

First News



The Newsletter of

First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

San Marcos, Texas

November 2010

Male Call

8:00 AM

Saturday, Nov. 6th



**Alternative
Christmas Market!**
Sunday, Nov. 14th
@ St. Mark's Episcopal

**Fellowship
Thanksgiving
Dinner**

Sunday, Nov. 21st



**Congregational
Meeting**



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Sunday
Nov. 21st

November 2010

Sermon Series:

Overflowing Cups

Rev. Jill Sullins

Sunday, November 7

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

We are Thankful for the Past

1 Thessalonians 3:13-17

Sunday, November 14

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

We are Thankful for the Future

Luke 21:5-19

Sunday, November 21

Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

We are Thankful for Right Now

Colossians 1:11-20

Advent 2010

Sermon Series:

I Hear the Prophet Callin'

Mark these dates for a wonderful and beautiful advent season together!

Sunday, November 28

First Sunday of Advent

Hope: "I Hear the Prophet Callin'"

Rev. Jack Knox

Tuesday, November 30, 7:00 p.m.

Advent Study with Rev. Jill

Sunday, December 5

Second Sunday of Advent

Peace: Choir Cantata "I Hear the Prophet Callin'"

ONE SERVICE, 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday, December 7, 7:00 p.m.

Advent Study with Rev. Jill

Sunday, December 12

Third Sunday of Advent

Joy: "I Hear the Shepherds Callin'"

6 p.m. Choir and Children's Christmas concert with reception following

Tuesday, December 14, 7:00 p.m.

Advent Study with Rev. Jill

Friday, December 17

Holiday Open House at Rev. Jill and Eric's

Sunday, December 19

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Love: "I Hear the People Singin'"

Mexican Christmas Lunch and Santa after 10:30 service!

Tuesday, December 21, 7:00 p.m.

Advent Study with Rev. Jill

Friday, December 24, 7:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

"I Hear God Speakin'"

Sunday, December 26, 7:00 p.m.

Lessons and Carols Service

ONE SERVICE 10:30 a.m.

No Sunday School

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Jill's JOTTINGS

Oddly enough, we are about to embark on an advent journey...I Hear the Prophets Callin'. What? Might be the word you're looking for. Considering this is the November newsletter and advent starts the last Sunday of the month...I guess I feel compelled to say....that I LOVE advent and think it's the most important season of the year. Not because I'm a Christmas junkie, but because the task of waiting requires my discipline, my reflection, my intention to create a sacred space for the Spirit to be made real to me and to our congregation in a season when the Spirit often finds itself lost. That being said.....all of this begins with one beautiful holiday, filled with more than just stuffing and turkey, but with thanksgiving.

Grateful living is our topic for November. What does it mean to live as people of gratitude? Even when the chips are down, how do we live as people who are abundantly blessed by the living God? Considering that all of Hebrew history and Christian history is

draped in the fabric of blessing, so much so that altars were built on the spot to recognize the living God, it's clear to us that we often fail to see how and when we are grateful and we often don't know how to express ourselves when we are grateful. In our congregation, we have experienced much loss, tragic loss. We have experienced moments of disbelief when God seemed absent. We have experienced hurt and pain and brokenness. And with all of those moments of suffering, hope has been brought forth and unity has remained and strength and healing powered through. In the month of November, let us think about how we are grateful and by that, grace full.

FCC-SM - I LOVE worshipping with you and sharing in this amazing faith together. I am grateful and thankful for this church who cares and loves so much.

In Christ's Peace,
Rev. Jill Sullins

Children's News

Veterans Day Parade



The children and youth of the church will be participating in this year's Veteran's Day Parade on November 6. We

would love to have all of our veterans join us. For more information, contact Mattie at mattie@fcc-sm.org. This year we will walk in memory of Captain Paul Pena.

Join the Fun at the Corn Maze

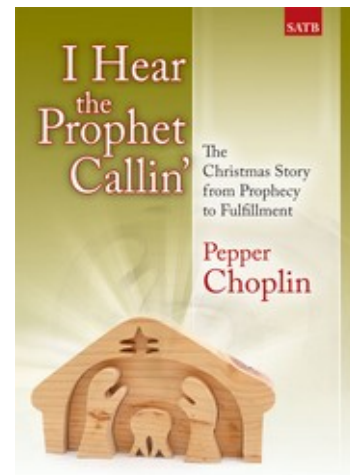
On Saturday, November 13 all kids and youth are invited to go on a trip to the South Texas Corn Maze in Hondo, Texas. This annual trip is tons of Fall Fun! We will need some parental help and drivers. Sign up in the Narthex or see Mattie by Sunday, November 7. Our trip will take place on Saturday, November 14th. The time is still to be determined. See Mattie for more details!

Christmas Program

All children and youth are encouraged to participate in this year's Christmas Program on Sunday, December 12. Please come to Sunday School each week as we will use that time to prepare for the program. We will also

have a rehearsal on Saturday, December 11th at 10 a.m.

Come celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior!



♪Music Notes♪

Don't miss our Christmas Concert!
Sunday, December 12th at 6:00 p.m.

The concert will feature the Chancel Choir's presentation of "I Hear the Prophet Callin'," the Joyful Noise Ringers, Heart and Soul, and the youth and children. Child care is available upon request for choir rehearsals. If you would like to get involved, email Anne Weaver.

BOARD NEWS

The *annual Congregational meeting* to vote on a 2011 budget and to vote on Church leadership positions has been called for **Sunday, November 21, 2010**. We will not have a service at 8:30 a.m. Please put this important date on your calendar and plan that day to exercise your privilege as a voting member. Ballots will be available at both services. More information, including a slate of nominees, is included in this newsletter.

Please also note that *Sunday, December 5th will also be a one service Sunday for the Cantata! No 8:30 a.m. service.*

2011- Nominations for Leadership

Committee

Lenore Bolton-Chairperson (2010 Co-chair of elders), Susan Ballard-2010 Co-chair of Elders, Sue Diegelman-Chair of Deacons, Chase Stapp- Deacon representative, Ex-Officio members: Jill Sullins-Senior Pastor, Jack Knox- Youth and Young Adult Minister, Gary McCaffrey-Chair of the Church Board

After careful review and deliberation the following members, with their permission and knowledge, are submitted to the Board for approval and recommendation to the congregation to serve in the Leadership Position as shown and for the term ending in the year as shown.

Elder Emeritus

Claire French

Elder

Randy Ayers

Deacon

Mary Braun (2013)

Jim Davis (2013)

Margie Harmon (2013)

Charlene Johnson (2011)

Rita McGuire (2013)

Robert Pfeiffer (2013)

Louis Olenick (2013)

Jennifer Roberts (2013)

Linda Veters (2013)

Youth Deacons (all are 2011)

Maude Herndon

Taylor Ralph

Summer Stallings

Cole Stapp

Kyle Stapp

Clint Sutphen

Youth Deacons (cont.)

Wood Updegrove

Alyssa Updegrove

DJ Warren

Board Positions

Elder-Randy Ayers (2013)

Deacon-Mary Braun (2013)

Deacon-Rita McGuire (2013)

Deacon-Sue Diegelman (2012)

Treasurer

Rae Bostwick (2011)

Trustee

Charles Blankenship (2013)

Youth Deacon Amendment

The nominating committee is recommending that we amend Article II- Church leadership, Sec D, Part 3a. of the bylaws to allow youth deacons to serve more than two consecutive one year terms. Their recommendation is for up to four consecutive terms. No change in the term of one year, just revise the limit of terms. The revised part is highlighted...

The current AII, SecD, Prt 3a

Youth Deacons may be selected to serve the Church. Youth Deacons may serve no more than **two** consecutive **one (1) year** terms, following which they may not be re-elected for a period of one (1) year. Youth Deacons will be responsible primarily for assisting the adult Deacons in promoting growth and welfare of the Church. Youth Deacons will be actively involved in the youth program of the Church.

The recommended amendment shall read:

Youth Deacons may be selected to serve the Church. Youth Deacons **serve one year terms, and** may serve no more than **four** consecutive terms, following which they may not be re-elected for a period of one (1) year. Youth Deacons will be responsible primarily for assisting the adult Deacons in promoting growth and welfare of the Church. Youth Deacons will be actively involved in the youth program of the Church.

November Birthdays...



Jack Knox	November 2
Coral Blagg	November 3
Hunter Braun	November 5
Tory Davis	November 5
Audrey Player	November 5
Deborah McCullough	November 6
Tara Light	November 9
Wayman Mullins	November 10
Maggie Breed	November 13
Ben Tureaud	November 13
Albert Lorber	November 14
Ray Scott	November 14
James Cape	November 16
Robert Updegrove	November 17
Johnny Wasson	November 18
Joy Pardo	November 19
Karen Stone	November 22
Lorry Hebert-Brown	November 23
Gayle Morris	November 23
Sandra Braun	November 25
Gene Fraley	November 26
Wendell Wilson	November 26
Alice Ballard	November 27
John R. Ballard	November 27
Dawn Jester	November 30

Please note that we continually update the church membership database. If you find an error in a birthday or anniversary date or if you are left off the list, we offer our sincerest apologies. Please email us or call the office and let us know so the database can be corrected.

*Thanks!
Church Staff*



November Anniversaries

Sue and Larry Diegelman	November 4
Jack and Stephanie Knox	November 7
Johnny and Mary Wasson	November 22



Congratulations to ALL of you!

Fellowship News

Nov 21st—Thanksgiving

Menu: Turkey/dressing and gravy. Please bring sides, salads, and desserts.

Dec. 20th—Christmas Lunch

Menu: Mexican dishes. Please bring your favorite south of the border dish! Pictures with Santa.

Jan 16th – Souper Sunday & Youth Dessert Auction

Menu: Soup and bread/condiments. Please bring salads. Also, bring desserts for the auction!

Feb 20th—Sweetheart Café.

Menu: Spaghetti and bread. Please bring salads and desserts.



What's going on at Alternative Worship...

Perry Arledge gave us a great message about healing and how God made the perfect healing clay. We got to try it out. (Ask Kelly about the clay mask he tried.) The clay even vibrates a bit through the container!!

We prayed for lots of people, sang some new songs, and wrote cards to shut-ins, soldiers, and some people in need of healing.

Then we ate some healing tortilla soup, thanks to Terri Barry!

This month, November, 20 at 5pm, the Covenant Players will lead us in worship. They are a Christian Drama Troupe that travels across the nation! Invite your friends! We will have a pot luck dinner afterward, so bring a dish and let's party!

For info, call Maggie, Alternative Worship Minister, 830-708-5536

THE COVENANT PLAYERS

(A Christian Drama Troupe)

are coming to First Christian Church!

Saturday, November 20, 2010. 5pm

Pot luck dinner to follow.

BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE ALTERNATIVE WORSHIP GUYS



*Thanksgiving Offering
November 14th and 21st*



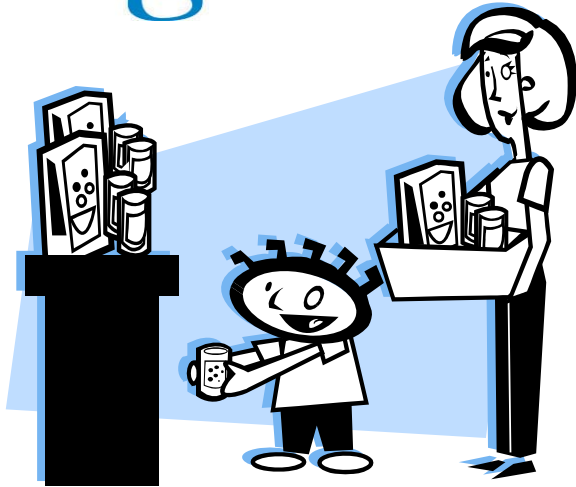
Making a Difference

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

The **Thanksgiving Offering** supports Disciples Colleges,
Universities and Theological Institutions

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MINISTRIES



As many of you know, FCC is one of three churches that helps provide nutritious food at reasonable prices through AngelFood Ministries to the people of San Marcos. November is our church's month to take charge of the distribution of the food ordered. Distribution takes place at the VFW Hall on Hunter Road. Workers are needed from 8 – 10 AM, Saturday, November 20th. If you can help, or have any questions, please contact Lenore Bolton or the church office at 512-396-1926.



Butterfly Group

Butterfly Group is a women's group which gathers monthly to discuss Christian books and/or Bible Scripture. We meet the first Tuesday of each month.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 2nd @ 7 p.m. in the Parlor. Hope to see you there!

MEALS ON WHEELS

FCC will be delivering the week of November 8-12. If you would like to help, please contact Margie Harmon and let her know! Thank you to Margie and those who volunteer to help! Your service to our community is greatly appreciated!





Eric and Jill Sullins would like to invite our church family
to our home for a **Holiday Open House**.

When: December 17th

Time: Come and go as you please between the hours of 6-
8pm.

Where: 2002 Stonehaven
San Marcos, TX 78666

Share in food, fellowship, and joy of this beautiful season with us!

Directions from FCC: Right on Craddock, right on Bishop, right on Lisa
Lane, left on Northview, left on Stonehaven. 816-213-3656, call if you get
lost!



Kevin L. Shimek Memorial Poker Run and BBQ

The FCC Women's Group (M&M's) will be sponsoring a church-wide collection for auction items for the Kevin L. Shimek Memorial Scholarship. We will be putting together three baskets. If you are able to donate, please limit it to these themes: Christmas, Inspirational, & Texas. Contact Mary Braun for more info.

Saturday, November 13, 2010
@ Riley's Tavern (Hunter Rd)

Good food, good music, live auction, loads of fun activities planned. All proceeds, with the exception of the bar tab, will benefit the Texas State – Kevin L. Shimek Memorial Scholarship. Contact ws07@txstate.edu for more info.



Community News

First United Methodist Church San Marcos will be hosting the Community

Thanksgiving Service on November 21st at 6:00 p.m.

Food For Thought

For fun, fellowship, and food come and join the recently formed Food for Thought Bible study. The group is led by Gregory Ross here at the FCC fellowship hall. Join us at 5:30 p.m. for dinner (bring a covered dish). Followed by bible study at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome so come check us out.

Our Schedule:

Date	Text	Topic
Nov 3	Luke 20:27-40	The Sadducean Puzzle
Nov 10	2Thessalonians 3:6-13	The Value of Work
Nov 17	Colossians 1:11-20	Who the Christ is
Nov 24	Romans 13:1-14	What it means to "put on Christ"



Dear Church Family,
 We sincerely want to thank you for all that you did to make the past few weeks much easier for us. We appreciate the visits, cards, flowers,

phone calls, love and concern, and expressions of love that you showed us. May God always bless you and this church.

In Christ's love,
 Susan & Robert Pruett

Thanksgiving

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, there will be no guitar lessons, band practice, or choir rehearsal Wednesday, November 24th.

The church office will be closed Thursday, November 25th and Friday November 26th for the Thanksgiving holiday. Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

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 Rev. Jack Knox _____ Youth & Young Adult Minister
 Nicci Lesak _____ Church Secretary
 Mattie Howard _____ Director, Children's Education
 Rae Bostwick _____ Treasurer
 Gary McCaffrey _____ Board Chair
 Britney Richey _____ Bookkeeper
 Anne Weaver _____ Music Leader
 Mabel Hall _____ Pianist
 Cecilia Peña _____ Organist / Accompanist
 Rosie Smith _____ Nursery Supervisor
 Rachel Greenwood _____ Nursery Caregiver
 Kate Garvin _____ Nursery Caregiver
 Mary & Johnny Wasson _____ Custodians
 Manuel Ochoa _____ Groundskeeper
Jill's # (816)914.9694 (cell)

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(RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED)

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Annual Congregational Meeting
Sunday, November 21st
Following 10:30 worship service
No 8:30 a.m. service

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Worship: 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>Evangelism– 11am HCWC Parenting Class– 4pm</i>	2 <i>Prayer Group– 10 am Bell Choir– 6:15pm Butterfly Group– 7pm Heart & Soul– 7:15pm</i>	3 <i>CBS– 9:30 am Guitar/Potluck– 5:30pm AW Band/FFT–6pm AW Planning– 7pm Choir– 7pm</i>	4	5 <i>Prayer Coffee– 9:30 am</i>	6 <i>Male Call– 8am Veteran’s Day Parade</i>
7 <i>Youth Garden Day @ Noon</i>	8 <i>Evangelism– 11am HCWC Parenting Class – 4pm Finance Comm-6pm</i>	9 <i>Prayer Group– 10 am Bell Choir– 6:15pm Heart & Soul– 7:15pm</i>	10 <i>CBS– 9:30 am Guitar/Potluck– 5:30pm AW Band/FFT–6pm Choir– 7pm</i>	11 Veteran’s Day <i>Board Meeting– 6:30pm</i>	12 CYF Fall Rally <i>Prayer Coffee– 9:30 am</i>	13 CYF Fall Rally <i>Trip to Hondo for Chil- dren & Middle school— 9am</i>
14 CYF Fall Rally <i>Alternative Christmas Market @ St. Mark’s– 12-4 pm</i>	15 <i>Evangelism– 11am Parenting Class– 4pm Education Comm.– 5pm</i>	16 <i>Prayer Group– 10 am Bell Choir– 6:15pm Heart & Soul– 7:15pm</i>	17 <i>CBS– 9:30 am Guitar/Potluck– 5:30pm AW Band/FFT–6pm Choir– 7pm</i>	18	19 <i>Prayer Coffee– 9:30 am</i>	20 <i>SS Teacher Meeting—9am Alternative Worship– 5pm</i>
21 No 8:30 Service <i>Thanksgiving Luncheon/ Hanging of the Greens/ Annual Congregational Meeting– 12 p.m. Community Thanksgiving Service @ FUMC– 6p.m</i>	22 <i>Evangelism– 11am</i>	23 <i>Prayer Group– 10 am Bell Choir– 6:15pm Heart & Soul– 7:15pm</i>	24 <i>NO CBS/Guitar/AW Band/Choir Potluck—5:30 pm FFT–6pm</i>	25 Thanksgiving Office Closed	26 Office Closed	27
28 First Sunday of Advent <i>No Youth Meeting</i>	29 <i>Evangelism– 11am</i>	30 <i>Prayer Group– 10 am Bell Choir– 6:15pm Heart & Soul– 7:15pm</i>				