



First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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# The Chalice Communicator

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## 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

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	NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Elders Meeting @ 7:00p.m.
Apr. 22	Lenten Study @ 7:00p.m.
Apr. 23	Newsletter Publication
Apr. 27	Carol Oetzel Preaching Youth Sunday Rehearsal 12-2p.m.
May 3	Craft & Vendor Sale 10a.m. – 4p.m.

## Easter Offering

*“Christ has no body on earth but yours, no hands but yours, no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which Christ’s compassion for the world is to look out; yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good; and yours are the hands which He is to bless us now.”*

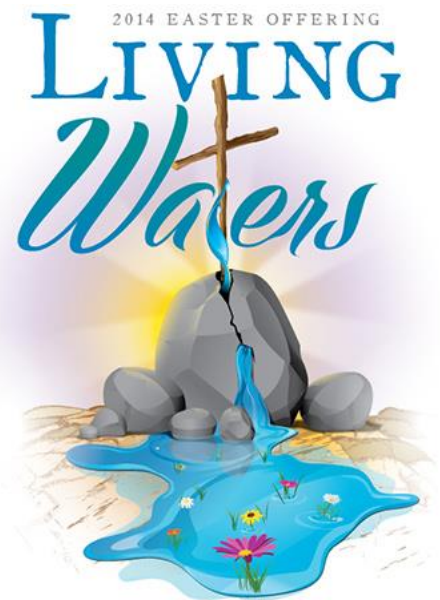
— Saint Teresa of Avila

Jesus gave his life as an offering to the world. He offered living water that would transform the world. The Easter Offering supports the General Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the countless ways that Disciples can continue to be the hands, feet and voice of Jesus. These ministries include:

[Division of Overseas Ministries/Global Ministries](#), [Disciples Home Missions](#), [The Center of Faith and Giving](#), [The National Benevolent Association](#), [The National Convocation](#), [North American Pacific/Asian Disciples \(NAPAD\)](#), [the Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries](#), [The Council on Christian Unity](#), [Communications Ministries](#), [Disciples Historical Society](#), [Higher Education and Leadership Ministries](#), [Disciples Church Extension Fund](#), and [Hope Partnership](#) empowers courageous leaders as they guide their new and transforming congregations in the era of God's mission.

Your generous donation to the Easter Offering will support these General Ministries' commitments to being the hands, feet, voice and heart of Jesus through countless servants all around the world. With our giving we model the life of the One who gave the gift of Living Water that transforms the world.

Easter offerings will be collected on April 13 & 20.



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## YAM Gathering

The next YAM (Young Adult Movement) gathering will be Sunday, April 13, 6:00PM @ Mark & Laureen's.

## CWF News

CWF Executive Board will meet on April 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at the church. Among our discussion items will be the upcoming All-Daughter Banquet on May 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. This year we will have a carry-in dinner.

Also, we will be making plans for our Blessing Box Dedication Sunday on May 18<sup>th</sup>. If you need a Blessing Box, contact Marilyn Chamberlain or you may bring your money in an envelope labeled "Blessing Box" on that Sunday.

The 2014 Quadrennial Assembly for women of Disciples' congregations will be held June 25<sup>th</sup> through June 29<sup>th</sup> in Atlanta, Georgia. If you are interested in attending, you may register online at [www.discipleshomemissions.org](http://www.discipleshomemissions.org) or see Marilyn C. for details. CWF has funds available to help defray the cost of attendance.

## Vendor & Craft Sale

Spread the word! On Saturday, May 3, 10:00a.m. – 4:00p.m. we are hosting a Vendor and Craft Sale. Vendor & Craft tables include: jewelry, massage, woodwork, candles, Tupperware, Origami Owl, Mary Kay, blankets, animal treats, 31, Avon, scarves, Pampered Chef, Tastefully Simple, children's books, leatherworks, and many more. There will also be food, drinks and baked goods for sale. Table rental fees and proceeds from food items go to support our Camp Christian Fund to help send our youth to church camp this summer. Make sure to invite your neighbors, friends and co-workers. This is a great opportunity to pick up something for Mother's Day. If you have questions, please contact Tina Yarber.



## Disciple History Class

Beginning Sunday, April 27 we are offering a new adult Christian Education class following worship focusing on our Disciple History.

We will explore the Stone-Campbell movement on the frontier and who we are as Disciples today. We will be using the curriculum *Leaders and Legends: A Study of Stone-Campbell History & Beliefs* written by the Disciples Historical Society. Leaders within our congregation will guide us through the study. This class is perfect for those who have recently become a part of our church community and those who have been around awhile. No matter who you are this is an excellent opportunity to deepen your understanding of who we are as the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).



## Administrative Professionals Week

Over the last year we have been blessed with wonderful volunteers in the church office: **Sharon Amburgey, Judy Andrews, Leigha Blevins, Carol Efker, Linda Lombard, Paulette McCandless, Mary Bob Powers, Tim Powers, Linda Poynter, and Betty Stacy.** This dedicated group helps to keep supplies ordered, newsletters and bulletins published, phones answered, and all the miscellaneous things covered. Please remember to say thank you to them during Administrative Professionals Week April 21-25.

Join us  
EASTER





## 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**



### 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

### 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).

### Sympathy

Our love and sympathies are extended to Eula Lester as her brother, *Roy Isom*, passed away on April 2. Please keep Eula 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: *Eula Lester, Lisa Johnson*

Health: *Caleb Blair, Ivis Caudill, Barbara Cessna, Wanda Deaton, Helen Dennis, Lois Hafer, Jerry Hall, John Holm, Lisa Johnson, Elisabeth Lemmert, Bob Lester, Dean Marker, Lori McKinley, Mary Bob Powers, Payne Sigman, Charlotte Steele, Karen 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.*

### 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 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.

### Newsletter Dates

Our next newsletter will be published Wednesday, April 23. The deadline to submit articles is Monday, April 21. Articles may be sent to [office@fcc-middletown.org](mailto:office@fcc-middletown.org)

### Statistics

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
March 30	80	\$2,759.18
April 6	87	\$3,327.22

## Summer Camp Dates

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.**

Chi Rho Camp: June 8 – 14, 2014  
 CYF Conference: June 15 – 21, 2014  
 Otter Camp: June 22 – 28, 2014  
 Ribbit Camp: June 29 – July 2, 2014  
 CYF Conference: July 6 – 12, 2014  
 Chi Rho Camp: July 13 – 19, 2014  
 CYF Conference: July 20 – 26, 2014  
 Chi Rho Camp: July 27 – August 2, 2014  
 Advance Conference: August 3 – 10, 2014

Ribbit Camp: completed 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grades\*  
 Otter Camp: completed 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades\*  
 Chi Rho Camp: completed 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades  
 CYF Conference: completed 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades  
 Advance Confer.: post high school – 29 yrs old

\* Note: 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders have a choice between Ribbit and Otter Camp, but cannot attend both camps. Ribbit camp is ½ week long.

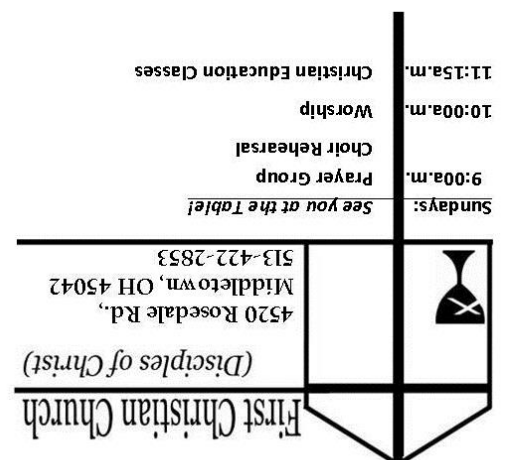
## Laureen's Light Lines...

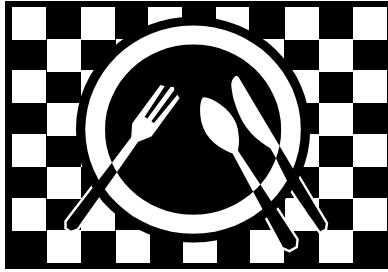
Who are we? As a group of people, who are we? We are God's children. We are a worshipping people. We are community. We are CHURCH.

Understanding that you and I are part of the church is critical if we are to live out our mission statement... *First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), a church dedicated to loving relationships with God & Jesus Christ, each other and the world.* To be this church, each of us has to understand that we are part of the church. This is not someplace you simply come to on Sundays, it is not something separate from you. Church is not the building, it is not just one individual, it is not the pastor and elders. Church is us collectively embodying the love of God, sharing God's love with one another and the world. We are called to share God's love, and in doing so we are serving Christ Jesus. This is what it means to be the church. Being the church is not someone else's responsibility; it is yours and mine, we are the church!

I am ever grateful to be church alongside you, and look forward to journeying through the remainder of Lent with you as we experience and remember Jesus' journey to the cross.  
 with love,

Laureen ☺





## *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner ?*

*Middletown First Christian is holding its' first ever "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" event on May 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. This is an event designed for our membership to become better acquainted. The premise is a group of "hosts" entertain a random and secret group of guests. Signup sheets will be made available to choose if you would like to be a guest, a host, or either. The Hosts will be chosen and notified of the number attending their dinner (not to exceed 6 persons). The names and assignments of the guests will be kept confidential until the day before the dinner. The coordinators will email or call the guests and let them know the address of dinner. The host will provide the main course and beverages; the guests will be assigned either a side dish or dessert. The tighter the secret the more fun!!*

*Let the fun begin*



# FCC Work Day – 12 April 2014

## Outside

- General Debris Cleanup
- Spread Mulch – 5 yds.
- Garage – clean and organize
- Outdoor Worship Area – get rdy for Easter service; relocate picnic tables
- Install remainder of benches in outdoor worship area
- ?? Tree Removal (felling) ??
- Fence Row – clear toward south
- Remove/severely cut back bush on southeast corner of bldg.

## Inside

- Clean Sanctuary Windows – both sides
- Vacuum Furniture
- Vacuum Pew Seats
- Clean windows – inside and out
- Dust all blinds – office area -- Swiffer
- Wet Mop – Kitchen and Gym ( **A MUST** )
- ?? Investigate non-working LED light in sanctuary (will require extension ladder)