



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

Adel, Iowa

Dallas County's Oldest Organized Church



TONY'S TIDBITS

By: Tony Thurston, Pastor

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Greetings!

Last month I told you about a book I found this summer – “I Am A Church Member” by Thom S. Rainer. This book has opened my eyes a lot as to what it means to be a member of the Body of Christ which is called the Church. In chapter 1, we learned what it means to be a “Functioning” church member - - this month we will learn what it means to be a “UNIFYING” church member. God desires for Christians to get along - - in fact, Jesus was emphatic about it: “By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:35).

When we become Christians, God expects us to be part of his church. But when we become part of his church, he expects us to become a unifying presence there. **UNITY** is vital to the health of any church, and that means every church member, you and I included, must contribute to the unity of the church. We all have responsibilities as members of the church - - **to be a source of unity, and never to be a divisive force.** That does NOT mean that everyone always agrees with everything, all the time. But it does mean that sometimes we have to give up our preferences to keep unity in the church.

Finally, in this chapter Rainer says that unity in the church will not happen if members have what he calls “unforgiving hearts.” Colossians 3:12-14 says: *“Therefore, God’s chosen ones, holy and loved, put on heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, accepting one another and forgiving one another of anyone has a complaint against another. Just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you must also forgive.”* Too many times members have anger and hurt because of something another member has said or done. Sometimes members get angry at the pastor or staff because of something they said or did or failed to do. Each church is made up of imperfect members and imperfect pastors. We will all make mistakes. We will all sin. And yes, we all are sometimes hypocrites. But church unity is torn apart when members refuse to forgive, or when any member is too prideful to grant forgiveness.

Remember to join us later this month, on **Tuesday, November 26th, for the Adel Community Thanksgiving Supper & Worship – 6:00 PM at the United Methodist Church.** And hey, I hope you read this entire newsletter carefully and keep it for future reference. It has all the preliminary information for the upcoming Advent events and worship opportunities. Let’s all work together to make this Advent season 2014 the best one ever! In a spirit of UNITY, let us welcome the coming, once again of our Lord Jesus into the world! Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!

Grace & Peace,
Pastor Tony Thurston





YTD: Is an abbreviation for Year to Date.
The church year starts July 1.

**Year to date as of September, 2013
(YTD 7/1-9/30/2013)**

	Receipts	Expenses	Over/Short
Actual	\$38,294.68	\$36,369.35	\$1,925.53
Budget	\$33,761.01	\$41,074.86	\$(7,313.85)

Worship Offerings for October 2013

	ENVELOPE	LOOSE	TOTALS
06	\$2,968.87	\$28.00	\$2,996.87
13	\$1,757.61	*	\$1,757.61
20	\$1,570.85	\$41.51	\$1,612.36
27	\$3,148.90	\$50.00	\$3,198.90
*loose givings to Youth Sunday			
Totals	\$9,446.23	\$119.51	\$9,565.74



Income Tax Season is around the corner. Before we know, it will be time to provide giving statements to FCC members. Please kindly submit contributions you would like on your 2013 statement by Sunday, December 29th. The last day we can except by mail is Monday, December 30th. Everything received after 30th mail will be put on 2014. Thank You!

**Highlights of the October 8, 2013
Board Meetings**

Board Members present: Chairman Terry Eickelberg, Bonita Baughman, Linda Crannell, Pat Gilliland, Ann Kreager, Dennis Prouty, and Kathy Stanley. Also present: Pastor Tony Thurston, Larry Crannell, Shirley Dwinell, Marilyn Heikes, Don Embree, and Steve Venard.

- Chair called the meeting to order and Pastor opened meeting with prayer.
- September 10th Board meeting minutes and September Financial reports presented and approved.
- Pastor presented September activity reports and vision for the next two years for the church.
- Pest control was discussed.
- The odor issue with the drain in the basement was addressed.
- Discussion on sanctuary thermostat.
- Report given on website.
- Bill for east entrance renovation presented and approved to pay after the issue with the door not closing properly is resolved.



Thank you for the wonderful community church luncheon! It grows each year & benefits a great cause.

Karen Smith

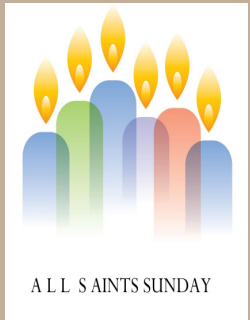


The First Christian Church Family would like to extend our sympathy to **the family of Norma Herring** who passed away on October 21 at the age of 88. Norma was a person of many talents. She was a caregiver, a painter, a gardener, a consummate cook who enjoyed competing at the Iowa State Fair. She had great interest in "her" birds that were welcomed with a variety of feeders and enjoyed caring for the flowers at Adel Assisted Living. Her flowers, paintings, recipes and volunteer work touched the lives of friends, family, and others she met. Norma survived by her 2 children, 10 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, her brother, and her sister Kay (Lee) Struble.

Our church family at First Christian would like to extend our sympathy to **the Family of Charles Melvin "Mel" Lenze** who passed away on October 24, 2013 at the age of 79. Mel enjoyed farming, helping others, and loving and teasing his grandchildren. Mel will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. He is survived by his wife Ruby Lenze, his 2 children, 5 stepchildren, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, 15 grandchildren, and 7 great grandchildren.



If you are interested in knitting or crocheting prayer shawls or other items for charity, please contact Sheryl Eickelberg at 993-5185.



On **Sunday, November 3** during our worship service we will be remembering members and friends that have died this past year. Please join us to remember those saints that we keep and remember in our hearts this special day.



Friday, Nov. 8th from 6-11 p.m., FCC youth will provide babysitting for a free will donation to go to Nov. 16th Reggie's Sleepout. A lite supper and snack will be provided



Join reJOYce on Saturday November 9th, at the Adel High School Auditorium at 5:30 pm.



Poinsettia forms to honor/remember loved ones will be available in November. Cost will be \$15 for 7" & forms will be due, December 1st.

Monthly Communion is Available

The Elders & Diaconate take communion once a month to those who are homebound or in nursing facilities. Communion will be served on **Sunday, November 24**. If you would like to receive communion, please call the church office at 993-4514.



THE DECEMBER/JANUARY NEWS-LETTER WILL BE COMBINED. PLEASE GET YOUR NEWS ARTICLES IN EARLY. (Nov. 14)



Fasten your seatbelts, the holiday season is fast approaching! We are beginning plans for Decorating Sanctuary, cheese balls, the Festival of Trees, and the Tearoom.

Sunday, November 24, Worship Committee will start decorating the sanctuary after church. Come check out the new Christmas Tree!

Cheese Balls will be mixed on **Friday, November 29th at 8 am**. Mixing takes about 2 to 2 1/2 hours. The cheese balls will be formed and packaged on **Sunday, December 1st** following Sunday School. Clip boards will be passed for sign up. If you would like to sell cheese balls (we have forms for you to use) or may not be in church but would like to participate, you may call : Bonita Baughman, Ann Kreager, or Pat Gilliland.

Please consider decorating a Christmas tree. We have approximately 20+ trees to furnish anyone who wishes to decorate a tree. There is great fellowship when doing this and we are always amazed at the results. This year, as was done last year, **the Festival of Trees will be open on Friday night December 6th** during the Adel Partners Holiday Open House. We will have our **Tearoom on the following Sunday, December 8th**. We will **begin decorating on Tuesday, December 3rd** in the morning to set up trees and then the fun can begin! We will continue to decorate all week with the goal to be done before the open house on Friday. Please contact Pat Gilliland if you wish to decorate a tree.

Proceeds from these events have gone to the Food Pantry, Kids Clothes Closet, Crisis Intervention, Meals of the Heartland, Adel Ministerial Association, to mention a few. What great way to share and spread God's love with others!

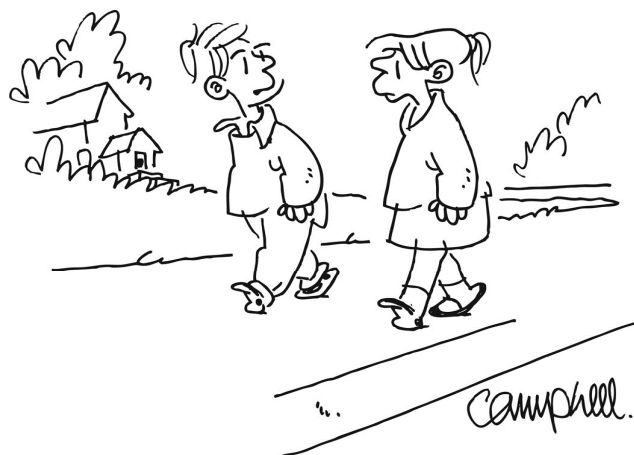
Youth Calendar 2013-2014

More activities will be added as the year goes on.

Sunday School 10:30 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

Wednesday Night Live 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

- 11/3 1-6 Center Grove Orchard
- 11/8 6-11 p.m. Parent's Night out,
Youth provide babysitting
- 11/15-11/17 CYF Fall Assembly
- 11/16-11/17 Reggie's Sleepout
- 11/18-11/25 Operation Christmas Child,
National Collection Week
- 11/24 Christmas Program Practice
During Sunday School
- 11/27 NO WNL
- 12/01 Christmas Program Practice
During Sunday School
- 12/08 Christmas Program Practice
During Sunday School
- 12/15 Christmas Program Practice
during Sunday School
4:30 p.m. Christmas Program
and Dinner
- 12/18 WNL Christmas Party
- 12/29 No Sunday School
- 01/01 NO WNL



"We're going to my Grandma's on Thursday to pig out ... and also be thankful."

Outreach

The month of November, Quarter Sunday donations will go to local food pantry and Independent Boulevard Christian Church in Kansas City.

Adel Women's Club
Fall Salad Luncheon
will be held on **Monday
November 4 from
11:00-1:00** at First
Christian Church.

**November 13, Steadfast
Circle** will have their
annual potluck at **noon**.
Please bring a \$5 grab
bag gift or white elephant
to exchange.



Join us Sunday, November 17th during 9 a.m. service,
to welcome a guest speaker, from the Gideon


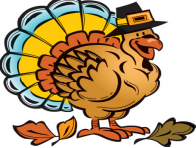


The Annual Adel Ministerial Community Thanksgiving Service will be on **Tuesday, November 26** at Adel United Methodist Church. Please join us for a **soup supper at 6:00 p.m.** and the **worship service at 7:00**. Pastor Julie Higgs from Grace Lutheran Church will deliver the message.



Adel's Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on **Thursday, November 28 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** in the ADM High School Commons.

2013 November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 OFFICE CLOSED	2 9:00-11:00 Kids Clothes Closet 5:30 ReJOYce
3 Daylight-Saving Time ends 7:30 Elder's Meeting Quarter Sunday All Saint's Sunday 10:30 Education meeting 1-6 Youth-Center Grove Orchard 6:15 FPU	4 11-1 Adel Women's Club Fall Luncheon 7:00 Boy/Cub Scouts	5 7:00 Website Meeting	6 9:30 CWF 10:30 Pastor at Sunny Brook 6:00 Prayer Warriors 6:30 Choir/WNL	7 10:30 Pastor At Cluster meeting 1:00 Quilting	8 OFFICE CLOSED Wedding Rehearsal 6-11 Parent's Night out	9 4:00 Wedding 5:30 ReJOYce @ADM HS Auditorium
10 Food Pantry and Name Tag Sunday	11  7:00 Boy/Cub Scouts	12 7:00 Board Meeting	13 Noon Stead- fast Circle 6:00 Prayer Warriors 6:30 Choir/WNL 8:30 York Classroom	14 Newsletter Articles Due	15 OFFICE CLOSED CYF Assembly in Newton	16 7:30 Men's Breakfast 9:00-11:00 Kids Clothes Closet 5:30 reJOYce Reggie's Sleepout
17 National Bible Week Guest Speaker at Sunday Service Reggie's Sleepout ends	18 Operation Shoe Box Collection week 7:00 Boy/Cub Scouts	19 Noon Adel Ministerial Meeting	20 6:00 Prayer Warriors 6:30 Choir/WNL	21 1:00 Quilting	22 OFFICE CLOSED	23 5:30 ReJOYce
24 Communion to Shut Ins Last day to drop Off Operation Shoe Box 10:30 Decorate Sanctuary 6:30 Scouts Committee- Fellowship Hall	25 7:00 Boy/Cub Scouts	26 6:00 Adel Ministerial Thanksgiving Soup Supper and Service 6:30 Choir	27 Lisa W.- Vacation No School ADM No Prayer Warriors No WNL	28 Happy Thanksgiving  Fellowship Hall Reserved- Beal	29 OFFICE CLOSED 8 a.m. Mix Cheese Balls	30 Fellowship Hall Reserved-Snow 5:30 ReJOYce

2013-2014 ANNUAL CALENDAR Adel First Christian Church

(Revised 10/24/2013)

NOVEMBER 2013

3 All Saint's Sunday
8 Youth Baby sitting
15-17 CYF Fall Assembly
16-17 Reggie's Sleep Out
18-25 Operation Christmas
Child
24 Decorate Sanctuary
26 Adel Ministerial
Thanksgiving Service
27-29 Church Secretary
Out of office
28 THANKSGIVING
Office closed
29 Mix Cheese Balls

FEBRUARY 2014

TBA Boy Scouts Sunday
Chicken Noodle Dinner
12 CWF Valentine Cookies
14 Valentine's Day
TBA Lily Forms Due

MAY 2014

TBA Consecration Sunday
11 MOTHER'S DAY
TBA Graduation Sunday
Pentecost Sunday
Last day Sunday
School
26 MEMORIAL DAY
office closed

AUGUST 2014

TBA Sweet Corn Festival

DECEMBER 2013

01 Advent Season Begins
Hanging of Greens
Package Cheese Balls
Poinsettia Forms Due
03 Decorate Fellowship Hall
04 CWF Christmas
Lunch
6 Adel Holiday Open
7 House-Festival of Trees
08 Tea Room & Soup
Luncheon
15 Youth Christmas
Program & Dinner@4:00
22 Choir Cantata
24 CHRISTMAS EVE
6:00 p.m. / 11:00 p.m.
25 CHRISTMAS
25-31 Church office closed
29 No Sunday School
31 No WNL

MARCH 2014

5 ASH WEDNESDAY
Pancakes & Service
12 Lenten Soup
19 &
26 Suppers

JUNE 2014

1 Baptism Sunday
7 Ladies Luncheon
8 Annual Congregational
Meeting
15 FATHER'S DAY
TBA Vacation Bible School

SEPTEMBER 2014

8 LABOR DAY
TBA CWF starts back up
TBA School for Congregational
Learning
TBA Choir practice starts
TBA Sunday School Kick Off
TBA 6:30 WNL Begins for year
TBA CWF Guest Salad
Luncheon

JANUARY 2014

1 NEW YEAR'S
Office closed
12 Epiphany Sunday
TBA Elder's Retreat
27-29 Pastor at Minister's
Institute in Newton

APRIL 2014

TBA Youth Sunday
TBA Church Camp Forms
Due

JULY 2014

4 4th of JULY
TBA Pastor Tony at Junior
#4 Church Camp

OCTOBER 2013

TBA Reconciliation Sunday
TBA Crop Walk
TBA Youth Sunday
Church Pot Luck
in fellowship hall
TBA Trunk & Treat

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Church Office:

Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Monday-Thursday

Phone: 993-4514

Fax: 993-2297

www.firstchristianadel.org

Friday Office Closed

Come and Worship With Us:

Saturday Contemporary Service at 5:30 p.m.,

check us out on Facebook at www.facebook.com/reJOYceAdel

Sunday Traditional Service at 9:00 a.m.

Coffee & donut fellowship following service.

Sunday School at 10:30 a.m. (September thru May)

Wednesday Night Live!

Join us every Wednesday (Sept-May) from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

During Lent join us for Supper and Disciples Study from 5:30-6:30

Church Staff:

Pastor: Tony Thurston, E-mail: fccadel@q.com
reJOYce Co-Pastors: Don Embree & Heather Wachendorf

Church Secretary: Lisa Wilkerson

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Board Chair: Terry Eickelberg

Elder Chairs: Kay Struble & Steve Venard

Diaconate Chair: Pam Bond

Financial Secretary: Bonita Baughman

PRC Chair: Don Embree

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Worship Chair: Joyce Venard