



First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

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The Chalice Communicator

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Music Director: [Rachel Eve Davis](#)
Worship Accompanist:
 Katherine Garringer
Moderator: Karen Powers
Elders: Mike Cockerham
 Jerry Hall
 Dave Lombard
 Linda Lombard
 Dorice Perkins
 Mike Simpson
 Marilyn Strong
 Sue Tarbox
 Cliff Thompson

Upcoming Events:

Each Sunday:

Prayer Group – 9:30 a.m.
 Worship – 10:00 a.m.
 Bible Study – 11:15 a.m.
 Youth Choir – 11:15 a.m.

- Sept. 11 CWF Hosts Retired Teachers' Dinner @ 5:30PM
- Sept. 13 Worship Theme Team @ 9AM
- Sept. 14 Chi Rho Youth Group @ 12:00N
- Sept. 15 Elders' Meeting @ 7PM
- Sept. 16 Inv. to NT @ 1PM & 6:30PM
- Sept. 17 Chancel Choir @ 6:30PM
- Sept. 20 Property Workday, 9AM-1PM
- Sept. 21 Hannah Circle @ 12N
- Sept. 23 Inv. to NT @ 1PM & 6:30PM
- Sept. 24 Chancel Choir @ 6:30PM
- Sept. 28 Chi Rho Youth Group @ 12:00N
- Sept. 29 General Board Mtg. @ 7PM
- Sept. 30 Inv. to NT @ 1PM & 6:30PM
- Oct. 1 Esther-Rebekah Circle 1PM
Chancel Choir @ 6:30PM
- Oct. 5 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Come to the Table



Some of the most important conversations in our lives happen around a table. Same is true for Jesus and the disciples. September 14 – October 5 we will explore scriptures focused on the table.

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| September 14 | Mark 2:13-17 | Sermon: Who's Invited? |
| September 21 | Luke 7:36-50 | Sermon: Welcoming |
| | <i>This is National Back to Church Sunday.
We will focus on inviting others to the Table.
Communion will be at the beginning of worship.</i> | |
| September 28 | Matthew 21:-12-17 | Sermon: Distractions |
| October 5 | Matthew 26:17-30 | WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY |

Your Ideas...



Since January we have explored the themes Light, Parables, Community, Jesus' Resurrected Life, and Healing. Do you have theme ideas you would like to explore in worship? Please share them in the space below. Our next Worship Theme Team meeting is Saturday, September 13 at 9:00a.m. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Please return to the office.

Oct. 13

Sarah Circle @ 7PM
 First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), a church dedicated to loving relationships with God & Jesus Christ, each other and the world.

Elders Study

Beginning in September, our Elders will be studying *Whole: A Call to Unity in Our Fragmented World* by the Rev. Dr. Sharon Watkins. In her hope-filled new book, Sharon Watkins, the General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and moderator-elect of the National Council of Churches, shares her vision of how the good news of Jesus calls American Christians to unite around justice, mercy, and openness in the 21st century. She explores the question of how do we take the liberating gospel of Jesus to the world today? Then explains that what really matters "is the relationship with a living, loving God, a God who calls us to love each other, to create communities of care and equipping for wholeness, so that the love and hope we know through our relationship with Christ can truly be carried from our doorsteps to the ends of the earth." The book can be purchased at www.chalicepress.com.



Chi Rho Youth Group



Beginning Sunday, September 14 our Chi Rho Youth Group for grades 6th-8th will begin to meet on the second and fourth Sundays 12noon-2PM.

Harvest Festival

Come join the fun at Armco Park on October 5th. We will picnic, play cornhole, and walk the new trails. Bring a friend and a covered dish. We will start eating at 12:30. Membership committee will provide hot dogs and hamburgers.



Property Workday



Property Workday is scheduled for Saturday, September 20, 9:00a.m. – 1:00p.m. Your help is needed to cut down trees, move some furniture and clean out rooms. Please put this on your calendar and plan to help around God's house.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the **Thompson Family** upon the death of Cliff's father, Tommy, who passed away on August 16. Please continue to hold this family in your prayers.

Baby Dedication

On Sunday, August 31 **Michael Lemmert** and **Sutton Abney** brought their daughter, **Kennedy Louise** forward, committed themselves to Christian parenthood and dedicated Kennedy to God. Please keep them in your prayers.

Hannah Circle

Hannah Circle will meet on Sunday, September 21 at 12noon at the home of Mary Helen Shetter. Mary Helen will provide a main dish and everyone is to bring a side dish/dessert. Please RSVP to Mary Helen (513-423-7878).

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 of Tommy Thompson*

Health: *Caleb Blair, Leigha Blevins, Barbara Cessna, Wanda Deaton, Don Dixon, Ralph French, Lois Hafer, Vern Hicks, John Holm, Bob Lester, Connor Thompson, Tina Yarber.*

Other: *Heroin Epidemic, Racism, Ukraine, Syria, Iraq, Ebola Outbreak, school children, school teachers, Hope House, SHALOM, Camp Christian, our church, our church leaders, regional church, general church*

Statistics

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
Aug. 24	77	\$2,172.00
Aug. 31	74	\$2,057.00
Sept. 7	92	\$4,008.46

World Communion Sunday

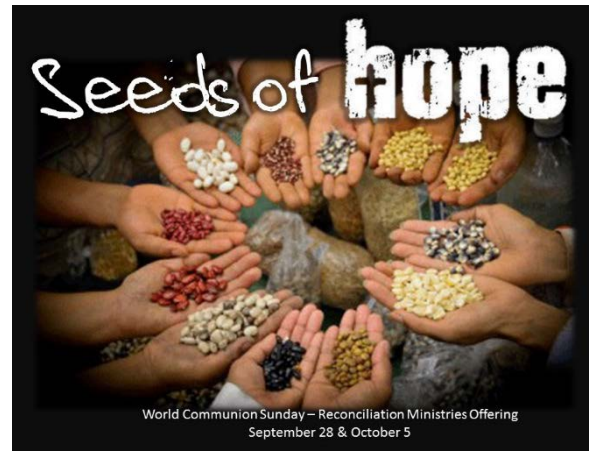
*⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,
⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been
poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit . . ."
(Romans 5: 4-5 NRSV)*

Church, we have our work cut out for us! From one day to the next jobless rates and gas prices are either up or down. Human relationships are faltering - fixated on each other's faults. While the media continues to highlight our troubles, we Disciples highlight hope. The scripture in Romans 5 reminds us that our hope is not in vain.

Our suffering and even our failures "produce endurance, and endurance character, and character hope - hope that does not disappoint. . ." Our hope is in God, who gave us the Good News in Jesus Christ. It is this Good News that we proclaim in the witness and ministry of Reconciliation. Recently we received the following testimony from a ministry that benefited from your gifts to the Reconciliation Ministry special offering:

"Because of the grant that our local congregation-based organizing network BREAD (Building Responsibility, Equality and Dignity) received from Reconciliation Ministry, our congregation has been a part of a movement that actually changes systems - whether it is predatory lending, education, institutional racism, or unfair housing practices. Our church is one of 54 faith communities that work together to "do justice" in the city of Columbus. This year we are working collaboratively on Juvenile Justice. Last year we were able to reduce by half the number of youth in detention. I have learned that the work of "doing justice" is slow and it cannot be done alone. It requires perseverance and the willingness to work with others.

This work has been a blessing and transforming for me and my church. One of my members reported that because of this work, she now reads the paper differently. I recommend this kind of collaborative work to other churches." Your giving to Reconciliation Ministries is changing lives and communities. This special World Communion Sunday offering will be collected on September 28 and October 5. Thank you for your generosity.



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Sundays:	See you at the Table!
9:30a.m.	Prayer Group
10:00a.m.	Worship
11:15a.m.	Bible Study

First Christian Church – Middletown, OH
2014-15 Calendar of Events

September 7	Camp Christian Revisited Commissioning of Church Leaders
September 20	Property Workday 9AM-1PM
September 21	Community Peace Walk
September 18	Outreach Ministry & Chi Rho: coat shopping for Hope House children
September 28	General Board Meeting
October 5	WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY FCC Picnic @ Aarmco Park after church, lunch 12:30PM
October 16-18	Christian Church in Ohio Regional Assembly in Columbus
October 19	Baby Shower for Community Pregnancy Center
October 27	Cabinet Meeting @ 7PM
November 2	Thanksgiving Food Basket Collections Begins
November 9	Life & Faith Series: Led by Dr. David Lombard @ 6PM
November 24	General Board Meeting
November 25	Thanksgiving Food Basket Pick-up @ 1PM
November 30	ADVENT BEGINS Christmas Food Basket & Toy Collections Begins
December 6	Children's Christmas Program Rehearsal 9AM-11AM Children's Discipleship Day 11AM – 4PM
December 7	Children's Christmas Program @ 10AM
December 19	Christmas Food Basket Pick-up @ 1PM
December 22	Cabinet Meeting @ 7PM
December 24	Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship @ 7PM
December 25	CHRISTMAS DAY
Dec. 25 – Jan. 2	Church Office Closed
January 17	Movie Matinee @ 2PM – <i>Heaven is for Real</i>
January 26	General Board Meeting @ 7PM
February 1	Chili Bowl @ 12N
February 14	Children's Discipleship Day 3PM-9PM
February 15	Undie Sunday for Rosa Parks children
February 18	LENT BEGINS
February 20-28	Ohio CYF UN Seminar
February 23	Cabinet Meeting
March 8	Youth Sunday
March 13-15	Ohio CYF State Youth Convention @ Bethany College, WV
March 22	Life & Faith Series: End of Life Decisions Panel Discussion
March 23	General Board Meeting – Budgets Due
March 29	PALM SUNDAY
April 2	MAUNDY THURSDAY worship @ 7PM
April 3	GOOD FRIDAY
April 5	EASTER SUNDAY 7:30AM Sunrise Worship 8:15AM Breakfast 9:15AM Egg Hunt 10:00AM Easter Worship Celebration
April 19	Stewardship Campaign Kick-off
April 27	Cabinet Meeting @ 7PM
May 10	Commitment Sunday
June 1	General Board Meeting @ 7PM
June 7	Congregational Meeting
June 29	Cabinet Meeting @ 7PM
July 18-22	Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) General Assembly in Columbus, OH

*Details for events will be published in the newsletter, website, bulletin and worship.
Dates and times are subject to change.*

Called to Go

Mathew 28:18-19
2014 Ohio Regional Assembly

October 16th-18th

Thursday, Evening Worship, October 16th-7:30pm

Rev. Dr. Sharon E. Watkins

General Pastor and President, Christian Church (Disciple of Christ)

Friday, October 17th-9:00am

Rev. Mark Garrett

Congregation Transformation Presentation
Lead Pastor from Legacy Christian Church

Friday, Evening Worship, October 17th-7:00pm

Rev. Trayce Stewart

New Church Pastor, Second Chance Christian Church, Christian Church in Ohio

Luncheon Key Note Speakers

Rev. Gary Kidwell - Friday, Leaders Luncheon, 12:00pm

Rev. Josh Baird – Saturday, Men’s Luncheon, 12:00pm

Ohio Women’s Ministry – Saturday, Women’s Luncheon, 12:00pm

Rev. Dr. William H. Edwards

Saturday, Biblical Reflections Luncheon, 12:00pm

Saturday, State of the Ohio Region, October 18th-8:30am

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Saturday, Afternoon Worship, October 18th-3:00pm

Rev. Dr. Perry Mattern

REGISTER ONLINE www.ccinoh.org under “Event Registration”

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