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Serving in Worship

Lay Reader: Erin Bucher

Ushers: Lila Byers, Joan Dailey

Scripture: Hebrews 10:11-25

In-Person worship will be offered in the church sanctuary at 9:30 A.M. The service will be live-streamed onto Facebook and a recording of the livestream will be available on YouTube later in the day.

An abbreviated version of this service will be on the local NBC TV station at 9:30 A.M.

Remember to wear your face mask to completely cover your nose and mouth throughout the service and try to observe some physical distancing.

If you are not feeling well (fever or chills, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea) please stay home, take care of yourself, and take advantage of our virtual offerings.

There will be NO Coffee Fellowship after the service so our Fellowship Board can make preparations for the Thanksgiving Dinner.

Plan to leave the sanctuary as soon as possible after our service to allow our friends from Christ United Methodist Church to prepare for their worship at 11:00 A.M.

Thanksgiving Potluck is this Sunday- November 14th, 5:00 P.M.

The Fellowship Board is asking for RSVPs for the Thanksgiving Dinner this year so they can plan for food, fun, and safety guidelines. Potluck items will be based on the first letter of your last name as indicated below.

Sign up on Sunday or call the church office.



Gravy- F, G

Sweet Potatoes- A, B

Relish Tray- W, X, Y, Z

Dressing- K, L

Rolls- T, U, V

Salad- M, N, O, P

Mashed Potatoes- C, D, E

Hot Vegetable- H, I, J

Dessert- Q, R, S



Christian Education News

Children will begin in worship this Sunday. Once in Sunday school, older children will learn more about Global Ministries with Carol Shipley. Younger children will decorate Thanksgiving leaves to adorn the walls of their classroom. Stop by and take a look! And there are only two more weeks for our Thanksgiving Basket Offering Project. This week, children are asked to bring canned sweet potatoes or yams. Thank you to everyone who has donated to this service project! Next Sunday, children will organize the food for the baskets.

136th Annual Meeting of the Montana-N. Wyoming Association and Conference

The Conference Annual Meeting (CAM) will be held via Zoom on Thursday, November 18th. This year's CAM is a "business only" meeting beginning at 7:00 P.M. The meeting will be preceded by a Zoom "social/happy hour" beginning at 6:00 P.M. for those who wish to participate. Based on membership, our church is allowed to have 5 lay voting delegates. Pastor Lynne will attend as Conference Moderator as will Carol Shipley (Conference Board/National Board member) and Greg Smith (clergy). Our church will have great representation and voting strength if we can fill all 5 lay

delegate positions. **If you are interested in serving, please contact the office by November 11th.**

Thank you So Much

Members of First Congregational United Church of Christ,

“Thank you” seems like an inadequate phrase to say when expressing my sincere gratitude for your generous financial support of the East Middle School Gay Straight Alliance.

Your financial gift of \$300 will allow us to help some of our most vulnerable and at risk students in a variety of ways- clothing, transportation, needed supplies- that are otherwise hard to come by, as well as fun things that help our students celebrate their identities and diversity.

The support and backing of your congregation is priceless to us. Thank you and God bless.

Amy Sterling

Christmas Pageant Planning



Once again this year, the Christmas Pageant will be presented through a digital recording. Readings will be assigned soon! And readers of all ages are still needed! Children are Invited to not only act as readers but also to create art and or music to be included in the performance. Please contact Janet Koostra at 77-8443 or janetkoostra@gmail.com to volunteer!

Celebrating Stewardship Reminder

We are excited about planning ahead for 2022. If you have not had an opportunity to submit a pledge for the financial support of our ministries, please do so as soon as possible. Pledges can be submitted through the mail or by contacting Holly in the office (406-453-4316 or email). If you need another pledge card, let Holly know. Additional pledge cards are available at the church on Sunday morning.



Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 14th
Thanksgiving Dinner, 5:00 P.M.

Monday, November 15th
Church Council Meeting, 6:30 P.M., Zoom

Tuesday, November 16th
Prayer Meeting, 6:00 P.M., Sanctuary

Wednesday, November 17th
Bridge Players, 10:00 A.M.

Thursday, November 18th
Montana-Northern Wyoming
Conference Annual Business Meeting
Pre-CAM Happy /Social Hour, 6:00 P.M.
Business Meeting, 7:00 P.M.