



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
4/24- Cabinet Mtg. after worship
5/04- Esther/Rebekah Circle 1PM
5/06- CWU Fellowship Lunch 11AM
5/09- Sarah Circle 7PM
5/15- Pentecost, Old Fashion Sunday
5/16- Elder's Mtg. 7 PM

STATISTICS:

Date	Attendance	Offering
04/17/16	57	\$2,634.00
04/10/16	66	\$1,181.00
04/03/16	46	\$1,913.00
03/27/16	120	\$2,741.00
03/20/16	70	\$1,954.00
Week of Compassion		\$ 100.00
Easter		\$ 295.00
Coins For Camp		\$ 75.23

Nik's Nook, April 2016

As I write this, the full signs of spring are upon us. The temperature is up and the trees are beginning to leaf out. Everything seems to be growing. To make that last statement gives me pause for the moment.

Can we apply the realities of spring to the life of the church and where we seek to be moving? I believe that we can. We have recently had three additions to our membership by transfer of membership. Prayer triads have completed their work and some are continuing as we seek to birth new small groups to give new opportunities for fellowship and growth.

We will soon have a congregational mission/vision statement that will begin to allow our church leadership to move to the next step of transition, the search process. To do that, the Reverend Steve Bentley, Associate Regional Minister will be invited to meet with our Board so that he can fully help us understand the next steps of writing a congregational profile and moving ahead to designate a search committee.

Let me invite you to prayerfully consider whom you might bring to church to introduce them to First Christian. You are Christ's ambassadors to share the good news of his saving grace. You do that simply by touching another's life in friendship and fellowship.

Allow me to close by saying how much of a delight it is to be your interim pastor.

With His Love,
Pastor Nik

Autopsy of a Deceased Church, 12 Ways to Keep Yours Alive.

Groups as well as prayer triad participants are invited to purchase a copy of the above book for study and reflection. A sign-up sheet for those interested will be in the narthex.

PRAYER LIST

Health: Leigha Blevins, Ivis Caudill, Chuck Deaton, Tommy Efker, Tom Frebis, Barbara Gray, Lois Hafer, Phyllis Heinkel, Virginia Lorton, Tim Powers, Bob Selby, Betty Stacy, 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.

BIRTHDAYS!

04/19 Molly Farkas
04/22 Leah Hardewig
04/26 Nancy Bolton
04/29 Martin Schaefer
05/02 Mary Helen Shetter
05/02 Monica Hendricks
05/09 Michael Lemmert
05/11 Sarah Andress
05/12 Sally Sparks
05/15 Jackie Padich
05/17 Leigha Blevins

Welcome New Members

John and Beth Heinkel came forward on Sunday, April 10, 2016 to join First Christian Church by transfer of membership. John and Beth live in Monroe, Ohio and their phone number is (513) 539-7282. Helen Hall is Beth's mother and is delighted that they have made this decision. Please offer them a warm welcome.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

We are hosting the Church Women United Fellowship luncheon on Friday, May 6th at 12 noon. All of the women of the church are cordially invited to attend. Tickets are \$7.00 at the door, but please RSVP to Dorice Perkins as soon as possible.

MARK YOU CALENDARS MAY 15TH.

WE WILL BE CELEBRATING PENTECOST SUNDAY AND OLD FASHION SUNDAY.

Everyone is in for a treat and for a few surprises! Worship will be filled with many of your favorite older hymns, complete with music to accompany and enjoy. Dress in your best old time favorite clothes. Worship will be held in the gymnasium.

A carry in dinner will follow worship. Please bring your favorite side or dessert. Meat dish, drinks, and place settings will be provided.

FOOD DRIVE

The Youth of First Christian Church are collecting canned goods at this time. The canned goods will be donated to a worthwhile organization.

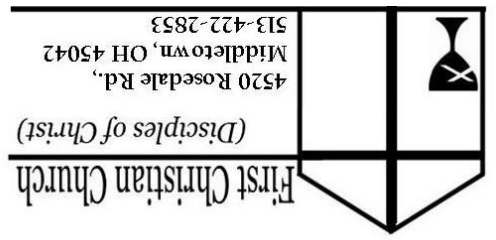


CWF NEWS

CWF wishes to thank everyone who attended and helped in any way with the Soup and Salad Luncheon. The gross receipts were \$675 and after expenses of \$134, we had a net profit of \$541. Proceeds will benefit both local and national missions.

It is now time to re-enroll in our Kroger Rewards program. To re-enroll, go to www.kroger.com and log into your account with your e-mail address and your password. When you have logged in, go to Account Summary and under "Community Rewards", choose First Christian Church, Middletown or use our organization number 81221. When you get to this screen, click "enroll". Our quarterly distribution from Kroger was \$71.72, so this is a worthwhile fundraiser.

For the month of May Esther/Rebekah circle will meet at church on May 4th at 1 PM. Sarah Circle will meet at Marilyn Chamberlain's on May 9th at 7 PM. Hannah Circle will meet on April 10th, but has not yet scheduled a meeting for May. All ladies of the church are invited to join a circle.



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Applications are available in the Narthex. There is a camp for all ages. Check it out!



THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who kept me in their prayers during my illness. All of the beautiful cards helped lift my spirits. Pastor Nik, a very special thank you for your visits to the hospital and to my home.

I am blessed to have you all in my life.

Pauline Ginter

Thanks to my FCC family for the prayers, cards, telephone calls, visits, Pastor Nik's visits, and the goodies you brought during my recovery from my recent surgery. All really helped in my recovery. I'm doing well and I look forward to returning to worship soon.

God Bless All,
Charlotte Steele

Dear Pastor Nik,
Many thanks for your prayers and visits during our mother's (Phyllis Hale Heinkel) illness and passing. Our family so appreciates your concern and support. Thank you to our First Christian family.

In Christ's Love,
John, Beth, and Wynne Heinkel

GOSPELFEST

Kettering Health Network is presenting their 3rd annual GospelFest on August 28th at the Frazee Pavillion in Kettering. They are inviting local bands and musicians to audition. If interested please contact: Laureen Day @ (937) 762-1063. Please see flyer on bulletin board for more information

FYI

If needed, donation Forms for tax purposes are available in the church mailboxes under forms

If you are having issues with receiving the "Something to Chew On" articles or the newsletter each week, be sure to check your junk mailbox. Some members have found the e-mails there instead of in the inbox.

