

WARNER ROBINS DISCIPLE



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Worship: 11:00am

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On November 14th and 15th, Disciples in Georgia will gather in Sandersville, at First Christian Church, for the Regional Assembly. Everyone is welcome to attend. Our new Regional Minister, Rev. Denise Bell will be installed by Rev. Dr. Sharon Watkins, our General Minister and President on Saturday afternoon. The worship celebrations at the Assembly are always excellent, especially when Mary Donovan Turner will be doing the Bible Study and the sermons.

In November we will collect the Thanksgiving Offering. This offering helps support our colleges, universities, seminaries, and Divinity Houses. Students from our churches receive financial assistance and scholarships because of our support of these schools. We will collect this offering on the Sundays of November 16th and 23rd.

On November 30, 2014, the first Sunday of Advent, we will celebrate on Sunday morning with the Hanging of the Greens, (no, this does not mean that families with the last name Green need to fear; my cousin's last name is Green). During this service, we will decorate the sanctuary for the coming of Christmas, and we will light the first candle in the Advent Wreath. We will sing many of the traditional Carols of the holiday, as well as recall the traditions behind the decorations we use to mark Christmas. If you want to add a live or artificial Poinsettia to the decorations, you may bring it on any of the Sundays of Advent, and if you wish, you may take it home with you on Christmas Eve. Y'all come!

Nov. is a busy month. Of course, it is just the beginning of the holidays with traveling, shopping, socializing with work colleagues, friends, and families and hopefully, attending

services of worship. This month we will celebrate Thanksgiving. We will gather together and have the foods traditional to our particular families. As I have learned, and as my family diversifies, varieties of foods increase. When John Michael joined our family, I had my first deep fried turkey. With David and his parents, I experienced foods from Venezuela. Thanksgiving should not be a once a year holiday because it isn't only an American holiday. Friends of mine in Canada have already celebrated Thanksgiving.

As Christians we are to celebrate Thanksgiving daily. No, we should not eat turkey every day, but we should recall with thanksgiving all that we have received from God. Every day we can count blessing and express our gratitude to our friends, family and co-workers for their involvement in our life.

We talk about making resolutions for the beginning of the new year, but a Thanksgiving resolution might be a good idea. Resolve to be thanks giving.

Shalom, *Darrell*

NOVEMBER ELDERS & DEACONS

Listed below are the Elders and Deacons scheduled to serve in November: Elders are John Glover and David Von Almen. The Deacons are Doreen Campbell, Savanna Gowin, Wayne Scaggs and Chris Rogers.

CCF

CCF will have their Fall Festival party on Sun., Nov. 9th at church. Time is 6:00-8:00. **EVERYONE** is invited. Items needed are soups for the meal, cakes for the cake walk & candy. Please come.

DISCIPLE WOMEN GRACE

The Grace Group met Thurs., Oct. 16th at the church with six women present.

We delivered 6 filled backpacks to the First Methodist Church on Davis Drive. They will distribute them to the homeless.

The cookbooks sales are still going well & they will be available at the Bazaar. The bazaar/bake sale & yard sale will be on Sat., Nov. 8th from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Yard sale items can be brought to the fellowship hall on Sun., Nov. 2nd or Mon., the 3rd thru Wed., the 5th from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. We cannot accept any electronic components or large furniture items.

Our next meeting will be on Thurs., Nov. 20th at 7 p.m.

LUNCH BUNCH NEWS

The Lunch Bunch met on October 8th. Those attending were Brenda & Denny McReynolds, Darrell Vandervort, Carl Shaw, Juanita Gunnin and Curtis & Nadine Scaggs. They meet on the second Wednesday of each month. Their next get together will be held at the Golden Corral on November 12th at 1:00 p.m. Come join us!

NOVEMBER SERMONS & SCRIPTURE



Remembering Rev. Del Von Almen

On Sept. 26, 2014, Rev. Del Von Almen retired from this life. According to the congregational history of First Christian, Warner Robins, Winona Smith wrote, "The first glimmer of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Warner Robins began in Del Von Almen's dining room in Rome, Georgia in January 1957"

Del served churches in Kentucky, Tennessee, West Virginia, and Georgia. Del served in the Navy during WWII. He left active service at the end of the war and joined the Naval Reserve. Later he accepted the call to serve as a Chaplain during the Vietnam War. He retired as a Captain. He served in the Navy and Reserves for 30 years. He served as a minister for over 50 years.

He and his wife, Juanita, raised four children, Cherry, David, Sara, and John. He has well served the Christian Church, (Disciples of Christ) in all aspects of his ministry. By so doing his family increased as well. We remember and honor Rev. Von Almen by serving the church for as long as we are able.

I am certain he heard the words, "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

KITCHEN SUPPLIES


Large trash bags
13 gallon kitchen garbage bags
Divided oblong foam plates
Paper towels
Bathroom tissue
Spray kitchen cleaners

SAFE HOUSE NEEDS

Paper towels
Bathroom tissue
Trash bags
Laundry soap & dish soap
Laundry fabric softener
Kitchen cleaners

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Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

						1 <i>Darrell Vandervort</i> <i>Randy Bickley</i>
2 All Saint's Sunday	3 Board Meeting 7:00	4 8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00	5	6 <i>Lois Crawford</i>	7	8 Yard Sale, Bake Sale & Bazaar <i>John & Mary Ann Glover</i>
9 CCF Fall Festival <i>Levi Cook</i>	10	11 8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00	12 1:00 Golden Corral Lunch Bunch	13 <i>Joan Marshall</i>	14 Regional Assembly <i>Ethan Thompson</i>	15 Regional Assembly <i>Judi Cooper</i>
16 <i>Rev. Eddie Armstrong</i>	17 <i>Scott Nolde</i> <i>David Lee & Lori Lamm</i>	18 8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00 <i>Tommy Marshall</i>	19	20 Dw Grace 7:00 <i>Kyle Campbell</i> <i>Rev. Sheryl Armstrong</i>	21	22 <i>Chuck & Angie Hebenstreit</i>
23 Thanksgiving Sunday	24	25 8:00 a.m. Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00	26	27 	28	29

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Advent Begins
Anthony Armstrong

Before Thanksgiving a Minnesota teacher asked her first grade students what they had to be thankful for.

"I am thankful," said one sharp little boy, "that I am not a turkey!"



The REAL Thanksgiving story

William Bradford & Myles Standish had much to be thankful for in 1621. Together with John Alden, Priscilla Mullins & the rest of the Pilgrims who founded Plymouth in Dec. 1620, they had survived their first brutal New England winter.

According to history reporter Peter F. Stevens, writing in *The Indianapolis Star*, only 55 of the more than 100 original settlers had lived to see the first thaw, but their summer labors had paid off with a bountiful harvest. The fields yielded such a surplus that Governor Bradford proclaimed a day of thanksgiving. He invited the Wampanoag Indians, who had helped with cultivation of the crops, to join the colonists' feast.

Four women & two teenaged girls cooked for the colonists & 90 Wampanoags. They began stoking the fires & arranging giant kettles as four men were sent to hunt fowl. Gathering fresh game, oysters, clams & fish, they were soon ready to begin. With the arrival of Chief Massasoit, five deer were added to the menu.

The feast was not what we think of as Thanksgiving dinner. There were no potatoes, flour, bread, butter or pie. Corn cakes were the bread of the day.

Pumpkin was simply boiled, & there was no gravy of any kind. Some scholars say they made sauce from wild cranberries. But there was no sugar. Unless they found wild honey for sweetener, it would have been pretty tart.

Paintings at Pilgrim Hall Museum in Plymouth, Mass depict robust colonists in crisp black and white clothing. The truth is they probably wore the best of whatever was available & in a variety of colors.

Having survived starvation, illness, cold, & endless toil, they probably looked more haggard & careworn than robust.

But it was a true time of thanksgiving. They had survived. They had a bountiful harvest, & a future appeared to be possible. With God's help, it seemed even probable.

Think of these people on Thanksgiving Day. If your year has had problems, remember the colonists. They gave thanks though they survived far worse than any of us.

Thanksgiving Day is time to give thanks for what we have & for the work of those who have gone before us, work that helped to create the prosperity we have today.

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