prosis
16	Katharine Black	27	Waylon Vick
16	Logan Bandy	29	Cormick Schaubert
17	Chris Tanner	30	Brooke Frederick

December Anniversaries

8	Jason & Lori Arnold
12	Tim & Belinda Alvis
12	Jim & Sue Courson
12	James & Eileen Martin
19	Micah & Kacey Puricelli
27	Craig & Cheryl Vieira
29	Phil & Sara Williams
30	Kyle & Shelley Rose
31	Brandon & Siretha Howe



FCC Basketball

Registration will be held Monday, January 5th through Friday, January 9th from 9:00am - 4:30pm, and on Saturday, January 10th from 10:00am - 1:00pm.

Practices begin on Wednesday, January 21st. Games begin Saturday, February 7th.

FCC's Kid's Basketball League is designed for girls and boys 4 years old through 2nd grade. The cost is \$25.

Contact Jesse Brinkley with any questions or for more information.



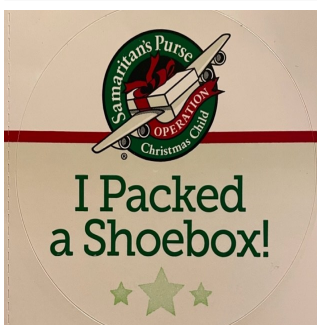
thank you

Salem Presbyterian Church would like to thank all of those that have donated items to their giveaway for individuals and families "in need" in our community. The next hygiene giveaway is scheduled for Saturday, December 6th.

Food Pantry Donations



- *Rice
- *Beans (canned or dry)
- *Instant Mashed Potatoes
- *Stuffing



Thank you to our caring, compassionate, sharing, FCC church family. We were able to deliver **82 boxes** to the area collection location because of your generosity. Operation Christmas Child gifts are distributed to over 170 countries world wide. Thank you for being a part of this ministry to bring Christmas joy to a child. Next year may we surpass **82 boxes**!!

FCC Christmas Card Exchange



We are offering a FCC Christmas Card Exchange this year. Fill out your FCC Christmas cards and BE SURE to put the FCC Family's LAST NAME that you are sending the card to on the front of the envelope. Drop off your completed FCC Christmas cards in the basket labeled, "Christmas Cards" in the FCC library. The cards will be sorted and put into bags labeled with your last name. You can stop by the library anytime to see if you have Christmas cards in your assigned bag. (When you pick up your cards, be sure to leave your bag just in case you get more cards delivered.)

**Last day to drop your cards off in the library will be
Sunday, December 14th.**



Salem Ministerial Alliance "Ring the Bell" Sign Up

Each year, area churches in Salem sign up to "Ring the Bell" at various locations in town. The donations that are received from "Ringing the Bell" are used to help those in need in our area throughout the following year. Please consider signing up to "Ring the Bell" this Christmas Season. FCC is participating on Saturday, December 6 at WalMart from 10am-6pm and Friday, December 19th at Farm Fresh Market from 9am-7pm and WalMart from 10am-6pm. Sign up sheets are hanging up in the hallway by the FCC Office.