



Pastor: [Rev. Laureen A. Roe](#)

Music Director: [Rachel Eve Davis](#)

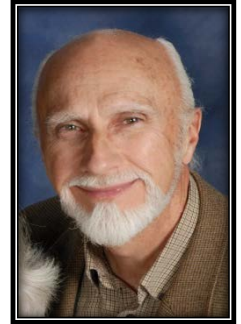
Worship Accompanist:
[Katherine Garringer](#)

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Jerry Hall
Dave Lombard
Linda Lombard
Dorice Perkins
Mike Simpson
Marilyn Strong
Sue Tarbox
Cliff Thompson

Faith and Health: A Guide to Better Living

On Sunday, November 9, 6-8 p.m. at FCC-Middletown you are invited to join us for *Faith and Health: A Guide to Better Living*. This special evening of learning will be led by **Dr. David Lombard**. He will use his expertise in the field of psychology to explore how our faith, health and well-being intersect with one another. Dr. Lombard has been a Clinical Psychologist for almost 40 years working primarily with adults and older adolescents. He has maintained a private practice for over 35 years while dividing time in community mental health (11 years) and hospital-based services (28 years). He has served as a consultant for a private school for youth with behavioral problems, drug and alcohol program and a city fire and emergency department. He was also a faculty member of the Wright State University School of Professional Psychology from 1978 to 2012. He serves our church as an Elder and former Moderator.



Dr. David Lombard

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.

Weekly:

Tuesdays – Invitation to NT @ 1:00p.m.
Wednesdays – Chancel Choir @ 6:30p.m.

- Oct. 31 Farkas-Spears Wedding Rehearsal
- Nov. 1 Farkas-Spears Wedding
- Nov. 2 ALL SAINTS DAY WORSHIP
Requests for Thanksgiving Baskets
donations given out
- Nov. 4-6 Pastor Roe @ Clergy Retreat
- Nov. 5 Hope House Lunch 12Noon
Esther/Rebekah Circle 1PM
- Nov. 9 Chi Rho @ 12Noon
Life & Faith Series 6PM
- Nov. 10 Sarah Circle 7PM
- Nov. 17 Elders Mtg. 7 PM
- Nov. 23 Be Aware – Be Safe @ 12Noon
Thanksgiving baskets donations due
Thanksgiving Worship, 4PM @
The Church of Ascension
- Nov. 24 Thanksgiving Baskets assembled



Interfaith Thanksgiving Worship Service November 23 at 4:00 p.m.

Join your friends and neighbors of different denominations and faith traditions at The Episcopal Church of the Ascension (2709 Mcgee Ave) for a community Thanksgiving Service on Sunday, November 23 at 4:00 p.m. The Rev. Sara Cutter from Zion Lutheran will be offering the sermon. There will be a combined choir from all churches participating. A collection of socks and underwear (all sizes, kids and adults) will be taken to support the Clothing Depot.

Autumn Blessings

Autumn brings to the soul relief,
as hot Summer days, slip to an end
God sent the season for weary hearts
to restore, repair and mend.

Unlike the Autumn trees,
that shed their changing leaves
God sent the season for failing hearts
to adhere, embrace and cleave.

Just as with the Autumn winds,
there comes a new refreshing rain
God sent the season for fraying hearts
to increase, grow and gain.

The Autumn sun is slow to climb,
and dips much earlier into the night
God sent the season for sleepy hearts
to rise, shine and awake in His light.

God gave to us the Autumn season,
so we could have a respite and rest
for it is the season for our beset souls
to see how much we are blessed!

*Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul
rejoices; my body also rests secure.
(Psalm 16:9, NRSV)*

Chi Rho Youth buy coats for Hope House



NOVEMBER OUTREACH

As we approach the holiday season, our Outreach Ministry Team is inviting you to share with others within our community. We will continue our tradition of working with Family Services to provide food for Thanksgiving meals for several area families. As we give thanks for our blessings, we are thankful for the opportunity to help others. We will have an Outreach table in the narthex beginning November 2 to distribute food requests for Thanksgiving. Please stop by for more information. We appreciate all that you do to help Outreach continue this giving tradition!

– Sharon Amburgey and Judy Andrews,
Outreach Co-Chairs



COMFORT & JOY: Advent Retreat for Women

Saturday December 6th
9 AM to 3 PM

At the Herald B. Monroe Lodge,
Camp Christian

Led by: Rev. Margot Connor & Marsha Mueller. Cost \$35 by November 24th (\$40 Nov 25th & after). Come for a slumber party the night before for an additional \$25.00. Next day breakfast included with overnight lodging. A day of reflection, prayer, conversation and crafts. Register: www.ccinoh.org

THANKS!

All had a good time at the fall festival. It was a breezy but sunny day and the food was delicious. Thank you all that helped: **Lora Schueller, Mary Helen Shetter, Tina Yarber, Ginger Alley, Larry & Marilyn Chamberlain, Matt Lyons, Angie & John Otis.** We look forward to having one next year.

COATS FOR HOPE HOUSE

On Sunday, October 26 our Chi Rho middle school youth delivered 20 new winter coats to Hope House's Women's and Children's Center. They helped children find the right size. The children's faces were filled with delight as they were zipped into their new coats. One young girl, stretched her arms as wide as she could and squealed, "It's purple!" The money used to buy the coats came from previous mission fundraisers the Chi Rho youth had earned.

BE SAFE – BE AWARE

Do you ever worry about the safety of the children in your life? How to protect our children and youth in our crazy world of predators, drugs, and violence is of great concern. To help our young people navigate through our world safely, we are hosting BE SAFE – BE AWARE. This event scheduled for Sunday, November, 12noon -2:00p.m. will help our youth and adults look at the safety issues facing young people today. Mike Simpson (Preble County Sherriff), Matt Lyons (Law Enforcement Specialist), and Martin Schaefer (Computer/Internet Specialist) will lead this informative afternoon. Everyone is welcome. Lunch will be provided. Please invite your friends and neighbors.



ABANDONED DISHES

A large number of dishes and containers have accumulated in the kitchen. Please pick up anything belonging to you or a family member by November 16th. They will be on a table in the Fellowship Hall. Anything left will be donated.

CWF NEWS

CWF and Outreach hosted a Baby Shower for the Crisis Pregnancy Center on Sunday, October 19th. There were about \$350 worth of items donated and the items were delivered to the center on Monday, Oct. 20th. Thanks go to all who prepared food for the lunch and also to those who donated items to the center.

CWF will be purchasing a first aid kit for the kitchen and will also be updating the medication items in the other first aid kits at the church.

Hannah Circle will meet after church in fellowship hall on Nov. 2nd. Please call Mary Helen about bringing a food item to share with the group.



Children's Christmas Program

Our children's Christmas Program this year will be Sunday, December 7 during our morning worship service. The children will begin learning the songs during Youth Choir (11:15-12 each Sunday). Also, rehearsals on November 30, 12-2:00 p.m. and December 6, 9:00-11:00a.m. Please make sure your children/grandchildren are in attendance if they are going to participate. If you have questions, please contact Mary Helen Shetter or Lora Schueller.

Thank You

Dear First Christian Church,
 Thank you for making our Quarter Auction a great success. The proceeds go for local scholarships.
 - Middletown Area Business Women's Club

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: *Leigha Blevins, Barbara Cessna, Don Dixon, Tom Frebis, Ralph French, Lois Hafer, Vern Hicks, John Holm, Russ Lawson, Bob Lester, Mary Bob Powers, Don Steffy, Tina Yarber.*

Other: *Louanne Aponte, Heroin Epidemic, Racism, Ukraine, Syria, Iraq, Ebola Outbreak, school children, school teachers, Hope House, SHALOM, The Gathering, our church, our church leaders, regional church, general church*

Statistics

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
Oct. 12	68	\$2,909.00
Oct. 19	75	\$3,067.00
Oct. 25	82	\$1,645.47
Coins 4 Camp		\$ 85.40

Laureen's Light Lines...

Praise the Lord! What does it mean to truly praise the Lord? First, what is praise?

According to the dictionary "praise" is the *expression of approval and admiration* or it is the *extolling or exaltation of a deity, ruler, or hero*. Although it is used for talking highly about other things, it is usually applied to our God. Of all the times it is used in the Bible, one third of those are found in the Psalms. Almost all of these times it appears in the plural, showing us that our lives need to involve praising God. We cannot be what God wants us to be and not include praise in our lives.

Another definition says that "Praise" is a natural and necessary response to fully enjoy the object that is praised. For example, when watching a football game, it is a natural response to praise a tremendous play. To shout WOW! After an acrobatic catch in the end zone is not only natural, but necessary to enjoy the spectacular play. If you do not believe that it is necessary, the next time you watch a football game try to not express yourself at all. No, shouts of joy – no moans of disgust – just sit there expressionless. I can guarantee that you will not enjoy the action nearly as much as you do when you have the freedom to express yourself with excitement!

So where do you praise God in your life? Where do you express your excitement for God? Here at church? When you are out with your family and friends? If not here at church or with your family and friends, where?

God wants us to surround ourselves with people that will build up the Kingdom. That's what church, family and friends should be about – Praising God!

The best way to succeed at this is to surround yourself with people who believe in God – people who not only believe in God, but also have a passion for God.


Psalms 111:1 says passion and enthusiasm are key when praising God, "*I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart.*" That means that we should praise God completely, unreserved, and unrestrained. We are to do it with enthusiasm!

I use the word "enthusiasm" here because it's one thing to say you believe in God, but it's a totally different thing to have enthusiasm about your belief. People who praise God with enthusiasm carry a special kind of energy. They bring warmth and feeling to their relationships and vigor and freshness to all aspects of life. This happens because they have given God access to EVERY part of their lives.

Do you know people who live with this kind of enthusiasm? Are you filled with this type of enthusiasm? Does God effervesce out of every part of you? When living a life filled with enthusiasm for God, others are aware when you are excited about something. You throw yourself into projects with everything you've got. You have an eagerness about you and give all you've got so God can be glorified through you. You are willing to pour your heart out for the joy it brings to others. You know what being excited or jazzed about God can do in your life. Imagine if everyone was filled with this kind of excitement and enthusiasm for God – it would change the world! I look forward to enthusiastically praising God with you on Sunday!

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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