



First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

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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

May 18	Breakfast @ 9:00a.m. Worship on the Beach @ 10a.m. Stewardship Commitment Sunday Blessing Box Sunday
May 19	Elders' Meeting @ 7:00p.m.
May 25	Chi Rho & JYF @ 12:00noon
June 2	General Board Mtg. @ 7p.m.
June 4	CWF Gen. Mtg. @ 6p.m.
June 6	RCO New Church Mtg. @ 10a.m.
June 8	Congregational Mtg. @ 11:15a.m.
June 14	Discipleship Day 10a.m. – 3p.m.
June 18	Newsletter Publication
June 22	Rev. Dr. LaTaunya Bynum Preaching
June 22-29	Otter Camp @ Camp Christian
Jun30 – Jul2	Ribbit Camp @ Camp Christian
July 4	Office Closed

Worship on the Beach

Sunday, May 18 as part of our journey with the disciples and Jesus in resurrected form, we are going to have breakfast and worship on the beach. At 9:00 a.m. everyone is invited to breakfast in the fellowship hall. Following breakfast at 10:00 a.m., we will begin a very special time of worship as we explore Jesus' breakfast on the beach with the disciples (John 21:1-14). Worship will be in the Fellowship Hall.

In keeping with the beach theme, everyone is encouraged to wear beach party attire – Hawaiian shirts, flip flops (no swimsuits). Fun clothes, but keep in mind they should be appropriate for church.

Worship will be filled with praise, singing old-time gospel with Tina, prayer and communion. Invite your friends, family and co-workers to join in this special day on the beach!



Discipleship Day

Saturday, June 14 10a.m. – 4p.m. we will gather at the church for our first ever *Discipleship Day*. Think camp-style revival. The day will begin in the sanctuary with singing and celebrating followed by activities and teachings for all ages. The children will be involved in VBS type activities while the adults are engaged in in-depth Bible study. Everyone will gather together for opening, lunch and closing worship. Great opportunity to re-energize your faith and spend the day connecting with your church family.



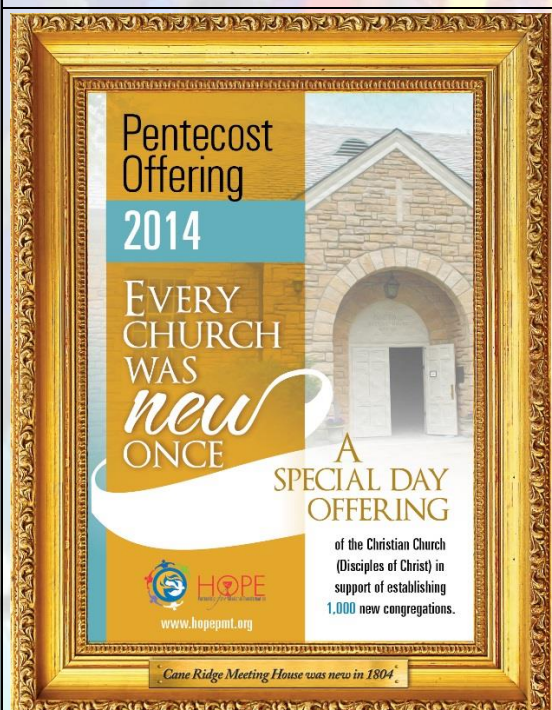
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CWF Blessing Boxes

On May 18, CWF will dedicate their Blessing Boxes during worship. See Marilyn Chamberlain if you need a blessing box or just bring your offering in an envelope marked "Blessing Box".

Coins 4 Camp

On the third Sunday of each month we collect coins for Camp Christian. Half of the coins go directly to Camp Christian for operations. The other half of the coins stay here and are put into our Camp Christian scholarship fund. Please bring your coins this Sunday, May 18.



2014-16 Stewardship Campaign



As we continue to live into our 2013-16 Budget Cycle, it is a blessing to look back over the year and reflect where ministry has been done in Christ's name. As a community of faith we have had a time of sabbatical, renewed passion in worship, and increased our ministry of mission and outreach.

Last year, members and friends were given the opportunity to make a 3-year pledge. Many did this while others did not, and still others are new in our midst. In the near future you will receive a pledge card for the next two years. If you have already pledged for these years and want your pledge to stay the same, do nothing. If you want to change your pledge or make a new pledge, please **complete the card and bring it to church on May 18 or return to the finance office before then.** If you have any questions, please contact Martin Schaefer or Marilyn Chamberlain.

Congregational Meeting

The annual Congregational Meeting will be held directly following worship on **Sunday, June 8.** Please stay to vote on our budget and the new slate of officers of the church.



Outreach Notes



This is a wonderful time of the year with beauty all around us. As we are thinking of activities with family and friends, we begin thinking of picnics and cookouts. With this theme in mind, the Outreach Team suggests **condiments** for our monthly donations.

Some suggestions would be ketchup, mustard, pickles, relish or mayo. Also suggested are powered drink mixes such as lemonade or Kool Aid. However you choose to support our outreach programs, you are helping our Church family to reach throughout the community.

Thank you!

Thank You

Dear Church Family,

I want to thank all of you for the prayers, cards, calls, and visits during my recent surgery. These acts of love have had a huge impact on my recovery. I continue my rehab and am comforted in knowing that there is so much love and caring in my church family.

Sincerely, Charlotte Steele

Dear First Christian Church,

We would like to thank you for the wonderful support you have shown the Center of Hope for Women & Children, as evidenced by your generous donation of paper towels, paper plates, cups, tissues and toilet paper. Because of your generosity we are able to further our mission in bettering the lives of women and children here at COH. *Thank you so much for being a friend to our residents."*

Thank you and God Bless,

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

CWF Activities

We will be dedicating our Blessing Boxes on May 18th during the worship service. You may bring your donation in an envelope marked "Blessing Box" and offer it that day.

We have been notified by Kroger that our members need to re-enroll in the Kroger Community Rewards program for the fiscal year of May 1, 2014 to April 30, 2015. Here are instructions for doing this:

1. Log on to Kroger.com
2. Click on Sign In
3. Put in e-mail address and password
4. Select "Community"
5. Then select "Community Rewards"
6. View your rewards details
7. Our organization number is 81221 – First Christian Church – Middletown
8. Using the Edit tab, re-enroll in the Kroger Community Rewards program for the current year.



On June 4th, there will be a CWF General meeting and cookout at Marilyn Chamberlain's house – 242 Bernard Dr., Monroe. This will be a carry-in meal. If you haven't yet signed up for an item to bring, please call Marilyn at 539-8578. We will also install next year's officers at this meeting.

Board Meeting

The General Board will meet on Monday, June 2 at 7:00 p.m. Please note this is one week later than usual due to the Memorial Day holiday. All Board members need to attend. The Finance Committee will present next year's budget to be voted upon. The Nominating Committee will present next year's slate of officers to be voted upon.

In Your Prayers...

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

Health: *Caleb Blair, Leigha Blevins, Ivis Caudill, Barbara Cessna, Kathleen Chamberlain, Wanda Deaton, Helen Dennis, Lois Hafer, Helen Hall, John Holm, Lisa Johnson, Elisabeth Lemmert, Bob Lester, Lori McKinley, Mary Bob Powers, Payne Sigman, Charlotte Steele*

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

Newsletter Dates

During the summer months newsletters will be published monthly. Dates for upcoming publications are:

June 18
July 16
August 20

Please send articles to office@fcc-middletown.org

Statistics

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
April 27	82	\$3,649.93
May 4	74	\$4,630.95
May 11	100	\$1,678.00
Vendor & Craft Sale		\$ 612.95

Seeking: Music Director

We seek an energetic individual to direct a multi-generational church's music ministry. This individual will be responsible for overseeing the music ministries of the church. Applicants should demonstrate a quality education in music and achievements in his/her area of musical study. Applicants should also have a passion for serving Christ's church and God's people. Ideal applicants would have experience with the needs of "the greatest generation," "baby boomers," and an ability to balance those needs while meeting the needs of generation Z, and the technological and networking demands of current church trends. We are seeking someone who has a passion for Christ's church and wants to share in shaping our worship and music ministries.

This position will be expected to direct choirs (adult and youth), and work with the senior pastor to imagine, create and implement music in a variety of ways throughout worship and other ministries of the church. This is a part-time position (approximately 15 hours/week).

Please send resume to:

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Laureen's Light Lines...

I am ever grateful for the children and youth in our midst. Each and every one of them is an expression of God's love and promise. This week's Youth Sunday was evidence. It was so full of God's joy that it brought a special spark and giggle to my heart.

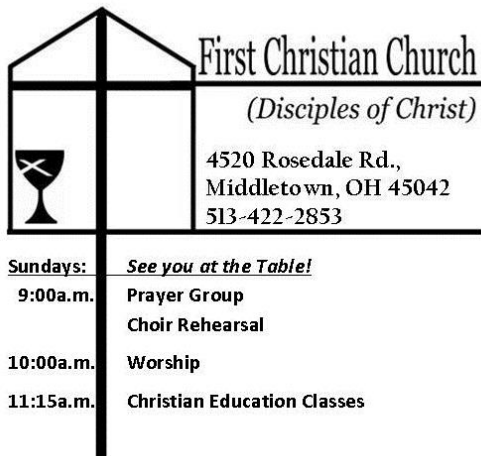
As we worshipped, my eyes brimmed with tears on multiple occasions as I was ushered into God's presence by these precious ones. The words of prayer and scripture, the movements of dance and sharing, the songs of the heart and praise, and celebration of family were all laced with the sparkling light of God.

Thank you to **Lora Schueller, Mary Helen Shetter, Larry Steele, Mark Roe** and **Tina Yarber** for their leadership and guidance. I also want to thank **Sarah Byrd** for her senior message filled with moments of tenderness, laughter and her unique style!

Our children and youth ROCK (Mt. 16:18). Ever need a shot of joy, spirit and love? Come to church and spend some time with our young people. You will leave uplifted and full of hope. They are a gift... a blessing... and I **thank God for kids!**

with love,

Laureen ☺



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9am - CHOIR REH 9am - PRAYER GROUP 9:30am - PRAISE TEAM	12n-2p CWC 7pm - BOARD MTG		1pm - ESTHER-REBEKAH 6pm - CWF GEN MTG		10am - NEW CHURCH RCO	9:30am - JR CAMP
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
CHI RHO CAMP #1						
9am - PRAYER GROUP 9:30am - PRAISE TEAM 11:15am - CONG MTG	7pm - SARAH CIRCLE					10am - DISCIPLESHIP DAY
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
CYF CONFERENCE #1						
9am - PRAYER GROUP 9:30am - PRAISE TEAM	7pm - ELDERS MTG @ FCC		NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION			Wedding Anniversary Party
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
OTTER CAMP @ CAMP CHRISTIAN						
9am - PRAYER GROUP 9:30am - PRAISE TEAM 10am - REV DR BYNUM 12pm - CHI RHO & JYF						
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
RIBBIT CAMP @ CAMP CHRISTIAN						
9am - PRAYER GROUP 9:30am - PRAISE TEAM			1pm - ESTHER-REBEKAH			

JUNE 2014 SERVING SCHEDULE

DATE	ELDERS	DEACONS	CHILDREN'S MOMENT	NURSERY/CWW	VIDEO	COUNTERS
June 1	John Newby Dave Lombard <u>Special Needs:</u> Marilyn Strong Dorice Perkins John Andrews Mike Simpson	Shawn/Lori Burton Judy Lemmert Tim Powers Tina Yarber Janine Saxbury	Tina Yarber	<u>Nursery:</u> 1st Jennifer Burton 2nd Beth Bentley <u>CWW:</u> Dawna & Mike Simpson	Cliff Thompson	Sharon Amburgey Lois Hafer
June 8	Sharon Amburgey Jerry Hall	Mark Roe (Captain) Junior Deacons	Laureen Roe	<u>Nursery:</u> 1st Lori Burton 2nd Marilyn Chamberlain <u>CWW:</u> Mary Helen Shetter Helen Morgan	Martin Schaefer	Carol Efker Nancy Schaefer
June 15	Dave Lombard Martin Schaefer	Mary Powers (Captain) Lois Hafer Mark Roe Larry Chamberlain Marilyn Chamberlain	Laureen Roe	<u>Nursery:</u> 1st Sarah Andress 2nd Mary Helen Shetter <u>CWW:</u> Mary Helen Shetter	Janine Saxbury	Jerry Hall Tim Powers
June 22	Dorice Perkins Mike Simpson	Tim Powers Matt Lyons Heather Lyons Debbie Wells Judy Andrews	Mary Helen Shetter	<u>Nursery:</u> 1st Heather Lyons 2nd Debbie Wells <u>CWW:</u> Angie Otis	Mark Roe	Larry Back Tim Powers
June 29	John Andrews Sue Tarbox	Mark Roe (Captain) Tina Yarber Janine Saxbury Roger Byrd Natalie Byrd	Laureen Roe		John Otis	Jerry Hall Tim Powers