



**Bondurant Christian Church**

# **The Messenger**

**(Disciples of Christ)**

**December 2023**

**Est. 1885**

## **SUNDAY WORSHIP**

**@ 10 am**

**December 3**

Scripture:  
Matthew 2:1-12

**December 10**

Scripture:  
Luke 1:26-38

**December 17**

Scripture:  
Luke 3:1-18

**December 24 - 10:30**

Scripture:  
Luke 2:8-20

**Christmas Eve Service - 5:30**

Scripture:  
Isaiah 9:6

**December 31**

Scripture:  
Luke 2:22-40

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Services are on-line @

## **NOW SHOWING**



**Come Join Us**

**On Saturday, December 9th at 6:30 pm**

**In the Fellowship Hall**

**For Family Movie Night!!**

**Invite your friends & neighbors! Public invited.**

**Bring lawn chairs, blankets,  
pillows to be comfortable.**

**We will be showing:**

# **Dr. Seuss' The GRINCH**



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# MEETINGS THIS MONTH

## BOARD MEETING

December 11 @ 6:30 pm

Please send your board reports to the church office by December 4th. Bondurant

Christian members are welcome to attend meetings. If you have an item to put on the agenda, please submit it to Tammy Davis one week prior to the meeting.

BCC members are welcome to attend the Monthly board meetings.

## WORSHIP TEAM MEETING

December 3 @ 11am

## MEMBERSHIP TEAM

December 10 @ 11am



## SERVING IN DECEMBER

### ELDERS

Keith Williamson - all month

Christie Jensen - 12/3

Tim Hewlett - 12/10

Jan Cummings - 12/17

Sue McMain - 12/24 am

Robin McNichols - 12/24 pm

Gomattie Hewlett - 12/31

### DIACONATES

Darline Brooks

Jayne Higginbottom

Jakob Friedmeyer

### STEWARDSHIP

Jay Harvey

Tim McLean

### AUDIO VISUAL

Karla Crawford

JR Rotation

### ACOLYTE

Needed

### GREETERS

Dec. 3 - Harvey Hornbeck

Dec 10 - Kristy & Kane Van Der Molen

Dec 17 - Needed

Dec 24-am - Amy, Emilee, Ronni Williams

Dec 24-pm—Needed

Dec 31—Needed

## *Candlelight Worship Service* *December 24th—5:30 pm*





- 3 Nicholas Clos
- 6 Laura McNichols
- 9 Brock Carver
- 10 Hazey Engelbrecht
- 12 Ashley Dush
- 14 Sue McMMain
- 15 Quinton Grow
- 15 JC Horton
- 16 Rory Walling
- 17 Bently Bishop
- 17 Isabella Newcomb
- 17 Wynter Scheel
- 18 Joyce McNichols
- 18 Marlene Valentine
- 21 Mary Johnson
- 22 Ellie Marie Bishop
- 27 Stan Sprague
- 28 Kate Lesan
- 28 Kevin Scheel
- 30 Lily Engelbrecht
- 30 Shari Osier

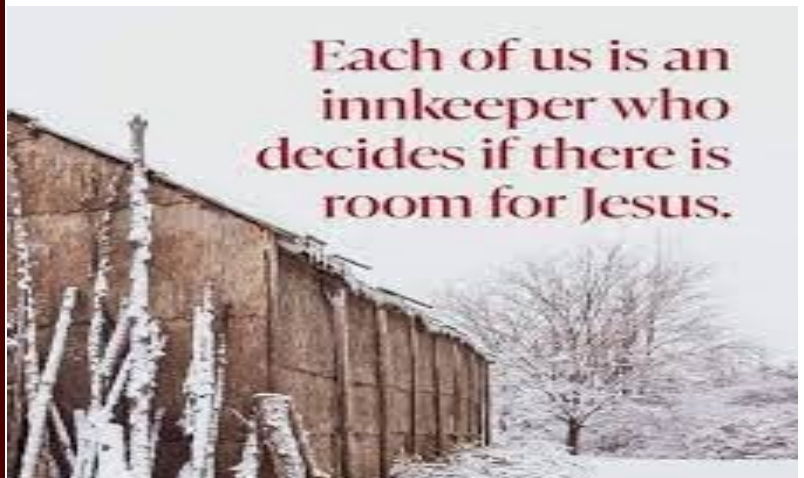
## Funny For Ya!



Due to a slight hearing problem, history does not remember Doug and Gary, chicken herders of Bethlehem.



- 11 Ted & Teri Bishop
- 16 Leonard & Carol Roovaart



# ***December Happenings!***

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INVITING ALL KIDS IN 3RD THRU 5TH GRADES....

ANNOUNCING THE NEW KID'S GROUP!

WE WILL BE MEETING DECEMBER 10TH AT 5-6:30 PM. SUPPER WILL BE SERVED!

PLEASE COME AND FIND OUT WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT AND INVITE YOUR FRIENDS!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT CARRIE HARVEY OR AMY WILLIAMS.

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Every year, our staff at BCC go above & beyond what is expected to help make this church and church family a meaningful experience for our members. The staff includes, our administrative assistant, our pianist and our lawn/snow care. If you are interested in expressing your appreciation, you can make a monetary offering before Dec. 19. Be sure to mark you mark your gift as "staff gift".

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*Come worship with us*

*Sunday, December 10th*

*and enjoy the special musical performance by the  
Bondurant-Farrar High school Select Choir*

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**On Sunday, Dec. 17th during worship,**

**Our children/youth**

**will be presenting a puppet skit...**

**"An Unexpected Christmas"**

**Come, listen, learn and support them!**

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***The CWF ladies will be hosting their annual  
COOKIE SALE FUNDRAISER! (details on Page 7)***

***SUNDAY, December 10th***

***(Bring your cookie containers if you have one)***

***Lots of yummy varieties to choose from!***

***ALSO... Watch for the SILENT AUCTION GIFT BASKET fundraiser as well!***

# CYF FUNDRAISER

RECENTLY, OUR YOUTH CONDUCTED A FUNDRAISING DRIVE FOR THE CARING HANDS FOOD PANTRY IN ALTOONA. THEY RAISED \$618! THE YOUTH, ALONG WITH THEIR SPONSORS, SHOPPED FOR GROCERIES FOR THE PANTRY. THEY DONATED A TOTAL OF \$488 WORTH OF GROCERIES, ALONG WITH \$130 TO BCC CARES.

GREAT JOB BY THESE YOUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR LEADERS!



NEVER UNDERESTIMATE THE IMPACT YOU HAVE ON OTHERS . . .

# MOMENT FOR MISSIONS



Thank you to everyone who signed up, shopped for gifts, stocking stuffers and gift wrap for the Hope Ministries Christmas for the children. I know that December 3rd is an early time to complete shopping but this works well for the Hope Ministries staff as our gifts for the children is just part of what they are working around. There are other volunteers and churches shopping for other children residing there.

Thank you to Carol for calling everyone individually to remind them to bring gifts no later than this Sunday. So appreciate your efforts! Also ... Thank you to Carol Roovaart and Jan Cummings for coordinating this effort in my absence and delivering to Hope Ministries on December 4th or 5th. I'm so grateful! I'm sure you will see the excitement from the Hope Ministries staff when you deliver gifts. They all get so excited! It will warm your hearts!

Lastly, thank you to our church family for all of your continued support throughout the year so our church can be there for those less fortunate in their time of need. Merry Christmas, everyone from the BCC Missions Team!

Cindy Tendall  
Missions Chair



## PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS . . .

The family of Skip Lenhart; The family of Leon Von Stein; Ralph Alshouse; Marlene Valentine;; DL Henderson; Joel Birchmier; Emily Shivers; Judy Wegele, Michelle Scheel; Margaret Kunze; Sandy Fry, sister-in-law of Judy Wegele; Marianne Barrett; Lynette Hubler; Cait, Emilee William's friend; Gerry Lindgren, friend of the Bishop's; Laura McCullough, Linda's daughter-in-law; John Everly; Deb, friend of Judi Webb; Dakota Barrett.; Danny and Shelby Kelley, Linda McCullough's granddaughter, had twin daughters born September 15th. There is a big sister, Emma, who will be 2 on October 13th. Prayers and blessings as they go day by day.



**PRAYER CHAIN** Bondurant Christian Church has an active prayer chain as a means for those with an immediate or pressing concern to connect with fellow Christians in corporate prayer. This is a group of people devoted to praying for the concerns of the BCC church family and to give praise to the Lord for answered prayers. If you have a prayer need you would like sent to the BCC prayer chain, please contact Pam at the church office. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact Pam at the church office, 515-967-2328 or email her @ [bondurantcc@gmail.com](mailto:bondurantcc@gmail.com)

# CWF News - December Cookies and Baskets!!

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SEASONS GREETINGS!!!!

CWF TEAM IS ONCE AGAIN PLANNING SOME FUN FUNDRAISING FOR THE ADVENT SEASON. **THE EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE ON DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> WITH A BREAKFAST PIZZA BRUNCH.** WE HAVE VOTED TO HOLD **OUR ANNUAL ADVENT COOKIE WALK** IN PERSON THIS YEAR, ALONG WITH SOME WONDERFUL **SILENT AUCTION BASKETS/ITEMS.** THE TEAM IS ALSO WORKING ON SOME FUN **MAKE AT HOME JAR OFFERINGS.** THE COOKIE CONTAINERS FOR THE WALK WILL BE OFFERED AT \$10 FOR MEDIUM AND \$20 FOR LARGE SIZED. WE WILL HAVE SOME PREPACKAGED CONTAINERS THAT ARE AVAILABLE THAT MORNING IF YOU PREFER TO BE SURPRISED.



WE ARE LOOKING TO HAVE 15 DIFFERENT SILENT AUCTION ITEMS AND WILL BE DISPLAYING THESE AT THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY STARTING ON DEC 3RD. AUCTION WILL CLOSE 11:30 ON DECEMBER 10TH. BASKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP AT THE CHURCH AT CLOSE OF BIDDING.

SINCE WE WILL BE HAVING THE OPTION OF CHOOSING YOUR OWN COOKIES FOR THE COOKIE WALK, WE WILL NOT BE DISTRIBUTING A COOKIE ORDER FORM THIS YEAR. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE TEAM PREPARE A COOKIE CONTAINER FOR YOU JUST SENT A TEXT MESSAGE TO 515-710-2954 OR EMAIL TO BONDURANT CHRISTIAN CHURCH ALONG WITH YOUR NAME AND NUMBER OF CONTAINERS YOU WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE AND THE TEAM WILL PREPARE THEM FOR YOU.

WE ARE ALSO ASKING FOR SUPPORT FROM THE CONGREGATION FOR DONATIONS OF THEME BASKETS FOR THE AUCTION, AND FOR COOKIE DONATIONS TO MAKE THIS EVENT A SUCCESS. IF YOU HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO SIGN UP ON THE CLIPBOARDS YOU CAN STILL PARTICIPATE! BASKETS WILL BE DUE AT THE CHURCH BY DECEMBER 3RD AND COOKIE DONATIONS WILL BE DUE AT THE CHURCH BY 9:30 AM ON DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>. WE PRAY THAT YOU WILL CONSIDER PROVIDING YOUR SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION THIS YEAR AS YOU HAVE DONE IN THE PAST. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE/MAKE DONATIONS PLEASE REACH OUT TO TAMMY DAVIS OR TO SUSIE ALSHOUSE. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR NEED FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE REACH OUT!

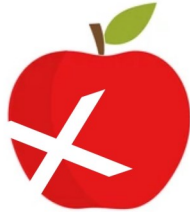
# HANGING OF THE GREENS



Thank You to our volunteers for making our church so beautiful and festive!







We are so very blessed and grateful for all that we have here at preschool and November was just the time to sit and reflect on it all. We have such great families that support us and believe in us, a church that houses us and provides for us, students that are so eager and excited to be here and a community that is proud of us. We are so very thankful for it all. We are also giving thanks for our health. We thank God for our health and for doctors who help guide us.

We were able to celebrate how blessed we are at the most perfect preschool Thanksgiving feast! All of the students and teachers gathered around a long, dressed, dining table in the fellowship hall to enjoy different bites of traditional Thanksgiving meals. Our parents provided us with the items to make this event a success. All of the children really enjoyed our special day together. It was all SO yummy!

Thank you so much to Luci and Kelly and those in the Worship Committee who provided the sweetest tote bags to our preschoolers at the end of the month, just in time for Christmas advent. They were all so excited to receive these tote bags presented by members of the church to take home as their very own. We appreciate all of the hard work and time extended to us.

Speaking of Christmas: our Christmas programs will be held in the evenings of December 20th and 21st. This tends to make things a little easier for families with preschoolers in both classrooms. We invite grandparents, friends, and extended families to enjoy our show. We will be singing songs on the stage in the sanctuary and then celebrating Jesus' birthday in the fellowship hall with some cookies and hot cocoa!

It is almost time for our favorite holiday project: "Birthday Cake Bundles!" We will be collecting ingredients/supplies to donate to a local food pantry for families to come in and create their own bundle of ingredients to make a birthday cake for their child. I know that as parents, we strive to give our children everything. The idea of a family in need having to choose the purchase of daily over an exciting birthday treat for their child is something I think we can help with. In honor of Jesus' birthday, join us in giving back to our community a privilege that not every child has, a birthday cake! These donated items will be collected on a table in the east foyer of the church.



Thank you all for your prayers and continued support,  
**Amy Baker, Director**  
**Bondurant Christian Church Preschool**





# DECEMBER 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Office Closed	2
3 1st Sunday of Advent 10 am Worship 11 am Worship mtg.  1-4pm Farmers Mkt FH 5pm CYF	4 9 am & 12:30 pm Preschool  <b>Board Reports Due</b>	5 9 am & 12:30 pm Preschool	6 9 am & 12:30 pm Preschool	7 9 am & 12:30 pm Preschool	8 Office Closed	9 FH Rsvd - Roovaart Family  <b>Movie Night!</b>
<b>CWF Basket Auction</b>						
10 2nd Sunday of Advent 8 am CMF 10 am Worship 11 am Membership Tm <b>11 am Cookie Walk</b> 11 pm Coffee Fellowship 5pm CYF  <b>CWF Basket Auction ends 11:20 pm</b>	11 9 am & 12:30 pm Preschool  6:30 pm Board meeting	12 9 am & 12:30 pm Preschool	13 9 am & 12:30 pm Preschool  7 pm Choir practice	14 9 am & 12:30 pm Preschool	15 Office Closed	16
17 3rd Sunday of Advent <u>Food Pantry</u> <u>Sunday</u> 10 am Worship Adult Choir <b>Puppet Skit</b>  5pm CYF	18 9 am & 12:30 pm Preschool	19 9 am & 12:30 pm Preschool	20 9 am & 12:30 pm Preschool  6 pm PS Christmas Program Sanctuary & FH reserved	21 9 am & 12:30 pm Preschool  6 pm PS Christmas Program Sanctuary & FH reserved	22 Office Closed  <b>Messenger Articles Due</b>	23
24 4th Sunday of Advent 10 am Worship <b>5:30 pm Christmas Eve Service</b> NO CYF 31 10 am Worship	25 Office Closed   <i>Merry Christmas</i>	26	27	28	29 Office Closed	30
<b>Christmas Break—Preschool</b>						

# CONNECT

With God & People

## CONNECT TO OUR COMMUNITY

Our ministries allow us to connect with each other, share our faith, become more like Jesus, and serve others.

- Sunday Worship @ 10 am  
Activities that meet September - May
- Nursery available Sunday am, infant - 4 yr. old
- CYF (Christian Youth Fellowship)  
Meets Sunday @ 5:00 pm
- Praise Band
- Adult Choir (practice 2nd Wednesday)
- CMF (Christian Men's Fellowship )  
Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month @ 8 am
- CWF (Christian Women's Fellowship)  
Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month @ 11:15 am
- Coffee Fellowships (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Worship)

*Check our website & calendar for up-to-date events and times.*

[www.bondurantchristianchurch.com](http://www.bondurantchristianchurch.com)

## MISSION STATEMENT

**It is the mission of the Bondurant Christian Church (BCC), under the Lordship of Jesus Christ, and as witness of the whole church, to be dedicated to the worship of God, the proclamation of the gospel, the nurturing of spiritual growth, Christian service within the community, and a witness of the love of Christ in the world.**

# Tithes & Offerings

LET'S WORSHIP THE LORD THROUGH GIVING!

Bondurant Christian Church is thankful for your tithes and offerings given to support the ministries of the church. There are several ways you can give. There is an offering plate located at the back of the Sanctuary to place your donations, you can mail your donations in, or the Stewardship team has also made available the following two different options to give online so you can contribute easily and safely.

# Givelify

Available on the App Store

ANDROID APP ON Google play

**Download** the Givelify app and **search** for Bondurant Christian Church then **enter** your credit card information and **push "Give."**

## BCC has a Venmo

account through which you can give your donations. The church does not get charged a credit card fee to use this option, so 100% of your giving goes to the church. Just scan the code into your phone & make your donation!



**venmo**

Scan QR code for payment

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## **Sunday Schedule**

Worship Service - 10 am  
Handicapped facilities are also available.

## **Church Staff**

Merri Cory, Pianist & Choir Director  
Pam Smith, Administrative Assistant  
Email: [bondurantcc@gmail.com](mailto:bondurantcc@gmail.com)  
Amy Baker, Preschool Director  
Email: [bondurantps@gmail.com](mailto:bondurantps@gmail.com)

**Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 8:30 am - 3:00 pm**

**The deadline to submit articles for the next issue of *The Messenger* is January 19.  
Please submit all articles by email or in writing.**

### **CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATES**

Help us keep the church office and our flock lists up-to-date with your contact information. Please call the church office @ 515-967-2328, or email us @ [bondurantcc@gmail.com](mailto:bondurantcc@gmail.com) if you have moved, no longer have a landline, or have adult children who have their own addresses.

### **HIPAA LAW**



Under the regulations of the HIPAA LAW, hospitals are unable to release any patient information. This includes an elder contacting the hospital to see if someone has been admitted to the hospital.

If you or a family member are taken to the hospital and would like church care, please contact the church office immediately at 515-967-2328, so care can be provided.