



Altoona Christian Church *THE WELCOME NEWS*

Rev. McKinna Daugherty

"Touched by Christ to Care and Serve"

November 2016



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Shareholder Dinner

Donations and fundraising play a significant role in sending our youth out into the world to help those in need, and to spread God's word. To show our gratitude to those who have supported us on our mission, through the purchase of stock certificates, the youth group hosted the 2016 Shareholder Dinner. 46 people came together on October 22nd for a multi-generational fellowship, feasting on (gigantic) baked potatoes, chili, and a variety of delicious desserts.





Dear Friends,

In place of a regular newsletter column this month, I wish only to leave you with a poem to meditate on. “Lift Every Voice & Sing” has now become a hymn (#631 in our Chalice Hymnal) and is, in many ways, the most famous anthem of the African American Church. Written by James Wheldon Johnson in 1917, he was also a national organizer for the NAACP during a time when Black Americans were seeking fuller recognition of their citizenship and humanity. In this poem, Johnson affirms the full humanity of every human as a child of God. During this month of historic elections and thanksgiving for our many blessings, this seems an appropriate poem to pray or sing.

*Lift every voice and sing, Till earth and heaven ring, Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise High as the list'ning skies, Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.*

*Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us, Sing a song full of the hope that
the present has brought us; Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, Let us march on till
victory is won.*

*Stony the road we trod, Bitter the chast'ning rod, Felt in the days when hope unborn had
died; Yet with a steady beat, Have not our weary feet Come to the place for which our
fathers sighed?*

*We have come over a way that with tears has been watered. We have come, treading our
path through the blood of the slaughtered, Out from the gloomy past, Till now we stand at
last Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.*

*God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, Thou who hast brought us thus far on the
way; Thou who hast by Thy might, Led us into the light, Keep us forever in the path, we
pray.*

*Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee, Lest our hearts, drunk
with the wine of the world, we forget Thee; Shadowed beneath Thy hand, May we forever
stand, True to our God, True to our native land.*

Gratefully yours,

Pastor McKinna

christmas AND advent

at Altoona Christian Church
Welcome the Light: Wait, Watch, Prepare, Praise

Sundays, 8:15 & 10:15 a.m.
Nov. 27- Hanging of the Greens
Dec. 4- "Wake Up"
Pastor McKinna, preaching
Dec. 11- "An Unexpected Christmas"
Children's Program (10:15 a.m.)
Dec. 18- "God With Us"
Pastor McKinna, preaching

Wednesdays at Noon
Nov. 30 - Dec. 21
ACC Spirit Room
forty-five minutes of
welcoming the light,
praying, & singing our way
to Christmas

Candlelight Christmas Eve - Dec. 24
6:00 p.m. Family Service & 10:00 p.m. Contemplative Service

Christmas Morning - Dec. 25
10:15 a.m. Lessons & Carols

Give Me **WISDOM** and **KNOWLEDGE**
that I may **LEAD**

THANKSGIVING OFFERING **NOVEMBER 2016**

Volunteers/Donations Needed!

We will be having a sign-up sheet for **That Night In Bethlehem** during the month of November.

We will need cookies/punch/coffee donated, as well as having volunteers help with setup/cleanup.

More information to come!
Be sure to look for the sign-up sheet located in the Narthex!
Thanks!

General Election Polling
ACC Fellowship Hall
7 a.m. to 9 p.m.
November 8th

Daylight Savings Time – Nov. 6th
Set clocks back on Nov. 5th before you go to bed!

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DB Acoustics - Dec. 4th
Need to hear our services better?
Plan to be here!

THANKSGIVING OFFICE HOURS
Monday, November 21st
Tuesday, November 22nd
Closed on:
Wednesday, November 23rd
Thursday, November 24th
Friday, November 25th

Join us at the Coffee Corner in Prairie Vista Village!
Wednesday, November 16th
2:30-3:30 p.m.
Invite a friend! All are welcome!

DRINK Coffee
with Pastor McKinna
(from Altoona Christian Church)

2016 Pink Poinsettias

In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

From: _____

Poinsettias available to order until:
Sunday, November 20th for \$10.
Plants will be delivered *before* Thanksgiving.
Please fill out the form and place in the offering plate/leave in the church office. Thank you for your order!
Questions? call the church office at: (515) 967-4382.

Des Moines: Advent Silent Retreat
Saturday, December 03, 2016
9:00am - 12:00pm
Cost: \$15, payable at the event
Location: Covenant Christian Church
2700 72nd Street
Urbandale, IA
<http://www.covenant-christian.org/>
Contact Paul Witmer: 240-1653
paulwitmer@msn.com

Please come and enjoy some great food and fellowship!

eat, drink and be

THANKFUL

A POTLUCK THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON

Sunday
November 20
(after 2nd service)

ACC Fellowship Hall

*Be Thankful

*Be Grateful

*Give Thanks

please bring a dish to share



Thank you!

Thank you to everyone who gave me rides, food, visits, prayers, cards and phone calls to help me get through my very unexpected surgery. I am having some problems since the surgery but am feeling better every day. Thanks again, Carol Genovese



Ruby Van Meter School, a school for special challenges, is sponsoring Toys 4 Tots this year and if anyone would like to donate a new or unused toy, please see me and I will get it to our school.

Thank you,
Tony Glass

Third Quarter 2016 Financial Report		(January - Sept)		
	2016	Wkly Avg	2015	Wkly Avg
Income:				
Tithes & Offerings	\$ 104,893		\$ 107,835	
Other income	\$ 4,129		\$ 5,265	
Charitable income	\$ 6,665		\$ 3,973	
Total for year	\$ 115,687	\$ 2,966	\$ 117,073	\$ 3,002
In addition, we withdrew \$15,000 from our investment account.				
Expenses:				
Operating	\$ 31,655		\$ 32,627	
Payroll	\$ 81,802		\$ 76,271	
10% of offerings (CCUM)	\$ 10,489		\$ 10,783	
Charitable Giving	\$ 6,119		\$ 5,762	
Total Expenses	\$ 130,066	\$ 3,335	\$ 125,443	\$ 3,216
Net Income	\$ (14,379)	\$ (369)	\$ (8,370)	\$ (215)
2016 Payroll increase due to open Pastor and Office Coordinator in 2015				
If you have any questions contact Chris Williams or Russ Wilkins				



Reminder!!!
Please bring your donations of
non-perishable food items for
the **Food Pantry** on
November 20th
Food needed this month:
Applesauce



Shoe Boxes are here!

Even though we've not yet celebrated Thanksgiving, it's time to start some Christmas shopping! That's because the *Operation Christmas Child* shoe boxes have arrived! These shoe boxes are shipped all over the world. It's easy to participate!



1. Grab a box (or two) from the outreach table in the narthex.
2. Decide if you pack for a boy or girl and the age group you would like to target.
 - 2-4 years old
 - 5-9 years old
 - 10-14 years old
3. Fill the box with gifts such as toys, school supplies and hygiene items.
4. Pray for the child that will receive your gift. Include a note if you wish.
5. Return the box to the outreach table at church by Nov. 14.

Include 7.00 with the box to cover the international shipping of the box.

Doesn't that sound like a great way to start the holiday season?

Kojo and a yo-yo

Kojo received a shoebox in Ghana, West Africa, at age 12.



My family of nine shared a one-room clay house. We had little money or food. My mom worked in the local high school cafeteria and fed us with leftover rice and peanut soup. My dad worked in a sugar cane field. They loved us very much.

I walked two miles to school every day. During my long walks, I prayed and sang. I didn't have enough money for lunch, so during that period I climbed a tree and waited in hunger for class to begin again. I am grateful for the challenges and financial difficulties I faced as a child, though, because they made me rely on God.

One Friday morning when I was 12 years old, my friends announced that they were not going to school that day, so I went alone. That afternoon, most of my classmates had already gone home when we heard a loud noise. The teacher told us to go outside and see what was happening. We found that children from four to five other schools had come to join us for a program about God. During this special event, I received Jesus as my Lord and Savior.

The leaders taught us the song "Jesus Loves Me." Normally when I learn a new song, it doesn't stick—but this one did.

Then they started distributing shoeboxes. Going to school that morning, I felt tired, but when I got the box, I felt so strong. I felt something new. I was so excited I ran home to show my box to my family. I had never received a gift before, but inside my shoebox I found a yo-yo, a toy car, and some pencils—pencils made in the United States! I felt so proud that someone in America loved me.

When my friends saw my gifts, they ran all the way to school to try and get one too, but they were all gone.

God used my shoebox to plant a seed in me. I started going to church every Wednesday and Sunday. I just wanted to sleep in the church because David said, "I was glad when they said unto me, 'Let us go into the house of the Lord'" (Psalm 122:1, KJV). I made the Lord my No. 1 priority.

I don't have the yo-yo anymore. I don't have the toy cars or the pencils either, but I have one thing that has not changed: "Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so." The shoebox gave me all that I need and that's the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I grew up, I applied to schools all over the world. Then I learned about Tusculum College in East Tennessee. I hadn't heard of it before, but I applied and was accepted.

There, I went to a church that packed Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts, and it dawned on me that I received one of those as a child. That little yo-yo, those pencils, and that toy car brought me here. It reminds me of when David asks, "Who am I ... that you have brought me thus far?" (2 Samuel 7:18, ESV).

I am now a senior at Tusculum College and will graduate in December. My plan is to be a pharmacist in order to contribute to God's mission in the world.



SCORING VICTORIES

It's daybreak. Arrive at the soccer field for a Sunday morning walk. Quiet; not a soul in sight. Stretching far down the grassy field are white goal posts with nets; sporadically positioned; too many to count. This scenic view caused me to pause and say, "Lord, do you have a word for me?" I opened the pocket sized "faith in action" devotional and read, "Faith is...Setting a Goal. Goals are impossible problems awaiting to be solved by someone with this incredible power called faith." Philippians 3:13 - *Forget past, look forward, press toward goal to receive a heavenly prize.*"

More words: Chart the course. Run with endurance. Believe you will make it. God's work begun in you will be completed. Scan the horizon. Set your mind on things above. Be Jesus centered. With God all things possible. Possibilitizing is coming up with solutions where none apparent. Moves mountains; scores victories. Hebrews 12:1, Philippians 1:6, Colossians 3:2, Matthew 19:26.

Revelation came a few days later. Ruth, see each white goal post with empty netting as a prayer request. You have the ball (My Word), the strength (Christ in you), and Helper Coach (Holy Spirit). Continue to score victories through intercession. One after another after another after another. Yes and Amen! Ruth O'Connor—Caring Hands Food Pantry

In September of 2016, 272 families came to the food pantry for assistance - 520 adults and 377 children, for a total of 897 persons served. There were 7,043 pounds of food given, not counting the bread, pastry items and fruits and vegetables donated by some of the local stores. Lots of tomatoes were shared from local gardeners, as well as cucumbers, squash, potatoes, peppers, green beans, carrots and cabbage. Vouchers for \$8.00 were handed out to be used at the Fareway Stores at Altoona or Pleasant Hill or the Brick Street Market at Bondurant, to 272 families. These are used for perishable items like milk, butter, eggs, etc. that we cannot keep at the pantry. Personal items such as soap, diapers, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste etc. are also given. Laundry detergent can be given every other month. Rent assistance checks for \$ 674.00 and utility assistance checks for \$ 387.00 were written. **Food needed this month: Applesauce.** A "Simple Supper" is provided for our food pantry clients the last Monday of each month from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at Adventure-Life Church, and is provided by churches, organizations and families in the SEP area. On October 31 Kim Beyers will provide the meal, and Dee Bucklin on November 28th.

Statistics for the Clothes Hanger for September are: 162 families assisted - (308 adults and 257 children) totaling 565 individuals. Clothing items given totaled 3,088 and household items, 72.

On behalf of our clients we say a "HUGE THANK YOU" to all of the individuals, churches, businesses, schools and organizations who are so very generous in donating food and finances to the pantry. It is all so much appreciated, and we pray your lives will be richly blessed.

THANK YOU FOR LOVING OTHERS



ACC 150th News
MUSIC AT ACC FROM 1867-1990

Submitted by: Georgia Woodward

There isn't a lot of information about the music of the church in the first years. We can assume that those early members sang the hymns they learned as children. Later when they built their first church they purchased a piano. The only problem was they couldn't get it through the door. There was also a rumor that a church member didn't think instruments should be in the church so the piano went missing. It seems like there was a piano and a pump organ purchased for the second church. Apparently they figured out the door issue!

At the dedication service in 1911, Miss Anna Gifford was the pianist. The Choir anthem was "Gently Lead Us." Miss Coulter was the Contralto soloist.

The pianists during that time were Mate Mason and Blanch Blezz. Grace Burgett (Bob's mother) started playing in 1930 and played until 1965.

One story I have to share with you comes from Norma Stuart. We had student pastors from Drake for some years. They often invited young ladies from Drake to come and sing for our services. Gordon Gill and Jerry Harding had the task of taking them back to the campus. They seemed to enjoy that!

During that time the choir directors were Minnie Smith, Bob Huston, and Helen Stiffler. Sarah Stark (Champion) and Ronnie Bailey played piano for Sunday School.

June Gregory started playing when Grace retired. She so wanted an organ so Doug Teuber led a campaign to buy an Allen Organ. June played piano, organ, and directed the choir. That was about the time I joined the choir and I never understood how she was able to do all of that!

When Paulette and John Craggs joined the church, she accompanied the choir and filled in for June. June was a faithful musician for the church until 1990. We appreciated the 35 years of beautiful music she provided us!!

In 1991 Barb Hulen began directing the choir and Paulette was the accompanist. She continued to play keyboard, piano and organ. Then later on, Ron Reickmann joined them. What a talented trio!!

We have been so fortunate to have such great musicians at our church. We have also had outstanding soloists and quartets. Gordon Gill, Worth and Doyle Champion, Sharon Little, Paul Gregory, Brent Cottingham, John Champion, Jay Rosenberger, Scott Stuart, Doug Teuber, Ken Briggs, Sue Furland, Barb Hulen, Tom Schirmer and some I may have missed!

We thank God for the talents of the singers and musicians who have served our church over 150 years.



Altoona Christian Church
October 24, 2016—Board Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Scott Seeliger, J.C. Horton, Russ Wilkins, Tom Schirmer, Jeanne Schirmer, Chris Williams, Len Shaw

Scott called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM and Tom opened the meeting with prayer



Old Business:

Scott welcomed Chris from the boy Scout Troop to talk to the board about the Venture Scouting opportunity that was presented to the board a couple of months ago. Chris gave a brief explanation on what Venture scouting is about and what they would be asking of the church.

* Venture Scouts is a Co-Ed division of the BSA, and open to all youth ages 14-21 years of age.

* Group would meet once a month

* Charter for group is \$50.00

Board discussed the matter and approved the decision to move forward and charter this group. The board felt it is a great opportunity for all youth in the Altoona area, and want then to call ACC home.

New Business:

Mark Kolstead from Outreach Committee was present to ask questions they had about the dollars they receive from the foundation interest income. Russ and Chris indicated that beyond the 10 percent of any withdrawal that is done there is not a clear or set dollar amount that is designated to go to outreach. The board discussed this issue and has determined that this needs to be brought to the congregation at the annual meeting. The church is working towards the goal of not having to touch the interest income to operate, so there needs to be a designation of dollars to go towards outreach.

Mark also had questions about National Night Out and That Night in Bethlehem committees and how they fit into the outreach team. The board indicated that NNO and TNIB committees are pretty well setup and have their own budgets. They are just a part of the whole outreach vision of the church. This is a great opportunity for them and the outreach team to do some great things with all the people on those respective committees. NNO and TNIB need to report to the outreach team to report to the board for greater efficiency.

Pastoral Report:

Mckinna presented her report to the board and indicated that she is going to be focusing on 3 different areas this coming year. Those are as follows.

* The Elder Team by providing more practical training as well as digging deeper spiritually.

* Worship (incorporating more creative elements, multi-generational aspects and creating a more inviting experience)

* Growth (educating and equipping the whole congregation to be a more welcoming, inviting, and connecting church)

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McKinna also presented to the board and discussed how the love fund requests are received and processed by the church. The current system seems to be very time consuming and redundant. McKinna and Jody would like to try and streamline this process. With Jody taking the calls (which she already does now), verifying the paperwork with Caring Hands, and then presenting it to McKinna to approve, this should free up more time for McKinna to concentrate on other matters of the church, and should not add more time to Jody's schedule. The board agreed to do this on a 3 month trial basis and then reevaluate after the first of the year.

Board Reports:

At Large: Len had nothing to report

Elders: Tom indicated that the Personnel Coordinator position was in flux again. Jeanne will not be able to continue in this role in the coming year, and the Elder team is struggling with whom to fill this position.

A lot of discussion took place on this and the Board indicated to Tom that the Elders must present a viable candidate by the November board meeting.

Financial Secretary: No report provided.

Treasurer: Russ presented the updated P&L. Everything looks well and we are on track as planned. The proposed budget for the coming fiscal year looks very promising. Giving and pledges are up over last year which is a great thing for the church.

Memorial Fund: Chris is still trying to line up a refrigerator for the kitchen. J.C. indicated that he had a contact with Nebraska Furniture Mart and would check with them on pricing.

Pastor McKinna was excused from the meeting as the board discussed the proposed personnel salary adjustments for 2017

Personnel: Jeanne presented the personnel packages for 2017. Discussion took place and everything was approved pending verification of numbers with the Treasurers.

Pastor McKinna was asked to rejoin the meeting.

Vice Moderator: J.C. provided reports from the ministry teams

Russ gave an update on a few property items.

Other New Business: J.C. was presented with some info about the sale of the 80 acres to the West of the churches property for residential development. Some discussion took place on how this may affect the church and that we may be approached again about the property that we still own to the West of the church. Discussion also took place on the fact that roughly 200 single family homes might be going in the neighborhood and that is very exciting to see.

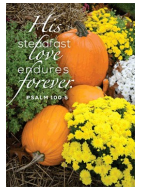
Pastor McKinna shared a closing prayer. Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

J.C. Horton – Vice Moderator

**The minutes from the monthly board meetings and the monthly financial statements are posted on the bulletin board next to the office in the Narthex. Please take time to read them. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, they may be directed to any board member.
Thank you!**

November 2016						
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27	28	29	30			



Tue Nov 1, 2016

9am TOPS
6pm Outreach Meeting
 6:30pm Cub Scouts (Webs 1); Cub Scouts - (Bears)
 7pm Narcotics Anonymous

Thu Nov 3, 2016

5:30pm ACC Bible Study
 6:15pm Mixed Blessings Quartet Practice
 7pm Choir Practice

Sun Nov 6, 2016 Thanksgiving Offering & Love Fund Offering

8am *Nativity Collection Date*
 8:15am Early Worship Service
 9:15am Sunday School
 10:15am Late Worship Service
 6pm Boy Scout Committee Meeting

Mon Nov 7, 2016

6:30pm Boy Scouts
 6:30pm Cub Scouts (Tiger Den); Cub Scouts (Wolves)
6:30pm TNIB Meeting

Tue Nov 8, 2016

7am-9pm General Election Polling (F. Hall)
 9am TOPS
 6:30pm Cub Scouts (Webs 1)
 7pm Narcotics Anonymous

Wed Nov 9, 2016

10am Altoona Nursing Home Service

Thu Nov 10, 2016

5:30pm ACC Bible Study
 6:15pm Mixed Blessings Quartet Practice
 7pm Choir Practice

Fri Nov 11, 2016 (Veterans Day)

Lock-In Youth Group

Sun Nov 13, 2016 Thanksgiving Offering

8am *Nativity Collection Date*
 8:15am Early Worship Service
 9:15am Sunday School
 10:15am Late Worship Service
 Ministry Table Meeting (after 2nd service)

Mon Nov 14, 2016

6:30pm Boy Scouts
 6:30pm Cub Scout Pack Meeting - Fellowship Hall
6:30pm TNIB Meeting

Tue Nov 15, 2016

9am TOPS
 6:30pm Cub Scouts (Bears); Cub Scouts (Webs 1)
 7pm Narcotics Anonymous

Wed Nov 16, 2016

6pm Property Meeting

Thu Nov 17, 2016

5:30pm ACC Bible Study
 6:15pm Mixed Blessings Quartet Practice
 7pm Choir Practice

Sun Nov 20, 2016 Food Pantry Sunday/Thanksgiving Potluck!

8am *Nativity Collection Date*
 8:15am Early Worship Service
 9:15am Sunday School
 10:15am Late Worship Service

Mon Nov 21, 2016

6:30pm Boy Scouts
 6:30pm Cub Scouts (Tiger Den); Cub Scouts (Wolves)
6:30pm TNIB Meeting

Tue Nov 22, 2016

9am TOPS
 6:30pm Cub Scouts (Bears)
 7pm Narcotics Anonymous

Wed Nov 23, 2016

Office Closed

Thu Nov 24, 2016 - Thanksgiving Day!

Office Closed



Fri Nov 25, 2016

Office Closed

Sun Nov 27, 2016 Advent Begins! (Hope)

Hangings of the Greens
Fellowship Hall/Narthex Setup for That Night In Bethlehem
 8:15am Early Worship Service
 9:15am Sunday School
 10:15am Late Worship Service
 1pm Courtyard Estates
 6:30pm Cub Scouts - Parent & Planning Meeting



Mon Nov 28, 2016

Fellowship Hall/Narthex Setup for That Night In Bethlehem
 6:30pm Boy Scouts
 6:30pm Cub Scouts (Wolves)
6:30pm TNIB Meeting
 7pm Board Meeting

Tue Nov 29, 2016

Fellowship Hall/Narthex Setup for That Night In Bethlehem
 9am TOPS
 7pm Narcotics Anonymous

Wed Nov 30, 2016

Fellowship Hall/Narthex Setup for That Night In Bethlehem



3rd Caleb Jackson;
 4th Jim Hamilton, Jim Ludington, Laura Dillon; 5th Jody Purdie; 8th Sue Renaud, Kristina Steffes-Clayton; 10th Georgia Woodward, Megan Dare, Chad Hulen; 11th Florence Hill, Len Shaw, Barb Hulen; 16th Stephanie Hosier; 18th Sheila Weidner; 20th Layla Alayola, Hallah Freesemann, Sara Hendrickson; 21st Doug Casey, Kathi Shaffer, Doug Rosenberger, 22nd Roger Mahnke, Wesley Kerr; 23rd Madeleine Brown; 25th Alyson Kerr, Debra Glynn, Denny Hulen; 28th Skip Hills; 30th Wayne Patchin.

Joys ~ Jane Ferguson (joy of getting together w/4 sisters. Ken Pickering in church (surgery went well/trying to gain strength. Carol Genovese in church. Georgia & Bob Woodward (Bob's sister's funeral service. Paulette & John Craggs (meals). Anna Hines (doula at healthy birth). **Prayer Concerns** ~ Kristina Steffes-Clayton (mother having knee replacement). Joyce Hart (friend, Barb Moorehouse – health issues). Paulette & John Craggs (having another biopsy). Scott & Jami Hamilton's neighbor's 5 mo. old daughter in hospital (pneumonia). Nick Shellenberg's grandfather very ill. Jeff Patchin (brother & wife; Doug & Jen). Sarah Champion (cousin). Elders for nomination 2017. **Those with health/healing concerns** ~ Dave Stuart (stroke). Jim Todd. Sue Renaud. Carol Sutton (Carolyn cancer, sister eye problems). Judi DeMoss (cousin with brain cancer). Carol & Mike Nieters (Mark Nieters, cancer treatments). Jane Ferguson (Pat Miller, friend, cancer). Wanda Newell (sister's health). **Prayers for those grieving** ~ Jim Ludington's sister, Liz passed away. Lacasta Jungling (grandfather passed away). Bob Woodward (brother & sister passed away). We continue to pray for those serving our country. We pray for all refugees and migrants.



**Office will be closed:
November 23rd-25th**



Sunday, November 6th



**Pastor McKinna Daugherty
November 4-6th**

**Jody Purdie
November 3rd**



4th Mike & Chris Williams

8th Larry & Judi DeMoss

10th Ken & Merrilyn Kness

18th Jim & Margaret Ludington/Tony & Megan Neff

22nd Dan & Stacey Jackson

24th Russ & Chris Wilkins

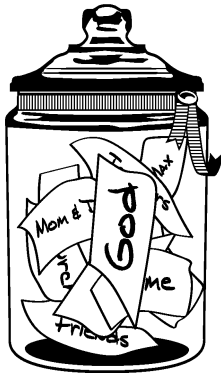
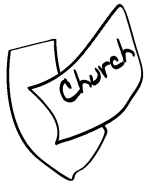


Please send your article submissions to the office by the 15th of each month by email (text and any photos).

Thanks!
~ Newsletter Editor

BLESSINGS JAR

Thanksgiving reminds us of our many gifts from God. Count your blessings all month long with this craft.



What you need:

- Jar
- Ribbon
- Scissors
- Glue
- 3 sheets of paper (different colors)
- Marker or pen



What you do:

1. Measure and cut enough ribbon to wrap around the jar's neck, below the lid. Glue in place and let dry.
2. Fold each piece of paper in half three times, resulting in eight rectangles per sheet. Cut along the fold lines, and you'll have 24 rectangles.
3. Each day in November until Thanksgiving, write down one blessing from God. Then place that blessing in the jar.
4. On Thanksgiving, open the jar and read all your blessings to your family and friends.



Blessings from the Lord

Throughout the Bible, God blesses his chosen people. How can we receive these gifts?

Directions: In the word search, find all the words in the box. Then write the words in the correct order on the blanks below to complete the verse.

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Answer: “All these blessings will come on you and accompany you if you obey the LORD your God.” Deuteronomy 28:2, NIV


YOUTH MINISTRY

YOUTH GROUP

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH



Tyler Glass announced to the congregation the fire pit that he built earned him his Eagle Scout award.



YOUTH LACKin
 Don't Miss Out On The Fun

November 11th



YOUTH SUNDAY WAS HELD ON OCTOBER 26TH. THE YOUTH GROUP WORKED REALLY HARD TO GIVE US A WONDERFUL SERVICE. THEY CHOSE THEIR OWN MUSIC AND SCRIPTURES, A GROUP OF THEM PAINTED BEAUTIFUL BANNERS, AND THE PRAYERS WERE EITHER CHOSEN BY OR WRITTEN BY THE YOUTH. THOSE WHO GAVE SERMONS PUT THEIR HEART INTO WRITING THEM. IT WAS A WONDERFUL BLESSING TO LISTEN TO THE SHARING OF GOD'S WORD THROUGH THE EYES OF OUR YOUTH.





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Visit the website at: www.tops.org/TOPS/HowItWorks.aspx

Cancellations ~ Check WHO, KCCI, or call the church (515) 967-4382, in the event of inclement weather. If Southeast Polk Schools are closed, the office will also be closed.

Scheduling ~ Contact the Church Office by phone at (515) 967-4382/E-mail altoonadcc@msn.com to schedule meetings and building use. Office Hours: 8 am to 1 pm—Monday through Thursday.

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Mission Statement:

We believe Christ has touched our hearts and spirits with God's love.

Therefore, we seek to care for and love each other, serving in Christ's name that God's Spirit may touch others through us.

Goal for Ministry:

The goal for ministry of the Altoona Christian Church through the year is:

To seek people for Christ, especially children, youth and older adults through encouraging belief and service.

NOVEMBER

