

It's an exciting season of celebrating Jesus' birth! We have several events going on for the kids and their families:

Dec 1 - Family Advent Activity: Registration has been extended for this event until Nov 29th. 1st and 2nd graders and their families will be having a pizza lunch together and put together an advent craft. Cost for this is \$15 per family. RSVPs must be received by Nov 29th; you can email nahardin@gmail.com to let me know your family will be attending.

Dec 8 - Kid's Christmas Program: At 6:30 p.m. come watch this group of kids in their presentation of their "Out of the Box" Christmas show. Families and friends are welcome. And be sure to join us after for the tasting party of delicious treats!

Jan 3 - Trip to the Regional Food Bank: What better way to wrap up Christmas break than to spend it at the Food Bank helping others? We will leave the church at noon, make a stop on the way for a quick lunch and then go volunteer at the food bank and be back at the church about 4:45 for pickup. Kids must be 8 years old through 6th grade to participate in this event. Please send money with them for lunch. I am also needing at least one adult volunteer to join us on the trip; if you are available to help, please let me know! The last day to register for this event is Dec 31 because we will need to give the food bank a headcount of volunteers attending. Email nahardin@gmail.com to let me know your child will be coming.

Family Advent Event

1st & 2nd Graders & their families

December 1

following Worship

**Please RSVP for this event
by Nov 29.**

The cost is \$15 per family

and is due by the RSVP date.

Call the church office or email

nahardin@gmail.com to sign up your family!



An Out-of-the-Box
Christmas

Join us December 8 at 6:30pm for our
annual Children's Christmas Musical
followed by a Holiday Party and visit
from Santa! Bring a treat to share and
join in the celebration!

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I'm not sure how many of you know this, but the church calendar begins with Advent. So, on that note "Happy New Year!" And isn't it interesting that the powers that be selected the time we celebrate the birth of Jesus to start the year? Why do you think that is?



Besides being the start of the church year, what else does Advent mean for us? It's a time of preparation and anticipation. This is why we have 4 weeks leading up to the celebration of Christmas. It's easy to get caught up in the worldliness, consumerism and the rush that Christmas has become. Instead, I hope that you will take this time to prepare your soul so that you can fully enjoy Christmas this year.

Territorial Christmas Walk Nativity

This year we are doing our live nativity during the Christmas Walk on December 7 from 5-9 p.m. We need everyone's help to make this happen. Adults, children, families, small groups, etc. are all invited to participate and help us make sure it's the best live nativity ever! Did I mention it was inside? That's right! We will be INSIDE at Home on the Range (110 W. Harrison) in the store front. Watch for the sign ups or call the office for more details.

Guthrie's Lighted Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, Nov. 30 at 6 p.m. If your family would like to participate in our church float please meet us in front of the Jr. High at 5:30. All adults and children are welcome to ride or walk with the float, we ask that all children be accompanied by an adult. Our church bus will be available to shuttle back to the Jr. High after the parade.

If you would like to help decorate the float please be at the church at 4 p.m. on Saturday. If you have any questions please call the church office or Lesley at 535-4612.

Have a Blessed Thanksgiving!
Connections/Outreach Team

Important Notice:

The December Newsletter will be mailed the week of December 16. All information to be included must be emailed to the church office by **DEC. 16**. Please include January events for the calendar.



Our love and sympathy go to:
Terri McNulty and family in the death of her mother, Judy Ochs.

We pray for our church family:
Jaxton Rice, Debbie Considine, Lawrence Coburn, Gregg Gumerson, Mike Carey, Jake Doles, JoAnn LeGrande, Dave Williams, Dorothy Herbert, Sherry Canning and Ron Owen. **We pray for our friends and family:**

Jeremy Manley, Basil Belveal, James Stowe, Nancy Isaacs, Edna Heilman, Katheryn Webb Feken, Norma Rasmussen, Denise Duffle, Roberta Coleman, Kinsley Murri, Cathy Carter, Pam Billings, Judy Ravenas, Mary Schaar, Caleb Morris, Janetta Hibbler, Mike Ivins, Stephanie Lowrance, Kayla Thetford, Les Steenveld. **Our military all over the world including:** Jonah Friese, Jared Ball, Justin Ball, Stetson Martin, Kenneth LeGrande, Garret Canning, T.J. Wilson, Brent Walton, and Matt Byce.



**Worship
& Sunday School
Attendance**

Sunday Worship	169
Sunday School	14

Communion to Shut-Ins	5
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11/24/2019
\$2,364
Year-To-Date Receipts: \$285,531
Year-To-Date Expenses: \$297,464

STEWARDSHIP
A Way of Life

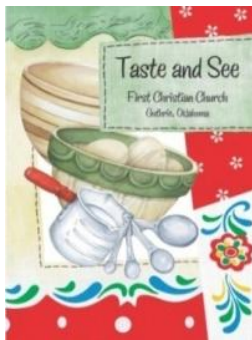
Weekly Receipts

Special Gifts for the Month of November:

General Fund
In Honor of Mike Carey
By Janie Carey



Judy Ochs
1946-2019



**Cookbooks make
great gifts!**

ON SALE NOW! \$10

**FINANCIAL
PEACE**
University

**FCC will host Financial Peace
University on Sunday
evenings beginning January
12. If you are interested,
contact the church office.
Cost is \$129.99 for the kits -
scholarships are available!**

Diapers (and baby food) for Jesus



We are collecting packages of diapers and various baby foods for *The Hands of Jesus* and *God's Food Bank*. You may bring your donations during the month of December and place them under the Christmas tree in the sanctuary. Thank you!

Youth Angel Tree Shopping

Dec. 1 following worship.
Contact Staci Carey
for more information: 831-5509



**Keeping Up
With Karen**



Sunday morning, I had the pleasure of teaching our Kid's Worship Extra kids. Our topic was Moses, to go along with Ronnie's sermon series. We talked about the story out of Exodus where the Israelites grumbled as they made their way across the desert. How they grumbled because they were thirsty and then God provided clean water. We talked about how they grumbled because they were hungry, then God provided quail and manna. We talked about how they tried to store up manna but then it spoiled. We discussed how sometimes you try to take more than our fair share and it ends up just being extra "stuff" instead of what you can actually enjoy and then others go without.

Then we talked about the two phrases that kids will probably use in the next week during Thanksgiving break "I want..." and "I'm bored." It's fair to say that kids aren't the only ones who are guilty of those phrases as we watch advertisements on television or try to find something exciting to do each week. I know I'm guilty of wanting to get the next "new thing" or trying to find something new and fun to do with my children.

I challenged the kids on Sunday to say something they were thankful for that was something very ordinary; something they use every day and then to say the name of "someone" they are thankful for as well. I also challenged them to remember these things every time they were tempted to say the words "I'm bored" in the coming week.

It's easy to overlook all that we have to be thankful for, especially the very basic things we have that make up our everyday lives. I recently watched a video produced by another church where a family had gift wrapped every part of their morning routine. They wrapped themselves with gift wrap, their shoes, toothbrushes, breakfast dishes, dad's briefcase, their backpacks, a cup of coffee, the water faucet, the showerhead, their ENTIRE CAR, etc. It went on and on in an attempt to help us remember that we have so much to be thankful for each day. We have our lives, our basic necessities, food, running water, a job, a place to learn, transportation, pets, a house, warm clothes and the list goes on and on.

In Kid's Worship Extra we talked about how many of us had already started making our list of "things we wanted" and how most of us already have rooms that are filled with toys. It was funny to hear a lot of them say "but I already started boxing up the stuff to make room for new stuff." ☺

I hope as we approach Thanksgiving on Thursday we pause to take a moment be thankful for all we have been given, for those in our life who make our lives so much richer but most of all we take a moment to reflect on the giver of life. I hope when you take that moment you reflect on how much you are truly giving that makes an impact on the world and how you are making a difference in the world. None of us are perfect but I certainly hope we aren't "bored" with the world He has given us. I know what I truly want is to be a better person in this world and to find ways to be better at giving gifts that matter and reflecting His love to those I care about most.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Karen

**Happy
Thanksgiving!**



Live Nativity



Sat. Dec. 7
5 to 9 p.m.

Downtown Christmas Walk
(Inside @ 110 W. Harrison)

BOYS RANCH TOWN Drive-Thru *Christmas Pageant*

Oh Christmas Lights! Oh Christmas Lights!

It's difficult to find some lights we haven't seen... so this year we are going to try again to visit the Boy's Ranch Town exhibit in Edmond. We will meet at the church at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 6 and eat at "The Garage" (Burgers and more) on Covell. We will go see some neighborhood lights along the way to Boys Ranch Town at 7 p.m. We will need to know how many seats for the vans/busses so please call the church office 282-4080 if you plan to attend. You can also text or call Karen Allen at 615-2240.



Christmas Eve Services

Last year's Christmas Eve service times were a big hit so we decided to continue with these times.

5 p.m. – Worship Service for All Ages – including carols, candlelight communion, scripture and a message.

9 to 10 p.m. – Come and Go Service – come and spend time at your own pace and listen to music, read scripture, and take communion and light a candle as we celebrate time remembering the night when Christ was born.

DECEMBER Birthdays of the Month

1- Betsy Ball
LaHonda Ball
Betty Hamilton
Tammy Severson
4- Chalk Beeson
Darl Doles
Keith Young
5- Robert Dewart
6- Maxine Ball
Dan Russell
Teresa Russell
7- Frances Macrory
Juanita Plagg
9- Lawrence Coburn
Abigail Johnston

11- Jackson Walters
12- Gracelyn Hubbard
Kathryn McGee
Lakyn Smith
Jane Weeks
13- Charles Phillips
14- Kim Greer
Callen Hardin
15- Dale Frey
Easton Plagg
16- Mekaila Carey
Neely Carey
Lori Payne
Alexis Severson

18- Kim Betchan
Alan Schroeder
Jason Walters
19- Kendall Shults
20- Doug Powell
21- Tanner Ball
Hollie Mitchell
23- Krista Smith
24- Kristen Benham
JoAnn LeGrande
25- Sophia Hood
Deannie Young
27- Tyler Davison
Tommy Payne
Denise Shoun
29- Cynthia Baker
Sadie Ciardi
30- Kyndal Carey

Turkey Bingo!



So much FUN!



What a night!



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

4- Justin & Lindsay Mays
6- Ryan & Julie Wiss
7- Hank & Debbie Hubbard
14- Jim & Terri McNulty
17- David & Ellie Ball
Kelly & Debbie Considine
22- Ron & Anita Owen
24- Eldon & Shirley Waner




Merry Christmas!

26- Larry & Nancy Stinchcomb
Josh & Cynthia Russell
27- Bob & Sharon Davis
28- Charles & Maxine Ball
29- Andrew & Natalie Hardin
31- Bill & Jessica McLain
Nick & Shana Bench

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<div>1</div> <div>Acts 7-8</div> <div>Noon – Angel Tree Shopping Noon – 1st & 2nd Graders & families Advent Nativity 2:15 p.m. – Christian Ed. Team Mtg. NO Youth</div> <div>*Have a conversation with a child. Really listen to them.</div>	<div>2</div> <div>Acts 9-10</div> <div></div> <div>*Gather all your loose change and donate it.</div>	<div>3</div> <div>Acts 11-13</div> <div>8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out</div> <div>*Pick up litter down your block.</div>	<div>4</div> <div>Acts 14-16</div> <div>3:30 p.m. – Christmas Program Practice</div> <div>*Wear a blue ribbon and talk to your kids about safety.</div>	<div>5</div> <div>Acts 17-19</div> <div>8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out</div> <div>*Send a thank you card or gift to the school librarian.</div>	<div>6</div> <div>Acts 20-22</div> <div>5:30 p.m. – Christmas Lights Tour Office Closed</div> <div>*Donate to a local charity.</div>	<div>7</div> <div>Acts 23-25</div> <div>5 to 7 p.m. – Live Nativity @ Downtown Christmas Walk</div> <div>*Tape change on a vending machine..</div>
<div>8</div> <div>Acts 26-28</div> <div>Stockings due today Noon – Christmas Program Rehearsal Noon – Worship Team Meeting 6:30 p.m. – Children’s Christmas Program and Holiday Treat Party NO Youth</div> <div>*Bake and deliver a coffee cake to someone.</div>	<div>9</div> <div>1 Timothy 1-6</div> <div></div> <div>*Plant flowers in your neighborhood.</div>	<div>10</div> <div>Titus 1-3</div> <div>8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out</div> <div>*Share a link to a free book your would recommend someone read.</div>	<div>11</div> <div>1 Peter 1-5</div> <div>3:30 p.m. – Christmas Program Party 6 p.m. – Board Meeting</div> <div>*Tell your siblings you love them.</div>	<div>12</div> <div>Hebrews 1-6</div> <div>8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out</div> <div>Show appreciation for a child in a military family.</div>	<div>13</div> <div>Hebrews 7-10</div> <div>Office Closed</div> <div>*Leave positive sticky notes in random places.</div>	<div>14</div> <div>Hebrews 11-13</div> <div></div> <div>*Take someone out to lunch.</div>
<div>15</div> <div>2 Timothy 1-4</div> <div>10 a.m. – Donut Fellowship 10:30 a.m. – Christmas Cantata Noon – Lunch Bunch @ Sam’s Eatery Noon – Stocking Sorting 6 p.m. - Youth</div> <div>*Surprise your spouse with a date night.</div>	<div>16</div> <div>2 Peter 1-3; Jude 1</div> <div>Newsletter Deadline</div> <div>*Donate copy paper to a local nonprofit office.</div>	<div>17</div> <div>John 1-2</div> <div>8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out Youth Gift Wrap Fundraiser</div> <div>*Hand out copies of your favorite inspiring poem to others.</div>	<div>18</div> <div>John 3-4</div> <div>Stocking Delivery</div> <div>*Do 3 things to reduce your ecological footprint.</div>	<div>19</div> <div>John 5-6</div> <div>8:30 a.m. – Mother’s Day Out Newsletter Mailed</div> <div>*Turn in all your plastic shopping bags for recycling.</div>	<div>20</div> <div>John 7-8</div> <div>Office Closed</div> <div>*Leave kind comments on social media, blogs, or comment cards.</div>	<div>21</div> <div>John 9-10</div> <div></div> <div>*High five 5 people.</div>
<div>22</div> <div>John 11-12</div> <div>Noon – Youth Birthday Lunch 6 p.m. - Youth</div> <div>*Invite someone to Easter brunch or dinner.</div>	<div>23</div> <div>John 13-15</div> <div></div> <div>*Sign up to be an organ donor.</div>	<div>24</div> <div>John 16-18</div> <div>NO MDO 5 p.m. – Candlelight Service 9 – 10 p.m. – Come and Go Service</div> <div>*Plant a tree.</div>	<div>25</div> <div>John 19-21</div> <div>Office Closed MERRY CHRISTMAS!</div> <div></div> <div>*Thank volunteers for their service.</div>	<div>26</div> <div>1 john 1-5</div> <div>NO MDO Office Closed</div> <div>*Bake zucchini bread for a friend or neighbor.</div>	<div>27</div> <div>2 John 1; 3 John 1</div> <div>Office Closed</div> <div>*Surprise an administrative professional with a small gift or treat.</div>	<div>28</div> <div>Revelations 1-5</div> <div></div> <div>Compliment a married couple you admire on their relationship.</div>
<div>29</div> <div>Revelations 6-11</div> <div>NO Youth</div> <div>*Tell someone why they are your personal superhero.</div>	<div>30</div> <div>Revelations 12-18</div> <div></div> <div>*Do some repairs for a neighbor in need.</div>	<div>31</div> <div>Revelations 19-22</div> <div>NO MDO Office Closed</div> <div>*Send a note to someone you have observed being kind.</div>	Notes:			