First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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We are the Body of Christ

In July, the congregation voted on the new Board members, Elders and Deacons for the 2023-2024 year. This Sunday, during worship, we will commission and install them. The Chalice Worship book says, "The officers/leaders ... are ordered by the congregations, through elections and recognition with appropriate ceremony, for the performance of certain functions of ministry." It is by God's grace that leaders are called and equipped for this purpose. In the twelfth chapter of First Corinthians, Paul writes:

> ¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of serve God. one Spirit. ¹⁴ Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. 15 If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. 16 And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body

were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? 18 But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. 19 If all were a single member, where would the body be? 20 As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

We are the body of Christ, all of us. Each part matters ... each part is important. Please do your best to be in service this Sunday as we commission and install our leadership team. It is with God's help and your prayers and support that we are able to minister to the people of Savannah and Andrew County. Thank God for each and every one of you and your generosity and willingness to

Many blessings,







There will be Children's Church **SUNDAY**, **AUGUST 20** (during worship at 10:00 AM)

August Food Pantry Needs

Paper Products Bar Soap

After School Snacks

Our VBS children greatly thank all the people who helped with sign-ups, music, lessons, skits, games, crafts, food, and all the people who were available and enlisted when needed. Thanks to Rev Kate and Jamie, our church staff.

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBORS!

The VBS children donated 199 pounds of food items to the Andrew County Food Pantry! **GREAT** job kids!



Outreach is pleased to announce that we, with the support of many, cleared \$2,035.75 on our sale last week. Thanks loads to all who helped in various capacities. To date this year, we have given \$1,850 to various organizations and charities. We again thank you for sharing in our ministry.

Thanks to Sue Miller for providing the idea and sponsoring the Cookie Raffle. We will be sending a check for \$400 to Andrew County Ministries for the Food Pantry. Mary Kay Lyle was the lucky winner.

Festival of Sharing will be held in St. Joseph on September 30. If you have been clipping Best Choice bar codes, please bring them to the church before this date. They may be left in the church office or there is a container in the foyer for them. Thank you.



THANK YOU to an anonymous donor for purchasing the blinds for the adult classroom. What a blessing!

Thank you for your generous financial support for our Andrew County Ministries. With your support, we are able to serve our Lord by helping those in need in Andrew County. God bless! *Gay Dittemore, ACM President*

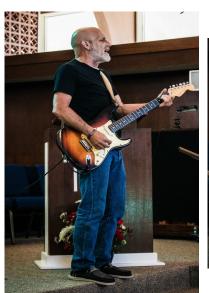


Vacation Bible School 2023

















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5th SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP DINNER













Thank you to all who donated items to the sale, those who provided garden produce, those who baked homemade goods, **ALL** those who worked to set up and mark items and who worked during the sale, and those who cleaned up and distributed leftover items to local charities.













As the body of Christ, we want to encourage and support each other through prayer.

Thank you to Becky Schweizer for the Prayer Board (located in the foyer) and to Steve Goben for the Prayer Request Box (located outside the east entrance doors.









The Savannah High School Homecoming Parade will be Friday, September 22. Please consider leading a group to plan for a FCC float and other activities for that date.

- *Pastor Doug Gilpin
- *Terry Ringot
- *Terri Gromowski
- *Sharon Patton
- *Scott Patton
- *Una Humphreys
- *Rodney Christmas
- *Vickie Miller
- *Sue Frick
- *Connie Graham
- *Marge Coulter
- *Family of Ryan Clapham

- *Amanda Bratcher
- *All Caregivers
- *Lee Wandfluh
- *Barbara Moss
- *Richard Dick
- *Maggie
- *Lily
- *Jan Christmas
- *Martha Bradley
- *Jody Embrey
- *John Davis
- *Family of Shirley Radley

ANNUAL WEINER ROAST AND HAYRIDE at Schweizer Orchards (5455 SE State Rt FF, St Joseph), Sunday, September 10, at 5:30 p.m. Sign up sheet in the foyer! Please join the fun! (Rain date: Sept 17).





- 2 Terry Holt
- 3 Rhiannen Schneider Kathy Yost
- 4 Holly Wheeler
- 5 Virgil Davison #80
- 7 Scott Killgore
- 9 Ansley Rolofson Heidi Wheeler

Ralph Young #81

- **10 Bud Winger #93**
- 14 Vesta Holt #99
- 15 Pam Wright
- 23 Phil Graham #83 Fran Pearce #84
- 25 Todd Graham