

WAYMAKER



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December 9, 2024

From John...Just One Letter

"Peace on earth, good will towards men." We sing this in our Christmas carols, and it is based on the King James version of the Bible. King James used late manuscripts, and we've since found earlier and more accurate ones. The manuscript changes are often very small, in this case a single letter. The King James translated the word "εὐδοκία" whereas modern translations use the more accurate "εὐδοκίας" (note the final sigma or "s"). This changes the word from nominative (the subject of the sentence) to genitive (a characteristic of the subject). Thus, most modern translations say, "on earth peace to men on whom His favor rests." The goodwill of God in Christ is not going to be for all men, but only those on whom His favor rests. Put another way, the coming of Jesus is good news for those who choose to follow Him, but there is no good news for those who reject Him. As we look forward to this Christmas, let's invite others to accept the good news and favor God extends to those who choose Him.

Bible Reading: December 9-15, Matthew 7-13 -- On the App, click "Study" at bottom of page, then click "Plan." Reading schedules can also be picked up in the office.

Kewanee Community Chorus-Tuesday, December 10, 5:30 p.m. at Henry County Senior Citizen Center.
Sunday, December 15, 5:30 p.m. at Galva Congregational Church.

Christmas Card Exchange – Look for the boxes off the Main Foyer for this year's Christmas Card Exchange. Bring your cards to fellow attenders and file behind the letter of their last name. If you wish, please give the money you would spend on stamps to the General Fund or to the Missions Fund (use the giving box on Sunday mornings). The boxes will be out until Jan 12th.

Staff Christmas Gifts – If you would like to give to Christmas bonuses to our staff, please see any of the elders—Dan Bryan, Brian Giese, Art Forbis, Gary Krahm, Ken Krueger.

Staff—John Reside, Jared Strode, Kevin Lucas, Lexie Rohrig & Kris Rose

Hats, Scarves and Mittens are being collected again this year for the children who need them at Irving School (2nd & 3rd graders). Please place your donations in the box in the foyer for that purpose from now until January. They will be delivered after Christmas vacation.

Parking Request -Due to increased attendance, if you are a member without mobility issues, we ask for you to consider parking in the back parking lot, off Smith St, especially during second service. This will leave the closer spots for our new guests and those with mobility difficulties. Thanks!



OFFERING **December 1, 2024**

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| General (received) | 5102.00 |
| (needed) | 7,933.00 |
| Year-to-date (given) | 317,703.00 |
| Budget to date | 380,784.00 |
| Capital Campaign Drive | 490.00 |
| Mission Fund | 45.00 |
| Thanksgiving Offering | 400.00 |
| Donation for Donuts | 50.00 |

SERVING **December 15, 2024**

Nursery – 1st – Peggy Gish & Erin Peters
 SS – Kelly Franklin
 2nd – Jessica Peed

Prayer Room – 1st – Larry & Liz West
 2nd – Garry and Sue Rose

Snow Removal December 9-15



Gary Krahn
Ken Krueger

Snow Removal December 16-22



Jacob Yarger
Todd Yarger

Attendance **December 8, 2024**

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| 1 st Service | 90 |
| 2 nd Service | 150 |
| Total | 240 |

THIS WEEK

Sunday. . .

First Service, 8:00 a.m.
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
Second Service, 10:30 a.m.
Youth Group, 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday - After School Program, 3:00 p.m.
Volleyball - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday - Ladies' Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.,
Bible Studies, 6:00 p.m.
(John's class will not meet.)
Next Gen Bible study 7:30 p.m.



PRAYER LIST –

****NOTE:** Please call the office and update your prayer requests each month to be added or deleted off the list.

Ongoing problems – Terry Howe, Ginger Howe, Keith Johnston

Cancer – Sharon Johnston

Upcoming Surgeries –

Nursing Homes - (Hillcrest) Cindy Clark – **(Kewanee Care)** Mary Popejoy – **(Jacksonville)** Sandy Jones

Courtyard Estates – Mary Yarger

Missions – Rock River Christian Camp, Chaplaincy Endorsement Commission, Sairattanyu's-Thailand, Pine Haven Christian Children's Ranch, Pino Neglia-Italy, I.D.E.S., Newingham's-Hope Orphan Home, Miller's – Hope Orphan Home, International Conference on Missions, Central Christian College, Bible Campus Ministry-WIU, Kewanee Ministerial Alliance, Work Camp New England, Safe Families, Tuttle's-Ireland, Andrews'-Middle East, Foundation for Nations (Wyoming)

Serving our country - Benjamin Schmidt, Matt Worstell, Matt Elbus, Thaddeus Blanks, Jarrett Davis (Alaska), Arrick Juarez, Kailynn (Osborne) Schmidt, Connor Oetzel, Eli Barnett (deployed), Niko Powe (Guard), Sheadon Oetzel, Jakob Gradert, Brian Smoot, Ethan Gish, Calab Franklin, Chase Ince

****Friday Prayer Focus****

God, teach me to let go of my worries and be joyful for all that you have given me. Ephesians 2:8

****Pray for our church** at a regular time each day!

****Prayer Chain** - Please call Shirley Brokaw (309-883-1677) or Sylvia Giese (853-2617) with requests.

Note: If the prayer request is for someone other than you, please obtain their permission before putting the need on the chain. Requests will be called out from 8:30 a.m. until 8:30 p.m.

RightNow Media for all members! Text FCCKEWANEE to the number 49775 to set up your account or go to www.rightnowmedia.org/account/invite/fckkewanee.

How to access our church's livestream:

If you wish to watch our service on your TV, you will **need** to have a **Smart TV, Roku, or Firestick**. **If you don't have any of those options, you can watch on your Smart Phone, Tablet or Computer.**

- On any of these compatible devices, open the YouTube App or go to youtube.com
- Search for "First Christian Church of Kewanee"
- You can click on "Follow" to access it quicker and easier in the future.
- **Alternative option:** Search for "First Christian Church of Kewanee" on Facebook.

At 10:15 AM on Sundays, we go "Live" and you can begin to watch our service that starts at 10:30. (From 10:15-10:30 it will just be pictures of announcements, the live feed will start at 10:30)