



First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

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The Chalice Communicator

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Pastor: [Rev. Laureen A. Roe](#)
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. 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**
 FCC Picnic @ Armco Park after church, lunch 12:30 PM
Oct. 12 Chi Rho 12PM
Oct. 13 Sarah Circle 7PM
Oct. 16-18 Christian Church in Ohio Regional Assembly
Oct. 19 Baby Shower for Community Pregnancy Center
Oct. 20 Elders Mtg. 7PM
Oct. 27 Cabinet Mtg. 7PM
Oct. 31 Farkas-Spears Wedding Rehearsal
Nov. 1 Farkas-Spears Wedding
Nov. 2 ALL SAINTS DAY WORSHIP

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

World Communion Sunday offers congregations a distinctive opportunity to experience Holy Communion in the context of the global community of faith. The first Sunday of October has become a time when Christians in every culture break bread and pour the cup to remember and affirm Christ as the Head of the Church. On that day, we remember that we are part of the whole body of believers. World Communion Sunday can be both a profound worship experience and a time for learning more about our wider community of faith.

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.



Celebrities of the Old Testament

Following World Communion Sunday, we will begin a new worship series – *Celebrities of the Old Testament*. Each week we will be visited by notable people who walked and lived in the days prior to the birth of Jesus Christ. Their lives are filled with lessons of great faith, strength and hope.

Date	Celebrities	Theme
October 12	Adam & Eve	Beginnings
October 19	Noah	Overcoming
October 26	Joseph	Forgiveness
November 2	Ruth	Connections
November 9	Job	Trials
November 16	Jonah	Redemption

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

Thank You Notes

First Christian Church CWF,

On behalf of people who come to the Salvation Army each day, I would like to extend a heartfelt THANK YOU for your generous donation and continued support of the Salvation Army here in the Middletown area. Because of friends like you, we are able to bring hope to our community and help others look towards a brighter tomorrow.

Sincerely,
Majors Sebastian &
Hollie Leonardi

Dear FCC-CWF,

The Board of Trustees of MANY acknowledges your generous gift of \$234.83 with our sincere thanks. This gift, along with those of others, will be used to help us meet the emergency needs of school-age children in the Middletown area.

Thank you!
Patti Hackett, Treasurer

First Christian Church CWF,

The members of Delta Kappa Gamma would like to thank you and your committee for a very delicious meal and the warm and loving welcome we received.

God Bless!
Bev Howard for
Gail Schlenk, president DKG

Dear Friends,

Thank you for sending us Labels for Education. We're excited to be able to order things like printers, books, art supplies, science projects and more!! We couldn't have done it without you. Every point you send to us is one step closer to gaining many wonderful educational tools. We appreciate your support.

Sincerely, James McCafferty
CEO, Cleveland Christian Home

Note: If you have Box Top Labels for Education you would like to donate, please put in CWF box in office hallway.

CWF News

CWF hosted a dinner on Sept. 11th for the retired teachers group at the church and we wish to thank all who helped in any way with the preparation, serving, or clean-up of the meal. We received a very nice note from them. We have purchased a new 55-cup coffee maker for the kitchen with CWF funds.

Our next activity is a baby shower for the Crisis Pregnancy Center which is a joint activity with our Outreach Commission. It will be held at 12:00 noon on October 19th and we will have a light lunch for all attending. Items which are needed are as follows: disposable diapers, diaper bags, t-shirts, sleepers and all baby clothing up to size 4T, receiving blankets, baby bath items such as shampoo, baby wash, baby wipes, etc., baby bibs, baby bottles, and baby food in jars. Any question can be directed to Dorice Perkins about what to bring. We will have a large container in the hallway Oct. 12th to start collecting items.



General Board Meeting

The General Board will meet on Monday, September 29 at 7:00 p.m. Following the Board meeting the Cabinet will meet briefly to discuss upcoming events. Board members should contact Larry Steele (Vice Moderator) if unable to attend.

Children Worship and Wonder

Our Children Worship and Wonder (CWW) room has moved. The room is now upstairs. This provides much needed space for our growing number of children. CWW is for children ages 4 years old through 3rd grade. It is an interactive worship experience at an age-appropriate level. If you have questions or want to volunteer, please contact Mary Helen Shetter. Thanks to all those who helped make the move.

For All Who Have FCC Garage Keys

The locks on the walk-through door for our garage have been redone. The key that operates the deadbolt now, also, operates the lock for the door knob, as well. You no longer will need to have two keys to get into the garage.

~FCC Property Committee

Hearing Assist Units

Through a recent Memorial Fund purchase, we have hearing assistant units available on Sunday mornings. Units are available in the sound booth. Please get one prior to worship and return to sound booth following worship. Sound is transmitted through a short-range radio frequency. Headphones make it possible for people within the church (and even the parking lot) to hear our worship clearly. Questions? Contact Cliff Thompson or Larry Steele.

Chi Rho News

COATS FOR HOPE HOUSE

Our Chi Rho Middle School youth along with our Outreach Ministry Team are making sure the children at Hope House have coats this winter. On Sunday, September 28 they will go shopping. The monies used will come from funds raised by our youth. They will deliver the coats to Hope House on Sunday, October 12.



Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

Trees came down, furniture moved up, flowers were planted, storage organized, and so much more happened on our recent Property Workday. Thanks to all who gave time and muscle: **Angie Otis, Betty Stacy, Billy Poynter, Cliff Thompson, Dave Lombard, Dave Schueller, Ethan Otis, Ginger Alley, Helen Morgan, John Otis, Karen Powers, Larry Steele, Linda Lombard, Linda Poynter, Lora Schueller, Martin Schaefer, Mary Helen Shetter, Matt Lyons, Mike Cockerham, Nick Otis, Sarah Andress, and Tim Powers.**

We've Got Stuff!!

Our FCC work day was a big success on Saturday but the work is not over. We continue the cleaning and clearing out project in order to make things just flow a little smoother around here. Our next project includes the closets in the fellowship hall. We have 34 metal folding chairs that DO NOT have a cushion seat and 5 large HEAVY tables that need relocated to a home OUTSIDE of the church. If you have any interest in these items, please **come to the church and pick them up**. Whatever is left after Sunday September 28 will be donated. A **BIG THANK YOU** to all our volunteers for workday.

Confession of Faith

Following worship on Sept. 21, **Doug Cockerham** met with Pastor Roe and Elders Dave Lombard, Cliff Thompson and Mike Cockerham. During this gathering Doug made his confession of faith. Doug will be baptized on October 5. Please keep him in your prayers as he takes these important steps in his faith journey.

Sympathy

Please keep the Mack family in your prayers as they mourn the loss of their aunt **Mary Sprinkles** who passed away on Sunday, September 14. A graveside service was held on September 17.

In Your Prayers...

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

Health: *Caleb Blair, Leigha Blevins, Barbara Cessna, Don Dixon, Ralph French, Lois Hafer, Vern Hicks, John Holm, Bob Lester, Don Steffy, 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>
Sept. 7	92	\$4,008.46
Sept 14	120	\$2,887.00
Sept. 21	75	\$3,055.00
Coins 4 Camp		\$ 77.08

Called to Go 
Matthew 28:18-19

Regional Assembly, Oct. 16-18, 2014

Laureen's Light Lines...

Fall is upon us. The colors are beginning to appear and the morning air is crisp. I love the fall! One of the best things about fall is cider. My Granddaddy had a cider press and lots of apple trees. Every fall he would have us (me and my siblings) collect the apples that had fallen from the trees. We would fill our arms full of bruised apples, and put them in the top of the press. We would take turns helping my Granddaddy crank the press. The apples would be chopped and squeezed. The final step is pouring the cider through cheesecloth to filter out bits of seeds, peel, etc. Then it was time to fill our cups – it was soooooo good!

Even though we had filtered the cider, there were times when bits of stuff would get through and it wasn't perfect, but we didn't care. It was delicious.

Today, our culture has become very perfectionistic. It seems most people expect things to be flawless. There are special processes that apples go through so they look pretty in the store. People just don't like to buy things that are not perfect. I find it very ironic that we now have products on the market that can be sprayed onto fruits and vegetables when you get home to remove all the products that have been put on the fruits and vegetables to make them look pretty. It's crazy!


The drive for perfectionism doesn't stop with our fruits and vegetables. It's rampant throughout our society. People want to live the perfect lives – never making a mistake or having a flaw. My Granddaddy always used to say that the bruised apples made the best cider. I think the same is true for people. People who have not experienced any bruising in their lives are not fully living. To live means to risk getting bruised.

The good news is that we do not have to take these risks alone. God is there guiding us and helping us as we go. And, when we get bruised God is there to hold us and comfort us. Through the Holy Spirit God gives us a basket full of things to help us as we live our imperfect lives. These things are called the Fruit of the Spirit, and they are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. (Gal. 5:22) Notice that perfection is not one of these.

In a world full of expectations of perfection, the church is a place where people can find relief from the pressure. It is here that we can offer a place of acceptance and love. I believe Jesus would say that bruised people are his people. Our world is full of bruised people, but they are hiding their bruises. Are you one? I know I am. Come, join us and allow God and Jesus Christ to hold you and bring you comfort.

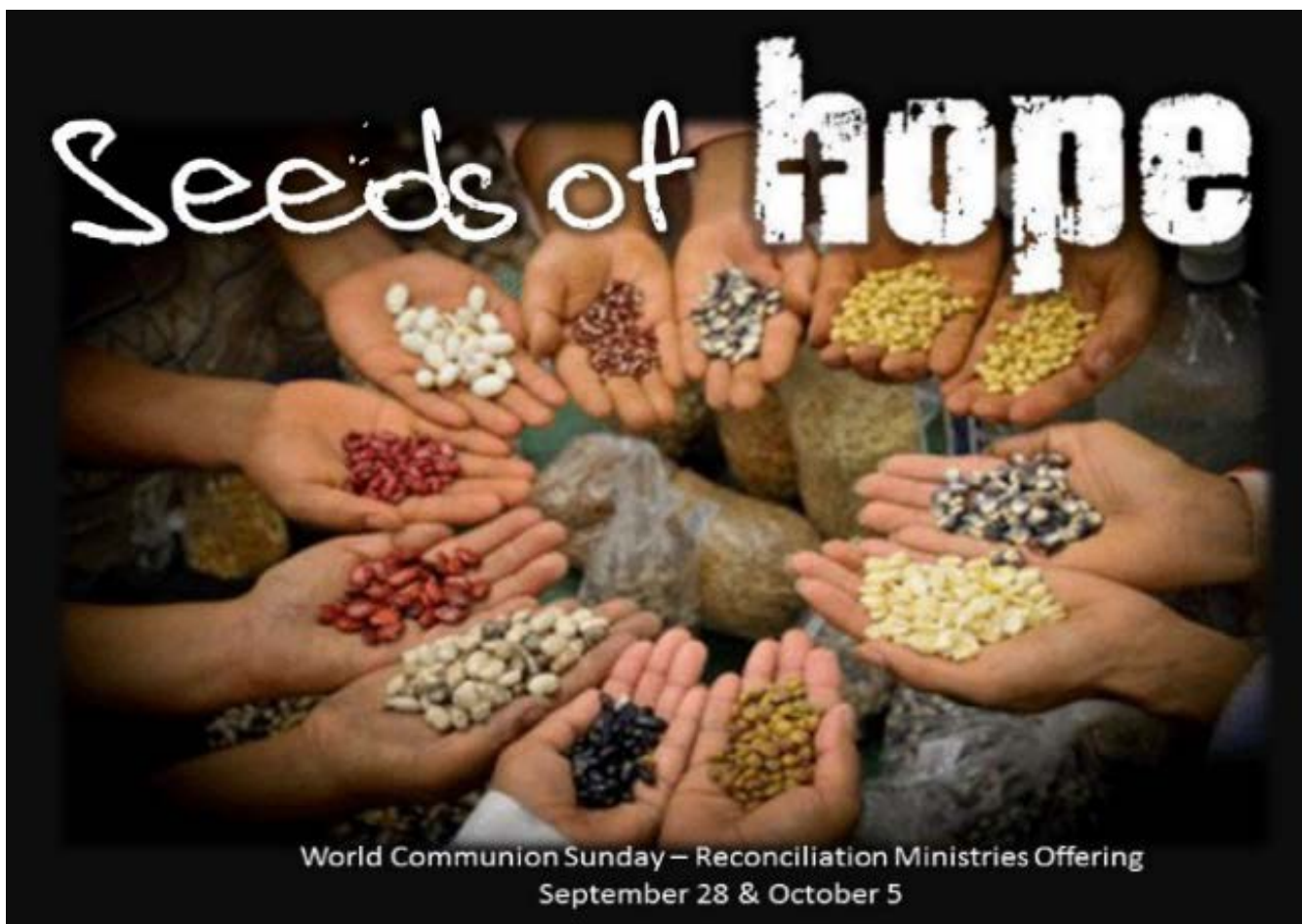
with love,

Laureen ☺

Sundays: See you at the Table!	
9:30a.m. Prayer Group	
10:00a.m. Worship	
11:15a.m. Bible Study	
	
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OCTOBER 2014 SERVING SCHEDULE

DATE	ELDERS	DEACONS	CHILDREN'S MOMENT	VIDEO
Oct. 5	Mike Cockerham Dave Lombard <u>Special Needs:</u> Betty Stacy Jerry Hall Marilyn Strong Dave/Linda Lombard	Shawn/Lori Burton Ginger Alley Natalie Byrd Roger Byrd Mary Bob Powers	Dorice Perkins	Mark Roe
Oct. 12	Jerry Hall Betty Stacy	Mark Roe (Captain) Junior Deacons	Laureen Roe	Martin Schaefer
Oct. 19	Mike Simpson Cliff Thompson	Larry Chamberlain Marilyn Chamberlain Judy Lemmert Heather Lyons Matt Lyons	Lora Schueller	John Otis
Oct. 26	Dave Lombard Marilyn Strong	Janine Saxbury Michelle Schatzley Cathy Treadway Debbie Wells Tina Yarber	Tina Yarber	Cliff Thompson



First Christian Church, Holidays in United States

Oct 2014 (Eastern Time)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 9:30am - PRAYER 11:15am - YOUTH 12pm - CHI RHO YTH	29 7pm - BOARD MTG.	30 1pm - INV TO NT 6:30pm - INV TO NT	1 1pm - ESTHER- 6:30pm - CHANCEL	2	3	4
5 WORLD COMMUNION 9:30am - PRAYER 11:15am - YOUTH 12pm - FCC PICNIC @	6	7 1pm - INV TO NT 6:30pm - INV TO NT	8 6:30pm - CHANCEL	9	10	11
12 9:30am - PRAYER 11:15am - YOUTH 12pm - CHI RHO YTH	13 Columbus Day 7pm - SARAH CIRCLE	14 1pm - INV TO NT 6:30pm - INV TO NT	15 6:30pm - CHANCEL	16	17	18 REGIONAL ASSEMBLY @ DoubleTree Suites by Hilton, 175 Hutchinson Ave -
19 9:30am - PRAYER 11:15am - YOUTH 12pm - BABY SHOWER	20 7pm - ELDERS MTG @	21 1pm - INV TO NT 5pm - 5-8pm MABW 6:30pm - INV TO NT	22 6:30pm - CHANCEL	23	24	25
26 9:30am - PRAYER 11:15am - YOUTH 12pm - CHI RHO YTH 1pm - A LAWSON	27	28 1pm - INV TO NT 6:30pm - INV TO NT	29 6:30pm - CHANCEL	30	31 Farkas Wedding Halloween	1 Farkas Wedding