



First Christian Church McKinney

December 2018

“Happy Advent!” Okay, I admit, it doesn’t have the ring of “Merry Christmas!” ...but hear me out. The thing with Christmas is it can be so easy to get caught up in all the trappings: the tinsel, the cookies, the cards and letters, and don’t forget all the presents under the tree.

Sometimes, we get so caught up in the consumerism and the chores surrounding the “Most Wonderful Time of the Year” that Christmas can seem to be less about Christ and more about us. It can seem hollow, even artificial, and it can make us more than a little blue. Advent is the name that the church has given to the four weeks leading up to Christmas. Its name comes from the Latin “adventus” which means “arrival”. During this season, Christians the world over remember the gift God gave the world in the miracle of Jesus, using it as a time for preparing their hearts and lives for his coming again, “in power and great glory.”

This Advent we are going to join together to rediscover the hope, peace, joy and love that can be ours when we embrace the reason for the season through our December worship series entitled Celebrate God’s Way. In this five-week series we will learn God’s way, decorate God’s way, party God’s way, give God’s way, and display gratitude God’s way, as we look to rediscover the wonder, fun, and magic of the Christmas season.

Of course, that’s not all! We will also be enjoying Adventure- an annual celebration of the Holidays, as well as our Christmas Eve services (ending with candlelight and carols) and more. If this sounds like something you need, or that friends, co-workers, and neighbors might enjoy- I encourage you to invite them to come along and join us as we love God greatly through our worship, music, and fellowship. Happy Advent!



The Women’s Ministry is collecting cans of tomato sauce and spaghetti sauce the whole month of January. Collection bins are in the foyers in both buildings

CROPWALK UPDATE

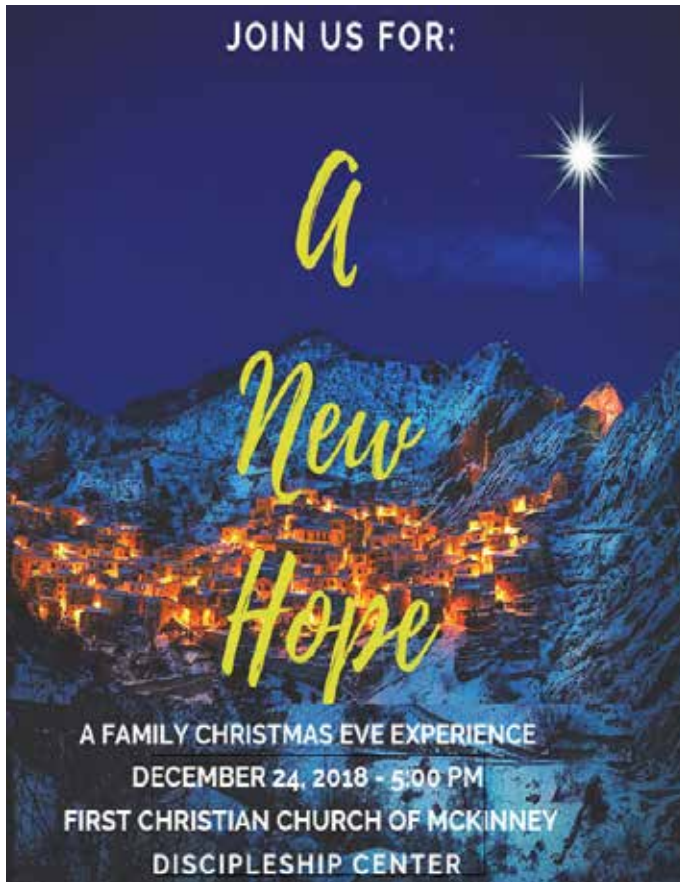
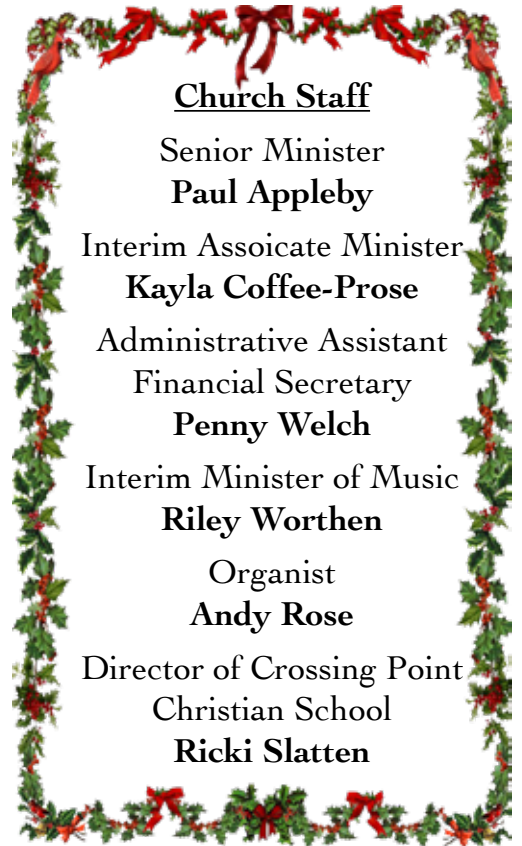
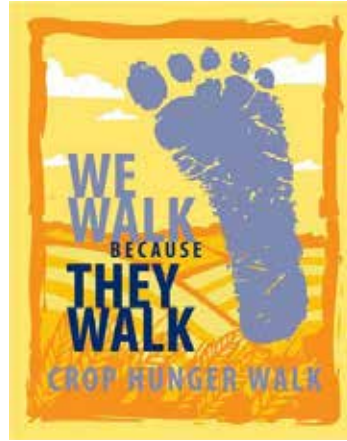
Thank you, FCC Walkers and Sponsors!

McKinney CROP Hunger Walk update:
As of 11/14/18, total walkers = 75, with at least 3 faith communities and Allen High School represented.

Total donations = \$5978

Total donations from
First Christian Church = \$1716

**We are working together to end hunger,
one step at a time!**



Adventure Thanks

We appreciate all the help to make Adventure a fun time for our FCCM families. Thanks to all the craft folks, chili entrants and judges, food preparers, decorators, Santa and his helper, tech/music, and all the other great support. We appreciate your prayers, time and effort.

June

Family Promise Thank You's

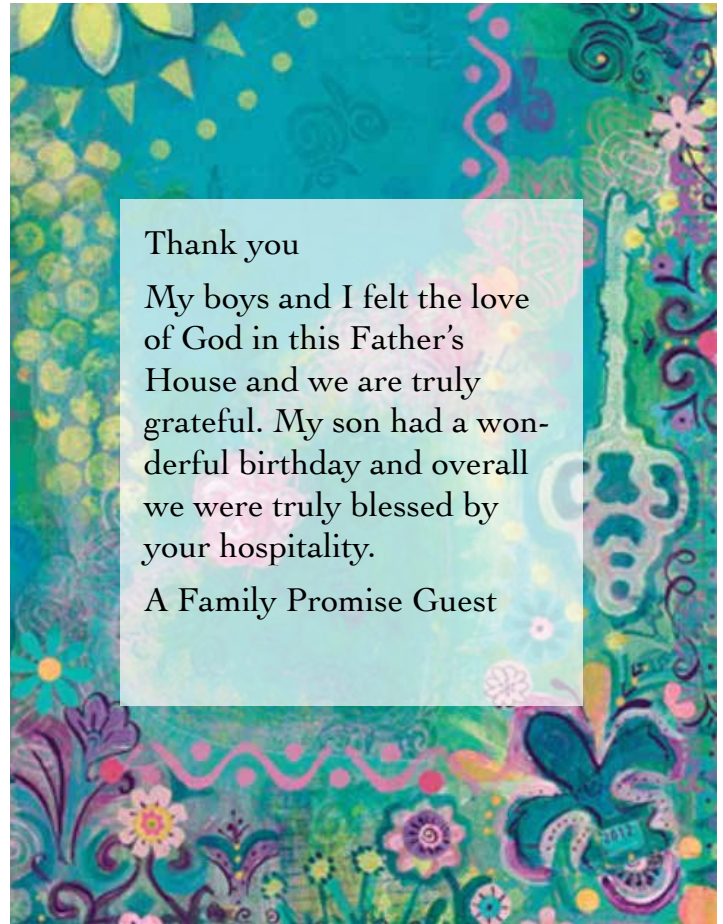
Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous donation of Thanksgiving Dinner to Family Promise of Collin County for the Aguilar family. This is such a blessing for our families in our Almost Home program. We are deeply grateful and encouraged by your generosity and support of our program. It is through partners such as you that we are able to continue serving our families.

Your prayer and support are vital to our mission of helping families regain sustainable independence. Thank you for partnering with us as we help homeless children and their families secure safe and affordable housing, food and other resources they need.

Blessings,

Christen Meyers
Case Manager
Family Promise of Collin County



Thank you

My boys and I felt the love of God in this Father's House and we are truly grateful. My son had a wonderful birthday and overall we were truly blessed by your hospitality.

A Family Promise Guest

December Birthdays

Ken Mott	12/1	Adrianna Taylor	12/9	Louise Holubar	12/20	Michelle Britton	12/30
Kerry Kirby	12/5	Adeline Gore	12/10	Hyland Lewis	12/20	Madison Britton	12/31
Logan Hall	12/6	Zac Smith	12/10	Hannah Maisberger	12/20	Haley Britton	12/31
Jane Coleman	12/6	Bryanna Britton	12/11	Matt Mentemeier	12/21		
Les Hodson	12/6	Stacy Hobbs	12/12	Zachary Hanlon	12/22		
Janet Crice	12/7	Elijah Kelley	12/12	Amanda Blue	12/24		
Hunter Westbrook	12/7	Annette Turrentine	12/12	Emily Martin	12/24		
Meegan Alexander	12/8	June Browne	12/14	Grace Magruder	12/25		
Sam Baxter	12/8	Kyrstin Alexander	12/15	Sharon Gotcher	12/26		
Chris Cessac	12/8	Breck Anderson	12/15	Betty McCracken	12/26		
Lisa Crump	12/8	Bernie Paulsen	12/15	Avery Hodson	12/27		
Alex Crump	12/8	Chris Spearman	12/16	Jonathan Perez	12/27		
Brenda Fee	12/8	Gary Crump	12/18	Pam Reitingner	12/28		
Julie Hudson	12/8	Indalita Holt	12/18	Gail Youngdale	12/29		

December Anniversaries

Al and Ann Johnston
12/2

John and Karla Chunn
12/11

Doug and Indalita Holt
12/27

WEEK 2 - December 9**CONTEMPORARY SETUP**

Blake Britton

BREAKFAST BAR

Indalita Holt

VIDEO

Melissa Parsons

AUDIO

Brian White

TABLE ELDER

Doug Holt

COMMUNION

Matt and Felicia Guerra

SHUT-IN COMMUNION

Allen Knight/Cindy Gallatin

AUDIO OPERATOR

Steve Dixon

USHER

Sharon Gotcher

FOYER GREETERSSarah Hendricks/
Becky Rasor**ACOLYTE**

Jaynie Guerra

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Terry Zimmerman

MEDITATION/LITANY

Dane Bailey

ELDERSCindy Dixon/
Sandy Baxter**DIACONATE**Cliff Parsons
Gerald Lewis
Tom Kirby
Bill Rasor**BANKING**

Tom Kirby

WEEK 3 - December 16**CONTEMPORARY SETUP**

Cindy Gallatin

BREAKFAST BAR

Carol King

VIDEO

Indalita Holt

AUDIO

Brian White

TABLE ELDER

Wes Hendricks

COMMUNION

Mark & Mary Cypert

SHUT-IN COMMUNION

Dane Bailey/Sarah Hall

AUDIO OPERATOR

Robert Guthrie

USHER

Heidt Matthews

FOYER GREETERSLarry Collins/
Cathy Bailey**ACOLYTE**

Logan Hall

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Heidt Matthews

MEDITATION/LITANY

Connie Hodson

ELDERSLes Hodson/
Butch Irby**DIACONATE**Larry Collins
Margaret Collins
Kathi Livezey
Mike Livezey**BANKING**

Butch Irby

WEEK 4 - December 23**CONTEMPORARY SETUP**

Brian White

BREAKFAST BAR

Bonita Beckham

VIDEO

Cindy Peters

AUDIO

Brian White

TABLE ELDER

Doug Holt

COMMUNION

David & Elisa Canfield

SHUT-IN COMMUNION

Chuck & Cathy Buchfink

AUDIO OPERATOR

Brian White

USHER

Sharon Gotcher

FOYER GREETERSBrenda and
Sonny Fee**ACOLYTE**

Zachary Knight

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Jennifer Tarver

MEDITATION/LITANY

Vicky Williamson

ELDERSLaurie Wilson/
Steve Wilson**DIACONATE**Jennifer Tarver
Brenda Fee
Doug Holt
Indalita Holt**BANKING**

Dane Bailey

WEEK 5 - December 30**ONE HOUR OF
WORSHIP
IN THE SANCTUARY****SHUT-IN COMMUNIO**

Tom & Kerry Kirby

AUDIO OPERATOR

Michael Billings

USHER

Heidt Matthews

FOYER GREETERSSteve and
Laurie Wilson**ACOLYTE**

Annabelle Guerra

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Nancy Mathews

MEDITATION/LITANY

Kayla Coffee-Prose

ELDERSNancy Mathews/
Erny Mathews**DIACONATE**Cheryl Billings
Emily Westbrook
Olivia Wilson
Bryanna Britton**BANKING**

Heidt Matthews

COMMUNION PREPARATION: Cathy Buchfink/Karen Knight

HOUSEKEEPERS: Karla Chunn/Kim Guthrie

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO SERVE AS SCHEDULED, PLEASE TRADE SUNDAYS WITH SOMEONE OR GET SOMEONE TO TAKE YOUR PLACE. THANK YOU!

