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Everyone is invited to the Wrapping Party scheduled for Sunday, November 15 in the Fellowship Hall following church service. A pizza lunch will be provided. After lunch we will be wrapping Opera-

*tion Christmas Child shoe boxes. We have 150 shoe boxes provided to be filled, so it is not necessary to bring your own if you do not want to. Information about how to fill your shoe box is provided at the Welcome Center and on the bulletin board in the west foyer. Brochures with suggestions have been ordered. Please — no toothpaste or any liquids. **Please bring \$9.00 per box for shipping costs.** Please contact Charlotte Buerge or the church office at 667-3540 if you are coming or have questions. **If you are not able to put together a box, please consider donating money for shipping. Each box costs \$9.00 to ship.***



Thank you for including my son Nathan in your 2020 Bible School. The time, trouble and dedication is appreciated and the mark on my son's life is a positive, happy one.

Thank You!
LeaAnn Stutzman

Dear First Christian Friends:

Mindy & Greg Barneburg, Kenny & Becky Butterfield, Lori and son, Brandon Richards, Ellen & Mike Brooks and Kynndrick, Terri Ridenour, Linda Switlik, David Rorabaugh and Charlotte Buerge;

Thank you all so much for your generosity with your time and love for God and your community. You have all been such a blessing!

With the Love of Christ,
Barbara (Long) & Sarah (Riley)
Community Outreach

The Food Distribution Program to area students has begun and volunteers are needed. Using a USDA grant program, the Osage Prairie YMCA will be distributing bags



containing seven days of 3 meals per day from the YMCA on Sundays. **At present, almost 700 children are signed up so that means that close to 1400 bags must be filled. The bags are packed on Saturdays from 1:00 to approximately 3:45 pm. Our help is needed on Saturdays.** The plan is to have enough people from enough churches so that each church would work **only one shift per month, or perhaps only every two months. If you would like to volunteer to help pack food in bags on Saturdays at the YMCA, please sign up on the sheet provided in the Parlor at the Welcome Center or call the church office at 417-667-3540.**



The Search Committee reports that they will be meeting with representatives from the Vanderbloemen Search Group in October for a

presentation of potential candidates.



A new edition of the church directory is now available. If you are not able to physically come to the church to pick up a copy, please call the office at 417-667-3540 and we will get one to you.

Anyone needing a ride to Sunday School or Church in our vans, please let us know by calling the church office at 667-3540 **BEFORE NOON on FRIDAY.**



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SHOUT OUT to the GLEANING TEAM from the Community Outreach Facebook page:

A HUGE shout out to our gleaning team at First Christian Church! These guys and gals have gone out to some local farms and picked up tons of produce. Many times they have gone into the fields and picked the produce themselves. One Tuesday they picked over 5,000 lbs of watermelon out of the field. THANK YOU ALL! So far, the total weight they have brought in is 22,350 pounds! Thank you to Mindy and Greg Barneburg, Kenny and Becky Butterfield, Lori and son Brandon Richards, Ellen and Mike Brooks and grandson Kynndrick, Terri Ridenour, Linda Switlik, David Rorabaugh, and Charlotte Buerge!



The All Church Work Day this past Saturday was a measured success. Not as many people showed up to help as hoped, but a significant amount of work was accomplished. The group walked through the main building of the church and identified things that needed to be either thrown away or given away. An old non-working stove was removed as well as a bunch of old brown metal chairs. The kitchen, work room and other areas were cleaned and de-cluttered. The old couch in the Parlor that was really hard to get up out of, has been replaced. Check it out! **Workers included Greg and Mindy Barneburg, Charlotte Buerge, Peggy and Eddie Deming, Earl Higgins, John Shorten and Sharon Webb.** Thank you for improving the looks of First Christian.



To help support our local **Community Outreach Food Pantry** we are collecting non-perishable food and dry goods. A box is in the parlor for collection. **Suggested October products:** Hamburger or Tuna helper, canned veggies, soup, jelly, cereal, applesauce, peanut butter.

