



The Messenger

message from REVEREND TRISH

Greetings

Greetings FCC!! I am excited to begin our work together! My first day in the office will be January 9th, and our first worship together will be January 15th. Between now and then, I will be in prayer – as I already have – with you. And I will be etching the promises of the call, on to my heart.

What are some of those promises? Well . . .

I promise . . . that we will respond to God’s call together. I promise to say yes, more than I say no. I promise to try new things, dream new dreams, and listen for God’s yearning with an expectant and receptive heart.

I promise . . . to do the work of the church *with* you. Not *for* you.

I promise . . . to mess up, at least three times a day. I promise to accept your grace, when I do. And I promise to offer lots of room for you to do the same.

I promise . . . that God can and will make all things new. And I will keep reminding you of such wild and unexpected things, until you believe them.

I promise . . . to laugh and cry and stomp and roll my eyes (I’m human too!) with you. I also promise to hold your hand and remind you to breathe and to carry the question marks that are hovering just outside the heart.

I promise . . . to point out the sacred, when you can no longer see it. And to do my best, to give word to the miracles we encounter each day.

I promise . . . to remind you of Love, when the world is selling you a different story. And to point out how God is calling you, when you feel completely used-up or entirely unused.

I promise . . . to cover my pumpkin pie with so much whipped cream, you will no longer be able to recognize it as pie. To nurture my relationship with my husband and to tell my dogs all my secrets. And to find the humor in life whenever possible.

I promise . . . to pray every day— not because it changes ‘things,’ but because it changes me.

And, I promise . . . to trust joy over anxiety, hope over despair, relationship over individualism, and love over fear.

But most of all, I promise . . . to walk this journey with you as your Senior Minister, for as long as God is calling us together.

See you January 15th!

It is my joy to serve with and for you,

Rev Trish+

JANUARY 2017 NEWSLETTER



- JoAnn Preston
- Jackie Stewart
- Valerie Lipari
- Holland White
- Kayyla Farrell, granddaughter of Ilene Blogin
- Bud Mosby
- Hannah Neilson
- John Smith
- Roberta Lowman
- Eddie Davis
- Beverly Sue Ryan
- Jim Holladay
- Scott Shaver
- Darlene Logan
- Sam Lane
- Karen Norton
- Jim Willett
- Betty Sue Cliff
- Maria, Veronica Lara’s cousin
- Jeff Tennant
- David, Nancy Tennant’s brother
- Nancy Tennant
- David Edds, Veronica Lara’s uncle
- Johnny Cliff
- Carl Neilson
- Helen Kerby
- Greg Clapper
- Emmie Stewart

Please notify the office for any updates or corrections regarding prayer requests.

the people come DECEMBER

They Came and They Gave

| | <u>12/4</u> | <u>12/11</u> | <u>12/18</u> | <u>12/25</u> |
|---------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Attendance | | | | |
| Worship | 107 | 127 | 80 | 93 |
| Sunday School | 39 | 19 | 11 | 9 |
| Tithing | 6553 | 9921 | 2371 | 5299 |

the people serve JANUARY

Assistant Tellers

- 1 Joann Blackburn
- 8 Pat Hodges
- 15 Edna Kenslow
- 22 Lois Kuhlman
- 29 Pat Hodges

to the CONGREGATION

Announcements

Christmas Decorations Coming Down Saturday, January 7th



Thanks to the Christmas angels that helped decorate the church for the holiday season! Now it's time to take the decorations down...

Local Church Life invites you to join them at 9:00am on Saturday, January 7th, 2017 for this project.

We'll pack up the decorations and prepare the church for the New Year! If interested in helping, please contact Jana Lane at #816-803-5262.

Cakes for Micah



It's that time again! Our church will be providing the 50 cakes for the Micah Ministries on Monday, January 23rd. The preferred cake size is 9x13 in aluminum pans. Cake pans will be available in the lounge between services on Sunday, January

15th. Please sign-up and take a pan and return with your baked cake to the sacristy on Sunday, January 22nd.

If you are interested in baking and/or helping with the 2:00pm delivery on the 23rd – please contact Jana Lane (jana@lane.net or 816-803-5262) or Dina Barbian (816-877-7583). Thank you, in advance, for helping with this wonderful ministry! And the Micah folks say that we have the best looking cakes!

Servants United to Meet



Servants United will meet on the 3rd Monday, January 16th at 7:00 pm.

Birthday Calendars



These are still available. If you would like one, please contact the church office.

They are \$5 each and half of the proceeds will go to NAC.

February Messenger & Calendar

Please submit articles, dates for the calendar, and any other information for the February Messenger & Calendar by **Tuesday, January 24th**.

2017 Church Directory Update

It is time to update our church directory. Please check the PDF attached to the Weekly Update or the hard copy outside the sanctuary for correctly listed information. If there are any changes, additions, or deletions please email the office and/or make appropriate changes on the printed copy. Many changes have been made for the 2017 edition, so please take a minute to verify any information for you and your family members.

notes of GRATITUDE

Thank You!

Blessings

What a joy it has been to serve as your pastor! You have blessed me with your love and your support of my ministry. We have shared our lives with each other and have become good friends. I am blessed to have so many great friends, and our friendship will continue. Friendships are eternal. I leave with very fond memories of trying new and different things and of doing "old" things in "new" ways. Embracing something new requires us to faithfully follow God's leading. Knowing that He is our guide on this spiritual journey we are on together gives us peace and joy. Yes, it is a journey and not a destination, therefore, we keep learning deep spiritual truths from our guide the Holy Spirit as we do ministry together as the body of Christ.

Please forgive me for the mistakes I made, for I am human, too. God is still forming me into the image of Jesus as He is you, and I know there is still some work to do in me.

I ask you to give the love and support you gave me to Rev. Trish. She will bring gifts and graces that will bless you in many ways. The Holy Spirit will work in her and through her to minister to you in her unique way. I truly believe that God has wonderful ministry for you to do together with Rev. Trish.

As you know, I have signed a DOC minister's code of ethics that I will not return to do funerals and weddings. It will be easier for us if you do not call and ask me to do so. It is very important to let Rev. Trish minister to you in these times so that relationships can deepen between pastor and congregant.

AND THANK YOU!

What a wonderful celebration you had for my retirement. It was fabulous!! More than I could ever imagine. I felt so loved and appreciated. How I appreciate all of you. You have loved me and supported me so well, and I value our friendship. The video clips were very special and touched my heart, and there were so many special nuances during the service.

Thank you for all the cards, gifts, and gifts of money. Someone gave me a gift of money anonymously, and I so want to thank you for your generosity! Since I don't have your name to send you a thank you know that you have truly blessed me. This Scripture was on the card, "... he worketh signs and wonders in heaven and earth . . ." Daniel 6:27.

What a wonderful way to remember you all in the framed word cloud. Your words were so very kind and loving. I will cherish it forever as I will cherish you!

May God bless you and keep you until we meet again!

Pastor Carla

Thank you so much for your generosity of the Christmas gift. Thanks also for your kindness and friendship. I am looking forward to another wonderful year ahead. May God continue to bless this congregation.

Kathy McCall

January BIRTHDAYS

and Anniversaries

- 1 Avery Foster
Kathy McCall
- 3 Breana Fragoso
Derrick Hodges
Joe & Jackie Stewart
- 4 Brian Mollus
- 5 Annette Loos
- 6 Natasha Neilson
- 7 Stuart Lane
Mary Morrow
- 9 Andy & Ashley Fazel
- 11 Antonio Fragoso
- 12 Bob & Roojee Seely
- 14 Karen Kennedy
Amy Ross
Anna Widebrook
- 16 Loren Kerby
- 17 Justin Kenslow
Jackie Stewart
- 18 Bob Magee
- 19 Beverly Sue Ryan
- 21 Lois Kuhlman
- 22 Steve Neilson
Louise Satterly
- 24 Jerry Martin
Thuy Nguyen
- 25 Dennis Logan
- 27 Russell & Ellen Stewart
Anthony Hooper
- 29 Patty Webb
Matt Zils
- 30 Carol Ward
Ruth Mary O'Hara
- 31 Beverly Marr
Bill & Terri Newton

free lunch HOT DOGS

Served in December

- 11/30 733
- 12/7 698
- 12/14 747
- 12/21 Closed
- 12/28 Closed



messages from MINISTRY

Get Connected

DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRY



A Different Kind of Dinner Date *We're All Listening!* - Ruth & the God Who Rocked Her World. For our continuing study, **The Girl's Still Got It**, we invite you to join us in the DCC Room, January 9, at 9:30 a.m. If you have questions or want more information, please contact Marty Burke (781-7881).

DEBORAH GROUP MINISTRY

The Deborah Group will meet on January 12th and 22nd, with a Social Sack Supper at 6:00 pm and the meeting at 6:30. We are studying the book, *Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World: Finding Intimacy with God in the Busyness of Life* by Joanna Weaver (\$8.75). Please contact Vicki Kistler (221-4513) if you have questions or would like more information.

TEAM AND TABLE MINISTRY

Team 1A (8:30)

Elders

Mark Brewer
Bob Painter
Beverly Sue Ryan
Eddie Davis
Helen Davis

Deacons

Joann Blackburn
Ilene Blogin—Greet & Cleanup
Ellen Fisher
Pat Hodges
Karen Kennedy—Greet & Cleanup
Jack Lane
Nancy Lee—Communion Prep

Team 1B (11:00)

Vicki Cole
Vicki Kistler

Stacia Perdue
Cristie Sharpsteen

January Care Calls — Vicki Kistler

January Hospital Calls— Ron Kennedy & Larry Satterly

Coffee Service for January — Seekers Class

LAY LEADER MINISTRY

Lay Leaders for January are:

8:30

- 1 Debbie Painter
- 8 Christy Boswell
- 15 Mark Brewer
- 22 Ron Kennedy
- 29 Rick Lunsford

11:00

- Jeff Tennant
- Vicki Kistler
- Jason Sharpsteen
- Cristie Sharpsteen
- Al Hoy

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Office Hours: M-Th 9:30 am-1:30 pm

11:00 Praise & Worship Service
10:00 am Sunday School
8:30 am Traditional Service

Sunday Worship Times

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