



The Christian Visitor

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Our Mission: Bring people to Christ, grow as disciples, and together serve God

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW SECURITY SYSTEM

The north door of the church building (also known as the 11th street door, Little Lambs door, office door, and choir door) used to be unlocked 5:30 am – 6:00 pm, Monday-Friday so our Little Lambs parents could drop-off and pick-up their children. Unfortunately, this also allowed unauthorized people to enter the build without anyone knowing it. So far we have not had any significant theft or damage, but we have had several small incidents.

We have installed a new electronic security system on the north doors that allows them to stay locked through the day will still allowing access to anyone who needs it. A few things to know:

- If you have a key to the church, your key still works like it always has.
- If you do not have a key and need in, press the video doorbell above the left handrail (picture #1) and someone from the Little Lambs or the church office will buzz you in. You will hear a click and the left-hand door will be unlocked for about 5 seconds. Open it and come in.



- If you would like an electronic key-fob to the door (small round disc for your keychain), contact the church office and we will be happy to give you one. Simply hold the key-fab next to the key-reader on left side of door (picture #2) and it will light-up and unlock then relock the left door.



Though we are not happy we had to move to locking the church doors, the new system does allow for security and accessibility. If you have any problems, just beat on the doors or use your cell phone to call the office and we will help.





ELDER REFLECTION

Great time for looking back and forward.

I read this in my daily devotion on January 1. It gave me pause to think about and to concentrate on for the coming year.

And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, He departed and went out to a desolate place, and there He prayed. *Mark 1-35*

Jesus had been up late the night before, concluding a long, intense day of ministry. People were clamoring for His attention; desperate needs pressed on Him endlessly, as work spread of His supernatural power over demons and disease. Yet at the break of day, our Savior was found in a quiet place, away from the crowds, seeking and enjoying fellowship with His heavenly Father. This was not something He had to do—it was His supreme delight.

From The Quiet Place by Nancy Leigh DeMoss

I feel we all can certainly imagine speaking with and seeing our families after conditions of the last year. It is a delight for me to see my family or just hear their voices. The television does not even satisfy the yearnings for me, and I used to really enjoy television. So, just imagine sitting down with God on a bench overlooking your favorite place to enjoy nature and having a deep conversation with HIM. Spilling out our utmost joys and deep fears of today when things appear so out of our control. It is hard to find that best place that does distract us from our daily activities. Give it to all God and see how you feel.

Strangely enough, I have found that time and place, sitting in a straight chair, with my neck in a sling to relieve the tension and pressure in my neck and peddling my stationery peddler while reading and praying. I pray you can find that place where you feel God's presence and the hug, He gives us when we most need it. Sometimes it is while driving that someone comes to mind and I pray. I thank God that He gives those nudges to keep me focused. I am not perfect by a long shot, but God is my closest friend that I can tell anything to, sometimes He gives me an answer that I am not wanting. That is ok too.

My question for you today is, Do you think of a daily devotional life as a duty or a delight? Ask God to make you thirsty—to increase your desire to enjoy daily communion with the Lover of your soul.

Praying for good health and a peaceful day each day for you.

Blessings,

Judy Evans





Prayer List

*Key: Person's name (description; who submitted request).

Our Mission Co-Worker in Guatemala

Ricardo Mayol

Ken Hughes 1/12 in hospital for test for loss of upper body strength; by Christina Hughes

Margaret Bryant 1/11 had colon surgery, home and improving

Raquel Musgrave 1/11 endoscopy today for stomach problems; by Judy Musgrave

Judy Shelton 1/10 cancer; by Pat Clary

Carol Barnett 1/10 stroke, doing therapy; by Pat Clary

Kassie Koch 1/10 covid & bronchitis; daughter of Joe Koch

Hannah Klepinger 1/10 covid; daughter-in-law of Steve Klepinger

David Gottschalk 1/10 artery bypass surgery on leg on 1/20 South Bend; son of Bob & Elaine Gottschalk

Deana Gottschalk 1/10 breast cancer surgery 1/13 in Elkhart; daughter-in-law of Bob & Elaine Gottschalk

Melissa Delpedio 1/8 teacher at Columbia Elementary starting breast cancer treatments; by Amy Van Heyningen

The family of Everett Elkins, he died 1/5; by Carolyn Smith

Susan Burris 1/4 ICU on ventilator, dialysis started 12/28; sister of Deb Cannedy

Florence Ingle 1/4 issue with allergic reaction, diagnosed also with congestive heart failure; grandmother of Brett Hooker

The family of Ethel May Overton, she died 12/30; Aunt of Doug Morton

Sheri Dunn 12/27 has been seriously ill with Covid, slowly improving; daughter of John Dunn

Eldonna Blacketor 12/27 cellulitis; by Becki Gray

Chloeann Choate 12/20 cancer has spread, prayers for comfort

Rick Biggs 12/2 lung cancer, dementia, chemo; nephew of Jean Koch

Bonnie Long 11/22 leukemia, started treatments; sister of Jan Houlihan

Kaden Hazen 11/4 in hospital for round 4 immunotherapy; by Nancy Waggoner

Dr. James Kolachek 10/28 cancer: by Judy Musgrave

Shawn Ramsay 8/23 throat cancer, started treatments; son-in-law of Susan Dunn

Rebecca Bolinger 8/6 breast cancer; co-worker of Amy Van Heyningen

Barb Tullis 8/6 lung cancer; sister of Helen Enyart

Pray for our **schools, students, & parents**

Joys

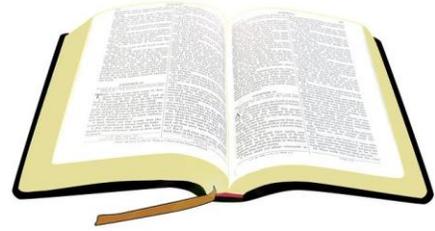
Jackson had surgery at Riley 12/18, doing well; grandson of Jacque Douglas

Jesus del Pino Arriero home. Raquel back in Oklahoma, was able to see him on a video call Raquel said it seemed like a dream come true! He still has a long way to go in his recovery, as he will be needing physical therapy to regain full use of his body. He can walk slowly with a walker. The family said that the fact our church was praying for him was a tremendous help to them. Once again they want to thank everyone praying for him. Thank you for your continued prayers for his full recovery.





Teaching Moment Tuesday III



We are in the middle of our third “Teaching Moment Tuesday” study topic: Spiritual Formation. We are exploring different Spiritual disciplines to help keep us connected to God and God’s will for our lives. Join the new study Tuesdays at noon or anytime after on our Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/rochfcc>

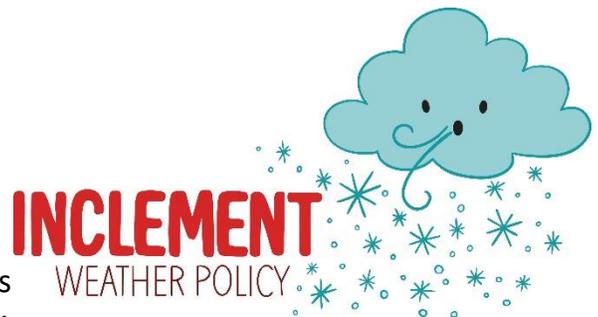


First Christian Church welcomes Jacquie Douglas as a new member. Jacquie has attended in person and online. She came forward on December 15th.

Winter Weather

Cancellation Policy

In an effort to affirm both the importance of gathering for worship and the importance of being safe in dangerous weather, our weather cancellation policy is simple. If the City of Rochester or Fulton County closes the roads, church activities are canceled. If the roads are open, then we are open. Your job is to make a smart decision whether you should stay home or come to worship. Please, be smart and make the best call for you.





1/22 John & Susan Dunn
1/24 Ted & Nancy Waggoner

1/11 Roger Bryant
1/16 Sarah Burch
1/16 Traci Miller
1/16 De Shaun Whitfield
1/16 Micah Whitfield
1/17 Betty Pope
1/20 Steve Klepinger
1/22 Mark Sroufe
1/26 Madison Castro
1/26 Amy Bode
1/27 Melinda Burkett
1/31 Dennis Mikesell



Special thanks to:

Helen Enyart and her crew for hosting the funeral dinner for Sandy Gibbons' family.

Our musicians and tech crew for serving double duty for both Christmas Eve services.

Ted Waggoner for sharing the message while Pastor Mike was visiting family after Christmas.

John Bowers and crew for clearing the snow from the sidewalks for worship on January 3.

Amanda Hooker and Eric Burch for enduring multiple hours of training on the new sound and video equipment in the sanctuary.

OUR MILITARY

OVERSEAS & STATESIDE



Scott Bryant
Michael Smith
Richard Pope
Dereck Groehler
Jon Seiler
George Ruckman

Check us out on the web!

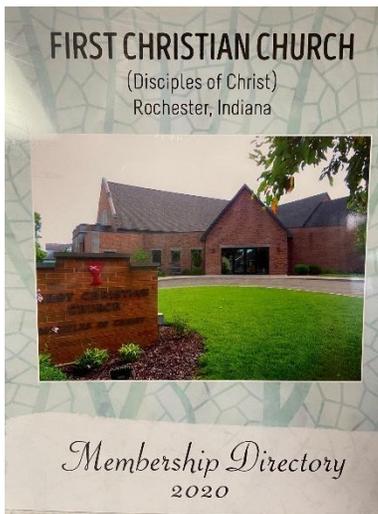
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\$12. 50 per book

We have been working on some alternative giving options during this time of Online Worship. We now have four different ways you can give your offering to First Christian Church.

1. Through the “Give +” Mobile Giving App, you can give right from your smart phone.
2. You can also use the “Give+” through an internet link
3. You can simply mail your offering to First Christian Church at 1101 Madison Street in Rochester, Indiana 46975
4. Finally, you can contact your bank and set up an electronic funds transfer.



You can use the link below for more information. If you have any questions or need help with either Give+ option, please call Angie Miller at 574-292-1512.

[Giving at FCC Rochester](#)

Worship with Us Online

From now into the foreseeable future we will continue our online worship format which is available at 9:25 Sunday morning and any time after that at

<https://www.facebook.com/rochfcc>

Share the link. It is easier to share the invitation electronically now that the service is electronic.

