



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  
03/20 Board Mtg. following worship  
03/21Elder Mtg. 7 PM  
03/24 Maundy Thurs. Worship 7PM  
03/27 Easter  
Sunrise Service 7:30 AM  
Breakfast  
Easter Egg Hunt  
Worship 10 AM  
04/03 District Men’s Rally @  
Wilmington  
04/06 Esther/Rebekah Circle @ 1PM  
04/11 Sarah Circle @ 7PM

## STATISTICS:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
03/13/16	NA	\$ NA
03/06/16	70	\$3,762.00
02/28/16	72	\$1,614.00
02/21/16	66	\$2,949.00
Week of Compassion		\$ 288.00

## Nik’s Nook, March 2016

Holy Week is almost upon us and with that come a variety of activities and opportunities for special worship. On Palm Sunday, we will celebrate the day with the parade of the palms. I will be ending my sermon series on the Lord’s Prayer by addressing the fuller meaning of the petition, “Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil”. The title of my message may seem odd at first, yet without giving too much away how can we shout “Hosanna” in one breath and then “Crucify Him” with the next. By the way, that title is “Shall We Dance?” You will just have to be here to get the full impact of what Jesus intended.

On Maundy Thursday, we will gather near the front of the sanctuary to experience some of the symbols of betrayal, denial, and crucifixion before we join together to partake of the sacred emblems of that last supper of remembrance that our Lord gave to us. This will also be a service of Tenebrae as candles are gradually extinguished during our worship.

Easter is a full morning starting with our 7:30 a.m. Sunrise Worship (outside if weather permitting), followed by a continental breakfast in our Fellowship Hall. At 9:00 a.m., the children will have an Easter Egg Hunt, and our Easter celebration of worship will be at 10:00 a.m.

Invite family, friends, and neighbors to join us for our Holy Week activities.

With His Love,  
Pastor Nik

## Prayer Triad Update

Most of our triads are nearing the end of the study time. Each group has been given an assignment to draft a four to five sentence “Mission and Vision Statement”. Once all of the statements have been submitted, recorders or triad leaders will be invited to come together to give prayerful consideration to each of the statements, find common threads or themes, and then draft a “Mission and Vision Statement” for the congregation.

Many of the triads have committed to continue to meet together for prayer and all of the triad groups are being asked to give careful consideration to the study of Autopsy of a Deceased Church, 12 Ways to Keep Yours Alive.

## **PRAYER LIST**

**Health:** Leigha Blevins, Ivis Caudill, Chuck Deaton, Tom Frebis, Pauline Ginter, Barbara Gray, Lois Hafer, Phyllis Heinkel, Frances Hollan, Virginia Lorton, Jackie Padich, Bob Selby, Charlotte Steele, 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, S.H.A.L.O.M, our church, our congregation and our church leaders.

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

03/16 Audrey Meehan  
03/16 Mike Cockerham  
03/17 Andie Address  
03/18 Christian Lombard  
03/25 Roger Byrd  
03/25 John Otis  
03/28 Linda Lombard  
03/29 Travis Hendricks  
03/31 Josh Schueller  
04/02 Gretchen Lemmert  
04/04 Owen Lyons  
04/06 Barbara Cessna  
04/06 Ed Farkas  
04/11 Coleen Warren  
04/12 Violet Loop  
04/13 Daria Caudill  
04/15 Bob Wolfe  
04/17 Ivis Caudill  
04/17 Dave Schueller

## **THANK YOU**

Dear Church Family,

Lois and I sincerely appreciate your prayers, cards, e-mails, and calls during her recent illness. Your love and support continue to be a tremendous help in our faith journey.

In Christian Love,  
Sharon Amburgey

## **THANK YOU**

Thank you for the donation of clothing for our children at Rosa Parks Elementary. Our families will appreciate your help.

Joy Carothers

## **OUTREACH NEWS THANK YOU**

The SHALOM committee of Christ United Methodist Church would like to thank all the volunteers at First Christian Church for their assistance in our ministry for the homeless of Middletown. Your help in providing meals and supervisory assistance was invaluable in the successful administration of SHALOM week at Christ Church. Without our friends and neighbors at First Christian we would not be able to be a part of SHALOM.

## **CWF**

The Salad Luncheon was a huge success. **Thank you** to everyone who helped to make it a success. Dishes may be picked up in the kitchen.

## **THANK YOU**

Greetings from your Mission Partners and thank you for your generous support of Disciples Mission Fund and its four special day offerings, as well as the two special mission funds of Reconciliation and Week of Compassion. Your Gift supports your region, the general and racial/ethnic ministries and the 21 colleges, universities and seminaries of the Christian Church. Your gifts make a difference every day, around the world. We are grateful to be partners and thank you for your support.

Blessings,

Todd Adams; Associate General Minister and Vice President

## **DISTRICT MEN'S RALLY**

The District Men's rally will be in Wilmington on April 4<sup>th</sup>. Reservations are needed by Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup>. See Cliff or Matt.

## **Welcome New Member**

Brenda Gulley came forward on Sunday, February 28, 2016 to transfer her membership to First Christian. She has been attending for some time and comes to us from Crossroads Church in Cleves, Ohio. Please give Brenda the warmest of welcomes. Contact information that can be shared is Brenda's cell phone number, 812-290-4554



**Join us for Church Fellowship for breakfast on Easter Sunday and on April 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> following worship.**



