



Monthly Newsletter November

# Community Church of Christ

Sloan, IA

## Almost Home for the Holidays

Our car broke down when we were almost home. Who would repair it on Thanksgiving? I was a college student in Illinois that Thanksgiving, and I couldn't wait to get home to Massachusetts for the holidays. A friend's mother offered me a lift as far as upstate New York, where my parents were going to pick me up. Mrs. Case and I drove all through the chilly night. Just after sunrise on Thanksgiving morning, the engine quit and we rolled to a stop on a deserted highway somewhere in western New York. Mrs. Case said calmly, "God doesn't get you just halfway. Let's pray, Richard." After we prayed a little, she turned the key again. The engine coughed and started. The car lurched down the road. We barely made it to a garage at the next exit. I found the owner in back. "Lucky you caught me," he said. "We're closed today. I just came in to clean up." He checked the engine, then gave us a funny look. "Who pushed you in from the highway?" We told him no one. He shook his head. "That's impossible," he insisted. "A part is burned out and the engine can't run without it. He didn't have the part, and he told us no other shops were open that day. "I doubt anybody has it in stock anyway," he said. " Seeing our stricken expressions, he said, "Won't hurt to try, I suppose." He went to make a call. In a few minutes, he was back. "My buddy's shop is closed, but he just happened to be there doing some paperwork. Strange, huh? He's got the part you need."

Mrs. Case delivered me to where my parents were waiting with their car. At home in time for Thanksgiving dinner, I said a special thank you, because now I knew: God doesn't get you just halfway.



The Sloan Lighted Christmas Parade will be December 6th this year. They have asked our church for two roasters of chili. If you would like to provide a roaster notify Haley Strom. Desserts will be handled differently this year due to Covid concerns.

**Give thanks with a grateful heart  
and harvest Love!**



Give and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over. Luke 6:38 Praying the Lord blesses your giving heart in abundant measure. Thank you for your prayers for me and my son Larry. Also for the prayer shawls—which deeply touched my spirit. Your thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated, The Schlines Family  
\*from the family of Danielle Hilts Schlines

**November brain teaser...** If the day after the day before yesterday was Wednesday, and the day before the day after tomorrow is Friday, what day is today?

**\*\*October's answer...the catcher and the ump!**



*Thank you's...*

To all my friends at CCC, My sincerest thanks to all who thought of me after my apartment fire on Aug. 10th . Your love, support, and thoughts are greatly appreciated. Love to all and God bless! Betty Andrews

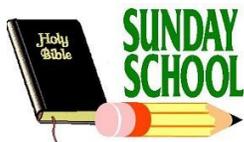
It's so nice to have a church family who cares like CCC does. Thank you for all the words of comfort, prayers, and cards for the deaths of my dad and brother. It's difficult, but my family and faith help me get through it.

*Marsha Hartman*



Emery and I would like to thank each of you for the beautiful cards and gifts given to us for our 50th anniversary. We had an anniversary we will never forget, a time with our loved ones, and a time of gratefulness of being together!

**Because of the current Covid issues, we won't be having a Children's Christmas program this year. We are, however, exploring some creative alternatives for the children to wish you a Merry Christmas.**



**Sunday school news...**we have resumed classes and are making the appropriate steps to provide a safe and healthy atmosphere for all! Recently, a child asked me, "What is that cross shape for?" I responded, "It is a re-

minder of what Jesus did for us." The next question was "WHO IS JESUS?" This child had no idea what so ever who Jesus was or anything about Him! My heart aches with the thought of not knowing Jesus and yearns to share Jesus even more with the children in our community! Parents, Grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, Friends PLEASE introduce your children to Jesus, bring them to Sunday school, pray with them, and give them the best of examples to model after! I speak for every teacher and leader —we are HERE to share Jesus with them and encourage you to step out and step up to this challenge...our world NEEDS Jesus!

The Adult Class continues to meet at 9:00, appropriately spaced around the tables studying the book of James. If you would like to attend but need help with children during that time please let Sharon know and she will provide for them! Don't let it be a reason for not coming to

Since we started to meet again for Youth Group after a long break, due to Covid 19, we have had a large group of young people each week. Our lowest number of kids was last week, because many went to the regional volleyball game. We still had 24 meet. We have had as many as 37 kids. We have very faithful, regular attendees and we have kids inviting other kids. We had kids come before their church started regular Wednesday night classes. One high school student comes for the first part of the night, but then has to leave for an activity she is involved with later in the evening.

We see God moving and working in these young people. He is working on their hearts and minds. The older kids are looking out for the younger kids. When a friend can't be there due to illness or other reasons, the other kids suggest using technology to connect with the absent friends.

We have been learning about prayer and how to pray. They are listening and have reached out to us to pray for others in need.

We cannot thank you enough for the financial support of this group and for the meals that have been provided. When the meal is taken care of, it helps us focus on the lesson time with the kids and we just want you to know how much we appreciate you.

We ask that you be in prayer as we continue to lead this group of amazing young people in our community. We had been meeting outside each week when the weather was nice, and now we have moved inside, so we are praying for safety and health for everyone.

Wednesdays seem hectic when they get here, but at the end of the night, we reflect on the good we see in our young people. We are filled, because we realize we are the ones blessed by God to be a part of this ministry.

Thank you, Kody and Jill



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# November 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 	2	3	4 Youth 6:30	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Youth 6:30	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Youth 6:30 Council Meeting	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Youth 6:30	26 	27	28
29 Advent begins	30					

Birthdays: Nov. 1 Heather Hummell, Nov. 2 Chase Lander, Nov. 5 Kay Ping, Nov. 6 Claudia Stensland, Nov. 7 Jesse Burton, Ben Brekke, Nov. 10 Amanda Lander, Amanda Hendricks, Nov. 15 Ruth Brenden, Nov. 16 Madi Suing, Nov. 17 Penny Jones, notes Kennedy Kaufman, Nov. 20 Katie Boyle, Nov. 22 Sharon Johnson, Nov. 23 Emery Killian, Nov. 24 Barb Hanson, Nov. 29 Robert Wolverton