



First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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The Chalice Communicator

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[Katherine Garringer](#)

Moderator: Karen Powers

Elders: Mike Cockerham
Jerry Hall
Dave Lombard
Linda Lombard
Dorice Perkins
Mike Simpson
Betty Stacy
Marilyn Strong
Sue Tarbox
Cliff Thompson

Upcoming Events:

Each Sunday:

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

Weekly:

Wednesday – Bible Study @10:30 AM.
Saturdays – Chancel Choir @ 10:00 AM.

Feb. 14 Discipleship Day 3-8 PM

Feb. 15 "Undie" Sunday

Feb. 16 Elders Meeting 7PM

Feb. 20-28 Ohio CYF UN Seminar

March 4 Esther/Rebekah

March 9 Sarah Circle

March 13-15 Ohio CYF State Convention

March 16 Salad Luncheon
Elder Meeting 7PM

March 18 Lent Begins

March 29 Palm Sunday

April 2 Maundy Thursday 7PM

April 5 EASTER

April 10-11 Youth Lock-in

VALENTINE DISCIPLESHIP DAY



Come join us for another Discipleship Day full of "LOVE" on Saturday, February 14, 2015 from 3– 8PM for all our children and youth, hosted by the Christian Education Team. We will have an afternoon and evening full of fun activities and crafts. Dinner and snacks will be provided, so this gives all our "LOVE BIRD" parents a chance to go out for dinner and a movie for Valentine's Day. If you have any questions, please contact Lora Schueller or Mary Helen Shetter. Hope to see all of our youth there!!

"UNDIE SUNDAY"



Sunday, February 15 is our annual *Undie Sunday* Drive.

We will be collecting new underwear and socks for children attending Rosa Parks Elementary School as well as the youth who reside at the Center of Hope for Women and Children (Hope House). The needs of many children in our community are continual and we look forward to helping by providing new clothing items. Donations may be placed in our blue giving tub in the narthex. A majority of children within our community have many ongoing needs and we look forward to taking this opportunity to help. Our goal is to overflow our blue giving tub in the narthex.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Join us for a Lenten Bible Study on Wednesday mornings 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon beginning February 18. Pastor Roe will guide us through the Gospel John. Only book you need is your Bible. If you would like to participate in an evening session, please contact Pastor Roe.



First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), a church dedicated to loving relationships with God & Jesus Christ, each other and the world.

CWF NEWS

CWF sponsored Blanket Sunday on January 25th and we collected a total of \$283.82. Thanks to all who contributed to this worthy cause and to the children of our church who passed the blanket through the congregation to collect the offering.

Our next church-wide event will be a discussion of the book and movie, "Heaven is for Real". This will be at 2:00 pm on February 22nd at the church. Light refreshments will be served.

Our annual Soup and Salad Luncheon will be held on March 16th from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. The cost will be \$7.00 and we will again have carryout plates available. Our CWF leaders will be calling members of the congregation for salad and dessert donations in the next few weeks. We will also need several to help in the kitchen that day. The proceeds of our luncheon will benefit both local and national missions.

District 8 Men's Rally

The Disciples Men's Fellowship Rally is on Sunday, March 1 at Central Christian Church in Kettering, Ohio. The event begins at 3PM. Cost for this year's Rally is \$5.00 per person paid at the door. Please let Matt Lyons know by February 22 if you plan to attend (they need a count for dinner). In the event of snow/icy weather on the day of the Rally and a call is made to postpone, the Rally will be held on March 22.

SHALOM Sunday

This winter members of our congregation have volunteered during two different weeks with SHALOM. They have provided meals, given their time as hosts, and spent the night caring for the homeless. During worship on Sunday, February 22, they will share their experiences. We will collect a special offering to support the valuable ministries of SHALOM. Thank you to all who have served this year: **Linda Poynter, Diane Kirwen, Charlotte Steele, Sue Tarbox, Dave Lombard, Linda Lombard, Cliff Thompson, Karen Powers, Tim Powers, Zola McClish, Ginger Alley, Angie Otis, Marilyn Chamberlain, Jeremy Andress, Sarah Andress, Mary Helen Shetter, SuAnne Farkas, Brenda Milburn, Leigha Blevins, Debbie Wells, Jerry Hall and Betty Stacy.**

Scout Sunday



Sunday, March 1 we will celebrate Scout Sunday during our time of worship. We encourage anyone involved in Boy Scouts or Girls Scouts to wear your uniforms. **Connor Thompson** is working with scouts in our congregation and his local scout troop to lead us in worship that morning. See him if you would like to participate. **Cliff Thompson** will bring the morning message.

Chili Bowl Results

On Sunday, Feb. 8, we held our Annual Chili Bowl to support our CYF's mission projects. This year's judges (**Roger Byrd, Mary Bob Powers, and Tim Powers**) had a tough job, but in the end the winners were:

1st place: Larry Steele
2nd place: Lauren Roe
3rd place: Emily Spears

The GRAND prize goes to everyone for supporting our youth!



Winners: Emily, Lauren & Larry



Judges: Roger, MaryBob & Tim



Dear Church Family,

We would like to thank the Church for all of the support through the past year for all the cards, prayers, financial help and fixing our broken door. We love you all!

Mary Bob and Tina

To First Christian Church,

Thank you very much for the food baskets that were given to us for Thanksgiving and Christmas. We greatly appreciate it.

God Bless,
The Clark Family

To First Christian Church,

We would like to thank you for the wonderful support you have shown the Center of Hope for Women & Children, as evidence by your generous donations of 7 boxes of toys for our resident's children. Because of your generosity, we are able to further our mission in bettering the lives of our women and children here at COH. "Thank you so much for being a friend to our residents."

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you visited me." Matthew 25:35. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Melissa Schwarber,
Women's Director
Center of Hope for Women
and Children

Youth News

Youth Sunday will be April 26. The children and youth of our congregation will lead us in worship on this special day. Please make sure your children/grandchildren are at church in the coming weeks as we begin to plan and learn music and parts. We will have a special Lock-in April 10-11 to learn about what it means to worship and to work through all the pieces of Youth Sunday. Of course, there will be fun and games during the Lock-in as well. Our final rehearsal for Youth Sunday will be on Saturday April 25, 9-11AM. Please mark these dates on your calendar.

CYF State Youth Convention



March 13 – 15, our CYF youth will be traveling to Camp Christian for the CYF State Youth Convention. Youth from all over Ohio will be gathering for a weekend of faith building, worship, and fellowship. Theme for the weekend is **Ministry... Me?** Cost for the weekend is \$65. Applications can be found at www.ccinoh.org. Mark Roe will be going as a counselor. See him if you have any questions.

Kaitlin Thompson Goes on UN Seminar

February 20 – March 1, **Kaitlin Thompson** will be traveling with the Christian Church in Ohio along with juniors and seniors from all Ohio to New York City and Washington, D.C. The youth will worship at the National City Christian Church; visit the Holocaust Museum, the Washington Cathedral; tour the White House and Capitol Building; meet with local Senators; tour and sit-in on briefings at the United Nations in NYC; plus much more. During the trip the youth will discuss issues related to faith and politics. Kaitlin will share her experience with the congregation when she returns. Please keep all going on the UN Seminar in your prayers.



Ink Cartridges

We are going to be accepting used printer cartridges again, beginning immediately. Office staff will collect them and take them to Staples for recycling. We will get \$2.00 for each cartridge and that money will be used to purchase office supplies at Staples. Look for a box under the coat rack by the restrooms. Thanks for doing your part to recycle and help the church with the cost of supplies.

Newsletter Publication

The Chalice Communicator will be published once a month. March's issue will be published on March 11 with articles due to the office by Friday, March 6.

In Your Prayers...

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

Health: *Leigha Blevins, Barbara Cessna, Tom Frebis, Lois Hafer, Vern Hicks, John Holm, Bob Lester, Aidan McMonigle, Jackie Padich, Mary Bob Powers.*

Other: *Louanne Aponte, heroin epidemic, racism, war, violence, school children, school teachers, Hope House, SHALOM, The Gathering, our church, our church leaders, regional church, general church*

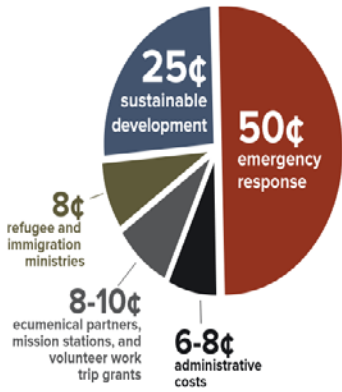
Statistics

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
Jan. 4	53	\$2,157.00
Jan. 18	68	\$2,753.00
Jan. 25	65	\$2,277.00
Feb. 1	63	\$2,107.00
SHALOM		\$ 100.00
Coins4Camp		\$ 63.68
Thanksgiving		\$ 335.00
Christmas		\$ 270.00





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Sharing the CrossLight...

Human beings are creatures of order. We like to have a place for everything, and everything in its place. As children we play with toys that help us determine where objects should go. When we get older we 'straighten up' before company comes. We comb our hair in the morning so we don't look like ragamuffins. We need order, and we do everything we can to order our world. We create clocks so that we can all be at a certain place at a certain time. We pass laws to keep us on the same side of the road while we're driving. Bottom line... we like order.


When there is not order in our lives feelings of uncertainty, despair and fear can consume us. As we watch the chaos in the Ukraine, hear news of chaos on the streets of our nation, witness lives in chaos of addiction on the streets of Middletown; there is a tendency to bury our heads in the sand, ignore what is going on in the world. We do this so we can maintain order in our own lives. And, while this is a natural response, we need to remember that we are God's light in the chaos. We need to cry out to God and ask that God bring order to the chaos.

In the beginning, God brought order to the chaos. God's spirit hovered over the waters and brought order to the chaos even before the beginning of time. We have to trust in God, call out to God, and go out and represent God in the chaos.

Those who serve with SHALOM are going out and sharing God's light with others whose lives are in the midst of chaos. They are helping to bring order to others. As disciples, that's what we are called to do.

with love,

Laureen ☺

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10:00a.m.	Worship
9:30a.m.	Prayer Group
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