



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

05/22 Music Sunday

05/22 Cabinet Mtg. following
worship

06/01 Esther/Rebekah 1 PM

06/13 Elders Mtg. 7 PM

06/26 Annual Meeting following
worship

06/28 CWF Picnic @
Marilyn Chamberlain's home

STATISTICS:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
05/15/16	75	\$2,376.00
05/08/16	80	\$2,245.00
05/01/16	65	\$3,787.00
04/24/16	68	\$2,392.00
Pentecost	\$103.00	

Nik's Nook, May 2016

We have celebrated some amazing and wonderful times of worship as we approached Pentecost. Most notably was our celebration of Old Fashioned Sunday on the day of Pentecost. We gathered in our Fellowship Hall around tables, sang some great older songs, and had a good time praising our God together. It was wonderful to see so many decked out in clothing that you might have worn nearly 100 years ago.

Following worship we joined together in partaking of a wonderful meal prepared by our great cooks at First Christian. There was so much food with too many choices to make. I have even heard that similar kinds of gatherings may be planned for the future.

Prayer triad leaders or representatives gathered and we had successfully and joyfully completed a draft Vision/Mission statement. You will find the text of this statement included at another place in this newsletter. If no changes are made, this statement will be recommended to the congregation for adoption. This statement represents an important step ahead in our transitional process.

I again want to reaffirm what a pleasure it is to serve as your interim pastor.

With His Love,
Pastor Nik

OUR MISSION/VISION STATEMENT

We are the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) where ALL are welcome. We are faith based, following the teachings of Jesus Christ, and carrying the word to others by serving our community and beyond.



PRAYER LIST

Health: Edna Bartlett, Leigha Blevins, Ivis Caudill, Chuck Deaton, Tommy Efker, Tom Frebis, Pauline Ginter, Barbara Gray, Lois Hafer, Carol Hall, Virginia Lorton, Mary Bob 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

05/17 Leah Blevins
05/21 Marilyn Chamberlain
05/21 Marilyn Strong
05/26 Allison Byrd
05/28 Ginger Alley
06/02 Connor Thompson
06/08 Lois Milton
06/12 Ethan Otis
06/13 Adam Blevins
06/14 Mary Back
06/15 Angie Otis
06/21 Cathy Treadway

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Crystal Watson from the Colerain area came forward on Sunday, April 24 to recommit her life and transfer her membership to First Christian. Crystal lives at 3204 New Year Drive; Cincinnati OH 45251 and her phone number is (513) 478-9471. Please give Crystal a warm welcome.

SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS

Our prayers and sympathy go out to Ginger Alley and family upon the sudden death of her husband, James Edward Alley, Jr. on May 8. Funeral services were held at First Christian on Saturday, May 14, 2016 with burial in Woodside Cemetery. May God's comfort and care surround this family.

OUTREACH NEWS

Outreach served lunch to 19 women and children at the Hope House this month.

A big THANK YOU goes out to all the children for thinking of others in need as they planned a food drive to collect canned goods for the needy. We are very proud of all of you. We have a very special group of children in our midst.

OUTREACH-THANK YOU

Dear Congregation of First Christian,

Thank you for helping one of our Rosa Parks families. Mom and the kids were all very grateful. Each child came to me to say "Thanks".

Sincerely,
Joy Carothers

CWF NEWS

Hannah Circle served the lunch after the funeral of Jim Alley on Saturday, May 14th. Thanks goes out to all who prepared the food and to those who served the luncheon. Hannah Circle also served the luncheon after the "Old Fashioned Sunday" service on May 15th.

CWF has received a note of thanks from the Middletown Area Neediest Youth (MANY) organization. We recently donated \$102.47 to them. We have also donated a similar amount to the Salvation Army Summer Food for Kids Program. This was from our Community Outreach Fund. We will also be donating money to the Disciples Missions.

CWF will have a year-end cookout at Marilyn Chamberlain's home on Tuesday, June 28th at 6 PM. This will be a carry-in dinner. A sign up sheet will be placed in the narthex closer to the event.

FINANCE NEWS

We are rapidly approaching the time when we will estimate our giving for the fiscal year of July, 2016 through June, 2017. Our theme for this year will be "Sharing God's Love with Our Church, Our Community, and Our World". In the coming weeks we will be giving out pledge cards and presenting our budget for this coming year. Also we hope to hire a permanent pastor this year and this will be included in our new budget.



WHAT A WONDERFUL DAY!

The church came together and worshipped the Old Fashion way, with songs, clapping, and praising the Lord. I have to personally thank Lora and Dave Schueller for my cabin porch. Thanks to the women in the Hannah circle for helping in the kitchen and to Larry Steele, my right hand man, for all of his help. A special thanks to my family and to Gil (Linda Poynter's son in law) for their playing and singing. And let's not forget Pastor Nik, who rode in his carriage to bring us a wonderful message. I love you all. It was a great day!

Tina Yarber



