

First Christian Church (Ponca City)
Significant Milestones of 2017
(November 2016 through October 2017)

Ministries—

The FCC family demonstrates the importance of maintaining existing ministries and developing new ones as needs arise. Our mission is perpetual as we strive to be the hands and feet, hearts and heads of a living God.

- 10th Annual Nativity Festival
 - ♦ Iowa Bus Tour; School Groups; Community Groups
- Handbell Choirs
 - ♦ Christmas Concert
 - ♦ Hosted Tulsa Festival Ringers
- Chancel Choir
 - ♦ Christmas Cantata
- Wee Care 10th Anniversary
- Via Christi Worship
 - ♦ Schedule changed to 4 p.m.
- Friendship Bikes Ministry
 - ♦ \$5,000 approved from a designated gift to fund this ministry
 - ♦ Opened the Bike Cave for bicycle repair and distribution
- Benevolence Program (continues to assist with rent and utilities)
- Utility Deposit Program (created to assist Rapid Rehousing Clients establish residential utility services)
- Partner in Education with Lincoln Elementary School (6th Year)
 - ♦ \$1000 approved for needs & projects from the Special Projects portion of the Permanent Endowment Fund Distribution
 - ♦ Third Grade Tutoring at Lincoln Elementary (Spring & Fall)
- Loaves & Fishes Lunches (developed to promote community for caregivers)
- Church Camp (attended by seven FCC youth)
- Coats for Kids (continues to provide coats for children in need)
- Certified Healthy Congregation
- Friendship Feast (continues to feed four days a week)

Community Building—

Opportunities to gather throughout the year and open our building to our neighbors are important aspects of “who we are.” These various forms of community building keep us connected and allow us to support the aspirations of God’s people.

- Carrie Newcomer Concert
- Leadership Planning Retreat
- Poppies & Punch Painting Party with Cerita Helt
- Alzheimer’s Presentation with AJ Short
- Kay County Extension Gardening Workshop with Corbin DeWitt
- Disciple Leadership Workshop in OKC
- Lincoln Elementary Choir Program in Sanctuary
- General Assembly in Indianapolis (attended by Pastor Larry & Kathy)
- Fellowship Dinner hosted by the Inquirers Sunday School Class
- Easter Brunch
- All-Church Picnic hosted by the Challengers Sunday School Class
- Clergy Retreat at Roman Nose State Park (attended by Pastor Larry)

- Volunteered our Parking Lot for the Tallgrass Bicycle Tour After-Ride Meal (a fundraiser for Marland Children's Home)
- Time Capsule Participation for Marland's Grand Home
- Community Groups Meeting at FCC—
 - ♦ Friendship Feast Board; Grandparents Raising Grandchildren; Habitat for Humanity Board & Committees; Lion's Vision Support Group; PAQG (Quilters Guild); SALS Gals (Survivors of Abuse Life Skills); Stitch Sisters; PEO Groups; Garden Clubs; United Way Allocations Committee; Continuum of Care; Northwest Clergy
- Staff Involvements--
 - ♦ Partners in Education; Continuum of Care; Marland Children's Home Board; Survivor Resource Network Board; Leadership Ponca City & Alumni; United Way of Ponca City Allocation Committee; Commission on Ministry; Northwest Area Clergy

Service—

There are so many things that just seemed to happen throughout the year; repairs that were made, projects that were completed and gifts that were given. This is just a glimpse of the many types of services that we collectively and individually championed throughout the year.

- Thanksgiving Food Drive
- Apple Pie Fundraiser (to support Youth Camps & Benevolence)
- Sunday School Projects (not an all-inclusive list)—
 - ♦ Koinonia—purchased a replacement water fountain for 2nd floor gathering area
 - ♦ Challengers—furnished a room in this year's Habitat House
 - ♦ Sojourners—donated to the Utility Deposit Program & Libraries of Love
 - ♦ Inquirers—donated to grounds upkeep & children's curriculum
 - ♦ Youth—organized the Child Development Center Diaper Drive & Delivery
- Spring Cleaning & Garage Sale
- Friendship Feast Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser
- Communion Bread Bakers
- Tuesday Guys (Maintenance & Repair Team)

Projects—

As we worked to be good stewards of the bounty we have been afforded, we identified and completed property projects that made us more accessible and efficient. We prayerfully invested the assets of the Church to sustain our programs into the future.

- Exterior & Interior Signage
- Handicapped Seating in Sanctuary Addressed
- Copier Upgrade
- Parking Lot Sign (painted and repositioned)
- Custodial Equipment Purchases
- Trustee Approval of Property Upgrade Funding
 - ♦ Garden Sign (completed in July)
 - ♦ Office Hallway & Chapel Study (completed in September)
 - ♦ Exterior Concrete Work
 - ♦ Metal Bench (completed in October)
 - ♦ Interior Lighting Project (ongoing)
- Investments with Oklahoma Disciples Foundation Established
 - ♦ Don Early Trust
 - ♦ Friendship Feast (Feeding the Hungry of Kay County) Perpetual Fund
- Responded to Insurance Board Property Inspection Concerns