



First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

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The Chalice Communicator

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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



Becoming Disciples through Bible Study

What is DISCIPLE Bible Study? DISCIPLE is an approach to Bible study that emphasizes disciplined reading of and listening to Scripture. Group members read over 80% of the Bible – beginning with Genesis journeying through Revelation. DISCIPLE groups have daily readings and meet once a week for 34 consecutive weeks (with breaks for holidays). Weekly meetings are 2 ½ hours long. During weekly meetings we spend time in prayer, study and reflection.

DISCIPLE I groups consist of twelve members and a leader and meet weekly for 2 ½ hours for a period of 34 weeks (nine months). Each participant makes a commitment to daily preparation (30-60 minutes per day) and weekly participation in the group study sessions. Participants will have a study manual to use as a guide. The cost of the manual is \$36. If cost of the manual is an issue, please contact Laureen.

We will have one DISCIPLE I group this year. There will be an organizational meeting on Tuesday, August 26 at 7:00 p.m. On this evening participants will receive study guides, and have a brief orientation. If you would like to participate, please fill out the registration form (below) and return it to the church office by Aug. 10.

Upcoming Events:

Each Sunday:

Prayer Group – 9:30 am
 Worship – 10:00 am
 Bible Study – 11:15am

- July 20 Chr. Ed. Planning Mtg. @ 11:30AM
CYF Conference Week 3 Begins
- July 21 Elders Mtg. @ 7PM
- July 27 Chi Rho Camp Week 3 Begins
- August 3 Advance Conference Begins
- August 6 Esther-Rebekah Circle
- August 12 Jr. Camp Directors' Mtg.
- August 13 Serve Lunch @ Hope House
Choir Gathering @ 6:30p.m.
- August 18 Elders Mtg. @ 7:00p.m.
- August 20 Newsletter Publication
- August 25 Cabinet Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.
- August 26 DISCIPLE Bible Study
- Sept. 1 Labor Day – Office Closed
- Oct. 16- 18 Regional Assembly
Rev. Dr. Sharon Watkins preaching
Thursday night worship

Yes, I want to participate in DISCIPLE Bible Study on Tuesday evenings.

Name

Phone

e-mail

Payment of \$36 for study guide (payable to First Christian Church):

_____ I have enclosed

_____ I will bring to first class session

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

New Baby

On Monday, June 16, 2014 Kennedy Louise Lemmert was born. She was 7 lbs and 11 ounces and 20 inches long. Parents are Michael Lemmert and fiancé, Sutton. Grandparents are Judy and Ed Lemmert. Great Grandmother is Elisabeth Lemmert.

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, July 20.

Larry Pigg Retires

Larry Pigg is retiring from being Chi Rho director this year. He has been serving at Camp Christian for 55 years. We are planning a SURPRISE celebration for Larry Pigg. The theme is Square dancing, wear all the square dancing attire you can find. We will have some finger foods and cupcakes. Feel free to bring food to share for all.

If you have pictures of Larry Pigg at Camp in the past 55 years, please send them to campsecretary@ccinoh.org. We are going to create a slides how and plaque for him out of the pictures given to us.

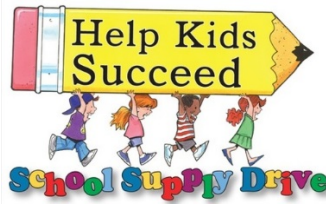
If you are unable to attend the party, we encourage you to write a letter and send it to:

Joe Heidenescher
Camp Christian Secretary
campsecretary@ccinoh.org
937-348-2811

Also, please RSVP to above if you plan to attend.
THANKS!



Outreach Notes



Outreach continues to focus on providing school supplies to children attending Rosa Parks Elementary School as school doors will again be opening in just a few weeks. Please make donations of school supplies: pencils, rulers, paper, crayons, glue, etc., we have found there is always a need for tissues and hand sanitizers. For many children at Rosa Parks this is the only way they have the supplies they need. So, please give generously. Thank you!

Prayer Group

On Sunday mornings a group of prayerful people gather with our Pastor in the Memorial Room for prayer. This time of prayer sets the tone for our morning of worship and the ministries we do as a church. If you would like to be a part of this group, join the group on any Sunday morning at 9:30a.m.



Worship Accompanist Needed

First Christian Church in Middletown, Ohio is seeking to fill a Worship Accompanist position. Our church is affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). We are currently looking for a skilled accompanist/pianist to play for our Sunday morning worship service. Our music is both traditional and contemporary. This part-time position (8-10 hours per week) requires developed proficiency on piano to accompany the congregation, rehearse with and accompany the adult choir, and rehearse with and accompany the Praise Team for worship services and special events. Applicants shall have an equivalent of high school level music education and training, adequate sight-reading ability, and a familiarity with chord charts and/or lead sheets. The Worship Accompanist is responsible to and supervised by the Director of Music.

Resumes, along with any other helpful items should be emailed to redavis@fcc-middletown.org or mailed to

First Christian Church
Attn: Rachel Eve Davis
4520 Rosedale Road
Middletown, OH 45042



Sympathy

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family and friends of **George Morgan**. George began his eternal life on the evening of July 4. Funeral service was held on July 11. Please continue to hold Helen and the rest of the family in your prayers.

1 in 1,000 Disciples CAMPAign

The 1 in 1,000 CAMPAign is a simple CAMPAign...giving something small and together, doing something BIG...transforming lives in Christ through the experience of Camp Christian. All money generated will go to fund Camp scholarships, programs and operations. For more information and full brochure contact the church office or go

to: http://www.ccinoh.com/media/77486/1_in_1000_brochure.pdf



What is the FCC Cabinet?

The FCC Cabinet functions as the planning and implementation force of FCC-Middletown. The constitution reads *The cabinet shall consider, initiate and coordinate the activities and programs of the congregation*. In other words, The Cabinet keeps us moving forward in ministry.

Who serves on the cabinet? The constitution reads, *The cabinet shall consist of the moderator, vice-moderator and recording secretary of the congregation (who serves the general board and cabinet in similar fashion), the minister(s), the chairpersons or a representative of the standing ministry teams, men's group, women's group, youth and other such person as may be appointed by the moderator*. With this definition the following people are serving on the Cabinet for the 2014-15 church year: **Karen Powers, Larry Steele, Natalie Byrd, Laureen Roe, Lora Schueller/Mary Helen Shetter, John/Angie Otis, Judy Andrews/Sharon Amburgey, Tim Powers, Martin Schaefer, Ginger Alley/Tina Yarber, Marilyn Chamberlain, and Matt Lyons.**



We have a powerhouse team for this year! Please hold our Cabinet in prayer as they faithfully and prayerfully lead our congregation. Provide them with the support they need to do as God is calling them. The cabinet will have its first meeting on Monday, August 25 at 7:00 p.m.

New Addresses

Please note new addresses for Kathleen Chamberlain and Elisabeth Lemmert:

Kathleen Chamberlain

SpringHills of Middletown
3851 Towne Blvd., #201
Franklin, OH 45005
513-705-2092

Elisabeth Lemmert

3712 Roosevelt Blvd.
Middletown, OH 45044

Newsletter Dates

Our next newsletter will be published Wednesday, August 20. The deadline to submit articles is Monday, August 18.

Articles may be sent to office@fcc-middletown.org

In Your Prayers...

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

Grieving: *The family and friends of George Morgan*

Health: *Caleb Blair, Leigha Blevins, Barbara Cessna, Wanda Deaton, Helen Dennis, Lois Hafer, John Holm, Lisa Johnson, Bob Lester.*

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

Statistics

| | <u>Attendance</u> | <u>Offering</u> |
|---------|-------------------|-----------------|
| June 22 | 60 | \$2,103.00 |
| June 29 | 67 | \$1,295.00 |
| July 6 | 86 | \$3,980.00 |
| July 13 | 89 | \$2,612.00 |

Laureen's Light Lines...

God's love in our midst was tangible this past week. The love and care you continue to extend to one another at time of loss and crisis is remarkable. I was continually blessed as I witnessed Christ's love reaching out to the Morgan family through all of you.

For many churches the love and concern for others stops with those who are part of the congregation. But, not for you. On Sunday we had a special visitor in our midst. Many you first noticed Tom as you pulled into the church parking lot as he was sitting out on our front lawn leaning up against our sign. He was not the cleanest of men, he was holding a sign "Homeless Please Help God Bless".



What happened next was a true testimony to the love of Christ in our midst. Tom was greeted with friendly smiles, words of compassion and invitations to join us for worship.




Upon the insistence of one of our Elders, Tom came in and joined us for worship. Once in the building he people continued to extended Christian friendship, love and concern. Tom was offered help and the promise that after worship we would get him connected to the help he needed.

From the Table, I revealed to the congregation that Tom was planted in our midst to be an example of "the least and the lost." Tom is not homeless, but a friend of Tina Yarber and Mary Bob Powers. He shared with me that everyone showed genuine concern and extended Christ-like friendship. He felt welcomed and part of our faith community.

Thank you for being the congregation Christ has called us to be!

with love,

Laureen ☺

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| Sundays: See you at the Table! | |
| 9:30a.m. | Prayer Group |
| 10:00a.m. | Worship |
| 11:15a.m. | Bible Study |
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August 2014 Newsletter Serving Schedule

| DATE | ELDERS | DEACONS | CHILDREN'S MOMENT | CWW | VIDEO | COUNTERS |
|-----------|--|---|-------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| August 3 | Mike Simpson Betty Stacy <u>Special Needs:</u> Jerry Hall Marilyn Strong Lombards Betty Stacy | Ginger Alley Natalie Byrd Roger Byrd Shawn/Lori Burton Mary Bob Powers | Laureen Roe | Dawna Simpson | Mark Roe | Sharon Amburgey Lois Hafer |
| August 10 | Mike Cockerham Marilyn Strong | Mark Roe (Captain) Junior Deacons | Dorice Perkins | Mary Helen Shetter | Martin Schaefer | Carol Efker Nancy Schaefer |
| August 17 | Sue Tarbox Cliff Thompson | Larry Chamberlain Marilyn Chamberlain Judy Lemmert Heather Lyons Matt Lyons | Tina Yarber | Mary Helen Shetter | John Otis | Jerry Hall Tim Powers |
| August 24 | Dave Lombard Linda Lombard | Janine Saxbury Michelle Schatzley Cathy Treadway Debbie Wells Tina Yarber | Laureen Roe | | Cliff Thompson | Larry Back Tim Powers |
| August 31 | Dorice Perkins Jerry Hall <u>Special Needs:</u> Sue Tarbox Mike Simpson Cockerham/Perkins Cliff Thompson | 5th Sunday Volunteers | Laureen Roe | | Janine Saxbury | Tim Powers Jerry Hall |

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 | 2 |
| CHI RHO CAMP #3 | | | | | | |
| 9:30am - PRAYER | | | | | | |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 9:30am - PRAYER | | | 1pm - ESTHER- | | | |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| 9:30am - PRAYER | 7pm - SARAH CIRCLE | 9:30am - JR CAMP | HOPE HOUSE 6:30pm - CHOIR | | | |
| 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 9:30am - PRAYER | 7pm - ELDERS MTG @ | | NEWSLETTER | | | |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 9:30am - PRAYER | 7pm - CABINET MTG. | 7pm - DISCIPLE Bible | | | | |
| 31 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 9:30am - PRAYER | | | | | | |