



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
Linda Lombard
Dorice Perkins
Karen Powers
Martin Schaefer
Marilyn Strong
Cliff Thompson

SEE YOU SUNDAYS:

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesdays -Choir Practice 6:00 PM

04/30 Reception for Pastor Nik
05/01 Lifeline Screening
05/03 Esther/Rebekah Circle 1 PM
05/07 Pastor Tracy’s Installation
05/07 Dinner for Pastor Tracy
05/08 Sarah Circle 7 PM
05/14 Mother’s Day
05/14 Blessing Boxes
05/15 Elder’s Mtg. 7 PM

STATISTICS:

Date	Attendance	Offering
04/16/17	102	\$2,307.00
Sonrise	40	
04/09/17	75	\$3,058.00
04/02/17	59	\$2,802.00
03/26/17	60	\$2,268.00
Coins for Camp		\$74.55
Easter		\$130.00
Easter Flowers		\$297.00

Nik’s Nook, April 2017

My Dear People,

This will be the final newsletter article that you will see from me. Next month, Pastor Tracy Siegman will share with you her first words of wisdom.

As I think back over our time together, I often have to ask where these last eighteen months have gone. Yet, we have done so much together to grow as a Christian community, to embrace the ideals of a new vision and mission, and finally to be able to call a settled pastor.

There is no way that I can fully say ‘thank you’ enough for your love, your support, for our times together, for our moments of sadness as well as our moments of laughter and of joy.

You have endured with me through two cracked bones and allowed me to serve you at times from the distance of my home. You have held me in prayer whether it was a moment of need like a cracked bone or just for the ministry that we were seeking to do together. You have offered words of encouragement as we have sought to accomplish the various tasks that I was called to do.

When we say ‘farewell’ on April 30th I will no longer be your pastor in any role. I live by a strict ministerial code of ethics that will not allow any continued pastoral relationship. Yes, I can be your friend and I would hope that we can keep in touch in that friendship manner. However, if we step beyond that I will simply ask you to be in touch Pastor Tracy.

My sincere prayers will be with you as you welcome Pastor Tracy Siegman and seek to build new relationships with her as Pastor and congregation.

With His Love,
Pastor Nik

Prayer Concerns

Ivis Caudill continues was admitted to Sycamore Hospital and seeks your prayers

Please keep Dominic Watkins had a good report and we pray that continued cancer treatments will be effective.

Prayers for Brenda Gulley and her brother Jack Gulley. He continues to receive chemo and radiation. Prayers that Jack has the strength to get through this extremely difficult period.

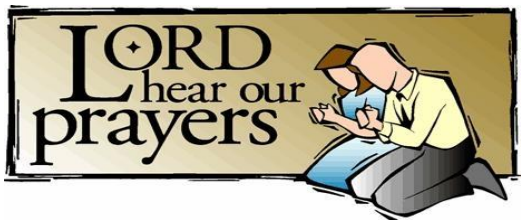
Kristi Doyle asked for prayers for her family.

Sharon Amburgey’s brother, Ken is recovering from surgery to repair an aortic aneurysm and is awaiting triple bypass surgery as well as heart valve replacement.

Prayers for our country and world.

Prayers for Jackson Hurt, a young autistic teen. He has been in Cincinnati Children’s for nearly forty days recovering from a variety of medical issues. Every moment that he seems to take a step forward, something else comes up to make him take a step back.

Prayers for our Region, the Christian Church in Ohio



Prayer List:

Health: Edna Bartlett, Alayne Caudill, Ivis Caudill, Amy Cockerham, Briana Cuellar, Chuck Deaton, Maryjo Deaton, Wanda Deaton, Pastor Nik Donges, Tommy Efker, Elliott Feltner, Troy French, Pauline Ginter, Barbara Gray, Jean Greathouse, Jack Gully, Bruce Henderson, Sara Hoelle, Russ Lawson, Tina Lawson, Harry Little, Esther Saxbury, Bob Selby, Betty Stacy, Rev. Don Steffy, Guy Stone, Betty Vaughn, Dominic Watkins

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

Others: 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

The Razor's Edge Barbershop Chorus takes this opportunity to thank First Christian Church for the use of the wonderful facility for our recent show. The facility is so convenient for the show and "afterglow" party following the show and the acoustics is perfect. The audience was the largest we've had in several years, partially due to the attendance of several church members. A special thanks goes out to Larry Steele and Cliff Thompson for their work in the audio/visual booth and to Tyler Hendricks and Connor Thompson for their help with the house lights, moving furniture, and setting up additional chairs for the audience.



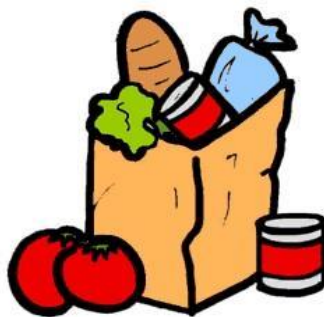
Mark your calendar-**Lifeline Screening** is coming to First Christian Church on May 1st. Reservation will be needed for the testing. Sign up sheet in the narthex.

CWF NEWS

CWF will be hosting the Farewell Reception for Pastor Nik after the April 30th service. We will also be assisting with the luncheon for Pastor Tracy on May 7th. The luncheon will be planned by the Membership Commission.

We will receive and dedicate our Blessing Boxes at the May 14th service. Please note the date change due to Pastor Tracy's Installation Service to be held on May 7th.

We will have the CWF picnic at Marilyn Chamberlain's home on June 12th at 6:30 pm. This will be a carry in meal with hot dogs and hamburgers furnished. Please tell your circle leader if you plan on coming and what you will bring for the meal. Hannah Circle members can call Angie Otis or Marilyn Chamberlain with the above information.



Our **Outreach** Committee is asking that the third Sunday each month be our "Sunday of Giving". When we remember our "Coins for Camp", we will also remember our donations of nonperishable food items for distribution by the Salvation Army. The blue tub in the narthex is for the collection. Thank You!



Summer is coming! Check out the dates for Summer Camp. Applications are available in the Narthex. Early Bird registrations needs to be postmarked no later than May 1st. **Applications are due this Sunday, April 23rd in order to receive the early bird discount rate.**

Dates:

Grandparents Camp -June 2 & 3

Otter Junior Camp – June 18-24

Ribbit Junior Camp – July 5-8

Chi Rho- June 4-10, July 9-15, or July 23-29

CYF- June 11-17, June 25-July 1, or July 16-22.

Advance Conference - July 30 - August 6

Welcome to our Newest Members



John and Star Ralbovsky came forward on April 9 to transfer their membership. John is the District Director for the Hopewell District with the BSA. Star is currently unemployed. Their address and email is below:
starlenemary@yahoo.com
jralbovsky@aol.com
John’s personal cell number is (203)556-0962.
Their home phone is unlisted.
They live at 4414 Bonita Drive
Middletown, Ohio 45044



We also congratulate and welcome Tyler and Travis Hendricks, sons of Monica and Tim Hendricks and Nicholas Otis, son of John and Angie Otis on their Baptism and becoming members of First Christian Church.



Easter Egg Hunt!



Sonrise Service!



Our Wonderful Choir!



Easter Sunday

<div> <div>April/May,2017</div> <div> -Birthdays! </div> </div>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		April 18	19  Pastor Nik  Practice!	20	21	22  Leah Hardwig Earth Day 
23	24	25	26  Choir Practice!	27	28 	29  Martin Schaefer
30 Reception for Pastor Nik	May 1	2  Monica Hendricks	3 Esther/Rebekah 1PM @church  Choir practice!	4	5 Happy Friendship Day!	6
7 Pastor Tracy's Installation Dinner following church	8 Sarah Circle @ church 7 PM	9	10  Choir Practice!	11	12	13
14  Blessing Boxes	15  Jackie Padich Elder's Mtg. 7 PM	16	17  Leigha Blevins  Choir Practice!	18	19	20
21  Marilyn Chamberlain Marilyn Strong ----- 28  Ginger Alley	22 ----- 29 	23 ----- 30	24  Choir Practice! ----- 31 Choir Practice	25	26  Allison Byrd	27

