Charles Dickens’

“A Christmas Carol”

Drama Director:
Michael Gunter

Musical Director:
Jon Blake

Presented by
First Christian Church

Performance dates:
November 16, 2006
(dress rehearsal)
6:00 PM
November 17, 2006
7:00 PM
November 18, 2006
7:00 PM
November 19, 2006
2:00 PM

Sign up sheets for FREE Tickets are available in the Narthex, reserve yours today! You can also call the church office to reserve them.

Free will offering baskets will be available during intermission to defray production costs and support local charities.

You are encouraged to bring friends and a non-perishable food item to donate to local food banks.

“...I am the light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in darkness, But will have the light of life.” John 8:12
November Calendar at a Glance

2  Choir 7 pm**
3  Church Women United 9:30 am
7  Ladies Bible Study 9:15 am *
   CWF Executive Bd. Mtg. 1 pm
8  Executive Board Mtg. 7 pm
9  Kids Hope Party 2 pm
10  Ruth Circle 10:30 am
11  Men’s Breakfast 8 am (here)
   Scrapbooking Fundraiser Noon - 8 pm
11 -12 Regional Assembly/CYF Assembly
13  Quilters 10 am - 2 pm
14  Rebekah Circle 1:15 pm
16  “Christmas Carol” 6 pm
17  “Christmas Carol” 7 pm
18  “Christmas Carol” 7 pm
19  Sunday School 9 am
   Combined Worship Service 10 am
   “Christmas Carol” 2 pm
23-24 Office closed
25  50th Wedding Anniversary Open House 2 pm
26  Youth Group Parent Open House Mtg. 6 pm
29  Ministry Youth Relations Mtg. 7 pm
30  Handbell Choir Rehearsal 6:15 pm
* Bible Study every Tues.@ St. James Lutheran Church
** Choir Rehearsal every Thursday

Youth Group Meetings Sunday Nights 4:30 pm
(6th through 12th grade students.)

Combined Worship Schedule

Due to special church emphasis between now and the end of the year, we will observe combined worship services on the dates listed below.

   November 19
   December 3
   December 24
   December 31

On these dates our worship service will be at 10 am with Sunday School activities at 9 am.

November 11, Saturday

There is a Scrapbooking Day at the church from Noon to 8 pm. The youth group will be offering babysitting services all afternoon and evening so that more people can come and scrapbook. If you want to assist in babysitting, please contact Jeff. If you have any questions contact Angi Spangler.

November 26, Sunday

Youth Group and Parents Night

Youth Group is returning to its normal time of 6 pm, so we are having a bit of a party. ALL the parents are invited to celebrate with us. We are also going to have a bit of a formal meeting discussing how fundraisers are worked, how money is distributed and the calendar for next year. It is EXTREMELY important that ALL youth and parents make youth group a priority, but it’s especially important for this particular meeting. Please be there so that EVERYBODY is involved in these decisions. This is your invitation. See you at the party!!

November 29, Wednesday

Ministry Youth Relations Meeting at 7 pm.

This is our calendar meeting in which we will be planning the next 6 months of trips, events and activities. PLEASE bring your calendars and tons of ideas! All are welcome.

December 1, Friday

WINTER WONDERSLAM!

This is a HUGE concert featuring Family Force 5, The Afters, Hawk Nelson, and....TOBY MACK!!! These are some of the hottest Christian Rock bands out there, and they will be in Fort Wayne at Fellowship Missionary Church.

The cost is $25 and that is DUE by November 19th so that we do not miss out on tickets. After the concert we are going to crash at the church for a lock-in until Noon on Saturday, December 2nd. Be there or be square!!
Scrapbook Extravaganza  
November 11, 2006  
12:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
First Christian Church  
All proceeds go to the New Playground

- Registration Fee: $20 per person (As Soon As Possible)
- Fee includes FULL DAY of activities, including dinner
  - Attend specific class only for discounted cost  
    (there is only a fee if you are not registered for the full day event)
  - Special classes offered throughout the day
  - Vendors on-site with products for sale
  - Prizes & Giveaways
- BABYSITTING PROVIDED BY YOUTH GROUP

Contact: Angie Martin, Angi Spangler or Church Office

World Community Day  
November 3, 2006  
First Friends Church  
2211 N. Wabash Rd.  
REGISTRATION: 9:30 a.m.
With Continental Breakfast (freewill offering)  
WORSHIP: 10:00 a.m.

Speaker: Dr. Cathy Harner,  
Dept. Head Social Services, Taylor University  
Topic: Cultural Religious Diversity

Church Women United continues to utilize the gifts and the spirit to provide for an inclusive interfaith worship celebration experience in local communities around the Nation.

This service will help us to focus on a better understanding of other cultures leading to healing and peace among peoples.

Men’s Breakfast  
November 11th  8 am  
@ First Christian  
Speaker: Tom Ballard  
From Grant County Rescue Mission

You are Invited!  
Jerry and Janet Hamm will celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary from 2:00 to 5:00 pm Saturday, November 25th at the First Christian Church.

Please omit gifts.

Congratulations!
Dr. Cate Brandon

Catherine Brandon received her degree of
Doctor of Psychology
Clinical Psychology

Saturday, October 21, 2006
from Forest Institute of Professional Psychology
Springfield, Missouri

Youth Calendar
Greeting Cards

The shipment has arrived!

If you purchased cards or calendars last year, the youth group has them again for $6 per calendar and / or package of 15 greeting cards.

The calendars feature all new pictures and a variety of NIV scripture verses for each week.

The greeting cards feature the same three beautiful styles from last year as well as a brand new package style with all new pictures and verses.

We will be set up in the Narthex until supplies run out, or you can contact Jeff Brady to meet all of your calendar and greeting card needs.

Disciples World

How The Bible Came To Be
Is it important? You bet!

The latest issue of Disciple World has an excellent and brief article that explains, about as well as anyone, this vital subject.

Of course there are many other informative articles in the same issue. If you're not reading it, subscribe today. Can it be that we have members who don't subscribe? Twenty five bucks will solve this problem...then you too, can be a problem solver!

Ned Gillum, Local magazine salesman for

Disciples World

Christmas Shoebox Project

It’s that time of year again. Have you started filling your shoeboxes? The collection week of November 13-20 is fast approaching. The boxes are to be turned in to the church by Sunday, November 12th

Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God’s love. This program of Samaritan’s Purse provides and opportunity for people of all ages to be involved in a simple, hands-on missions' project while focusing on the true meaning of Christmas - Jesus Christ.

Chancel Handbell Choir

Did you enjoy the Handbell Soloist, Kristine Stout? Are you interest in learning how to play bells? You could be a member of the Chancel Handbell Choir.

Bette Jump would love to have you come to practices! Contact the church office for more information.

Rebekah Circle Mark Your Calendar!
Our December meeting will be held
December 5th, 11:30 am at Burke Place.
LeRoy and John will be preparing our lunch!
During the Holiday Season the food drive will be used to help others have a joyous holiday season.

Please consider increasing your food contributions.

**Mission Trip Opportunity**  
May 12, 2007  
Sponsored by World Gospel Mission  
Work Team to Ukraine

WGM is currently working in the Ukraine with ministries to children, where they are responding to children’s spiritual and physical needs through ministries like schools, orphanages, Bible schools and street ministries. They are also building relationships in order to foster an environment for evangelism.

If you are interested in more information, please contact the church office.

**Klothes for Kids**  
Marion Women’s Club  
78th Year!

Our congregation collected 225 pieces of clothing!  
Thank you for your generous support!

This year’s Annual Hog Roast  
October 14th was a great success!

Proceeds from the Hog Roast: approximately: $3,200.00  
Proceeds go to:  
Family Services  
FCC Doorstep Scholarship Grant  
Meals on Wheels  
Visually & Hearing Impaired

Silent Auction held on October 14,  
To Benefit Noah’s Ark Playground… brought approximately $700.00.

**Continued Health Concerns:**
Patty Davis home recovering from stay in MGH for over a week; Bob Harvey’s brother, Bruce, had heart cathe 10/27; Paul Ragsdale home recovering from surgery 10/23; David Black’s father, Jerry in Home in Warren; Bill Davis’ stepmother, Helen Davis; and Ron Hix scheduled for knee surgery 11/6.

**Our Prayers & Sympathies to:**
Dave and Sharon Pence and family upon the death of his father, Dale Pence on October 28th.
The family and friends of Phyllis Hanmore who passed away on October 10th.
Joyce Frederick on the death of her father, Dorrell C. Allen on October 8th.

**Thank you notes**
Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for your gracious scholarship gift to Josh and I. We so appreciate your prayers and thoughts as we journey through this exciting process. We enjoyed being with you all in September and look forward to seeing you again at the start of the year. Thank you for all you do for us, and more importantly, thank you for all you are doing for God’s Kingdom. May He continue to bless and uplift each of you as you walk daily in His light and love. In Christ,

Josh and Allison Yankey

First Christian Church, Thanks so much for the scholarship money!!! With the stresses of college it’s nice to have something that lessens that stress. Knowing that there are people who care enough about me and my education to make an investment in it means a lot. It is very much appreciated. Thanks again and God Bless.

John Grogg

Dear Church Family, Bill and I would like to thank Rodger and Nancy for their many visits and prayers. Thank you to the chancel choir for the flowers. Also, our thanks to our church family for all their prayers, visits, calls, cards and meals that were brought to our home.

It’s wonderful to have someone who cares, I know that it is one of the reasons I made it. Only with God and my angels near by and the many prayers in my behalf. May God Bless all of you.

Patty and Bill Davis
Fall Congregational Meeting Updates

I. Endowment Fund Guidelines:

Following a presentation by Jerry Richards, the Congregational Meeting approved the formal operating guidelines for the First Christian Church Endowment Fund. The guidelines specify that an Endowment Management Team, composed of FCC Trustees, will recommend to the Executive Board possible outreach projects outside the current church budget for funding in the first quarter of each year provided a minimum of $1,000 has been earned by the fund. Since the first contributions in 2002, the fund has accumulated $65,000 in it.

II. Updates:

A. Roof

The work on replacing the church roof and garage roof has been completed by Curran Roofing Company at a cost of approximately $34,000. Because there was some underlay damage on the roof, a separate bill will be received for the cost of the materials to replace the damaged plywood.

B. Master Lighting Plan

Following several meetings with Steve Johnson of Design Consultants, the church has now received a blueprint of the proposed work to increase lighting capacity in the sanctuary and fellowship hall. The proposed work includes 1) bringing additional power to the sanctuary, 2) installation of 6 chandeliers in the sanctuary and 3 in the fellowship hall, 3) installation of theatrical lighting in the sanctuary. The Board approved the blueprint and authorized payment to Design Consultants for the work. The next step will be to secure contractor bids on the work.

C. Noah’s Ark Playground

Angie Martin and Angi Spangler reported that $28,686 has been donated to the project. Upcoming fund-raising activities include a Silent Auction during the Hog Roast, and a Fall Scrapbook Extravaganza will be held on Nov. 11. They also thanked Group 6 for the Ham and Bean dinner contribution of $378. The children are having a painting party on Oct. 29 to paint Christmas trees to sell over the holidays.

III. 2007 Nomination Report:

Following the report of the nominating Team, the following 2007 church officials were elected:

- Chairperson of Congregation: Bart Bartholomew
- Vice Chairperson of Congregation: Chris Lessly
- Recording Secretary: Nancy Hall
- Finance co-chairs: Larry Garrett and Angie Martin
- Chair of Trustees: To be named by Trustees
- Chair of Relationship Building & Nurturing Group: To be named by Elders
- Chair of Program Development Group: Carol Sector
- Congregation At-Large: Steve Maynard, Wynoka Lewis and Lowell Spangler

Elders:
- Jerry Richards, Joan Martin and Susan Smoker

Life Elder:
- Bob Butler

Trustees:
- Joan Martin, George Hill and Jim Sonnefield

IV. 2007 Proposed Budget Report:

Following a discussion of the proposed budget, the Congregational Meeting approved a 2007 budget of $253,600.88 not including Debt Retirement of $13,656.00. The 2007 budget represents an increase of $21,343.88 over the 2006 budget.

V. Motion on Ministry and Mission Organization:

Following the discussion, the Executive Board motion to suspend portions of the Constitution and By-Laws was approved. A stewardship campaign will be conducted during November to secure budget underwriting and to provide opportunities for people to explore ministries and missions in which to become involved.

IDENTIFYING MY MINISTRIES

In conjunction with the adoption of a Ministry and Mission church organization for 2007, between now and the end of the year, members of the church will be given regular and specific opportunities to examine and sign up for 2007 ministries. So far opportunities have been provided to become involved in Worship Ministries, Congregational Care Ministries and Property Ministries.

Between now and the end of the year, opportunities will be given for Children’s Ministries, Youth Ministries, Nursery Ministries, Kid’s Hope Ministries, Educational Ministries, Technology Ministries, Special Projects Ministries, and Office Ministries.
Volunteers for November

Elders:
8:50 Bread & Cup
5th & 12th (B) George Hill
5th & 12th (C) Pat Hill
19th & 26th (B) Mary Lou Ronk
19th & 26th (C) Bill Beck

11:15 Bread & Cup
5th & 12th (B) Sharon Pence
5th & 12th (C) Dave Pence
19th Combined Service
26th (B) Angi Spangler
26th (C) Chris Lessly

Deacons, Turners and Ushers
The schedule is posted on the bulletin board next to the hall phone. Please be aware which Sunday you are needed.

Acolytes:
5th Trevor Hix
12th Elissa Watson
19th Kaity Harville
26th Scott Meyer

Shut-in Communion
12th Elders

Layleaders:
5th George Hill
12th Mary Lou Ronk
19th Marilyn Harter
26th Dave Pence

Greeters:
5th Bill & Jane Boxell
12th George & Pat Hill
19th Terry & Jean Hill
26th Joan Watson
Bernita Pearson

Deacon / Element Preparation
5th Dennis & Stacie Watson
12th Bernita Pearson
Joan Watson
19th Dorothy Brooks
26th Mary Jane Manning
Margaret Henry

Nursery Workers
1st Service:
(Crib) Stacie Watson
(Toddlers) Sue Richards

Sunday School: Pat Hill
2nd Service:
(Crib) Pat Hill
(Toddlers) Sharon Pence

Combined Services:
Pat Hill & Sharon Pence

Chancel Flowers For November
5th In Loving Memory of Glen “Bilko” Eltzroth, Jr. From Alan, P.J. & David Culley and Barbara Eltzroth.

12th Butch and Sandie Briggs in celebration of their 40th Wedding Anniversary.

19th Jerry & Janet Hamm in celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

26th In Loving Memory of Nora Costa from Steve & Janice Maynard.

November Birthdays

1  Bill Bothwell
4  Kevin Nordstrom
6  Nancy Cooper
7  Jennifer Meyer
8  Doris Lucas
9  Bud Folk
10 Debbie Runyon
22 Mike Horan
24 Max Leffler
13 Shelly Jones
14 Wanda Williams
15 Jo Meyer
17 Charles Gibbs
18 Bob Jones
19 Bessie Hall
20 Debbie Folk
22 Marianne Beck
24 Saundra Roark
25 Brendan Henry
28 John Thompson
29 Pat Heck

November Anniversaries

1 Scott & Evelyn Harvey
13 Everett & Sandra Briggs
15 Rodney & Billie Miller
23 Thurman & Marilyn Harter
24 Donald & Lucretia Ferguson
28 Bessie Hall
29 John Thompson
30 Scott & Kim Harris

New Arrival!

Scott and Kim Harris are the proud parents of a new baby boy!

Jonah Scott Harris
Born October 8th @ 1:45 am
weighed 8 pounds, 1 ounce
21 inches long

Other excited family members are:
Older brother Noah and Grandparents, Patty & Bill Davis.

Welcome Terry Neal into our church family!
Terry transferred her membership from Eastside Wesleyan Church Sunday, October 22nd. Drop her a note, give her a hug or handshake of welcome! Her address is:
1615 W. Glendale Dr.
Marion, IN 46953

Honoring Christmas In Your Heart

November 5 Hebrews 11:1
November 12 Isaiah 40:29-31
November 19 Psalm 95:1-2
November 26 Revelation 3:20

Remember to do something special for someone on the 25th!