



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

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## SEE YOU SUNDAYS:

Prayer Group – 9:30 a.m.  
Worship – 10:00 a.m.  
Bible Study – 11:15 a.m.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesdays -Choir Practice 6:30

08/21 **All Church Picnic 1 PM @ Smith Park. There will be a sign up for the covered dish dinner. Bring swim attire for the Splash Pad.**

09/07- Esther Rebekah Circle 1 PM  
09/19- Sarah Circle 7 PM  
09/19- Elders Mtg. 7 PM  
09/25- CWF General Mtg. with lunch after church

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## STATISTICS:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
08/14/16	73	\$2,717.00
08/07/16	50	\$2,846.00
07/31/16	63	\$3,889.50
07/24/16	51	\$1,548.00
Coins for Camp	\$94.92	

## Nik's Nook, August 2016

While on vacation, my wife and I had a good time in Virginia. We were able to be joined part of the time by my younger son and his two young teens. We then spent the next week around home doing some much needed tasks and just relaxing.

### **An Exciting Change is on the horizon.**

Worship and Christian Education are recommending that we start our worship hour at 10:30 a.m. Sunday School for various age groups would precede this with possible starting times of either 9:15 or 9:30. This change will start the Sunday following Labor Day, September 11.

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

With His Love,  
Pastor Nik

## SERMON SEEDS

I am inviting any member to provide me with a scripture passage or story from which you might like to hear a sermon. I will still maintain a schedule of sermons to take into account special Sundays or observances and add your requests to that schedule. Forms are available in the narthex. I only request that you provide me with your name in case I have any questions. You can return those forms directly to me.

Pastor Nik

## SPECIAL PRAYERS

Our Search Committee will soon be receiving the profiles of potential candidates from our Regional Office. Please keep them in prayer as they seek to discern who the best candidate might be for our next settled pastor.



## **PRAYER LIST**

**Health:** Edna Bartlett, Leigha Blevins, Ivis Caudill, Amy Cockerham, Chuck Deaton, Wanda Deaton, Don Dixon, Tommy Efker, Troy French, Pauline Ginter, Barbara Gray, Jean Greathouse, Lois Hafer, Bob Selby, Betty Stacy, Rev. Don Steffy, Laurie Steffy, Guy Stone, Marilyn Strong, Tina Yarber

**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, war, violence, S.H.A.L.O.M, our church, our congregation and our church leaders.



08/17 Guy Stone  
08/27 Doug Cockerham  
08/27 Helen Hall  
08/27 Karen Thompson  
08/28 Cliff Thompson  
08/30 Esther Saxbury  
09/01 Frances Hollan  
09/04 Libby Benson  
09/05 Landen Lovin  
09/06 Joann Grimes  
09/09 Emily Farkas

## **FINANCE NEWS**

We wish to thank everyone for their pledges which we recently received. We now have a total of \$101,108.00 in pledges for the coming fiscal year. We will have cards available in the Narthex for anyone who has not yet made a pledge. Our Search Committee is in the final stages of putting together a profile for prospective ministerial candidates and will use these financial numbers as part of that process.

## **ALL CHURCH PICNIC**

This Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at Smith Park, we will meet at a shelter close to the Splash Pads around 1:00. Bring a covered dish. Hot dogs will be provided. Kids bring swimwear for the Splash Pad. Enjoy the fellowship and fun!

## **OUTREACH**

Thank you again for all of the toys we received for Christmas in July. We delivered 4 bags of toys to the Women's and Children's Center of Hope last week to be given to children when they come into the facility.

As school is starting, we are again collecting school supplies to be shared with the school next door and Rosa Parks Elementary School. Children are asked to bring a lot of supplies to school at the beginning of the school year, such as disinfectant wipes, tissues, hand sanitizers, single subject notebooks, #2 pencils, glue sticks, crayons (24 count), dry erase markers, index cards, pencil boxes, back packs, etc. This is our way of helping those who can't afford them to have what they need to have a good start for the school year. All of your donations may be placed in the blue Outreach tub located in the narthex.

## **CWF NEWS**

As we look toward fall, our circles will begin to meet again in September. Sarah Circle will meet at 7 PM on September 19<sup>th</sup> at the church. We will be studying the life of Leah in the Old Testament. You can find her story in Genesis 29: 1-35. Esther-Rebekah Circle will meet at 1 PM on September 7<sup>th</sup> also at the church. Hannah Circle meeting will be announced at a later date.

On September 25<sup>th</sup> CWF will have a General Meeting and all of the women of the church are invited. We will have a light lunch after church and then we will make Blessing Boxes for the coming year. You may wish to bring material, ribbon, and small glass jars, if you have these available. Materials will be provided for everyone who comes.

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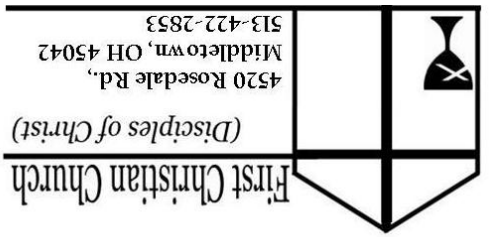
Acts 1:8 ~ October 13-15, 2016 ~ Columbus, OH

Northwest Christian Church, 1340 Fishinger Rd., Columbus, OH 43221

The Summer has just flown by and the Regional Assembly will be here before you know it. The registration form and online registration is now up and running. A copy of the registration form is posted on the Regional Assembly page of the website. Also posted on the website is information on the four Mission projects that will be happening on the Saturday afternoon of the Assembly. We are working to put together an Assembly schedule, children/youth information and other promotional material, which I will get posted ASAP. Be sure to check the website, on Twitter (@OhioRegion) and/or the Facebook page frequently for updates.

I hope you will be able to join us in some capacity at the Regional Assembly, October 13-15!!

Peace and God Bless,  
Jennie Stoddart Bernard  
Office Administrator  
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