



First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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# Chalice Communicator

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**Minister:** Pastor Tracy Siegman

**Music Director:** Rachel Eve Davis

**Moderator:** Larry Chamberlain

**Elders:** Sharon Amburgey  
Roger Byrd  
Dave Lombard  
Matt Lyons  
Dorice Perkins  
Karen Powers  
Martin Schaefer  
Guy Stone  
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- Bible Study 2:00 -3:00  
Wednesdays -Choir Practice 6:00 PM

09/30 Pet Blessing  
10/01 World Communion Sunday  
10/04 Esther/Rebekah 1 PM  
10/07 Family Fun Night 6:30-10 PM  
at Henderson Farm on Elk Creek Rd.  
10/09 Sarah Circle 7 PM  
10/15 Hannah Circle following  
church  
10/16 Elder/Board Mtg. 7 PM

## STATISTICS:

Date	Attendance	Offering
09/17/17	70	\$1,926.00
09/10/17	67	\$2,112.25
09/03/17	47	\$2,400.00
08/27/17	53	\$1,729.16
08/20/17	69	\$3,734.16
Memorial Foundation		\$105.00
Harvey Flood Relief		\$410.00

You may have heard me talk about Girls on the Run or seen me wear one of my 100 Girls on the Run t-shirts. I love Girls on the Run, because it is so much fun.

I discovered Girls on the Run in Illinois through friends in Kansas City, Cincinnati and Louisville who were volunteering for the program in their cities. I wanted to get to know youth and young families in town. I couldn't show up at the playground with candy and expect kids to listen to me talk about Jesus. I needed a way to build relationships and Girls on the Run provided me the opportunity.

Girls on the Run is an after-school program for 3rd - 5th grade girls with 10-week seasons each Fall and Spring of the school year. The girls meet twice per week for a lesson, snack and exercise. The girls learn about valuing their uniqueness, recognizing their beauty, choosing good friends, standing up to bullies, not giving into peer pressure, helping others and so many other important skills.

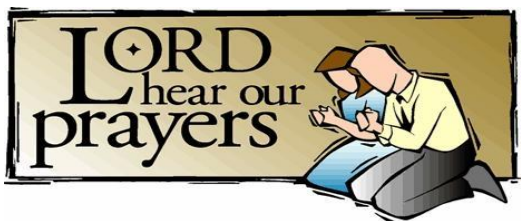
All the while, the girls are training for a 5k big event at the end of the season. The 5k allows the girls to set a big goal that may seem unachievable at the beginning of the season and work all season to train. Then, all the girls, their coaches and their running buddies run, walk, skip or hop the track and achieve that big goal they set. It teaches the girls they can achieve big things if they work hard.

I enjoyed Girls on the Run so much I volunteered 7 seasons. Middletown has multiple teams and I have volunteered to coach on of the teams. They have plenty of coaches for those teams. Because of my background with Girls on the Run, I have been selected to be a Mission Adelaide representative to one of the Middletown teams.

As a Mission Adelaide representative, I will meet with one of the teams that meet at Amanda elementary school. I'll go visit them a few times this fall and help at the big 5k event in November. My task will be to get to know the girls and coaches and make sure the girls are learning all the wonderful lessons, building friendships and training hard.

This is a good opportunity for me to meet teachers and youth at Amanda, see the schools, get to know families, be seen in the community...and probably collect a few more Girls on the Run t-shirts. The type of ministry that truly transforms lives is ministry like Girls on the Run that requires us to build relationships, get to know our neighbors and respond to the needs they define. I have seen lives transformed by Girls on the Run, including my own. I'm excited for the opportunity to work with Girls on the Run in Middletown and see girls' lives forever changed.

Pastor T



### ***Prayer List:***

#### ***Health:***

Ken Amburgey, Peggy Burgess, Alayne Caudill, Ivis Caudill, Amy Cockerham, Briana Cuellar, Chuck Deaton, Maryjo Deaton, Wanda Deaton, Troy French, Pauline Ginter, Barbara Gray, Bruce Henderson, Sara Hoelle, Diane Kinkade, Harry Little, Ron Marcum, Nancy Milton, Esther Saxbury, Bob Selby, Betty Stacy, Rev. Don Steffy, Betty Vaughn.

#### ***Special Needs:***

Edna Bartlett, Jean Greathouse, Helen Hall, Elisabeth Lemmert, Janet O'Neal, Sue Whitt.

#### ***Others:***

Caregivers, 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.

### ***SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST***

Barbara Cessna asked for prayers for her daughter, Ellen Graham who recently suffered a serious concussion.

Prayers for Ivis Caudill as he is receiving care at U.C. Hospital in West Chester.

Please include his caregiver, Frances Hollan. Prayers also for Ivis's friend Bobby Stipp.

Chuck Deaton, brother of Debbie Wells, is scheduled for surgery on Thursday.

Angel Dearth requested prayers for her friend, Erin, who has a sprained thumb.

Sharon Amburgey asked for prayers for friends in the neighborhood who have been diagnosed with cancer, Ron and Scott.

Nancy Milton is in Mt. Pleasant Rehab after undergoing surgery on her knee.

Please keep Bob Selby in prayer as arrangements have not been finalized for him to be moved from New Mexico to Hospice care here. Let's also remember Janice Kash in our prayers as she provides care for Bob.

Brenda Gulley lifted up her friend, Angie, as her family recently lost three loved ones. Good news on Brenda's brother, Jack Gulley, he appears to be cancer free! Cliff Thompson mentioned the Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast went well for a first year event. Chefs Karen Thompson and Martin Schaefer did a spectacular job!

## ***THANK YOU***

We would like to THANK everyone for the love and support we received during our loss of Bill. We feel very fortunate to be part of such a loving and caring congregation.

Sincerely, Linda and Billy Poynter , Libby and Gil Benson

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The Board of Trustees of Middletown Area Neediest Youth acknowledges our generous gift with sincere thanks. This gift will be used to help them meet the emergency needs of school-aged children in the Middletown area.



Hospice Care of Middletown will begin the fall "Healing a Heart" grief support groups. Their grief support groups are open to the public and are free of charge. Each group is 6 weeks. Their evening group meets Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 PM, beginning September 25<sup>th</sup> thru October 30<sup>th</sup>. Their afternoon group meets Thursday afternoon from 1:00 to 2:30 PM, beginning September 28<sup>th</sup> thru November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The groups will be held at the Hospice Care of Middletown office located at 3909 Central Ave. Middletown. Pre-Registration is required, so call (513) - 424-2273 to register or to learn more about "Healing a Heart". Hospice Care of Middletown understands that the Price of Love is the Pain of Grief. Healing comes through sharing your grief journey with others

## ***CWF NEWS***

CWF participates in the Community Rewards Program offered by the Kroger Company. Every 3 months we receive a check from Kroger which is based on the amount of purchases our members make at their store. If you would like to be a participant in this promotion, you can sign up by following these directions:

1. On your computer, go to [kroger.com](http://kroger.com)
2. Then, click on Community
3. Click on Community Rewards
4. Click on Create Account
5. Once you are in this screen, you will be asked for your name, zip code, and e-mail address. You will then set up a password.
6. When you have filled out all the information requested, you may click on the "Create Account" button.

Thank you for your participation in this program.

## **CWF- CIRCLE GROUPS**

The Circles have started their fall meetings. Hannah Circle will meet after church on Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>. Sarah at the church. We will be studying the book “Wanderers – Lessons from Women of Stubborn Hearts” by Gien Karssen. This book studies the lives of Hagar, Rachel, Delilah, Sapphira, and other women from the Bible who had some difficult choices to make. Esther-Rebekah Circle will meet on Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 at the church. As always, all women are invited to join us in fellowship and in Bible study.

## **PROPERTY COMMITTEE UPDATES**

We will begin posting projects in the newsletter that the property committee needs to tackle. If you have an interest in some of these, be it with your hands or your cash, let Larry Steele or Cliff Thompson know. All help is greatly appreciated! I would like to thank all of the mowers who continue to do a wonderful job of keeping the grounds neat and crisp. It does not go unnoticed. Thank you!

Some of the projects around our place are:

- New fencing around the dumpster
- Stripping and waxing the fellowship hall. Contact Tim Hendricks to help with this.
- Painting in the fellowship hall
- Pressure washing the garage
- Getting the Steeple cleaned – Do you know anyone who does this?
- Painting the light pole in the parking lot
- Replacing ceiling tiles throughout the building
- Repairing screens
- Removing wax from the sanctuary carpet
- Cleaning the Narthex carpeting

If any of these projects fit your skill level or you would like assist financially, let Larry or myself know.

Thanks,

Cliff Thompson & Larry Steele

Property Co-Chairs

## **OUTREACH**

During our September Outreach Day of Giving, we are suggesting monetary donations in order that we may purchase gift cards for Disciple members in the Houston area. Pastor Tracy made contact with their local clergy who will make distribution of the gift cards after individuals are able to return to their homes. The Week of Compassion offerings are assisting and this will be above and beyond their support. Thousands of items are being sent for clean-up, food, clothing, etc. The gift cards will help with purchases of linens and other items lost in the floods. Checks may be made out to First Christian Church with hurricane or flood in the memo line. Cash donations are also welcome through September 24<sup>th</sup> and will be combined to purchase the gift cards. We appreciate suggestions like this from our congregation and thank Heather Lyons for sharing this idea with us.

We are collecting used ink cartridges which we recycle through Staples and in turn, are able to purchase office supplies for the Church. If you have any cartridges to donate, please drop them in the receptacle by the coatrack near the restrooms. We are also collecting used medicine containers which will be donated to the Senior Center in Middletown. They may be dropped off in the receptacle in the same area

## **PIE THE PASTOR AND FRIENDS**

How do you say thank you to a congregation that has such a giving heart? Pastor Tracy challenged us to donate 200 pounds of canned goods for the Salvation Army during August. She volunteered for a “Pie the Pastor” event and recruited Martin Schaefer if we reached 300 pounds. Larry Steele stepped up and volunteered to get “creamed” if we raised 400 pounds. Well, we were up for this challenge and our amazing congregation brought in 717-1/2 pounds of nonperishable food items. After service on September 17<sup>th</sup>, we enjoyed a lunch of many flavors of pies and then met on the lawn for our much anticipated pie toss. Due to the fantastic results with our donations, we recruited a fourth volunteer to be on the receiving end of the pie toss. Thank you, Larry Chamberlain. We would also like to thank everyone who participated and especially each one of you who made this an awesome Outreach event!



An article about Pie the Pastor and Friends was included in the weekly Disciples Newsletter and shared on the Disciples Mission First Facebook page. Check out the article here: <http://disciples.org/congregations/ohio-church-pies-pastor-service-project/>





## PET BLESSINGS

Saturday, September 30, 2017  
@ 10:00 AM

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*Join us as we celebrate God's creatures. Bring your dog, cat, goat, or any animal you'd like to be blessed on a leash or in a carrier. All of the animals will be blessed and receive a medal for their collar or certificate as a sign of their blessing. There will also be a time of memorial for those who have lost pets. You may bring a picture of your beloved pet for remembrance.*

*An offering of supplies will be collected for PAWS. Items needed: bleach, paper towels, Dawn dish soap, 33-gallon trash bags, Purina One Dog, puppy, cat or kitten food. Peanut butter, rubber gloves, blankets, towels and laundry detergent.*



## WELCOME FALL!



2017 FALL FAMILY FUN NIGHT  
saturday October 7<sup>th</sup>  
6pm - 10pm

Henderson Farm 6405 Elk Creek Rd.



## YOUTH NEWS

Disciple pastors in Kentucky District 1 developed the Tri-State Disciples Youth Gathering. Youth ages 6th-12th grade are invited to participate in the Tri-State Disciple's Youth Gathering. The current objective is to have our youth meet together for some activity once a month on the second Sunday in hopes of:

- 1.) helping our youth meet other Disciple youth;
- 2.) provide larger group opportunities for our smaller, individual groups;
- 3.) supplement activities and planning for individual groups.

The tentative schedule for Fall 2017 is as follows:

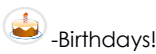
Sunday, October 8th - Amazing Escape at Country Pumpkins in Dry Ridge, KY. Rev. Diana Hodges-Batzka will provide more details as she has planned this event.














Sunday, November 12th - Play Date with friends at the Activity Center at Florence Christian Church, Florence, KY.

Sunday, December 10th - Activity organized by First Christian Church- Covington, KY - Sheri Jackson will provide more information.

The hope is this group/cross-regional initiative will flourish and we can plan to meet and have activities in Ohio and Indiana in the Spring of 2018.

September/October, 2017



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		September 19	20 Bible Study 2-3  Choir Practice!	21	22 FALL BEGINS 	23
24	25	26	27  Heather Hardewig  Bible Study 2-3  Choir Practice!	28  Lora Schueller	29	30 Pet Blessings 10 AM 
October 1  Sarah Byrd World Communion Sunday 	2	3  Tim Hendricks	4  Tyler Hendricks Esther/Rebekah 1 PM @church  Bible Study 2-3 Choir practice!	5  Gail Rudd	6	7 Family Fun Night @ Henderson Farm on Elk Creek Rd. 6:30-10:00 
8	9 Sarah Circle 7PM	10	11 Bible Study 2-3   Choir	12  Sharon Sparks	13	14
15  Nicholas Otis  Hannah Circle meets	16  ELDER & BOARD MTG. 7 PM	17	18  Sarah Elder  Bible Study 2-3  Choir practice!	19  Peggy Cain Pauline Ginter	20	21  Wanda Deaton
22  ----- 29	23  ----- 30	24  ----- 31	25 Bible Study 2-3  Choir Practice!  	26	27	28

