



First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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# Chalice Communicator

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**Interim Minister:** Pastor Nik Donges

**Music Director:** Rachel Eve Davis

**Moderator:** Larry Steele

**Elders:** Roger Byrd  
Mike Cockerham  
Linda Lombard  
Dorice Perkins  
Karen Powers  
Martin Schaefer  
Betty Stacy  
Marilyn Strong  
Cliff Thompson

## SEE YOU SUNDAYS:

Prayer Group – 9:30 a.m.  
Worship – 10:00 a.m.  
Bible Study – 11:15 a.m.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesdays -Choir Practice 6:30 PM

2/21 Week of Compassion  
2/22 Elders Mtg. 6 or 6:30  
2/28 Cabinet Mtg. after Church  
3/03 Esther/Rebekah Circle 1:00 PM  
3/07 Sarah Circle 7 PM @church

## STATISTICS:

Date	Attendance	Offering
02/14/16	NA	\$ NA
02/07/16	104	\$3,522.75
01/31/16	61	\$1,545.00
01/24/16	63	\$3,170.82
Blanket Sunday		\$ 272.00
Souper Bowl		\$ 240.00

## NIK'S NOOK FEBRUARY, 2016

Well, it seems that winter is upon us as much as I hoped it would be minimal this year. El Nino's and the like don't always pan out the way you expect when it comes to long-term weather conditions.

Despite the snow and bitter cold, we have had some great Sundays recently. It was a great delight to have the Boy Scouts with us a week ago and to see them participate in worship in such a great way. My hats go off to the leaders and the Scouts themselves. While they were with us, they cleaned our Fellowship Hall and set up the tables for our Souper Bowl luncheon.

Our Souper Sunday luncheon was a rousing success. We have a lot of great cooks at First Christian and there were just too many soups and chili's to sample. Congratulations to our winners, 1<sup>st</sup> place to Martin Schaefer, 2<sup>nd</sup> place to John Otis, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place to Larry Steele I love the idea of voting with your pocketbook. What a great way to add to our Outreach offerings.

Speaking of Outreach offerings, we kick off our Week of Compassion offering this week and next. If you were present in worship yesterday, you heard me tell of the way that Week of Compassion came to the aid of the people of Hebron, Ohio. This incident with the freak flood that swamped the parsonage basement and many member's homes or vehicles on the street behind the church was greatly helped by nearly \$10,000 from the Week of Compassion.

You never know when your offerings might alleviate a disaster that might strike Middletown.

Join us each Sunday as we continue to explore the petitions that Jesus taught us as a part of the Lord's Prayer.

With His Love,  
Pastor Nik

## SCRIPTURE AND SERMON TITLES

**Feb.21-** Matthew 6:9-13  
*"Pursue Your Kingdom Potential"*

**Feb. 28-** Matthew 6:9-13  
*"You Have Enough For Today"*

**Mar. 06-** Matthew 6:9-13  
*"Abundant Forgiveness"*

**Mar. 13-** Matthew 6:9-13  
*"Conditional Forgiveness"*

**Mar.20-** Matthew 6:9-13  
*"Shall We Dance?" (Palm Sunday)*

## **PRAYER LIST**

**Health:** Leigha Blevins, Ivis Caudill, Amy Cockerham Chuck Deaton, Tom Frebis, Pauline Ginter, Barbara Gray, Lois Hafer, Phyllis Heinkel, Frances Hollan, Virginia Lorton, Jackie Padich, Rita Ryan, Bob Selby, Rev. Don Steffy, Guy Stone

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

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

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

02/18 Nancy Milton  
02/27 Kristi Doyle  
03/03 Paul Campbell  
03/04 Carol Efker  
03/05 Grace Lemmert  
03/06 Heather Lyons  
03/06 Mike Simpson  
03/07 David Milburn  
03/08 Logan Blevins  
03/09 Brenda Milburn  
03/09 Janet O'Neal  
03/11 Larry Chamberlain  
03/12 Joe Milburn  
03/15 Loren Burton  
03/16 Audrey Meehan  
03/16 Mike Cockerham  
03/17 Andie Address

I'm working on keeping the birthday list updated. If I miss yours or a family member's birthday, please send me the information. Send to [judylemmert@gmail.com](mailto:judylemmert@gmail.com) or place note in offering plate.

## **THANK YOU**

Thanks to all of the people who braved the weather for the valentine's dinner. We hope they received a blessing!! A special thank you to Tina for all of the kitchen help! Thanks to Martin and Matt for volunteering to get people safely to church and back home.  
Karen Thompson

## **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

March 14<sup>th</sup> – Please send articles to church or email to Judy Lemmert or Larry Steele.

## **OUTREACH NEWS**

The month of February is Undie Sunday month. The remainder of February you can bring in underwear, undershirts and socks for children K thru 5th grade. Place them in our blue tub in the Narthex. They will be donated to Rosa Park Elementary School. In January we were able to donate 12 children's coats to Shalom to help fill a request they received from one of our local schools.

## **SHALOM**

This week we will again join Christ United Methodist church in serving the needs of the homeless. Currently there are 18 people receiving, dinner, fellowship and lodging for the night at Christ United Methodist church. They are picked up at 5pm at a central location downtown and taken to the host church for the week where they stay until 7 am the next morning.

Those helping this week are: Monica, Tyler, Travis & Tim Hendricks, Charlotte & Larry Steele, Linda Poynter, Heather, Matt & Renee Lyons, Debbie Wells, Lois Strohm, Mary Bob Powers, Tina Yarber, Marilyn Chamberlain, Angie Otis, Betty Stacy, Judy Lemmert, Cliff Thompson and Tim Powers. Thank you to all for the support and generosity you all give to our Outreach Programs.

## **CWF NEWS**

The Soup and Salad Luncheon is coming up on March 14th. We will be needing donations of salads and desserts for that day as well as kitchen workers and people to sell tickets. We will have a table in the narthex for a couple Sundays for people to sign up. We will also accept monetary donations, if someone wishes to help out in this way. Proceeds from the salad luncheon will be going to local and national missions. Thank you in advance for any help you can give!

## **KITCHEN REMINDER**

This is to remind folks to pick up their dishes in the kitchen. If they are looking for cupcake pans they might be on top of the bakers rack across from the sink.

## **HOSPICE- Support Groups**

Hospice Care of Middletown will be sponsoring a "Healing Heart" Spring Grief Support Groups. "Healing Heart" six week grief support groups focuses on peer support, grief education and developmental skills. Groups will be held Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 PM, March 21<sup>st</sup> through April 25<sup>th</sup>. Thursday afternoon group will be held March 24<sup>th</sup> through April 28<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 to 2:30 PM. They are open to the public and are free of charge. The groups are held at the Hospice Care of Middletown office (behind Central Connections at 3909 Central Ave.) Call to register (513) 424-2273