

The Sixth Street Messenger

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A message from Reverend Michelle Brown is shown below.

Pastor Michelle's Office Hours

Pastor Michelle now has scheduled office hours. She will be available visitations on Sunday afternoons and evenings, or by appointment during the evening on weekdays. Contact Michelle at (317) 372-3926.

Sixth Street Christian Church Holiday Dinner

The Holiday Dinner will be on Sunday, December 8th after church. Meat and drinks will be provided. Bring a covered dish. Come join in the fellowship of our holiday season.

Christian Women's Fellowship News

The Christian Women Fellowship will meet on Wednesday, December 4th at 1:00 p.m. Fran Tedrow will give the lesson. Jill Darling will serve refreshments. Jackie Harris will be the Kitchen Queen for December. All women of the church are welcome to attend!

CWF will not have a monthly meeting in January or February of 2020, next meeting is set for March 4th, 2020. We look forward to seeing you then.

CWF Christmas Cookie and Candy Walk will be on Sat. December 7th, from 9 – 12 noon. See enclosed flyer for more details.

CWF will be visiting both local nursing homes this month to wrap gifts for the patients to give to their families or caregivers. We will be visiting 10th Street on December 5th at 1:30 p.m. and then Millers Merry Manor on December 11th at 1:30 p.m.

Choir Practice

Choir Practice will meet each Wednesday from 4:30 – 6.00 p.m. and each Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

Church Board Meeting

The December meeting of the Sixth Street Church Board will meet on Sunday, December 15th, following Coffee Fellowship. Please plan to attend.

Family Game Night

Family Game Night will be on Saturday, Dec. 14th from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Grace Group

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

Pastor Michelle's Bible Study

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

Serving in December

Minister: Reverend Michelle Brown

Music Director: Susan Smith

Pianist: Liz Felsted

Choir Director: Susan Smith

Asst. Choir Director: Derick Shumaker

Elders: Jake & Susan Smith

Worship Leaders: 1st - Jon Dietrich
8th - Teresa Dennis
15th - Michael Cooper
22nd - Cheryl Tichenor
29th - Teresa Dennis

Diaconate: Jane Young - Nancy Scott
Paul & Teresa Dennis

Communion Prep: Cindy Hanson

Coffee Fellowship: 1st - Jill Darling
8th - Jana Lovett
15th - Pat Wischart
22nd - Fran Tedrow
29th - Need a volunteer!

Nursery: Leah & Michael Cooper

Anniversaries & Birthdays

1 st - Rozella Baldwin	17 th - Terry & Berneda Fadely
2 nd - Natalie Fredenburg	17 th - Art Brown
5 th - Conner Butterfield	17 th - Carole Benfield
5 th - Jane Young	20 th - Rob Upchurch
8 th - Janaye Huser	22 nd - Don & Mary Lou McCoy
8 th - Georgia White	24 th - Maynard & Mary Powell
11 th - Nancy Walters	25 th - Bart Butterfield
12 th - Sophie Wilkinson	30 th - Edward & Fran Tedrow

We are Disciples of Christ,

A movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.

• Disciples of Christ Statement of Identity



December 2019 - Minister's Message

Happy Advent, my Sixth Street Christian Church family!

Have you known anyone who has a birthday in December? My best friend has her birthday on December 16. She used to tell me that "her" day almost always got overlooked in the bigger celebration of Christmas. Christmas is a BIG deal - there are family events and shopping to do and presents to wrap and church programs to attend and baking, baking, baking. Right? The problem is that we are so busy in preparing for and then celebrating Christmas that the time leading up to it - the Season of Advent - gets lost along the way.

Advent is a time of preparation. It is a journey we take every year between Thanksgiving and Christmas that prepares our souls for the actuality of God's promise. There is a distance between the people of today's world and the ones who live in God's Realm as described by the prophets Isaiah and Micah: "they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore." The distance between the reality of our world and the one promised by God seems insurmountable. How does looking at this gap prepare us for seeing hope fulfilled?

I believe that when we recognize the gulf between what *is* and what *should be*, we can take the first step in changing death-dealing situations into life-giving ones. It is when we can recognize something isn't lining up with God's promise of blessing, peace, and plenty for all, that we can do something to make a difference – to move the world just a little bit closer to what God intends creation to be.

My challenge for you this Advent is to look for swords to beat with the hammer you're holding. God's work through you will allow new life to spring from barren land, and God's promise will be revealed.

Many blessings upon you,

Michelle

Sixth Street Christian Church

Sunday School — 9:15am

Worship Service — 10:30am

DECEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER:

- 4TH CWF meeting – 1p.m.
- 5TH CWF visiting 10th Street Nursing Home – 1:30 p.m.
- 7TH Christmas Cookie & Candy Walk 9 – 12 noon
- 8th SSCC Holiday Dinner after church
- 11th CWF visiting Millers Merry Manor – 1:30 p.m.
- 14th Family Game Night 6 – 8 p.m.
- 15th Church Board Meeting (following Coffee Fellowship).
- 21st Winter begins
- 24th Christmas Eve (Church office closed)
- 25th Christmas Day (Church office closed)
- 31st New Year's Eve Day

