



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

Nov. 23 Board Mtg. 7 PM
Nov. 29 Hannah Circle after church
Nov. 30 Transition Team Mtg. 5:30 PM
Dec. 02 Esther/Rebekah 11 AM
Dec. 06 Hannah Circle 4 PM
Dec. 13 Niederman Farm Meet @ church 5:30
Dec. 14 Sarah Circle 6:30 PM
Newsletter deadline
Dec. 20 Christmas Program
Dec. 21 Elders Mtg. 7 PM

STATISTICS:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
11/15/15	52	\$2,332.67
11/08/15	70	\$2,406.00
11/01/15	65	\$3,815.00
10/25/15	43	\$2,017.00
Thanksgiving		\$ 310.00
Coins 4 Camp		\$ 70.02

NIK'S NOOK—November, 2015

Oh, how the time passes quickly when you are having fun. And I can honestly say that your graciousness, welcome, and continuing helpfulness have contributed to my experience of enjoyment.

We had our first congregational gathering to respond to some questions that our Transition Team helped to draft regarding our heritage. Your Transition Team will be meeting in several weeks to discuss those responses and begin to make plans for the next steps in this transition process with you.

I have had the opportunity to listen to a many of you regarding your concerns as well as hopes. As a result of this listening, in a few weeks I will begin sending out a weekly email message entitled "From My Plate to Your Plate, Something to Chew On".

Thanksgiving is just around the corner and I am sure that most of you will be gathering some time that week with family and friends to celebrate and to sincerely count your many blessings.

Just after Thanksgiving begins the wonderful season of Advent. This year, I plan to lead you in a different direction. Instead of the themes of hope, peace, joy, and love; we will celebrate the first Sunday of Advent as Prophecy Sunday. The second Sunday will be celebrated as Bethlehem Sunday. The third Sunday will be celebrated as the Shepherd's Sunday, and the fourth Sunday will be celebrated as the Angel's Sunday. All of this culminates with Christmas Eve and sharing in candlelight communion.

Join us for all of the variety of celebrations that are coming up. Be encouragers of others to share in our many activities. Continually lift one another in prayer.

I look forward to our continuing journey.

In the love of Christ,
Pastor Nik

CHRISTMAS OUTING FOR YOUTH

On Sunday, December 13th we are planning an outing to the Niederman Farm Walk through the Bible Christmas Display. We plan to meet at the church at 5:30 pm and caravan to the farm. The display opens at 6:00 pm. Admission is free, however they will take and appreciate any donations. Cookies and hot chocolate are provided at the end of the walk. This is an outdoor walking display, so dress appropriately. Even though this is for our youth, ALL members are welcome to join in the festivities. Please contact Lora Schueller or Marilyn Chamberlain, if you plan to attend and could assist in chaperoning and/or provide additional transportation. The farm is located at 5110 Lesourdsville West Chester Rd. in Monroe. Hope to see you there.

PRAYER LIST

Health: Leigha Blevins, Mike Blevins, Peggy Cain, Ivis Caudill, Barbara Cessna, William Cockerham, Chuck Deaton, Tom Frebis, Lois Hafer, Bob Lester, Matt Lyons, Renee Lyons, Zola McClish, Mildred McEvoy, and Rev. Don Steffy, Guy Stone

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

11/17 Judy Lemmert
11/19 Harvey Loop
11/20 Peggy Byrd
11/24 Debbie Wells
11/25 Elisabeth Lemmert
12/02 Mary Bob Powers
12/05 Angel Dearth
12/09 Janine Saxbury
12/12 Carl Tarbox
12/13 Nick Farkas

CONGRATULATIONS

A beautiful baby girl, Alexandria Aurora Nieves was born to Melissa Vaughn and Justin Nieves on October 29th. Melissa and Justin's address is 1221 Parkway Ave., Covington, Kentucky 41011

THANK YOU

The Razor's Edge Barbershop Chorus would like to thank First Christian Church for the use of your sanctuary and fellowship hall for our annual show and Afterglow. We certainly were pleased with the facility and the excellent acoustics in the sanctuary. We received many compliments on our performance, people stating we never sounded better. Much of this was due to the acoustics. Special thanks goes out to Larry Steele for his support in the sound booth and general help with set-up and to Cliff and Connor Thompson for their help assisting us restoring the sanctuary for Sunday services.

CWF NEWS FOR NOVEMBER

CWF wishes to thank all who donated items to the Community Pregnancy Center at our shower which was held last month. The following items were donated: 7 packages of diapers, 8 packages of baby wipes, 12 toiletry items, 12 onesies, 8 baby outfits, 2 shirts and 2 sleepers.

Esther/Rebekah Circle will go to the Golden Lamb for lunch on Wednesday, Dec. 2nd. The group will meet at the church at 11:00 am to carpool to Lebanon. Hannah Circle will meet briefly after church on Nov. 29th to discuss the Family that they will be adopting. Hannah Circle will also meet at Angie Otis's home on Dec. 6th at 4:00 pm. Members are asked to bring a covered dish. Sarah Circle will meet at Zola McClish's home on Dec. 14th at 6:30 for a carry in dinner. Those attending are asked to call Mary Back and sign up for a food item to bring. Hannah and Sarah Circles will be providing gifts for a needy family for Christmas.

OUTREACH NEWS

Thanks to each of you who made a donation to help Outreach make it possible to provide for families this Thanksgiving. We continue to be a giving congregation and what a blessing that is! The Outreach team is presently busy working with SHALOM, Family Services and the Women's and Children Center at Hope House. Plans are to again provide toys for the Children at Hope House and provide food baskets for families at Christmas. In addition to providing for guests at Shalom, we would like to make sure each homeless participant receives a new HOODED sweatshirt. We will soon be shopping and if you would like to contribute, you may place your items in the wooden Outreach box near the narthex. Thank you for continuing to make a difference!

Sharon Amburgey and Linda Poynter

DECEMBER 20th - CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

On December 20th, we will have a Special Christmas Program during Worship Service. The program will showcase not only the youth of our church but the Bell Choir as well. They will tell the story of Christmas through the eyes of the donkey that carried Mary to Bethlehem and the sheep that were grazing on the hillside when the angels appeared. It should be a wonderful morning that is sure to put us all in the Christmas Spirit. Hope to see you there!

ATTENTION:

We have learned that recently we have had church members in the hospital and we did not know it. Due to current HIPPA restrictions, the hospital will not notify the church. Therefore, we ask that whenever you, a family member, or a good friend is going to be in the hospital for any length of time, please notify the church so that we can respond accordingly. Notify the pastor, the elder chair, or the moderator prior to entering the hospital. In addition, you can email the church office at office@fcc-middletown.org.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE- December 14th



