

Community of Christ

Lamoni Congregation

January 1, 2012

Benna Easter, Joe Shelton, Rick Zieger Co- Pastors

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9:30 a.m. Church School Classes

10:45 a.m. Communication Time

Becky Long

Kneel Before Him

Prelude

Jerie Gail Ramsey

Call to Worship

Charles Persall

*Hymn

“Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”

HS 242

*Invocation

Charles Persall

Prayer for Peace

Prayer of Confession

Affirmation of Pardon

Leader: God’s love never leaves us. We are strengthened anew by this surrounding love.

People: Blessed be the God...of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ...to be blameless before him in love.”

Hymn

“As With Gladness Men of Old”

HS 254

Message

Linda DeBarthe

Meditative Music

Pat Magle Jones

Drama

Charlie and Catelin Persall

Hymn

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

HS 187

Service of Communion

Disciples’ Generous Response
Sending Forth

Katie Persall
Charles Persall

*Postlude

Jerie Gail Ramsey

*Congregation Please Stand

Greeter: Natalee Anderson

Ushers: Dayle Robinson, Bev Chown, Marjie Foster

AV: Rod Schall

Worship Center: Becky Long

Bell Ringer: Johnathan Johnson

Welcome!

We believe every person who comes into this fellowship was sent by God. It is not an accident that we have the joy of meeting you now.

God is working in each of our lives.

We welcome you and invite you to join us in our Spiritual walk in rich fellowship with God and His Son, Jesus Christ.

Welcome this day to the House of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Choir Rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, January 18th.

Lamoni Congregation Financial Report

	12-25-11	Year-to-Date
Operating	2,086.05	90,682.81
Building	805.00	39,056.64
School Supplies		250.00
Food Pantry	28.00	2,861.00
Christmas Store		310.19
VBS		124.17
PA/AV Project		15,295.00
Youth Trip		1,148.62
Outreach International	33.84	1,367.21
Quasi-Endowment		500.00
Funshine Cribs		469.99
LCFSC-Assistance Fund	25.00	1,911.00
Campership		585.00
Guthrie Grove		3,527.10
MC Program Ministry	80.00	1,426.00
World Ministries		42,068.86
Oblation		7,331.83
Oblation World Hunger		3,999.00
Use where needed most	1,531.00	26,303.18
	10.00	590.00
Abolish Poverty, End Suffering	225.00	4,877.23
Pursue Peace on earth	240.00	621.11
Develop disciples to serve		485.00
Experience congregations in mission	30.00	650.00
Total	5,093.89	246,440.94

There will be a preview session of the **Financial Peace University** on January 4, 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center; January 8, 12:30 p.m. at the Bloomington Church; and January 11, 6:00 p.m. in the Americas Room (MSC) at Graceland University. All interested persons are welcome to attend. Please reach out to those you think might benefit from this event. Even if you are not interested perhaps you can view the preview video and then think of someone that may benefit from the information presented by the Financial Peace University course. This is a great outreach opportunity so please come to view the video and then invite someone to attend. If you or someone you know is interested contact Kevin Brunner, ph. 784-8005 or email brunner@graceland.edu, to sign up and order materials. Cost for the materials is \$100. Scholarship assistance is available. The Financial Peace University will begin on January 15, 12:30 p.m. at the Bloomington Church with a light lunch and then the first session will follow. The course is 13 weeks.

Lamoni congregation WORSHIP service questions or concerns should be directed to Rebecca Ramsey, Worship Commission member, (lamonipl@grm.net, 784-3492) during the holidays as Lois Russell will be out of town until January 11. Happy holidays to all!

Aaronic Priesthood Gathering – Wednesday, January 4th, 7:00 p.m. at the Knoxville Community of Christ. The Eastern Aaronic Cluster has invited all Lamoni area Aaronic Priesthood (southern cluster) to attend this gathering. Bishop Jim McKinney will share on Mission Initiatives.

The **Lamoni Congregation Outreach Ministries team** will meet Sunday evening, January 8, at 7:00 p.m. at the church. We would like for you to be involved as we identify our plan for this year. Our selected goal is to identify and share a personal testimony of Jesus Christ. Being a disciple of Jesus Christ includes sharing his message with our neighbors and friends.

The **Financial Support Coalition** will meet on Tuesday, January 10, at 5:45 p.m. at the Community Center. You are encouraged to come share your suggestions on how we can empower persons in the Lamoni area who desire to become financially self-sufficient.



Birthday Greetings to

Kathy McElroy	Jan. 1
Mark Mesle	Jan. 1
Myrna Morris	Jan. 3
Bill Higdon	Jan. 4
Trinity Williams	Jan. 5



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wed. Jan. 4	7:00pm	Prayer and Share – Benna Easter
Sun. Jan. 8	9:30am	Church School Classes
	10:45am	Communication Time – Barbara Breshears
		Worship – Brad Mercer speaking
		Jack Ergo presiding

Attention Young Adults!!

Interested in exploring the central teachings of Jesus? Want to share in engaging dialogue and reflection about the call to discipleship found in the Gospels? Needing a place of prayerful support for the rigors of life? You are invited to come on a journey as part of the "17:5 Pod" that will be meeting at the Bloomington Community of Christ on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of January through June from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Based on Matthew 17:5, where Jesus is transfigured and the Voice of God tells the disciples, "This is my Beloved Son...Hear him," the material we will be going through provides background information on 11 core teachings of Jesus as found in the Gospels and then engages us in discussion about practical application and integration. This in-depth Bible study is both informative and easily-accessible to people at ALL stages of scriptural understanding.

At the end of each session, we will also spend time sharing joys and concerns and praying for one another as part of a covenant community. We are blessed by scripture, prayer, and the bonds of discipleship.

This 12-session group will meet on the following days:

January 5 & 19	February 2 & 16
March 1 & 15	April 5 & 19
May 3 & 17	June 7 & 21 (optional as group decides)

I hope you will join me in this exciting opportunity to grow in understanding and relationship with other young adults in the Lamoni area. Material will be provided free of cost. Please feel free to connect with Dan Gregory (515.423.233) or dgregory@cofchristlhmc.org if you have any questions or would like to know more!"