



First Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)

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# The Chalice Communicator

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**Pastor:** Rev. Laureen A. Roe  
**Moderator:** Karen Powers  
**Elders:** Dave Lombard, Chair  
Sharon Amburgey  
John Andrews  
Jerry Hall  
John Newby  
Dorice Perkins  
Martin Schaefer  
Mike Simpson  
Marilyn Strong  
Sue Tarbox  
Cliff Thompson

## Upcoming Events:

### Each Sunday:

Prayer Group – 9:00 am  
Choir Rehearsal – 9:00 am  
Coffee Fellowship – 9:30 am  
Worship – 10:00 am  
CE Classes for All Ages – 11:15am

Mar. 30 YAM @ 6:00p.m.  
Apr. 1 Junior Camp Dir. Mtg. @ 9:00a.m.  
Lenten Study @ 1:00p.m. & 7:00p.m.  
Apr. 2 Esther/Rebekah Circle @ 1:00p.m.  
Apr. 6 JYF, Chi Rho & CYF @ 12:00-2:00p.m.  
Apr. 8 Lenten Study @ 1:00p.m. & 7:00p.m.  
Apr. 9 Newsletter Publication  
Apr. 12 Property Workday 9:00a.m.  
Apr. 13 PALM SUNDAY  
Apr. 15 Lenten Study @ 1:00p.m. & 7:00p.m.  
Apr. 17 Maundy Thursday Worship @ 7:00p.m.  
Apr. 18 Serve Hope House @ 11:00a.m.  
Apr. 19 CWF Executive Cmte. @ 10:00a.m.  
Apr. 20 EASTER Sunrise Worship @ 7:30a.m.  
Breakfast @ 8:15a.m.  
Egg Hunt @ 9:15 a.m.  
Worship Celebration @ 10:00a.m.

Apr. 21 Office Closed  
Elders Meeting @ 7:00p.m.

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



**Palm Sunday 10:00AM Worship**



**Maundy Thursday 7:00PM Worship**



**Good Friday 9:00AM-11:00AM**

*Sanctuary open for prayer and reflection*



**EASTER 7:30AM Sunrise Worship**

**8:15AM Breakfast**

**9:15AM Egg Hunt**

**10:00AM Worship Celebration**

## 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 20. Flowers available are tulips, daffodils, hyacinth, lilies, azaleas, and mums.

Order forms are included with this newsletter, and are also available at the church in the Narthex/Lobby. All orders are due in the office by Sunday, March 30.



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

## YAM Gathering

The next YAM (Young Adult Movement) gathering will be Sunday, March 30, 6:00PM @ Mark & Laureen's.

## Easter Theme Team

We are now forming our Worship Theme Team for Easter Sunday and the season of Easter. The team will meet Wednesday, April 2 @ 7p.m. Help make our Easter season full of resurrection joy!

## Men's Rally - Rescheduled

The fierce ice/snow storm on March 3 caused the Disciples Men's Fellowship Rally to be postponed. It has been rescheduled for Sunday, April 6, 3:00p.m. The rally is hosted by Living Faith Community Church (Disciples of Christ), 2155 Leiter Road, Miamisburg. This annual event brings the men in District 8 together for an afternoon of fellowship and inspiration. For more information and tickets (\$5.00), please contact Matt Lyons ([lyonsden@rocketmail.com](mailto:lyonsden@rocketmail.com)).

## Newsletter Dates

Our next newsletter will be published Wednesday, April 9. The deadline to submit articles is Monday, April 7. Articles may be sent to [office@fcc-middletown.org](mailto:office@fcc-middletown.org)



## Caring for Our Church Grounds

### Work Day

Saturday, April 12, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. people are needed to get the church property ready for Spring and Summer. Bring your yard tools and join your church family 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 or Larry Steele (Property Co-Chairs).

## Summer Camp Registration Forms

Summer Camp at Camp Christian in Magnetic Springs, Ohio is not far away. There are camps for youth kindergarten through 29 years old. Dates and more information on camps can be found at [www.ccinoh.org](http://www.ccinoh.org). Registration Forms are available in the church office or at [www.ccinoh.org](http://www.ccinoh.org). Once you have completed the registration form, return it to the church office along with half of the registration fee (church pays ½ fee and camper pays ½ fee). Checks should be made payable to First Christian Church. If you have any questions, please contact Laureen. **APPLICATIONS ARE DUE IN THE OFFICE BY EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20.**

## Explore our Jewish Roots

On Wednesday, April 9th, Temple Beth Sholom is hosting guest scholar Rabbi Michael Cook who will explore "Passover and the Last Supper: A Mixed Message for Jewish-Christian Relations." The program will begin at 7:00 followed by light refreshments. There is no cost to attend.

The holiday of Passover begins on Monday, April 14th. Temple Beth Sholom is having second Seder on Tuesday evening, April 15th. The main course will be prepared by members of the Temple. Guests are asked to bring a "non-dairy kosher for Passover" side dish. If you are not sure whether what you wish to bring is "kosher for Passover," please do not hesitate to contact Rabbi Haviva Horvitz. Bring a copy of the ingredients with each dish for those who have allergies or other concerns. Seder will begin at 6:30 PM. There is a cost of \$15 to cover cost of main dish and other expenses. All are welcome, but RSVPs are necessary.

If anyone has any questions for either event, please contact Rabbi Haviva Horvitz 513-254-8982, or e-mail [havivah46@gmail.com](mailto:havivah46@gmail.com).



## Thank You

March 13, 2014  
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We would like to thank you for the wonderful support you have shown the Center of Hope for Women & Children, as evidence by your donation of women and children socks, 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 and God Bless.

Sincerely,

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

## Serving at Hope House



Members of our congregation have made it a tradition to serve a meal to guests at Hope House on Good Friday. We have again been invited to serve and are asking for your help. If you are available on Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> from noon until approximately 1:30 pm and would like to help, please let me know. If you would like to assist in the kitchen, your services would also be appreciated. Your support of Outreach through prayers, giving and service to the homeless in our community continues to be a blessing! Please consider joining us and sharing in this rewarding Easter tradition.

~Sharon Amburgey, Outreach Team

## Youth Sunday Rehearsals

Youth Sunday will be Mothers' Day, May 11. Children and youth of all ages will be leading worship on this special day. JYF, Chi Rho and CYF youth need to be attend rehearsals on April 27 (12-2p.m.), May 4 (12-2p.m.) and May 10 (9-11a.m.). It is imperative youth attend these in order to participate.

## Sympathy

Our love and sympathies are extended to Lisa Johnson as her father, *John Neu*, passed away in Arizona on March 19. Please keep Lisa and her family in your prayers.

## In Your Prayers...

Our Home-Bound: *Pheba Bair, Mildred McEvoy, Jean Greathouse, Janet O'Neal, Sue Whitt, Leah May Wideman*

Grieving: *Lisa Johnson; Whitley family*

Health: *Caleb Blair, Leigha Blevins, Ivis Caudill, Barbara Cessna, Wanda Deaton, Helen Dennis, Lois Hafer, Helen Hall, Jerry Hall, Steve Hoffman, John Holm, Elisabeth Lemmert, Bob Lester, Linda Lethgo, Dean Marker, Lori McKinley, Payne Sigman, Marilyn Strong, Karen Thompson, Tommy Thompson*

Ministries: *our Nominating Committee, our Personnel Committee, Hope House, SHALOM, Camp Christian, our church, our elders, our moderator, our pastor, regional church, general church.*

"Christian [community] is not an ideal which we must realize; it is rather a reality created by God in Christ in which we may participate. The more clearly we learn to recognize that the ground and strength and promise of all our fellowship is in Jesus Christ alone, the more serenely shall we think of our fellowship and pray and hope for it."

~Dietrich Bonhoeffer,  
*Life Together*

## Statistics

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
March 16	88	\$3,208.88
March 23	78	\$1,912.00

## CWF Report

CWF held its annual Soup and Salad Luncheon on March 17, 2014. We served around 100 people and received some donations for a total gross income of \$728.00. We had expenses for food and paper supplies purchased which totaled \$105.00. Our net profit was \$623.00 of which 70 percent will go to Basic Mission Finance of the Christian Church. Twenty percent of our profit will go toward Community-Wide Missions and 10 % will go toward our kitchen fund. We wish to thank all women from the church who helped in any way toward providing salads and desserts and also for providing help in the kitchen and ticket selling the day of the luncheon. Also thanks go to **Larry Steele, Larry Chamberlain, John Otis, Dave Lombard** and **Tyler Hendricks** for help in setting up tables and chairs and cleaning up after the luncheon.

We recently sent in over 150 General Mills Box Tops for Education and Campbell's Labels for Education and received a nice thank you note from Cleveland Christian Home. If anyone is interested in participating in this project, just put your Box Tops and Labels for Education in the CWF mailbox.

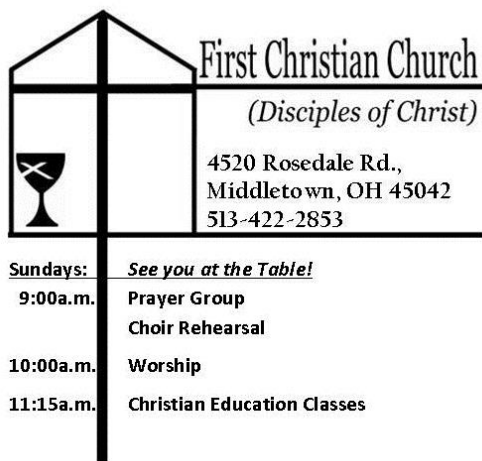
We would like to have our next CWF Executive Board meeting on Apr. 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am if that date is clear on the church calendar.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marilyn Chamberlain,  
CWF President

## Blessed Community

On Sunday, March 23 we added a prayer station in worship expressing our gratitude for our Blessed Community of faith. Below are some of the responses:

*I love you teacher*  
*I love being a part of a family I can pray for*  
*Prayer Partners*  
*Sharon Amburgey*  
*FCC has blessed me and my family so much over*  
*the years as many changes have occurred*  
*Love and security I feel here to continue my faith journey*  
*Love*  
*Bless this church we all love church soooooo much*  
*Prayers for healing*  
*Friends, light, love, share, God*  
*Encouraging! Always!*  
*Our church family is so warm & caring. It is a blessing to*  
*be part of this family. When time are rough,*  
*the smiles of everyone are contagious &*  
*brighten the day.*  
*Blessed with all the people in choir and Sarah circle*  
*Blessed in faith*  
*I love church so much because we can have fun*  
*and sing and crafts*  
*Because we play*  
*People lift me up – Thank you!*  
*Caring people who serve others!*  
*Friends*  
*Ongoing prayers and support which is felt and*  
*sincerely appreciated*  
*Ground in faith*  
*Love, care and a soft place to fall when needed*  
*Blessed with friends*  
*Blessed in love*  
*Because we play and listen to moos and*  
*bekus we do crafts*  
*Thanks for all your prayers for me*  
*Bless friends*  
*I feel I belong*  
*Members of our congregation*



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 9am - CHOIR REH 9am - PRAYER GROUP 9:30am - PRAISE TEAM 6pm - YAM	31	1 9am - OTTER DIRECTORS' 1pm - LENTEN STUDY 7pm - LENTEN STUDY	2 1pm - ESTHER-REBEKAH 7pm - THEME TEAM MTG	3	4	5 10am - MEMORIAL -
6 9am - CHOIR REH 9am - PRAYER GROUP 9:30am - PRAISE TEAM 12pm - Chi Rho & CYF	7	8 1pm - LENTEN STUDY 7pm - LENTEN STUDY	9 Newsletter	10 3pm - FINANCE MTG	11	12 9am - PROPERTY WORKDAY 10am - ADMIN BD 11am - CE MTG
13 PALM SUNDAY 9am - CHOIR REH 9am - PRAYER GROUP 9:30am - PRAISE TEAM	14 7pm - SARAH CIRCLE	15 1pm - LENTEN STUDY 7pm - LENTEN STUDY	16	17 7pm - MAUNDY THURSDAY	18 GOOD FRIDAY 11am - SERVE HOPE HOUSE	19 10am - CWF EXEC. MTG
20 EASTER 7:30am - SUNRISE 8:15am - BREAKFAST 9am - CHOIR REH 9am - PRAYER GROUP 9:15am - EGG HUNT 9:30am - PRAISE TEAM 10am - WORSHIP	21 7pm - ELDERS MTG @ FCC	22	23 Newsletter	24	25	26
27 9am - CHOIR REH 9am - PRAYER GROUP 9:30am - PRAISE TEAM 12pm - CHI RHO & JYF	28	29	30	1	2 11am - CWU LUNCHEON	3 CRAFT & VENDOR SALE

## APRIL 2014 SERVING SCHEDULE

DATE	ELDERS	DEACONS	CHILDREN'S MOMENT	NURSERY/CWW	VIDEO	COUNTERS
<b>April 6</b>	Sharon Amburgey Martin Schaefer <u>Special Needs:</u> John Andrews Dorice Perkins Mike Simpson Sue Tarbox	Mary Powers (Captain) Judy Andrews Larry Chamberlain Marilyn Chamberlain Judy Lemmert		<u>Nursery:</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> Jennifer Burton 2 <sup>nd</sup> Beth Bentley  <u>CWW:</u> Dawna & Mike Simpson	Mark Roe	Sharon Amburgey Lois Hafer
<b>April 13</b>	Jerry Hall Marilyn Strong	Mark Roe (Captain) Junior Deacons	Mary Helen Shetter	<u>Nursery:</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> Lori Burton 2 <sup>nd</sup> Marilyn Chamberlain <u>CWW:</u> Mary Helen Shetter Helen Morgan	Janine Saxbury	Carol Efker Nancy Schaefer
<b>April 20</b>	<b>Sunrise Worship:</b> John Andrews  <b>10AM Worship:</b> Sharon Amburgey Dave Lombard	Matt Lyons (Captain) Heather Lyons Mark Roe Janine Saxbury Tina Yarber	Laureen Roe	<u>Nursery:</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sarah Andress 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mary Helen Shetter <u>CWW:</u> Mary Helen Shetter	John Otis	Jerry Hall Tim Powers
<b>April 27</b>	Dave Lombard Martin Schaefer	Tim Powers (Captain) Natalie Byrd Roger Byrd Lois Hafer Debbie Wells	Lora Schueller	<u>Nursery:</u> 1 <sup>st</sup> Heather Lyons 2 <sup>nd</sup> Debbie Wells  <u>CWW:</u> Angie Otis	Cliff Thompson	Larry Back Tim Powers

**EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM**

	<u>Qty.</u>	<u>Price Each</u>	<u>Total</u>
Tulips	_____	\$10.00	_____
Daffodil	_____	\$10.00	_____
Hyacinth	_____	\$10.00	_____
Lily	_____	\$9.00	_____
Azalea	_____	\$15.00	_____
Lily	_____	\$9.00	_____

**Make checks payable to First Christian Church. Orders must be turned in by March 30.**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Memory/Honor of** \_\_\_\_\_

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