



First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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# The Chalice Communicator

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## 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.

March 13-15	Ohio CYF State Convention
March 16	Salad Luncheon Elders' Meeting 7PM
March 22	Rev. Stephen Bentley Preaching
March 29	Palm Sunday
March 30	Board Meeting 7 PM -budgets due
April 1	Esther/Rebekah Circle 1PM
April 2	Maundy Thursday 7PM
April 5	EASTER
April 10-11	Youth Lock-in
April 11	Admin Board 9:30 AM
April 13	Sarah Circle 7 PM
April 20	Elders' Meeting 7 PM
April 25	Youth Sunday Rehearsal 10A-12N
April 26	Youth Sunday
April 27	Cabinet Meeting 7 PM

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday March 29	10:00AM	Worship
Maundy Thursday April 2	7:00PM	Worship <i>Remembering Jesus' Last Supper and Crucifixion</i>
Good Friday April 3	12:15-1:30PM	Serving lunch @ Hope House
Easter April 5	7:30AM	Sunrise Worship <i>(outside weather permitting)</i>
	8:15AM	Breakfast
	9:15AM	Egg Hunt
	10:00AM	Worship Celebration

## SOUP AND SALAD LUNCHEON

The Annual CWF Soup and Salad Luncheon is Monday, March 16, 11:30a.m. – 1:00p.m. Tickets are \$7.00 and can be purchased before and after worship on Sunday or at the door. Menu includes vegetable soup, potato soup, a variety of salads, and desserts. Carry-out is available. The proceeds of the luncheon will support our CWF mission programs and projects. Invite your friends, neighbors, and co-workers.



**SALAD LUNCH**

**March 16**

**11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

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

## Journey 2 Jerusalem

As Lent began, we began a journey together to Jerusalem. Our journey is focused on body, mind and spirit. Many in the congregation have been tracking their miles and time exercising as well as their time in prayer, Bible study and devotion. After three weeks, we have traveled 3,460 miles. It's 6,171 miles from Middletown to Jerusalem. We are just over half way there. Keep it up. You can turn in your miles on Sunday or send them to [Laureen's](mailto:Laureen's) email.

## Ministry Budgets

Budget requests for each ministry team will be due at or before the March 30th General Board meeting. If you will not be able to attend the meeting, please put your budget request in the Stewardship mail box at church by March 30. This is very important and time sensitive as the Finance committee will begin to develop the church's budget in April.

## Donuts & Coffee

Please join us for donuts and coffee in the Narthex at 9:45 on Sundays until Easter. This event is sponsored by the Membership Ministry Team.



## CHRISTIAN MUSIC CONCERT



Faith and Friends Radio.com in Dayton is sponsoring a concert on April 21, at 7 p.m. at the Victoria Theater in Dayton. Two well-known Christian music groups will perform: Point of Grace and Selah. This is a fundraiser for Faith and Friends Radio to support their ministry. The ticket prices are \$20 or \$24 or, for groups of 10 or more, \$18 or \$22. It would be great if we could gather a group to attend. There will soon be

flyers in our Worship Bulletins with details and a sign-up sheet in the narthex for those interested. Transportation will be provided for those who would like to attend but would prefer not to drive. Questions? contact Karen Powers ([kpowers88@cinci.rr.com](mailto:kpowers88@cinci.rr.com)).

## GOOD FRIDAY AT HOPE HOUSE

In keeping with our tradition of serving guests at Hope House on Good Friday, Outreach is asking for volunteers to help on Friday, April 3 from 12:15 to 1:30 PM. We are also seeking donations to help cover the cost of the meal this year. If you are available to serve or would like to make a donation to Outreach, please see Sharon Amburgey or Judy Andrews, Outreach Co-chairs. As always, your continued support through prayers, giving and service to the homeless during these difficult times is always a blessing.

## EASTER FLOWERS

We are currently taking orders for Easter flowers. The flowers will be used to decorate our sanctuary as we celebrate Christ's resurrection on April 5. Flowers available are tulips, daffodils, hyacinth, lilies, azaleas, and mums.

Order forms are available in the church office, and in the Narthex/Lobby. All orders are due in the office by Sunday, March 15.





# CAMP CHRISTIAN SUMMER CAMPS

Make your plans now for the young people in your life to spend time at Camp Christian this summer. As soon as applications are received from the Regional Church Office, they will be made available to you. Below is a list of camps available this summer:

## Grandparent and Me Camp!

**June 5-6**

An interactive Camp for Children who are in Kindergarten, 1st or 2nd grade AND their Grandparent (or other relative/friend)

## Ribbit Camp

**June 7 – 10**

For children in 2nd grade and also includes 3rd and 4th graders whose parents want a shorter camp experience for their children.

## Otter Camp

**June 21-28**

For children in 5th grade and those in 3rd & 4th grades who are ready for a full-week of camp.

## Chi Rho Camps

**June 7 – 13, June 28 – July 4, or July 12 – 18**

For youth in 6th, 7th, or 8th grade.

There are 3 options of dates for families to choose from for the Chi Rho Camps. It does not matter where you live or what Church you attend. You may register for whichever one fits best into your summer schedule.

## CYF Conferences

**June 14 – 20, July 5 – 11, or July 26 – August 1**

For Youth in 9th, 10th, 11th or 12th grade.

There are 3 options of dates for families to choose from for the CYF Conferences. It does not matter where you live or what Church you attend. You may register for whichever one fits best into your summer schedule.

## Advance Ministries Conference

**August 2 - 9**

For all adults ages 19 to 29 (at least 1 year out of high school.)



## New Member

On Sunday, February 15, **Diane Kirwen** came forward to rededicate her faith and transfer her membership into the life of FCC. Please welcome Diane and keep her in your prayers as she joins us in ministry.

## Newsletter Publication

The Chalice Communicator will be published once a month. April's issue will be published on April 15 with articles due to the office by Friday, April 10.

## 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, Patricia Lemmons, Bob Lester, Lynne Mack, Tom Newkirk, Jackie Padich, Mary Bob Powers, Sue Tarbox.*

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

## Statistics

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
Feb. 15	58	\$2,292.00
Feb. 22	47	\$3,752.31
Mar. 1	47	\$ 540.01
Mar. 8	71	\$5,055.00
Coins 4 Camp		\$ 63.98
Week of Compassion		\$ 411.11
Easter Flowers		\$ 62.50

## Caring for Our Church Grounds

### Work Day

Saturday, April 18, 9:00a.m. – 1:00p.m.  
people are needed to get the church property ready for spring and summer. Bring your yard tools and join your friends at church beautifying God's grounds.

### Lawn Care Teams

It won't be long before the grass is green and rapidly growing. Teams are needed to cut the grass and care for the church lawn. If you would like to serve in this capacity, please contact [Tim Powers](#), Property Ministry Chairperson.



## Thank You!

Christ United Methodist church has recently completed its thirteenth season of hosting SHALOM, a seasonal, church/faith based shelter for the homeless in Middletown and the surrounding area. It is with deep gratitude that we acknowledge the help and support of the congregation of our friends and neighbors at First Christian Church. I would particularly like to acknowledge the help of Jerry Hall, who coordinates the effort between First Christian and Christ Church.

The great part about the partnership between our churches is not only the sharing of the work load, but it also gives us an opportunity to meet great friends that we might not otherwise have gotten to know. An extra bonus for me personally is that I renew friendships from days gone by.

Again, thank you for your help.

*Walker Williamson*

SHALOM Coordinator at  
Christ Methodist Church



Sundays: *See you at the Table!*

9:30a.m. Prayer Group

10:00a.m. Worship

11:15a.m. Bible Study



## 2015 General Assembly is coming!

The 2015 General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is set for July 18-22 in Columbus, Ohio and planning is well underway. If you've been before, you'll find a bounty of new worship experiences and learning tracks. If you've never been, there is a website with a wealth of information, including a page just for you. Go to [ga.disciples.org](http://ga.disciples.org) to see the schedule, workshop offerings and register online. See you in Columbus!

### Worship at General Assembly

At the 2015 General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) there are several thousand singing voices. Yes, you read that right ... *thousands*. Worshipping and coming to the Lord's Table with more than 6,000 fellow Disciples is an experience that will stay with you for a lifetime. Musicians from all over the Church come together to lead the praises that range from traditional hymns to newer compositions. Take home the enthusiasm and creativity to your own congregation. Join your voice in Columbus, Ohio, July 18-22 as we SOAR on the wings of the Spirit.

### Learning opportunities at General Assembly

Get the benefit of both hearing from experts and networking with people who are doing the work in the learning tracks offered at the 2015 General Assembly in Columbus, Ohio, July 18-22. Core lectures Sunday will be followed by further unpacking of themes in short bursts on Monday and then working sessions Tuesday and Wednesday will dig deeper into the subject matter. Anticipated workshops and lectures are already available on the web at [ga.disciples.org](http://ga.disciples.org). Learning communities will be organized around five topics – Innovate, Administration, Global/Ecumenical, Justice and Faith Formation. And that's just the classroom. In addition, you can learn about our ministries during business reports and by talking with staff in the exhibit hall. Who knows what great resources you may discover? Return to the website often as updates will be added as the assembly draws near. Register online now!

Register today... early bird rates end April 1.

<http://ga.disciples.org/registration/>



The various programs and projects of the general ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) supported by our **Easter offering**, provides us with the ability to serve from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth. National Benevolent Association partners with service providers and local congregations in connecting food and hunger related ministries.

The Division of Overseas Ministries through partners on various projects such as the Ikengo Agricultural Center in the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Loving People Wells project in Anhui Province, China.

Disciples Volunteering through the Division of Homeland Ministries, sponsors long-term projects along the Gulf Coast, the East Coast and Joplin, Missouri.

The Council on Christian Unity, promotes dialogue and collaboration with the US, Canada and around the world between Christians, long divided over differences of theological interpretation while also fostering understanding between Christian and people of other faiths.

Higher Education and Leadership Ministries identifies young leaders and helps them develop the skills they'll need to transform the church and accomplish its mission of reconciliation in the world.

Hope Partnership supports establishment of new congregations and the transformation of existing congregations while Disciples Extension Fund help them find the financial resources they will need in their ministry.

The Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries provides collegial support to Disciples Hispanic congregations.

North American Pacific Asian Disciples, which on any given Sunday supports Disciples congregations in the US and Canada worshipping in 18 different languages.

National Convocation promotes the spiritual life and outreach mission of African-American Disciples, while working with the whole church to root out the sin of racism and promote social justice.

The Office of General Minister and President's mission is to lead, serve, inspire, nurture and facilitate the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) as one church in many expressions.

Disciples of Christ Historical Society preserves the memory of those in the past who through their faith and works have brought us to this moment today.