



# Community Christian Church

*(Disciples of Christ)*

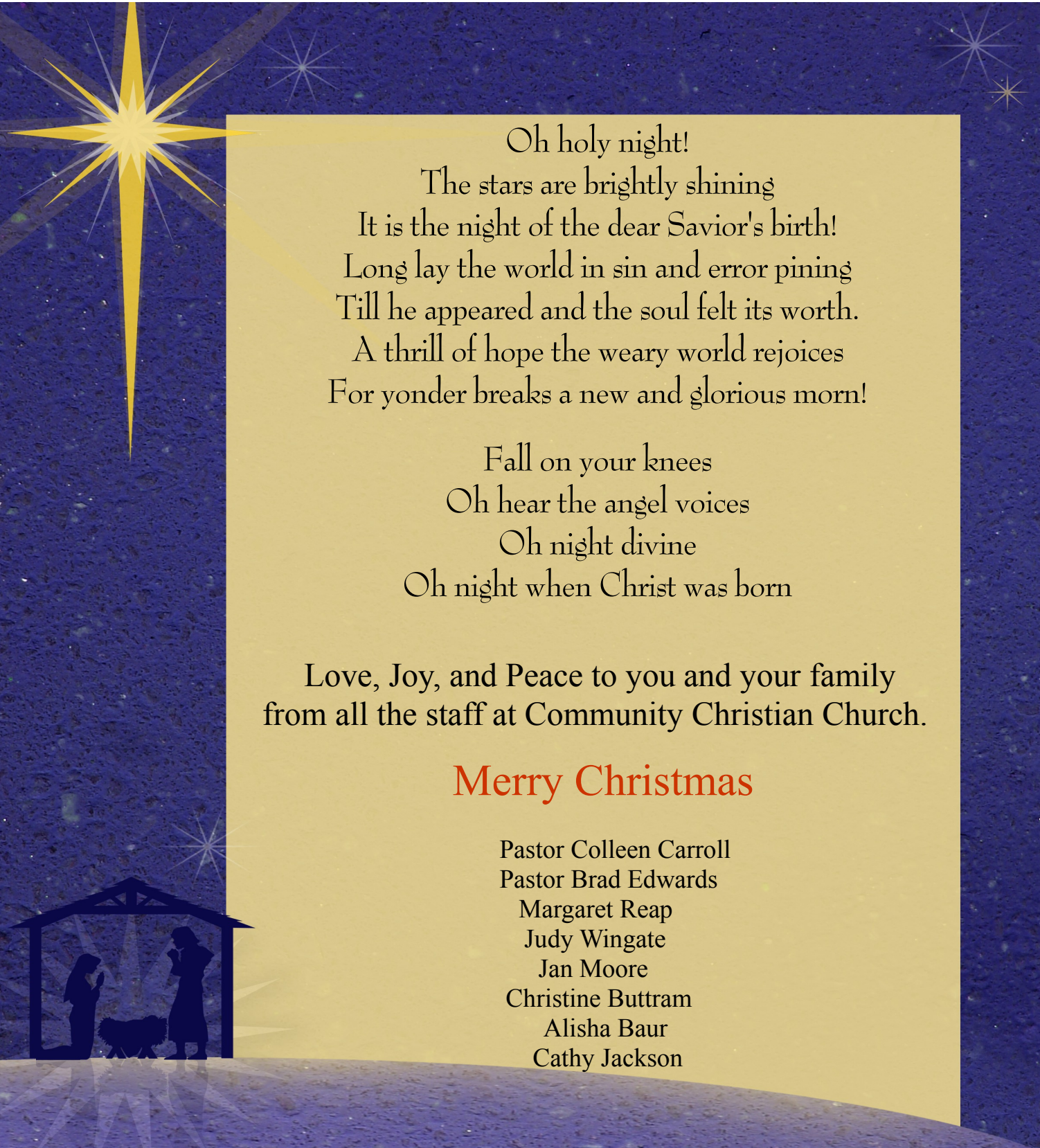
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Oh holy night!  
The stars are brightly shining  
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth!  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining  
Till he appeared and the soul felt its worth.  
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!

Fall on your knees  
Oh hear the angel voices  
Oh night divine  
Oh night when Christ was born

Love, Joy, and Peace to you and your family  
from all the staff at Community Christian Church.

**Merry Christmas**

Pastor Colleen Carroll  
Pastor Brad Edwards  
Margaret Reap  
Judy Wingate  
Jan Moore  
Christine Buttram  
Alisha Baur  
Cathy Jackson





December 25, 2011  
*Christmas*  
 8:30 a.m. *Informal Worship*  
 9:30 a.m. *Sunday School*  
 10:45 a.m. *Traditional Worship*  
*Scripture: Luke 2:21-40*  
*Rev. Dr. Colleen Carroll*

### COLLEEN'S CORNER:

As the year draws to a close, once again I find myself humbled by all the blessings I receive from God through this loving congregation. You have been so supportive of one another and of me, and continue to be faithful in serving the needs of the community around us. You truly are the incarnation of God in the flesh, and I am honored to serve you as pastor. May God grant us all continued faith, hope, and love for all our days, so we may glorify, honor, and reveal Christ in all the things we do, until the Lord returns.

God bless you and keep you all, my dear church family.

Pastor Colleen ☺



### STEPHEN MINISTRY CORNER

In her Sunday sermon, Colleen spoke of the characters who “don’t belong” in the nativity scene. I’ll admit that my mantle sports a few such characters who aren’t mentioned in the Bible story or who are out of context.

We’ve probably all been in a situation at one time or another where we felt we didn’t belong. Sometimes the holidays can bring those feelings. In the midst of the joyous celebrations of the season, we may not feel like celebrating. That’s especially true if there has been a change in our circumstances, such as the death of a loved one, divorce, or financial difficulties. Long-held traditions may no longer be possible.

If you are experiencing these feelings, it’s important to do what you need to do to take care of yourself. That may mean starting a new tradition. It may mean saying “No” to some invitations and “Yes” to others. It may mean being creative in your gift giving if you can’t afford the kinds of gifts you usually give. You don’t need to feel guilty if you can’t do all of the things that you have done in the past. It may help to remember that the “reason for the season” doesn’t change, and we can feel the peace and joy of Christ’s birth whatever our circumstances.

Vickie Hilton  
 Stephen Leader



Thanks to Disciples Women, I now have a beautiful new Advent stole as a graduation gift. And imagine my surprise last week when I opened a package from Barb Mueller and found that she had presented me with one of Warren Mueller’s stoles. Thanks be to God for such a generous congregation!

After hearing Colleen’s message yesterday and reading today’s devotion from “A Thrill of Hope,” I reflected on the many events in my life, both good and bad, which God has used to bring me to this place. There is so much clarity when viewing things backward! Søren Kierkegaard once wrote: “Life can only be understood backward, but it must be lived forward.” One day life will be clear. Living life forward means saying: “The grace of God is still to be seen.” (Pender, *Revelation JKP 1999*) Though we still wait, we do so with the “alert expectation” that the kingdom of God *will* come.

As we anticipate the beginning of yet another New Year, my prayer is that each of us will endeavor to live our lives forward, watching and waiting for that grace that comes only from God.

Have a Blessed Christmas!

*Pastor Brad*




## Community Needs

Transportation needed for several church goers in the next few weeks. Please contact me at 280-7456 for information concerning this very important ministry!

Charles Huddleston

### Holiday Schedule:

December 24~

7:00 PM Lessons and Carols

Reception between services (bring a snack to share; stay as long as you like)

11:00 PM Candlelight Communion

December 25~

10:00 AM One Service only

January 1 ~

10:00 AM One Service only

The church office will be closed Dec. 26 and Jan. 2.

### Mental Health First Aid January 13-14 here at CCC

For people who would like to learn signs and symptoms of common mental disorders; a 5 step action plan to help individuals in crisis connect to professional care; and resources available to help someone with a mental health problem.

The workshop is free, but you *must be present for the entire class period* (5:30-9:00 p.m. Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday).

Call Karen Farris at 573-418-8462 or [kfarris@pbhc.org](mailto:kfarris@pbhc.org) to register by January 6. Lunch will be provided.



**Remember  
Your Pledge**

**We are nearing the end of 2011. Are you up to date on your pledge to the church? Please check your records or call the church office to find out. Any funds you would like counted in your 2011 giving need to be to the church or postmarked by December 31, 2011. Thank you!**

### Youth News

The youth have planned a trip to St. Louis on Wednesday, December 28. They are leaving the church at 7AM and returning about 7PM. While in St. Louis they will tour the Art Museum and the Arch.

Permission forms are available on the church website (youth link) or at the church in the youth office.

What to bring: permission form, money for lunch, snacks and souvenirs.

For more information call Shona Murdock at 480-4238.

### One Year Bible 2011 Finale

For those who wish to discuss the December 2011 Bible readings, there are two options:

- Wednesday, December 28 at 10:00 a.m.
  - or Tuesday, January 3 at 6:00 p.m.
- Both will be led by Pastor Colleen.

A reminder about 2012: Monthly reading schedules are available in our monthly newsletter or online at [www.oneyearbibleonline.com](http://www.oneyearbibleonline.com). We also have printed yearly reading schedules on the literature table in the church lobby. There will be one discussion group on the last Tuesday of the month at 6 o'clock.

Call Beth Finke if you are interested in ordering a Chronological Bible (873-2055).

#### FROM THE AREA OFFICE:

We need your help.

As we come to the end of 2011 we find our finances \$5,900 in the red. Whatever you can help towards closing this gap we would greatly appreciate.

There has been a lot we have done together this year, and we are grateful for your prayers and support. We are looking forward to a wonderful 2012.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

*G Mike Weinman, Area Minister  
Ozark Lakes Area, CCMA*

**LAMBHOUSE REPORT**  
**WORKDAYS IN JANUARY: 3,21, 24**  
**NEEDED THIS MONTH: Dry mashed Potatoes**  
**and blankets**  
**NOT SORTING OR ATTACHING COUPONS**  
**IN JANUARY**



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***Our mission at Community Christian Church is...  
 "to Proclaim Christ's love to all people through Worship, Study, Fellowship, and Service."***

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### Weekly Calendar

#### **Wednesday, December 21**

8:00 a.m. Exercise Class  
 9:00 a.m. Pastoral Staff  
 9:30-2:30 p.m. Quilters  
 10:30 a.m. Brown Bag Bible Study

#### **Thursday, December 22** *First Day of Winter*

9:00 a.m. Prayer Force  
 5:30 p.m. Triple C Basketball

#### **Friday, December 23**

**OFFICE CLOSED**

#### **Saturday, December 24**

7:00 p.m. Family Worship  
 Christmas Reception  
 11:00 p.m. Candlelight Service

#### **Sunday, December 25**

10:00 a.m. Worship

#### **Monday, December 26**

**OFFICE CLOSED**

#### **Tuesday, December 27**

11:00 a.m. Soup Kitchen

#### **Wednesday, December 28**

7:00 am-7pm Youth trip to St. Louis  
 8:00 a.m. Exercise Class  
 9:00 a.m. Pastoral Staff  
 9:30-2:30 p.m. Quilters  
 10:00 a.m. One Year Bible  
 10:30 a.m. Brown Bag Bible Study

#### **Thursday, December 29**

9:00 a.m. Prayer Force

#### **Friday, December 30**

7:30 a.m. Coffee Talk  
 8:00 a.m. Exercise Class

#### **Saturday, December 31**

#### **Sunday, January 1**

10:00 a.m. Worship

#### **Monday, January 2**

**OFFICE CLOSED**

**GIVING FOR:**  
**12/18-\$5,861.73**  
**Hours given in**  
**service: 426**

#### **ATTENDANCE -SUNDAY, Dec. 18, 2011**

8:30 a.m. Early Worship	85
9:30 a.m. Sunday School	28
10:45 a.m. Traditional Worship	105