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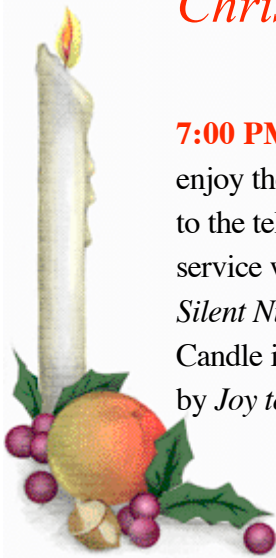
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Christmas Eve Services

10:30 AM Sunday Morning Combined Service

7:00 PM Family Service The whole family will enjoy the singing of Christmas carols and listening to the telling of the story of Christmas. The service will close with communion and singing of *Silent Night* as we pass the light from the Christ Candle in a circle around the sanctuary followed by *Joy to the World*.

11:00 PM Service Our Candlelight service highlights the artistry of Jane Allen on the harp. The Christmas story is told in Scripture and music. The service concludes with communion, *Silent Night* on the harp and the circle of candlelight.



First Christian Church children & youth to present a Christmas Musical Sunday, December 17 at 5:00 PM.

The children of our church have a gift for you! The Christmas play is called "The Not So Silent Night" King Herod's palace is buzzing with excitement! Scribbles the Scribe is searching the scriptures for salvation when three Magi appear looking for the new King of the Jews. As the Magi hit the road to Bethlehem, Scribbles follows hoping the Magi will lead him to the Messiah. We invite you to come and bring friends, neighbors and relatives with you. The program will also include beautiful music from our Bell Choir and our Sanctuary Choir.

Staff Appreciation Sunday, December 17

During the coffee hour (in both services) a special thank you to our staff is planned by our personnel committee on behalf of the whole congregation. We would like to recognize and share our appreciation of the wonderful staff and all that they do for the church.

The Personnel committee is collecting funds for the FCC staff Christmas gifts. Please donate your non-tax-deductible gifts no later than December 18th. Sandi Ybarra, Personnel Chair will be collecting the gifts. *Personnel Committee*



Christmas occurred when God invaded Earth in a strange and marvelous way. A special child was born to improbable parents in an unlikely place at an inconvenient time and in an unwelcoming world. Yet heaven's light pierced the darkness and shone through the life of that unique baby. That light was and is an eternal light. God's light in Christ is a saving light that can keep the world from total destruction, from the ultimate darkness. The message is always true: "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it" (John 1:5, NRSV). And it never will.
—Charles Ferrell



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National Homeless Persons' Memorial Day ~ December 21

The first day of winter, is the longest night of the year. Homeless people die from illnesses that affect everyone without health care; they die from exposure, unprotected from the

heat and cold; and they die from violence, often in unprovoked hate crimes. Remember our neighbors and friends who have died without homes by joining in a service on the church's front steps at 5 pm.

YOUTH NEWS

HIGH SCHOOL SNOW RALLY!! DEADLINE IS Sunday 12/17!! Be sure to give Elaine your registration form if you are planning to attend!! The theme is "Follow Me". Dates are January 13-15. There will be small groups, worship, a day on the mountain, bowling, movie and a late breakfast Sunday!! Cost is \$50 plus snow play costs. It's a great time to invite friends to join us.

MIDDLE SCHOOL LOCK-IN, Saturday, January 6. Mark your calendars and invite your friends!!

Coming Youth Events:

- High School - Snow Rally, January 13-15.
- Silverton Prom, February 10-11.
- Mission to Mexico - March 22 - April 1
- Middle School - Lock-in - January 6
- Fellowship Friday, January 19, 7-10 PM
- Mid Winter Regional Rally - February 16-18

Caregiver Support Group

The support group has been meeting every 2nd Thursday for about 6 months. We are a small group, various ages, caring for a loved one, someone we cherish and are seeking ways to bring assistance in living with them.

We will not be meeting in December due to the extra activities

during this time. Meetings will resume at 4:30 on Thursday January 18.

Please join us if you are caring for a loved one at home, if they are in a care facility or even if you they are in a care facility or even if you casually know someone with dementia or memory loss. Please call if you have questions or concerns.

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When was the last time that you checked anything out of the Church Library? You know, the room you pass when you go down the back hallway from the back parking lot or office on your way to the sanctuary!

There are some five thousand books in there! If that is intimidating - there is a shelf on the east wall that has a small collection of books has been set aside marked "**Have you read these?**" Start here to make it easier to choose a book, take it home and read. (As you come in the door, make a sharp right hand turn past the library counter to a shelf that is labeled "Have you read these?") Choose a book from there or any place else in the library, sign the card in the back of the book, place it in the box on the counter, take the book home and enjoy.

What is the use of having a room filled with books, if no one is reading the?

Remember, that books are for **READING - ENJOY!!**