



First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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Chalice Communicator

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Music Director: [Rachel Eve Davis](#)

Moderator: Larry Steele

Elders: Roger Byrd
Mike Cockerham
Linda Lombard
Dorice Perkins
Karen Powers
Mike Simpson
Betty Stacy
Marilyn Strong
Cliff Thompson

SEE YOU SUNDAYS:

Prayer Group – 9:30 a.m.

Worship – 10:00 a.m.

Bible Study – 11:15 a.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Aug. 24	Cabinet Mtg. 7 PM
Sept. 8	Interim Pastor George Nik Donges begins
Sept. 2	Esther-Rebecca Circle 1 PM @church
Sept. 21	Elders Mtg. 7 PM
Sept. 28	General Bd. Mtg. 7 PM

STATISTICS:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
8/16/15	65	\$1,358.00
8/09/15	56	\$2,282.00
8/02/15	63	\$3,314.00
7/26/15	63	\$1,561.00

AN ELDER MOMENT

The Elders have been dutifully fulfilling the task of finding an Interim Pastor for us. This has been a labor of love and an opportunity to learn more about each other in the process. Thank you to all the members of our church that have shared their comments and feelings about the candidates that we presented to you. It was not an easy decision. Due to a few differentiating factors, Rev. Nick Donges was called as our Interim Minister. Rev. Donges will have standing office hours as well as making hospital calls and taking care of any special service needs in the congregation. Rev. Donges will help guide us through the process that we need to complete to prepare our church as a candidate for a new minister.

The Elders will be establishing a Transition Team. We hope to have this team in place prior to Rev. Donges coming on board, so that they are ready to start. If you are approached for this team, please prayerfully consider taking on this role. It is your opportunity to serve your church as well as being a part of helping to create the future of the church that you will pass on to the next generation.

As we continue through this process, the Elders will strive to keep everyone informed of the process and the progress. This is a time for us all to pull together and surround each other with love and support.

Pace, Purpose and Passion!

Cliff Thompson & Mike Simpson, Elder Chairs

OUTREACH

Thanks to all who recently made donations of school supplies. Our focus is to provide assistance to students at Central Academy, Rosa Parks, and the children who reside at the Center of Hope for Women and Children. We will continue to accept school items which may be placed in the Outreach tub in the Church Narthex.

If you would like additional information on Outreach, please see Sharon Amburgey or Linda Poynter.

PRAYER LIST

Health:

Leigha Blevins, Peggy Cain, Ivis Caudill, Barbara Cessna, Chuck Deaton, Tom Frebis, Lois Hafer, Bob Lester, Zola McClish, Cole Steele, and Rev. Don Steffy.

Our Home-Bound:

Kathleen Chamberlain, Mildred McEvoy, Jean Greathouse, Elisabeth Lemmert, Janet O'Neal, Sue Whitt, and Leah May Wideman.

Others:

Louanne Aponte, heroin epidemic, racism, war, violence, children and teachers, the homeless, The Gathering, our church, our congregation and our church leaders.

CWF NEWS

Hannah Circle will have dinner and a planning meeting at Olive Garden on August 23 at 6 PM. If you are not currently attending a circle, you are invited to join us.

Sarah Circle enjoyed dinner at Olive Garden on August 10th. We will be starting our regular meetings on Sept. 14th at 7:30. The location will be announced later. We will also be choosing a new study to be started at our Nov. meeting. For more details, contact Mary Back or Linda Poynter.

Esther-Rebecca Circle will meet at 1 PM on Sept. 2nd at the church. Dorice Perkins and Betty Stacy are leaders of this circle.

THANK YOU

Dear FCC Family,

What a great day to come back and visit my family. Thank you, Cliff and Marilyn for your leadership and a wonderful message. I pray that my search for a new church home in Denver will finally be successful, but really no church compares to FCC-Middletown. Keep doing what you are doing and God will continue to shine his light on all of you! Thanks again for your love and support.

Mary Helen

Dearest FCC Family,

I want to thank you all for the warm "welcome home" greetings! We are blessed with the ability to send Manny to camp and to spend some much needed quality time with family.

As Christians we know that we are not promised tomorrow. However, Christ lives in us and promises to never leave us, no matter where we are or how far we travel. With our walk with Christ we have learned that some actions we take are routine, others we take are maintenance. With these actions we find are beneficial to life, such as brushing teeth as not to get cavities or worse. However when we go with God we grow with God. When we share with God we show our/his love. Serving God is great but shining is better. God's love endures forever! Amen!

Love, Hollan Family; Frances, Lana and Manny

DISCIPLESHIP DAY

On Saturday, August 15, the Christian Education Commission hosted our "Discipleship Day" which was full of activities, games, learning and most of all FUN! Our theme was "WWJD" and we focused on the choices we make every day. The children learned that if they ever need direction or guidance, all they have to do is ask themselves; "What Would Jesus Do?" A **HUGE** Thank You to all that helped with our day, Ginger Alley, Tina Yarber, Angie Otis, Marilyn Chamberlain, Dorice Perkins, Rachael Eve Davis, Gail Rudd, and Heather Lyons! Couldn't have done it without you!!

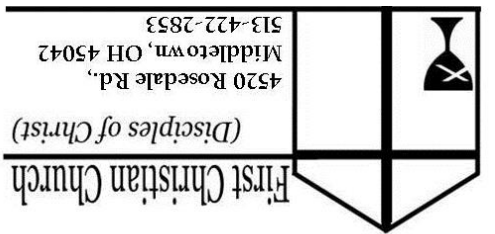
Sincerely,

Lora Schueller



NEWSLETTER

We will be continuing the monthly newsletter. Anyone wishing to contribute to the newsletter, please send or drop off articles to the church office or send email to Larry – lsteale7@cinci.rr.com or Judy – judylemmert@gmail.com before Sept. 14th.



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