



First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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Recently, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) held a retreat for regional camp leaders. There were representatives from all over the country, including the Ohio region. There were leaders from Disciples Home Missions and the General Minister and President, Rev. Teresa Hord Owens.

There were some interesting statistics shared at the meeting about youth and their faith. One of my close friends was there and reported back to me this information. As a congregation, this is insight that can transform our ministry with youth.

SEE YOU SUNDAYS:

Adult Sunday School – 9:15
Young Adult and Children’s
Sunday School – 9:45
Worship – 10:30 a.m.

- 1 in 10 youth who regularly attend church (including youth group) will regularly go to church as an adult. That’s bleak!
- 3 in 10 youth who go to church camp will regularly go to church as an adult.
- 8 in 10 youth who have a relationship with 5 adults who attend church with them (other than their family) will regularly go to church as an adult.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesdays- Bible Study 2 PM
Wednesdays -Choir Practice 6:00 PM
11/27 Board Mtg. 7 PM
12/06 Esther/ Rebekah 1 PM
12/10 Hannah Circle
12/11 Sarah Circle
Christmas Party 6:30 PM
12/18 Elder Mtg. 7 PM

Our youth all go to camp so their odds of being active church members as adults are higher than other churches. This reinforces the importance of church camp and our commitment to sending our youth to such a great camp as Camp Christian. Statistics show that camp increases the odds of lifelong discipleship, but it isn’t enough.

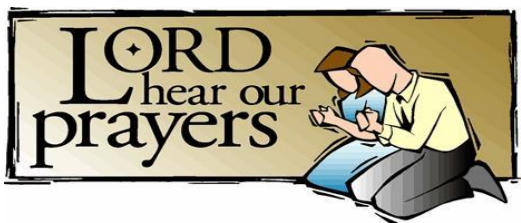
STATISTICS:

Date	Attendance	Offering
11/19/17	70	\$1598.00
11/12/17	60+	\$2,133.00
11/05/17	71	\$3,426.42
10/29/17	56	\$1,833.00
10/22/17	65	\$1,294.00
Coins for Camp		\$140.39
Property		\$50.00
Memorial Foundation		\$219.00
Thanksgiving		\$270.00

The greatest factor that influences lifelong faith practice is the time adults invest in the youth of the church. That’s good reason to start developing relationships with our youth. Get to know their names. Ask them about how school is going. Ask them about their non-school activities. Send them Christmas cards or birthday cards. Sit with them at lunch when we have a fellowship meal. Let the youth know you care about them. Your relationship with them matters.

Pastor T





Prayer List:

Health: Ken Amburgey, Peggy Burgess, Alayne Caudill, Ivis Caudill, Amy Cockerham, Briana Cuellar, Chuck Deaton, Maryjo Deaton, Wanda Deaton, Troy French, Barbara Gray, Bruce Henderson, Sara Hoelle, Diane Kinkade, Harry Little, Ron Marcum, Nancy Milton, Esther Saxbury, Janine Saxbury, Lucas Smith, Betty Stacy.

Special Needs: Edna Bartlett, Jean Greathouse, Helen Hall, Elisabeth Lemmert, Janet O'Neal, Sue Whitt.

Others: Caregivers, children and teachers, the homeless, heroin epidemic, racism, and all human rights, our Country, war, violence, S.H.A.L.O.M, our church, our congregation and our church leaders.

THANK YOU

On behalf of the homeless people who will benefit from their generosity, I would like to thank First Christian Church and the Outreach Commission for the \$200.00 contribution to the SHALOM fund of Christ United Methodist Church.

Walker Williamson

MEMBERSHIP

Membership is hosting a Christmas card shower for our special needs friends. Boxes are in the narthex. Please place a Christmas card in a box for each individual.



OUTREACH

This holiday season we adopted 10 families, including 19 children, to provide for on Thanksgiving and Christmas. We had a good response from our congregation on helping us. With monetary donations and a gift card from Meijers, we were able to purchase 10 turkeys and all of our perishable items. Families picked up their food boxes on November 20th.

On December 3rd, we will hand out food requests plus gift requests for all of the children for Christmas. We will also dust off our "Hat and Mitten Tree" which John Newby designed for us many Christmases ago.

On November 8th, Dave and Linda Lombard, Linda Poynter and Sharon Amburgey attended the city-wide SHALOM meeting. It was uplifting to see so many churches represented in a unified effort to help the homeless population in our community. We will again partner with Christ United Methodist Church during our host weeks. Our first week begins on Sunday, December 31st. Our second week begins on January 28th. Representatives from both churches met on November 13th to finalize our hosting responsibilities. We will be asking for many volunteers to sign up in December to help us in this very meaningful program.

In the mist of preparing to provide for our adopted families, we were again blessed by a huge donation of clothes from SanMar Corporation. We filled three trucks with wearing apparel and with the help of Sally Williamson, SHALOM representative from Christ United Methodist Church, we worked for two days to sort items that could be used immediately by the homeless. We will store part of the shipment for a later distribution.

Linda Poynter and Sharon Amburgey, Outreach Co-chairs

CWF NEWS

CWF Executive Board met on Oct. 15th after church and set some dates for the following activities: Blanket Sunday will be Jan. 28, 2018 and the dedication of Blessing Boxes will be on Mothers' Day – May 13th. We have set a tentative date for a Craft Show and Luncheon to be held on March 17th of next year. On December 3rd, we will have a meeting of the Executive Board and any others who may be interested in planning our Spring Craft Show and Luncheon. We will meet in the Memorial Room after church that day. On Nov. 25th, CWF will host a funeral meal for the family of Pauline Ginter. Thanks go out to all who are able to help with the luncheon or to bring in food items. We also thank Matt Thomas for his help with the food preparation.

Sarah Circle has decided to move our meeting date to the first Thursday evening of the month. Our first meeting on this schedule will be on January 4th at 7:00 pm at the church.

November/December, 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		November 21	22 Bible Study 2:00 Choir practice 6:00 	23 Happy Thanksgiving	24 Debbie Wells	25 Elisabeth Lemmert
26 First Sunday in Advent	27 Board mtg. 7 PM	28 #GIVINGTUESDAY	29 Bible Study 2:00 Choir practice 6:00 	30	December 1	2
3 	4	5 Angel Dearth	6 Esther/Rebekah 1PM @church Bible Study 2:00 Choir practice 6:00	7	8	9 Janine Saxbury
10 Hannah Circle following service 	11 Sarah Circle 6:30 PM	12	13 Bible Study 2:00 Choir practice 6:00 Join the choir... You'll Be Glad You Did!	14	15	16
17 	18 Elder Mtg. 7 PM	19	20 Bible Study 2:00 Choir practice 6:00 	21	22 Rick Treadway Cameron Fowler	23
24 Dave Lombard ----- 31	25 Merry Christmas! 	26	27 Bible Study 2:00 Choir practice 6:00	28	29 Judy Dixon	30

