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Chalice Communicator

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Young people have a lot going on during the summer. Our young people have included time for faith formation in their summer schedule, including camp and Discipleship day. This Sunday, we'll commission our last camper to camp. We will have sent 13 youth and 4 adults to camp. After spending a week at camp, I am amazed at the strong bonds formed at Camp Christian that will become lifelong friendships. I hope you have enjoyed the campers coming back and sharing a bit about their experience.

Discipleship day was a great success! Thank you to everyone who helped with crafts, lunch, games, lessons, music and the other activities that day. It was a real team effort. In my opinion, it was the best day of vacation Bible school I've participated in because it was well organized and well planned. There were 17 kids and about that many helpers. Kudos to the whole crew, especially Lora Schueller.

SEE YOU SUNDAYS:

Adult Sunday School – 9:15
Young Adult and Children’s
Sunday School – 9:45
Worship – 10:30 a.m.

I hope you enjoy these final weeks of summer. As the Hannah circle is gearing up for the Rummage Sale with a back to school focus, I am reminded that our young people will soon be returning to school. Parents will be glad to get back in routines and hear less “I’m bored” and “I’m hungry.”

With the love of Christ who is with us in all seasons,

Pastor T

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesdays -Choir Practice 6:00 PM
07/19- Outreach Mtg. 10:30
08/05- Rummage Sale 8-3 PM
08/21- Elders & Board Mtg. 7 PM

An Invitation From St. Paul’s UCC

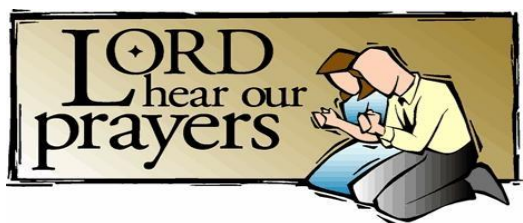
My conversations with you have been about welcome. It is an important value to all of you, not just articulated in your vision statement, but in your actions and words. You’ve talked to me about being welcoming of people who may not be welcome in other places. Often those conversations move toward being welcoming of the LGBT community. As the conversation continues, we often say that the LGB part is easy, but we’re having a hard time understanding the T part.

Our brothers and sisters at St. Paul’s United Church of Christ in Middletown are offering an opportunity that might help us understand the T part of LGBT. St. Paul’s is having a transgender pastor come to talk about her experience and faith. The session will be Sunday, July 23rd at 12:30 pm at the church on Broad Street. You can RSVP with their pastor at sheresa0928@gmail.com.

Pastor Tracy

STATISTICS:

Date	Attendance	Offering
07/16/17	56	\$2,389.00
07/09/17	54	\$2,071.00
07/02/17	53	\$3,336.45
06/25/17	70	\$2161.00
Coins for Camp		\$69.60
Pentecost		\$10.00



IN OUR PRAYERS:

Health: Ken Amburgey, Edna Bartlett, Peggy Campbell, 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, Bruce Henderson, Sara Hoelle, Diane Kinkade, Harry Little, Esther Saxbury, Bob Selby, Betty Stacy, Rev. Don Steffy, Betty Vaughn.

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

NEW MEMBER

Matt Thomas comes from a DOC church where he served on many ministries such as Thanksgiving Outreach Dinner, Deacons and is currently the Ohio Disciples Men's District 8 Representative. Matt lives in West Carrollton and has hobbies of cooking and loves watching movies.



OUTREACH NEWS

Our monthly donations of nonperishable food items continues to be a success. We will be continuing to collect donated food items this Sunday.



First Christian's 1st Annual Rummage Sale is off to a great start. With only 3 weeks left until the Sale Date of August 5th everyone is pulling together to make this a successful event. Donated items are flowing in and we are filling the rooms. We will be able to accept donated goods up until the week of the sale.

There will be lists posted in the Narthex to help organize volunteer groups to help with the set-up, sales and cleanup. We have planned the sale to be held outside (Weather Permitting) and will utilize the carport area and surrounding sidewalk near the building. We hope this will provide some visibility from the street view. With the outdoor venue, there will be a need for shelter. If anyone has a pop-up tent or canopy that could be utilized that day please bring them in and we will see that they are returned.

In addition to the sale tables, a membership table, a youth grab-bag table, a snack and beverage table and a Bake Sale table will also be available. Donations of bottled water and individual packaged snacks and chips would be appreciated as well.

The process of sorting and pricing donations will be ongoing each week after service for anyone who wishes to volunteer to assist. Thanks to everyone for your ideas and help to make this a successful event. If you have any questions please contact Crystal Watson or Monica Hendricks for information.

CWF NEWS FOR JULY

CWF Executive Board will meet July 22, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at the church. Hannah Circle is sponsoring an All-Church Rummage Sale on Aug. 5th from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p. m. CWF will be in charge of the Bake Sale portion of the event.

Finance News for July 2017

Thanks to everyone who has made a pledge to support our church for the 2017-2018 year. We now have \$97,260 in pledges and if you have not made a pledge yet this year, we urge you to do so soon.

For those of you who wish to contribute items to be sold at the rummage sale, there is a charitable donation form available. The form asks for the name of donor, date, event, and items donated. You should then have the form signed by the person in charge of the event or a church officer. On the form, just list generic items such as "2 bags of clothes, toys, etc." The church will not put a value on the items. You can go online to Goodwill or Salvation Army websites to find a list of the thrift sale value of specific items. The donor will retain this signed receipt with his or her list of the items donated for tax purposes.

TAX FREE WEEKEND

August 4th – 6th are designated as tax free shopping days for clothing and school supplies.



Pastor Dave informed us that the food truck operation has been temporarily suspended in order to focus on getting the building ready to open before the fall/winter weather arrive. He thanked the many of us who have frequented them for lunch and donated our time and energy to their mission and ministry.

Keep your eyes and ears open for opportunities to volunteer here as they work on the facility. There are sure to be several opportunities.

CHRIST IN ACTION Sharing the "C" of YMCA

Prepare your kids for an awesome adventure each week of Christ in Action! Kids will experience all sorts of fun themed games and crafts. In addition to all the fun, kids will experience an exciting Bible Story each night!

July 24 to August 17

(4 weeks) 5:30 to 8:00 PM

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday

COST: \$5 per week

AGES: 6-12

Weekly Registration is required by Saturday prior.

ATRIUM FAMILY YMCA

5750 Innovation Dr. Franklin, OH

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CAREGIVER RESOURCE GROUP

Caregiver support groups help caregivers care for themselves and access valuable resource information. They provide caregivers with opportunities to express their feelings in a non-threatening, and non-judgmental atmosphere. Caregivers learn that they are not alone and to share techniques for handling the "nitty-gritty" of daily care. Come connect with other caregivers who will listen, understand and ease your burden. The group meets every 3rd Tuesday from 6:30-8:00 pm at the Woodlands of Middletown. For more information call Careline at (513)869-4483.

DISCIPLESHIP DAYS- VBS



FUN TIMES AT VBS!

<div> <div>July/August, 2017</div> <div> -Birthdays! </div> </div>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		July 18	19 <div>Outreach Mtg. 10:30</div> <div>Choir Practice!</div>	20 <div> Zola McClish</div>	21 <div> Helen Morgan</div>	22 <div> Peggy Burgess</div>
23	24 <div> Myranda Hollan</div>	25	26 <div>Choir Practice!</div>	27	28 <div> Pastor Tracy</div>	29
30 <div> David Hoelle</div>	31	1	2 <div>Choir practice!</div>	3 <div> Linda Poynter Leah May Wideman</div>	4 <div>TAX FREE WEEKEND</div>	5 <div> 8 am – 3 pm </div>
6	7	8	9 <div> Janice Kash</div> <div>CHOIR PRACTICE</div>	10	11 <div> Kathleen Chamberlain</div>	12
13	14	15	16 <div> Travis Fowler</div> <div>Choir Practice!</div>	17 <div> Guy Stone</div>	18	19
20 <div>-----</div> 27 <div> Doug Cockerham Helen Hall Karen Thompson</div>	21 <div> Seth Treadway ELDER & BOARD MTG 7PM</div> <div>-----</div> 28 <div> Cliff Thompson</div>	22 <div>-----</div> 29	23 <div>Choir Practice!</div> <div>-----</div> 30 <div> Esther Saxbury</div> <div>Choir Practice!</div>	24 <div>-----</div> 31	25	26

