



First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

4520 Rosedale Road
Middletown, OH 45042
513-422-2853
www.fcc-middletown.org

Chalice Communicator

Volume XXXVXXV

June 21, 2017

Number 6

Minister: Pastor Tracy Siegman

Music Director: Rachel Eve Davis

Moderator: Larry Steele

Elders: Roger Byrd
Linda Lombard
Dave 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 – 9:45
Worship – 10:30 a.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesdays -Choir Practice 6:00 PM
06/24- Hannah Circle Planning Mtg. -
Rummage Sale @ 9 AM @ Bob Evans
06/25 -Annual Mtg. 11:30
07/08- Discipleship Days (VBS)
07/17- Board & Elder’s Mtg. 7 PM

STATISTICS:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Attendance</u> | <u>Offering</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 06/18/17 | 68 | \$1,552.00 |
| 06/11/17 | 56 | \$2,691.00 |
| 06/04/17 | 62 | \$2,096.00 |
| 05/28/17 | 62 | \$1,469.00 |
| 05/21/17 | 60 | \$1,439.00 |
| Coins for Camp | | \$117.61 |
| Pentecost | | \$387.00 |

I am very excited about the 2017 General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Indianapolis July 9th – 12th. The theme is One remembering Jesus prayed that we would be one in John 17: 20 – 21a: “I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one.”

General Assembly is an occasion for networking that can be vital to our mission and worship. It allows me to connect with the general ministries of the Disciples to find out what they’re doing on our behalf and what resources are available to us. I can connect with old friends and make new friends among colleagues. We share ideas about what we’re doing in our ministries, what’s working and what’s not. I’ll try to connect with some Ohio colleagues.

Every night, I participate in worship with thousands of Disciples from around the country and hear excellent preaching. In true Disciples tradition, we will share communion each time we worship together. This is an important practice of renewal for me, because I don’t often have the chance to worship in a service in which I don’t have responsibility for leadership or to hear other preachers.

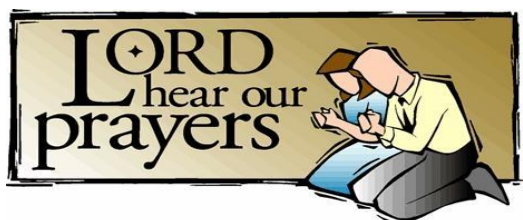
Sunday night, the assembly will gather for worship and elect a new General Minister and President, Rev. Terri Hord Owens. Indianapolis is close enough that you could make a trip over to join the assembly for worship Sunday evening and be a part of the joyous occasion of commissioning Rev. Owens. Worship begins at 7:00 pm at the Indiana Convention Center in downtown Indy. Worship is free to attend – no need for registration for the assembly. If you’re interested in going, please let me know – I can get you information on parking and perhaps coordinate a caravan.

Grateful to be in partnership with you,

Pastor T

Finance News

We have received a total of \$94,620 in pledges for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Last year we received \$101,000 in pledges and we ask those who have not yet made a pledge to do so as soon as possible. This Sunday the congregation will be voting on the budget which has been proposed for the coming year. We thank you for your support of our church and its programs.



In Your Prayers:

Health: Ken Amburgey, Edna Bartlett, Alayne Caudill, Ivis Caudill, Amy Cockerham, Briana Cuellar, Chuck Deaton, Maryjo Deaton, Wanda Deaton, Tommy Efker, Elliott Feltner, Troy French, Pauline Ginter, Barbara Gray, Jack Gully, Helen Hall, Bruce Henderson, Sara Hoelle, Diane Kinkade, Harry Little, Esther Saxbury, Bob Selby, Betty Stacy, Rev. Don Steffy, Jim Robinette, Betty Vaughn, Dominic Watkins

Our Home-Bound: Kathleen Chamberlain, Jean Greathouse, Elisabeth Lemmert, Janet O'Neal, and Sue Whitt

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.

OUTREACH NEWS



Outreach was blessed with two truckloads of new clothing from San Mar Corporation several weeks ago. We took the clothes to Hope House to be given to those in need. It is unbelievable the new clothing we have received from San Mar this past year. We have expressed our appreciation to them and Crystal Watson for their generous donations.

Our May donations of nonperishable food items to the Salvation Army Food Pantry weighed 68.5 pounds. Please remember our third Sunday of each month as our "Sunday of Giving". When you think of "Coins for Camp", we also think of our food donations. Let's show our love.

DISCIPLESHIP DAY- ALL COLORS OF GOD

Our 2017 Discipleship Day (VBS) will be on Saturday, July 8th from 10:00 am -3:00 pm, ages will be preschool through fifth grade (but we're flexible on that). Our theme will be "All the Colors of God" focusing on some wonderful Bible stories about color and the beauty they bring to our world. We have a great day planned full of inspiring worship, wonderful Bible lessons, awesome crafts and fun-filled games. Lunch and snacks will be provided. We hope all of our kids can be there and we'd love to have them bring a friend! There will be registration Forms on the table in the narthex for the next few weeks so we can plan accordingly. Any questions, please contact Lora Schueller.

CWF NEWS FOR JUNE

CWF Executive Board will meet in late July to vote on which organizations will receive our community funds. We will also have more details then about the rummage sale.

CWF RUMMAGE SALE

Clear out the clutter and pass along your treasures! The Hannah Circle would like to sponsor a Rummage Sale. The date is to be determined. We plan to hold it close to the timing of kids going back to school. There will be a planning breakfast meeting, Saturday, June 24th at 9 AM at Bob Evans for all Hannah members and anyone who would like to join us. The sale is planned as an outdoor event in hopes of increasing First Christian's visibility within the community. Sale date, donation drop off, and advertising are just a few details that will be discussed at the meeting. Also, refreshments and/or holding a sale of baked goods was discussed as part of the event. Please contact Crystal Watson, Monica Hendricks, or Heather Lyons with your ideas and feedback. Hannah Circle also has a Facebook page where you can message or leave comments. I'm excited to be part of this event. Teamwork makes the dream work!

Crystal Watson

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

CWF participates in the Kroger Community Rewards program. Every three months we receive a check from Kroger based on the purchases of those in our congregation who are already signed up for the program. If you would like your Community Rewards points to go to our church, you may go to their website, kroger.com, and request that First Christian, Middletown (organization #81221) be the recipient of your rewards points.


THANK YOU

Thank you all so much for investing in the lives of our residents at Hope House. We really appreciate all your hard work and connecting us with great resources in the community.

Grateful,

The Hope House Team

June/July, 2017

 -Birthdays!

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|---|---|--|---|--|
| | | June 20 | 21  Cathy Treadway Choir practice  | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25  Jean Greathouse Annual Mtg. 11:30 District 8 & 12 Men's Rally @3 PM  | 26  Helen Dennis | 27  Kaitlin Thompson | 28 Choir Practice!  | 29 | 30  Matt Lyons | July 1  Renee Lyons |
| 2  Mert Morgan | 3 | 4  | 5  Larry Back choir practice  | 6  Natalie Byrd Karen Powers | 7  Kelsey Byrd | 8 General Assembly begins in Indianapolis (July 8-12) |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12  Sharon Smith JoAnn Hoelle  | 13 | 14 | 15  Paulette McCandless |
| 16 | 17  Don Dixon Elder's Mtg. 7 PM | 18 | 19 Choir Practice!  | 20  Zola McClish | 21  Helen Morgan | 22  Peggy Burgess |
| 23 ----- 30  David Hoelle | 24  Myranda Hollan ----- 31 | 25 | 26 Choir Practice!  | 27 | 28  Pastor Tracy | 29 |

General Assembly Business Items

These are some of the resolutions to be considered during business sessions at the General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). This list isn't exhaustive of the business to be considered. It is meant to highlight some of the work that will be done by the assembly of the church. All of these resolutions affect the general Church and general ministries. We as a local autonomous congregation in covenant with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) may decide if and how we would like to adopt these recommendations into the life of our church. I've put a copy of Covenant Journal on the table in the Narthex for you to look at if you'd like more information about the assembly resolutions.

| Resolution # | Brief Description of Resolution |
|--------------|---|
| 1717 | Reaffirm the Disciples commitment to planting 1,000 new congregations by 2020. There have been 975 churches planted and 60% continue to bear witness 5 years after inception. The assembly will celebrate the momentum toward the goal and affirm the work of achieving the goal. |
| 1719 | Global Ministries asks the Church to learn about the conditions of children in Palestine under the occupation of Israel. The General Minister and President will communicate with government leaders as an advocate for these children. |
| 1721 | Congregations from Missouri, Ohio and Oklahoma ask the Church to renew its commitment to being a pro-reconciling / anti-racist church affirming the 2007 assembly resolution. |
| 1722 | The Church is asked to repudiate the Christian doctrine of discovery and find ways to incorporate the indigenous voice in the Church. |
| 1723 | Multiple general ministries ask congregations to consider becoming "immigrant welcoming congregations" through prayer and advocacy. |
| 1724 | The Church is asked to consider reducing its carbon output. |
| 1732 | The Center for Faith and Giving has created a stewardship as spiritual discipline study for the Church. |
| 1733 | Changes to the regional boundaries for the Southwest and Kansas regions to move a church from one region to another. |



