



First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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Chalice Communicator

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Nik's Nook, January, 2017

Interim Minister: Pastor Nik Donges

Music Director: Rachel Eve Davis

Moderator: Larry Steele

Elders: Roger Byrd
Linda Lombard
Dorice Perkins
Karen Powers
Martin Schaefer
Marilyn Strong
Cliff Thompson

SEE YOU SUNDAYS:

Adult Sunday School – 9:15
Young Adult and Children's
Sunday School – 9:30
Worship – 10:30 a.m.

I thank members of the congregation for the very generous Christmas gift as well as some of you who also shared your personal gifts. It is always a delight to be working with and serving such a loving congregation.

Starting on Sunday, January 29th and continuing up to the time of Lent, I will be sharing a series of messages regarding our heritage as Disciples of Christ. I have had a fair number of requests regarding this kind of a series; therefore, I am not only delighted to share my personal experience, but the knowledge and gifts of our founding pastors, the Reverend Barton Warren Stone and Thomas and Alexander Campbell.

It helps to give meaning to who we are in this day and time as explore our roots and beginnings.

I again want to reaffirm what a pleasure it is to serve as your interim pastor.

With His Love,
Pastor Nik

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesdays -Choir Practice 6:00 PM
01/22 General Board Mtg.
01/29 Blanket Sunday
02/01 Esther/Rebekah Circle 1 PM
02/04 Russ & Tina's Wedding
02/05 **Special Congregational Mtg.**
02/05 **Souper Bowl**
02/12 CWF General Mtg.
02/13 Sarah Circle 7 PM @church
02/20 Elder's Mtg. 7 PM

Prayer Concerns

Russell Lawson recently had surgery on his fractured bones in one of his feet and is doing well as he heals.

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Bill Cockerham, who died this past weekend as a result of lung cancer.

Our sympathy also goes out to the family of Robert Shelby Kash, who died early this morning. As I write this funeral arrangements are being made.

Our sympathy to Wanda Deaton who lost one of her granddaughters to a drug overdose. Funeral services were being held today.

Ivis Caudill will be entering the University of Cincinnati Medical Center for some tests on his liver next Monday.

We celebrate that Tyler Hendricks has been able to return to the basketball court following a late football injury.

Please keep Dominic Watkins, one of Tyler's teammates in your prayers. He has cancer in one of his legs and it likely that the leg will need to be amputated.

MARK FEBRUARY 5th ON YOUR CALENDAR

Following church there will be a **Special Congregational Meeting.**

STATISTICS:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
01/15/17	64	\$2,121.00
01/08/17	57	\$2,785.00
01/01/17	38	\$1,568.00
12/25/16	40	\$1,615.00
12/24/16	62	\$63.00



PRAYER LIST

Health: Edna Bartlett, Leigha Blevins, Alayne Caudill, Ivis Caudill, Amy Cockerham, Briana Cuellar, Chuck Deaton, Wanda Deaton, Tommy Efker, Elliott Feltner, Pauline Ginter, Barbara Gray, Jean Greathouse, Russ Lawson, Harry Little, Bob Selby, Betty Stacy, Rev. Don Steffy, Laurie Steffy, Guy Stone, Betty Vaughn

Our Home-Bound: Kathleen Chamberlain, Elisabeth Lemmert, Janet O'Neal, Sue Whitt, and Leah May Wideman.

Others: Children and teachers, the homeless, heroin epidemic, racism, and all human rights, our Country, war, violence, S.H.A.L.O.M, our church, our congregation and our church leaders.



Dear FCC Congregation,

Thank you so much for the generous Christmas gift! I am blessed to be a staff member at FCC and to have the opportunity to work with so many of you as musicians and church leaders. I look forward to continuing our work together in 2017 as we welcome a new settled pastor.

Rachel Eve Davis, Music Director

Funeral Services

Bill Cockerham's services will be held Friday, January 20th at 1:00 pm at Breitenbach Anderson Funeral Home with Pastor Steve Reeves officiating. Visitation will be from 11:00 am-1:00 pm prior to the service.

A Celebration of Life Service for Tina's father, Robert Kash will be held Saturday, January 21st at 2:00 pm at First Christian Church. Visitation will be from 12:00-2:00 pm prior to the service.

Yearly Giving Statements may be picked up from the table in the Narthex.



The Outreach Team would like to thank everyone who helped our adopted families this holiday season. Turkeys and all the trimmings were provided in November. During Christmas week, we were able to distribute boxes including hams and many other food items. Much thought was given to the beautiful gifts which were donated by our congregation. At this busy time of the year, you gave more than the gifts we wrapped. You sent a message of love and hope to many who were really in need of a blessing.

Our hat and mitten tree was fully decorated and will help keep many children warm in the weeks ahead. Thank you!

SHALOM

We would like to express our appreciation to those who served Shalom the week of December 25th. On Monday evening Heather & Renee Lyons, Judy Lemmert, Heidi French, Libby Benson, Linda Poynter, Tina Yarber, Larry Steele and Matt Lyons.

On Wednesday evening the McClish family – Zola, Mack and children Peyton, Bennett and JJ., Stacey McClish Gates and children Hannah & AJ and Kristy McClish Dunaway and children Campbell, William and Coleman. Karen Powers, Janice Kash, Tim Powers and Larry Steele. On Friday evening Brenda Gulley, Marilyn Chamberlain, Monica, Tyler and Travis Hendricks, Ginger Alley and Jerry Hall.

As we continue our partnership with Christ United Methodist Church in serving SHALOM, our second week will be February 19 through February 25th. During the week, we will have another opportunity to host area homeless men and women. If you can give of your time or help prepare a meal anytime that week, please add your name to the sign up sheet which will soon be posted in the narthex. You may also contact Linda Poynter for more information. Your prayers and support for this worthy program are greatly appreciated.

CWF NEWS



















CWF will be sponsoring Blanket Sunday on January 29th during worship. Church World Service has expanded this program to include not only the purchase of blankets, but also the purchase of goats, water containers, school kits, seeds, plants, and etc. All contributions- whether large or small- will be welcome to support this worthwhile program.

On February 12th after church we will have a short CWF General meeting to discuss the upcoming Salad Luncheon. We will also hand out salad donation sheets. This year's Salad Luncheon is scheduled for March 20th.

WEDDING INVITATION

Russ and Tina have cordially invited their church family to their wedding on February 4th at First Christian Church at 1:30. If you are planning to attend, please RSVP to Brenda Gulley - phone (812)290-4554 or e-mail bsgulley@gmail.com.



January/February 2017  -Birthdays!						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		January 17	18  Choir practice	19  Amy Cockerham	20	21
22 General Board Mtg. following church	23  Peggy Byrd SuAnne Farkus	24	25 Choir Practice	26	27  MacKenzie Lovin	28
29  Judy Andrews Alayne Caudill Blanket Sunday 	30	31	February 1  Allanah Caudill Esther/Rebekah Circle 1 PM Choir Practice	2	3  Shelly Blevins	4 Russ & Tina's Wedding
5 Special Congregational Mtg. Souper Bowl 	6  Michael Blevins	7	8  Larry Steele Choir Practice	9	10  Tommy Efker	11
12  Stacy Plunkett CWF General Mtg. following church	13 Sarah Circle @ church 7 PM	14  Edna Bartlett	15  Choir Practice	16  Nancy Schaffer	17	18
19	20 Elder's Mtg. 7 PM	21	22  Choir Practice	23	24	25

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