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Resolve to Love - Agree to Differ - Unite to Serve - Break Bread Together

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Come, join in the Decorating and Communing alongside the whole people of God. All are invited and more than welcome!





Second Sunday of Advent, Peace Sunday, December 6th

Worship the Living Christ at 10:30 a.m.

Sermon Title:
Chrismon Service
Presiding at the
Lord's Table:
Rev. Dr. James
Brewer-Calvert
Worship Leaders:
Becky Kidd and Rev.
Wendy Wyche
Deacons: Mark
Ranney, Wiley Harris,
Jasmine Heath, Steve
Oliver
Acolyte: Theo
Jackson



Welcome Home!

First Christian Church of Decatur (Disciples of Christ) Proving that "many hands make for light work", on Sunday, Nov. 22, eighty-one (81) church members and friends unloaded 760 Fraser Fir trees in a world record of under 1 hour, 40 minutes.

As of Wednesday, Dec. 2, we have been blessed with 121 volunteers who have made wreathes, worked the tree lot, sat at the sale table, unloaded two tractor trailers, and provided hot, homemade meals. Thanks (and shirts!) go out to one and all.

Key Sale Dates:

Christmas Tree & Wreath Sale begins Friday, Nov. 27 and concludes Dec.12.

Christmas Greetings!

The Christmas Tree Sale is upon us and time to strap on our boots, don our festive hats and gloves, and get to work. If you know how to use scissors you can help. There are wreath-making stations inside and outside, sitting or standing. I am more than happy to teach anyone how to cut greenery, make bundles, work the machine or decorate mailbox wreaths. swags and covers! Making and selling these handmade works of art is a joy. This is a great way to contribute time to the sale, to show off your artistic talents and just have fun; all without lifting a single tree. So, please take time to come help out with our endeavor.

Blessings to you, Brandy Alsobrook

Offerings for Spiritual Formation on Sunday at 9:15 a.m.

See you Sunday morning for meaningful, informative, and uplifting spiritual formation!

Weekly Montessori-based **Godly Play for Children**, Sundays, 9:15 a.m. in worship and wonder room for 3 yr old through 2nd grade.

Jesus Junction Sunday School for 3rdthrough 5th grade.

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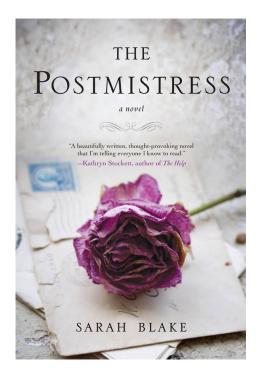
"We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us." --Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Statement of Identity. Nursery is available for infants up to 3 years old Adult Classes Gather Sundays from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m.: Pathfinders Class is listening to "Freedom: The View From A Roman Jail" by Dr. Fred Craddock. Transforming Series -- Pastor James Brewer-Calvert and Rev. Lynn Trapp will co-teach a 6-week class in January and February. Entitled "NEW BEGINNINGS" the course will cover Biblical texts of fresh starts and how we can relate and learn from the wisdom of our forbearers. We meet in the Church Parlor and all are welcome.

<u>Alert!</u> In February we will offer a **New Members and Friends Class** that will cover Disciples history and polity; the mission and ministries of First Christian Church; and how to tap into your God-given vocation.

<u>Plan Ahead! Mark Your Calendar and Plan to Participate</u>

-- Congregational Meeting on Sunday, December 13





The Book Club is reading "The Post Mistress" by Sarah Blake.

Next gathering is January 28 at 7 p.m.

Did you meet and greet...? Recent Visitors

We are delighted to welcome friends and neighbors who recently visited to worship God here, including: Joshua Alexander, Denise Bell, Rose Bianco-Szymanski, Ashley Buchanan, Juanita Carson, Lynne Ely, Randy Finley, Ashdon Gibbs, Kayla Harriott, Anne Kirslis and Charles Coulson, Rhonda Lederer, Mihaelor Luncian, Maryellen Merrill, Irene Muturi, Nancy, Greg Tate, Connie Turner, Pastor Paul Turner, Alan Warrick, and Ansors White.

Continental Breakfast

Ever run late to church on Sunday morning and don't have time to eat? No problem; a continental breakfast is available! Feel free to sign up to bring breakfast once in a Blue Moon. First Christian Church offers Continental Breakfast year round, and everyone is invited to participate in both enjoying and providing delicious fare. Fill in your name on an open date, place in the offering plate or return to Church Office:

Dec. 6:	The Trapps
Dec. 13:	Yolanda Lewellyn
Dec. 20:	-
Dec. 27:	-

Watching Our Figures

Sunday, Nov. 22, 2015 Worship	
Participation	64
Church Offerings	\$3,142.00
Church Offsets	\$ 105.00
Restricted Total	\$2,797.25
Total	\$6.044.85
Sunday, Nov. 29, 2015 Worship	
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