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Please contact the church office and give us your birthday and anniversary dates. We don't want to miss anyone!

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MINISTER'S MOMENT

Proverbs 16:9 says: *The human mind plans the way, but the LORD directs the steps.* This is a good verse of scripture to consider as we prepare for a new year. The writer of Proverbs is urging us to be wise in making our plans even as we continue to trust in God's guiding presence. This isn't always the easiest thing to do, but it is the only way we can make headway as people of faith. *We do our best, and we trust in God to do the rest.* Our hope is that somehow these two elements will come together in a way that results in fruitful experiences and significant accomplishments.

For our plans to sync up with God's guidance, we must remain open to the direction of the Holy Spirit. Also, we should adhere to the way of Jesus Christ as closely as possible. In this way, we are more likely to see our decisions and actions through lenses of faith. And, we are more likely to remain focused upon God's will and purposes.

Perhaps Proverbs 16:9 should be our *mantra* for 2024: We will make our plans as responsibly as possible, and we will strive to keep God at the center of all that we do. In this way, we will be doing our part to help create a healthier, happier 2024 for ourselves and all those around us. AMEN. ~Russell

happy new year

<p>Serving in January</p> <p><u>Elders</u></p> <p>Diane Storm Laurie Delano</p> <p><u>Deacons</u></p> <p>*Andrea Cullers Seth Merriman Tom Jones Linda Unser</p> <p><u>Communion Stewards</u></p> <p>Linda Unser Dawn Trujillo</p>	<p>Serving in February</p> <p><u>Elders</u></p> <p>*Jim Everit Bill Harding</p> <p><u>Deacons</u></p> <p>*Gina Trimble Janet Emmert Sandy Peterson Jenna Trimble</p> <p><u>Communion Stewards</u></p> <p>Ruth Kost Ron Barr</p>
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May 2024 bring you and your family peace, happiness, and good health!

Giving Reports

Your 2023 giving reports will be mailed this month, so keep an eye out for those. They can be used for tax purposes.

Bad Weather Alert



Winter is upon us! In case of snowy or icy conditions, please check your local TV stations to see if Sunday Service will be canceled in the future.

BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, January 9th at 6:00 p.m.
downstairs in Fellowship Hall

Women's Section Meetings

Section V– Wed., Jan. 10th at 1:00 p.m.

Section IV– Tues., Jan. 16th at 6:00 p.m.



Men's Breakfast

Saturday, January 20th at 9:00 a.m.
in Fellowship Hall

All the men of FCC are invited
Bring a guest!



Annual Meeting & Potluck Family Dinner

On Sunday, January 28th, at the conclusion of family dinner, the Annual Meeting will be called to order. This meeting is to discuss everything that occurred the previous year, and to help the church prepare for the upcoming year. Hope to see you there!

~Reports are due by Jan. 15th~

*****Please see the 2024 Budget*****

attached in your email or as an insert (if mailed).



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1  Office Closed	2	3 Choir Practice 6:00 p.m.	4	5	6
7 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m.	8	9 Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.	10 Women's Section V 1:00 p.m. Choir Practice 6:00 p.m.	11	12	13
14 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m.	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	16 Women's Section IV 6:00 p.m.	17 Choir Practice 6:00 p.m.	18	19	20  9:00 a.m.
21 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Fiber Folks 2-4	22	23	24 Choir Practice 6:00 p.m.	25	26	27
28 Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m. Annual Meeting & Dinner 11am	29	30	31 Choir Practice 6:00 p.m.			