



First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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# Chalice Communicator

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**Interim Minister:** Pastor Nik Donges

**Music Director:** Rachel Eve Davis

**Moderator:** Larry Steele

**Elders:** Roger Byrd  
Mike Cockerham  
Linda Lombard  
Dorice Perkins  
Karen Powers  
Martin Schaefer  
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:

Wednesdays -Choir Practice 6:30 PM  
Oct. 25 Baby Shower for  
Pregnancy Center after  
church  
Oct. 26 Cabinet Mtg. 7 PM  
Nov. 1 End of Daylight Savings  
Turn back clocks 1 hr!  
Nov. 1 Hannah Circle@  
Applebee's 6 PM  
Nov. 4 Esther/Rebekah Circle  
@church 1p.m.  
Nov. 7 Razor's Edge Show  
7 PM @ church  
Nov. 9 Sarah Circle@ Wanda  
Deaton's home 7 PM

## STATISTICS:

Date	Attendance	Offering
10/18/15	52	\$2,673.00
10/11/15	58	\$1,517.01
10/04/15	55	\$2,106.00
9/27/15	64	\$2,828.00
9/20/15	50	\$1,375.00
Reconciliation		\$ 155.00

## NIK'S NOOK

From this time forward, my monthly newsletter article will be "Nik's Nook". It has been an honor and a privilege for me to begin service as your Intentional Interim Pastor. You have graciously welcomed me and I am gradually becoming familiar with who is who. The name tags that members wear on Sundays helps tremendously.

By the time that you read this, we will have had our first congregational gathering hosted by the Transition Team to take a closer look at our heritage. You see, I consider the congregation's heritage like the congregation's DNA. Our heritage beginning with our Lord and Savior helps to determine who we are and from there to have some direction in where we hope to be.

For your information, I am usually here Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of each week. I usually arrive in the office around 10 a.m. and leave between 5 and 6 p.m. Most days up until about 1 p.m., you will be able to find me in the office. From 2 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. I may be in the office or out making pastoral calls.

I count on you to keep me informed of pastoral concerns and needs. Of course, you are always welcome to stop by for a chat.

I look forward to our continuing work in ministry together as we strive to discern who God is calling to be your next settled pastor.

In Christ's love,

Pastor Nik

## RAZOR'S EDGE BARBERSHOP CHORUS

The Razor's Edge Barbershop Chorus will be presenting their annual show on November 7<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at First Christian Church, 4520 Rosedale Rd. This year's show is a musical comedy featuring such songs as *Meet Me in St. Louis*, *Louis and Meet Me Tonight in Dreamland*. Come and enjoy an evening of family oriented barbershop harmony and comedy. For tickets or information, please contact Don Dixon at 513-423-5957. Ticket prices are: Adults \$15, Seniors \$12, & Students \$10

## **PRAYER LIST**

**Health:** Leigha Blevins, Peggy Cain, Ivis Caudill, Barbara Cessna, Chuck Deaton, Tom Frebis, Lois Hafer, Bob Lester, Zola McClish, Mildred McEvoy, and Rev. Don Steffy.

**Our Home-Bound:** Kathleen Chamberlain, Jean Greathouse, Elisabeth Lemmert, Janet O'Neal, Sue Whitt, and Leah May Wideman.

**Others:** Children and teachers, the homeless, heroin epidemic, racism, and all human rights, war, violence, The Gathering, our church, our congregation and our church leaders.

## **UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS**

10/19- Pauline Ginter

10/19- Peggy Cain

10/21- Wanda Deaton

10/23- Tina Yarber

11/2- Jamie Alley

11/3- Dorice Perkins

11/3- Charlotte Steele

11/14- Tim Powers

## **QUARTERLY STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX**

## **CWF NEWS FOR OCTOBER**

CWF will sponsor a Baby Shower for the Pregnancy Center on Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> after church. All ladies of the church are invited and a light lunch will be served. Baby items may be brought in that day or may be placed in the blue tub in the narthex. We wish to thank Sarah Circle for making our fall centerpieces. The next meeting of Sarah Circle will be at Wanda Deaton's home at 7 p.m. on Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>. Hannah Circle will meet at Applebee's on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> at 6 p.m. Ester/Rebekah Circle will meet on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. at the church.

## **OUTREACH**

Fall is upon us and in little over a month we will be celebrating Thanksgiving. With your support, we would like to continue reaching out into the community by providing food baskets on Thanksgiving and Christmas. Family Services is in the process of accepting requests from families and we will soon be provided contact information. In early November, the Outreach Team will have suggested food items which we would appreciate our congregation helping to provide. This is an extremely successful outreach program because of your heartfelt giving!

## **OUTREACH CONTINUES**

Throughout the year, Linda Poynter and Judy Andrews provides lunch for resident at the Center of Hope for Women and Children (Hope House). If you are interested in assisting, please see Linda. There is always a need for large (family Size) cans of vegetables and soups as well as paper products, especially needed are facial tissues and toilet tissues. If you would like to donate, place items in the Outreach box next to the Nartex.

## **AN ELDER MOMENT**

As we continue to walk together down this path in a time of change, the Elders ask that you keep all of our church held up in prayer. The Elders are working with Pastor Nik to focus on spiritual discernment during this process related to change.

Thank you to Martin Schaefer for joining the Elder team. Martin is replacing Mike Simpson who has stepped down as Elder due to scheduling conflicts.

To help with worship scheduling, the Elders took on filling the duties of Worship Leaders. We are scheduled till the end of 2015. We know that there are several in the congregation who are able and enjoy participating in worship in this capacity. Scheduling for the 2016 calendar is happening. If you would like to serve as Worship Leader or have any questions about what it entails, please let Ginger Alley, Tina Yarber, the office or any of the Elders know. We will get you added to the coming schedule. We are all here to serve each other and support each other. If you have prayer needs/concerns or hospital/home bound visit requests, please inform any of the Elders or the church office, so that we can continue to share God's love with you during these special times of need.

In His Service,

Cliff Thompson, Elder Chair

## **TRANSITION TEAM UPDATE**

By the time you are reading this, we have had our first congregational meeting related to discerning who we are and how we got to where we are. This is important for us to know and to discover where we want to go. We had a wonderful carry-in lunch after worship on the 18<sup>th</sup>. Several of you stayed to participate and thank you to those who were not able to stay, but got information to us for the meeting. It is important that we all have a voice in this process. If you did not get your feedback turned in, there will be question sheets on the table in the Narthex that you can fill in and return to the office. There will be newsprint sheets hanging about the building. These will be used to note special events and happenings in the church. Please feel free to update these as things come to mind. We are looking for all major events that stand out in your mind. Not all of these events were positive at the time, but they are part of who we are and we need to catalogue them. Please be sure to drop off any question forms to the office and add to the timeline of notable events.

Respectfully, Your Transition Team

## **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

Anyone wishing to contribute to the newsletter, please send or drop off articles to the church office or send email to Larry – [lsteele7@cinci.rr.com](mailto:lsteele7@cinci.rr.com) or Judy – [judylemmert@gmail.com](mailto:judylemmert@gmail.com) by **November 14<sup>th</sup>**.

