

The Sixth Street Messenger – January 2022

A publication of the Sixth Street Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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Church Board Meeting

Sixth Street Christian Church will be having Church Board Meeting on Sunday, January 9th following worship service.

Masks & Other Safety Precautions

On 10/17/2021, the congregation voted on whether worshipers should have the option to wear masks based on personal preference. Since the vote was not unanimous, those who are able will continue to wear masks in worship. ***Worshipers who have difficulty breathing or other health issues that would make mask-wearing difficult are exempt from this requirement.*** Sixth Street Christian Church has a NO SHAMING POLICY about mask-wearing. If you see someone without a mask, assume the best!

In addition to wearing masks (as able), we will continue following the recommendations of the Indiana Region of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), which include taking **personal servings of communion elements** which you will pick up as you enter the sanctuary and asking worshipers to place their **offerings** in a nearby basket or mailing them to the church.

Thank you for your understanding and for your willingness to protect the vulnerable!

Family Game Night

Join us on Saturday, January 15th from 6-8 p.m. for Family Game Night. We start by eating together, it's BYOF (bring your own food) this month, and then we usually play dominos, Farkle (a dice game), and/or Euchre depending on how many people come. We also have one-on-one games like backgammon

Bible Study

Bible Study meets each Thursday at 9:00 a.m.

Grace Group

Grace Group meets each Thursday at 8:00 a.m.

Welcome to our new nursery attendants:

Brandy & Carly Smith

Nursery is available during Worship Service.

From the Minister!

Happy New Year!!

I've been thinking about how appropriate it is that we celebrate a new year only a week after we celebrate the birth of the one who brought each of us a new life. The new life you and I and all believers have been given is a new start. A clean slate. Another chance to "repent" – another chance to turn toward God. We should all live in a state of repentance, taking every possible opportunity to get closer to what God wills for each one of us individually, for us together as a congregation, and for the entire world through us.

God definitely has plans, and above all, God has *the Plan* – a time of blessing and plenty and wholeness for all people. In every moment of 2022, God is putting us on the best possible path: the one that, if we choose it, will reveal the Realm of God most quickly. Every single decision – what you say to the first person you see, where you eat lunch, whether you turn left or right – has a best way, a way to which God calls each of us. The wonderful thing is that even if we turn left instead of right (for example), God will continue calling us. By living as repentant people means we are in a constant state of asking God, "Is this what you want me to do?" If each of us and we as a congregation keep asking that question, then we will feel every prompting of the Holy Spirit and be increasingly confident in taking the next step ... and the next, next step.

Looking forward, I have little notion of the specifics of 2022. It is like a fresh ream of paper that could be used for making paper airplanes, as coloring pages, or for writing the great American novel. Think of the possibilities! All that paper, all those choices! Rather than freezing with indecision, we can turn to God and ask, "What shall I write?" "What shall I draw?" "What shall I make?" God is waiting for us to turn and ask these questions. Let's do it together.

With love,
Michelle

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Serving for the Month of January

Worship Leaders

- 2nd – Jake Smith
 - 9th – Teresa Dennis
 - 16th – Cheryl Tichenor
 - 23rd – DJ Shumaker
 - 30th – Jon Dietrich
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Elders

- 2nd – Jake & Susan Smith
 - 9th – Jackie Harris & Jane Young
 - 16th – Jerri Peters & Susan Smith
 - 23rd – Jerri Peters & Jane Young
 - 30th – Jerri Peters & Jane Young
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Coffee Fellowship

- 2nd – Cindy Hanson & Jackie Harris
Light Lunch/Goodwill offering
 - 9th – Need Volunteer!
 - 16th – Rita Johnson & Linda Soultz
 - 23rd – Jill Darling & Andrea Smith
 - 30th – Need Volunteer!
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Greeters

Need Volunteers!



Calendar of Events January

- 6th – Grace Group – 8:00 a.m.
Bible Study – 9:00 a.m.
 - 9th – SSCC Board Meeting
Following Worship Service
 - 13th – Grace Group – 8:00 a.m.
Bible Study – 9:00 a.m.
 - 15th – Family Game Night 6 – 8 p.m.
 - 20th – Grace Group – 8:00 a.m.
Bible Study – 9:00 a.m.
 - 27th – Grace Group – 8:00 a.m.
Bible Study – 9:00 a.m.
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Birthdays for January

- 2nd – Donnetta Ratliff
- 8th – Leah Cooper
- 9th – Ernestine Haynes
- 9th – Christopher Wilkinson
- 10th – Chad Toffolo
- 13th – Don McCoy
- 14th – Jason Benson
- 17th – Ginny Hess
- 18th – Rose Fredenburg
- 19th – Stephanie Benson
- 19th – Brittany Helman
- 20th – Brandon Lovett
- 20th – Virginia Rawlings
- 24th – Clayton Lovett
- 28th – Robert Haynes