



LAKE OZARK
**CHRISTIAN
CHURCH**
Disciples of Christ

The Lake Chimes



Advent is here and Christmas is coming! And that means preparation. Decorations need to be brought out, the tree put up, and plans need to be made. For many, this is a magical, joyous time, filled with friends, family, and fun. For followers of Christ, we too need to prepare, prepare to receive our Savior. And that means putting our lives back on the straight and narrow. John the Baptist tells us to repent, to turn our lives around and embrace the One who gives us salvation and life.

Blessings and Peace,

Pastor Ron

*Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.*

*Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her
that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,
that she has received from the Lord's hand
double for all her sins.*

A voice cries out:

*"In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.*

*Every valley shall be lifted up,
and every mountain and hill be made low;
the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.*

*Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."*

-Isaiah 40:1-5

Thank you to the Christmas Team

Tim and Teresa Tabor, Matt and Katrina Redd, Matt Bentz, Greg and Deb Andrews, Bea Black, Julia Groves, Mike and Janell Jones, Tim Kirchner, Greg Weingart, Paula Elkin, Tom Wiltshire, Jerry Baumgartner, JoAnn Brown, Ella Cline, Rich Reinwald, Sharon Spencer, David Kirchner, Joe Weber, Cliff Worthy, Pastor Ron and Jerry Rader. These 25 people worked tirelessly to light up your Advent and Christmas Seasons!



**Christmas Parade
December 11, 2021 at 1pm
Bagnell Dam Strip**

Our own T. A. DeGraffenreid
will be honored as the
Grand Marshal

ONE WORSHIP SERVICE – 10:30 A.M. UNTIL MAY 1, 2022

MINISTRIES & COMMITTEES UPDATES

BIBLE STUDY

- Topic: Thirteen lessons on the Parables of Jesus
- Date: Tuesdays
- Time: 1:30 pm
- Place: Multipurpose room (MPR)
- Discussion format: We will use a study guide to help us delve beneath the surface and learn better how to understand the parables of Jesus. Each Tuesday is a "stand-alone" lesson. Come any week.

Contact: Joe Weber (310) 403-3851

New Bible Study to begin 2022

A study of the book of Hebrews will be led by Pastor Ron beginning on Tuesday, January 18, at 1:30. Sometimes we think the "sky is falling." Come and be encouraged by the book of Hebrews which reminds us of the faithfulness of God. Place January 18th on your new 2022 calendar.

CARE CONNECTION (FOR DECEMBER)

Bea Black (573) 365-0412
Teresa Tabor (573) 480-0052

Christian Men's Fellowship

ATTENTION LOCC MEN!

The monthly Breakfast Meeting will be Saturday, December 18, 8:30am, Fellowship Hall. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. SIGN UP NOW! WE NEED A COUNT for breakfast. Or call CLIFF WORTHY 1-573-302-0282 or DAVID KIRCHNER 1-573-964-6113. On Saturday, November 20th Christian Men's Fellowship voted to donate \$30,000 to LOCC for parking lot paving costs and funds for restoration of the outdoor chapel. Sunday, November 21st CMF Chair, Clifford Worthy, presented to Treasurer, Matt Redd, Leadership Chair, Greg Weingart, and Property Chair, Todd Miller two checks...one for \$20,000 for paving costs, and one for \$10,000 for outdoor chapel repairs. The CMF donation totaled \$30,000. Christian Men's Fellowship saved up that sum over a period of almost 5 years, waiting for the right time and best cause.

DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

There will be no December meeting.

Festival of Sharing 2021

We received \$535 to provide hygiene kits for women in Missouri prisons. We make a difference in the lives of others! Thank you for your donations!



DIRECTORY

New photo and/or corrections may be submitted at any time: office@lakeozarkdisciples.org. There are directions to download an app for the Instant Church Directory to your phone. Once you have this app on your phone, it will allow you to call someone or get directions to their home directly from your cell phone.

GAME DAY

Friday, December 3, 2-4 pm (FH)
Friday, December 17, 2-4 pm (FH)
Bring your favorite beverage and a snack to share.



HOPE HOUSE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

December 20 & 22 only (M, W) 8:30 am – 2 pm
The Hope House is closed December 23-January 3
Thrift Store & Food Pantry: cashiers, sorting, restocking, bread pick-up, order fulfillment, etc.
Sign up or contact LOCC church liaison: Barb Davis (573) 280-4435

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING

Date January 20, 2022
Chair: Greg Weingart (573) 418-1506

PRAYER GROUP

We meet every Tuesday at 3 pm in the Meditation Room. We meet to pray over the prayer concerns that are received each week and for the future of our church, state, and nation. If God is speaking to your heart, come join us!



KIDZ CORNER

Our After-School Program KIDZ will begin again after the holidays. Currently, we are trying to get elementary/middle school children. There is a sign-up sheet at the information table to assist with the program.

Parents Night Out – Kids Night In is Saturday, December 11, 2021, from 4-8pm. There will be crafts, games, a movie and refreshments including pizza. Sign up by December 4th.

...from "The Nest"

Hello All,

The choir needs additional singers as they are preparing for Advent. I've been tremendously blessed with a returning cadre of eager singers who sing with a huge heart for Jesus!! Yes, "I am truly blessed!" And, we are extending an invitation to welcome you to join our choir! We put in a "short" hour (plus a wee more for Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter) of singing, for we are truly blessed singing praises to our Lord!! We'd love for you come and join us Wednesday nights at 5:30 in the Choir Room. A truly fun time to sing!



Contact Michael at: musicdirector@lakeozarkdisciples.org or Cell # [573-480-7492](tel:573-480-7492).

I look forward to welcoming you to LOCC Choir soon!

By the way, the choir will sing for services on December 5th, 19th and 24th (Christmas Eve at 7 pm). On December 12th Rich Reinwald & Janell Jones will sing a lovely duet entitled "Angel Carol."

An added note for your thinking caps. Charlie Chaplin lived 88 years. He left us with four axioms: (1) Nothing is forever in this world, even our problems. (2) I love to walk in the rain because no one can see my tears. (3) The most lost day in life is the day we don't laugh. (4) Six of the best doctors in the world: 1. Sun 2. Rest 3. Exercise 4. Diet 5. Self-respect. 6. Friends. Keep them in all stages of your life and enjoy a healthy life ... If you see the moon you will see the beauty of God ... If you see the sun, you will see the power of God ... If you see a mirror, you will see God's best creation. So, believe it. We are all tourists, God is our travel agent who has already defined our routes, bookings and directions ... trust Him and enjoy life. Life is just a journey! So, live today! Tomorrow may not be.

So? Come and sing with us! Try us out. Your "Tweet" could make a difference to needy ears and hearts!

Blessings,

Michael

Bell Choir



"Ding Dong Merrily on High," with that traditional 16th century French Carol running through our heads our Lake Ozark Christian Church Bell choir is preparing for the Christmas Season. We are planning to hold a pre-church service Christmas concert at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday December 19th at 9:30 a.m. We will be playing traditional favorites like "Angels we have Heard on High, and of course "Silent Night." We hope you will be with us. And of course, if you or someone you know would like to become part of the Bell Choir and play bells contact Rich Reinwald at 573-693-9251 or the church office as we can always use another hand or two.

"OUR GIVING"

OPERATING FUND
Weekly Need Budget
\$5,500

WEEKLY OFFERING	
Oct 17	3,090
Oct 24	3,461
Oct 31	2,415
Nov 7	4,815
Nov 14	3,422

BUILDING FUND
Weekly Need/Budget
\$1,800

WEEKLY OFFERING	
Oct 17	740
Oct 24	1,400
Oct 31	485
Nov 7	1,210
Nov 14	0

Jan 1 to Nov 14 Budgeted Revenue **deficit** -\$18,415
Jan 1 to Nov 14 **"Actual" Operating SURPLUS \$7,215**

Set up Automatic Giving @ www.lakeozarkdisciples.org



WE NEED YOU!

The LOCC Annual Fall Clean-up is
Saturday, December 4th at 9 a.m.



Sandie West joined the church on
November 14, 2021.

Blake Russwinkel & Josie Koontz joined the church on
November 28, 2021. Blake was also baptized.



ANGEL TREE GIFTS
Please bring your Angel Tree
gift and place in the Chapel by
Sunday, December 12, 2021.



The church office will be closed on Friday
December 24 and December 31, 2021.

2022 Flower List is now available

Please sign up at
the information table.



Worship Leaders are needed for the 10:30 a.m. service
Please contact Susan Rader (573) 280-4597 or sign up at information table.

Highlights from the Leadership Council meeting November 11, 2021

- Guests - George Neville and Chris Harper attended the meeting to go over the boy scouts/cub scouts Charter process. Once all information was heard a motion to extend our Scouting Charter agreement for 2022 was approved. As well as George remaining as our Chartered Organization Representative.
- Matt Redd presented the 2022 proposed Budget for LOCC.
- Todd Miller went over the driveway resurfacing information. He also mentioned a LOCC Clean Up day is needed.
- Guest - Susan Bowden provided a “work in progress” security document for LOCC. This will take time, but as portions are complete and approved, they will be implemented. She will be meeting with the Fire Marshall along with two security companies for their guidance on what is required and recommended for safety for our church.

Highlights from the Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting November 14, 2021

- Chair Greg Weingart opened the meeting by stating the Fall Congregational meeting would include the election of open positions on the Leadership Council, Deacons/Elders along with the church budget. A motion was made to elect everyone on the ballot and all approved.
- Treasurer Matt Redd presented a detailed financial report along with the 2022 Budget for approval. A motion to approve the 2022 budget as presented was made and all approved.
- Todd Miller provided the property report which includes the resurfacing of the parking lot along with us having a company to complete routine maintenance on the HVAC system which should save money. In addition, a LOCC Clean-Up date would be coming in the near future.
- Audrey Tanner gave an update on the Shelter in a Storm/Pantry of Blessings which included a donation, items being used most and the shelter it has given to people in need.
- CMF update by David Kirchner. He reminded that the upcoming meeting would include a vote to give funds to LOCC for the driveway and outdoor chapel. There will be an upcoming pancake breakfast.
- June Heckel with the Hospitality Committee said this group along with DWM would be going to the Main Street Music Hall on December 12. They will be having a luncheon the 5th Sunday of the month.
- Pastor Ron thanked all who have served along with the staff. There is an after-school program that starting called KIDZ and volunteers are needed each week. The Shelter in a Storm/Pantry of Blessings is new to the church and he has a great passion for outreach. He also looks forward to Christmas this year since it will not be virtual.

Detailed meeting minutes are available by contacting Angi in the church office.

"Hope" by Victoria Safford

Our mission is to plant ourselves at the gates of Hope—

*Not the prudent gates of Optimism, which are somewhat narrow;
nor the stalwart, boring gates of Common Sense;
nor the strident gates of Self-Righteousness, which creak on shrill and angry hinges (people cannot hear us there;
they cannot pass through);
nor the cheerful flimsy garden gate of, "Everything is gonna be all right."*

*But a different, sometimes lonely place,
the place of truth-telling,
about your own soul first of all and its condition,
the place of resistance and defiance,
the piece of ground from which you see the world both as it is and as it could be,
as it will be;
the place from which you glimpse not only struggle, but joy in the struggle.*

*And we stand there, beckoning and calling,
telling people what we are seeing,
asking people what they see.*

CELEBRATION OF LIFE BARBARA WRIGHT

December 10, 2021
1:00 p.m.
Lake Ozark Christian Church



Maureen Milligan moved to St. Louis recently. She dearly misses everyone. Please take a moment to send a "Thinking of You" letter or card.

Maureen Milligan
Orchid Terrace
4474 Butler Hill Rd
St. Louis, Mo 63123

Our Prayers



Prayer Requests

Tessa & Reina McGregory - Patty & Don Savage
Earl Katz & Jim Katz - Jane Daniels
Tim Kirchhoff - June Heckel
Carolyn Timmerman, - Cindi & Tom Wiltshire
Jim Biggs - Stephanie Biggs
Steven Strauch - Peggy Strauch
Frankie Vines - Victoria Kennedy
James Johnson - Tom & Debbie Robinson
Barbara Wright family - LOCC
Bruce Bax, Jim & Carol Taylor - Lloyd Cunningham Jr
Gary Autry - Victoria Kennedy
Willis Miller - LOCC
Tom & Janet Hoffman - Cindy Wiltshire
Esther Foster - Rich Wolfgang
Todd Murray - Jerry & Shirley Wicker
Kathy Hughey - Tim & Teresa Tabor
Hal Branstetter - Tom & Cindy Wiltshire
Susan Smock - Wicker's & Rader's
Dave Mattern - Shirley Wicker
Teenah Oldham family - Velma Kirchner

Nursing Home & Senior Care

Marjorie Nelson - Miller County
Nancy Woodward - Stonebridge (Lakeside)
Don Avey - Arrowhead
Helen Barrow - Stonebridge (Lakeside)
Maureen Milligan - Orchid Terrace

Military

Blake Barrow - Fred Braun & Helen Barrow
Brett Bowman - LOCC
Tammy Cramer - Bob & Wally Balfanz
Grayson Cutler - Jerry & Shirley Wicker
Brandon Grossman - Brianna Grossman
Susie Hart - Buschman's
John Henry - Donna Henry
Colby Hoefer - Conley's
John Michael Hubbard - Debbie Ferrell
David Kuffel - Kuffel's
Daniel Max - Anway's Grandson
Jared & Juliet McClintock - Brackett's
Alex Mitchell - Rader's
Jayson Osborne - Harrison's
Allen Phillips, Steve Scatcherd, Damon Vanosdoll
Ramon Rutledge - Langely's
Chris & Stephanie Thibeault - Green's
1SG. Clinton Van Winkle - Rader's
Brendon Owings - Wicker's

Our Community and Our World

Military, Police & Firefighters
Community & Government Leaders
Those effected by natural disasters & war
The poor, hungry, homeless & disenfranchised

**To include a message or announcement in the January Chimes, please submit it before
Friday, December 22 to office@lakeozarkdisciples.org Subject line: CHIMES**

Lake Ozark Christian Church

Senior Minister: Rev. Ron Trimmer

Administrative Assistant and Office Manager: Open

Music Director: Michael Lindeman

Cleaning and Maintenance: Don Savage Sound and Video: Patty Savage

Sunday Morning Nursery: Angela Edwards

Leadership Council

Chair: Greg Weingart

Vice Chair: Paula Elkin

Treasurer: Matt Redd

Elder Representative: Richard Wolfgang

Directors: Debbie Andrews, Donna Foster, Heather Hendon, Rich Reinwald, Joe Weber

Committees

Elders/Deacons: Matt Hendon

Communications: Patty Savage

Education: Patty Savage

Membership and Evangelism: Open

Outreach: Barbara Wright

Worship: Susan Rader

Pastoral Relations: Tom Wiltshire

Property: Todd Miller

Personnel: Rich Reinwald

Hospitality and Fellowship: June Heckel, Joe and Margaret Weber

Pastoral Relations: Tom Wiltshire (Chair), Randall Bunch, Jane Daniels, Sue Rader, Sandy Wolfgang

Elders: Matt Hendon (Chair), Stephanie Biggs, Randall Bunch, Cindi Conley, Barb Davis, Jane Daniels, Todd Miller, Maureen Milligan, Ruth Payne, Susan Rader, Patty Savage, Sharon Spencer, Teresa Tabor, Tim Tabor, Joe Weber, Shirley Wicker

Deacons: Debbie Andrews, Gregg Andrews, Matt Bentz, Paula Elkin, Donna Foster, June Heckel, Heather Hendon, Velma Kirchner, Jerry Rader, Katrina Redd, Matt Redd, Don Savage, Peggy Strauch, Greg Weingart, Kendra Weingart, Jerry Wicker, Sandy Wolfgang, Rich Wolfgang

Ministries

Disciples Women Ministry (DWM) meets on 2nd Wednesday of the month at 10:30 am in the multipurpose room, chair Cindy Wiltshire.

Christian Men Fellowship (CMF) meets on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 8:30 am for breakfast in the fellowship hall, chair Cliff Worthy.

Bible Study meets every Tuesday at 1:30 pm, leader Joe Weber (Sept. – Dec.)

Bell Choir meets on Wednesday at 4:30 pm in the sanctuary

Care Connection Co-coordinators: Paula Elkin, Sandy Wolfgang

Choir meets on Wednesday at 5:30 pm in the choir room (behind organ)

Lunch Bunch meets every Tuesday at 11:30 am at a local restaurant

Prayer Team meets every Tuesday at 3:00 pm in the multipurpose room, Sandy Wolfgang.

Shelter in the Storm and Pantry of Blessing, Audrey Tanner

Hope House Volunteers: Barb Davis

Equal Exchange: Cindy Wiltshire

Wedding Coordinator: Debbie Andrews

Kids Program and Youth: Patty Savage

Game Day and Night in Fellowship Hall: 2 pm First and Third Friday of the month

DECEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 4:00 pm Kidz Program 4:30 pm Handbells (S) 5:30 pm Choir (S) 	2 6 pm Cub Scouts (FH)	3 10 am Pickleball (FH/G) 2-4 pm Game Day (FH)	4
5 10:30 am Worship (S) 7 pm AA Meeting (MPR)	6 6:00 pm Boy Scouts (FH)	7 11:30 am Lunch Bunch (Sergio's-Bagnell Dam Blvd.) 1:30 pm Bible Study 3:00 pm Prayer Team 6 pm Orchestra (FH/C)	8 4:00 pm Kidz Program 4:30 pm Handbells (S) 5:30 pm Choir (S) 	9 6 pm Cub Scouts (FH)	10 10 am Pickleball (FH/G)	11
12 10:30 am Worship (S) 7 pm AA Meeting (MPR)	13 6:00 pm Boy Scouts (FH)	14 11:30 am Lunch Bunch (Yankee Peddler Tea Room) 7 pm Community Orchestra Concert (S)	15 4:00 pm Kidz Program 4:30 pm Handbells (S) 5:30 pm Choir (S) 	16 6 pm Cub Scouts (FH)	17 10 am Pickleball (FH/G) 2-4 pm Game Day (FH)	18 8:30 am Christian Men's Fellowship (FH)
19 10:30 am Worship (S) 7 pm AA Meeting (MPR)	20 6:00 pm Boy Scouts (FH) 8:45 am-2 pm Hope House volunteers	21 11:30 am Lunch Bunch (Steak 'n Shake)	22 NO KIDZ PROGRAM 4:30 pm Handbells (S) 5:30 pm Choir (S) 8:45 am-2 pm Hope House volunteers	23 NO CUB SCOUTS	24  7 pm Christmas Eve Worship Service NO PICKLEBALL	25  Noon Christmas Dinner (FH)
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