



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  
Linda Lombard  
Dorice Perkins  
Karen Powers  
Martin Schaefer  
Marilyn Strong  
Cliff Thompson

## Nik's Nook, September 2016

First, I want to thank all of you for your prayers and concern after my fall. I continue on the mend. The therapist just left and gave me a workout on a cane. I will still rely on the walker, but gradually move to the cane. I meet with the surgeon on Wednesday to get his assessment.

Your Search Committee met on Monday evening with Dr. William H. Edwards, Regional Pastor and President of the Christian Church in Ohio. At that meeting, they received their first group of candidate profiles. I have some requests for all of you.

### **SEE YOU SUNDAYS:**

Adult Sunday School – **9:15 AM**  
Young Adult and Children's  
Sunday School – **9:30 AM**  
Worship – **10:30 AM**

1. Please be in prayer many times over that they will be enabled to discern who God is calling as your next settled pastor.
2. Please do not ask them for names of candidates.
3. As your Intentional Interim Pastor I am no longer involved with this committee except in an advisory capacity as deemed appropriate.
4. You can keep up to date on their progress by noting the chart posted in the Narthex.
5. All meetings of your Search Committee are closed and only open to members of the committee.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Wednesdays -Choir Practice 6:30

09/25- CWF General Mtg. with  
lunch after church  
09/25- Rev. Tom Johnson preaching  
10/02- Dave Lombard preaching  
10/02- World Communion Sunday  
10/02- Board Mtg. following church  
10/05- Esther/Rebekah Circle 1 PM  
10/11- Sarah Circle 7 PM  
10/17- Elder's Mtg. 7 PM  
10/23- Cabinet Mtg. 7 PM

This process of Search and Call can take up to four to six months or longer. Be patient! God works on His time and not ours. In the meantime, I will stand faithfully with you until that day when your settled pastor is ready to begin.

I will not be able to be back with you and in the saddle, so to say, until the doctor has given me permission to drive.

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

With His Love,  
Pastor Nik

### **STATISTICS:**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
09/18/16	55	\$1731.00
09/11/16	52	\$2,274.00
09/04/16	54	\$3,670.00
08/28/16	55	\$2,139.42
08/21/16	52	\$1,748.00
Compassion- Flood		\$58.00
Coins for Camp		\$108.96
Reconciliation		\$30.00

## Prayer Concern Updates

I have done my best to keep in touch with some folks by phone. I was able to talk with Pauline Ginter last week and she is doing as best as can be expected. She hoped that she could be back in church.

Jean Greathouse is now home after an extended stay at Hillspring in Springboro. She is by herself and she reports that she is doing quite well.

## **PRAYER LIST**

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

**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.



09/27 Heather Hardewig  
09/28 Lora Schueller  
10/01 Sarah Byrd  
10/03 Tim Hendricks  
10/04 Tyler Hendricks  
10/05 Gail Rudd  
10/07 Eula Lester  
10/12 Sharon Sparks  
10/15 Nicholas Otis  
10/18 Sarah Schueller  
10/19 Peggy Cain  
10/19 Pauline Ginter  
10/21 Wanda Deaton  
10/23 Tina Yarber

## **THANK YOU!**

We would like to thank you for the wonderful support shown to the Hope House Mission for Women and Children, as evidence by your donation of the new toys for our residents and children. Because of your generosity, we are able to further our mission in bettering the lives of our women and children here at HHM.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mitchell Foster, Executive Director  
Hope House Mission for Women

## **SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATES**

Your search committee met with Dr. Edwards Monday evening. We received a group of candidates and we are in the process of finding if any of them are available. At that point we will review the candidates independently and reconvene to consolidate our thoughts.

While we are going through this process, we ask that you limit your questions to how things are going. Please do not ask who any of the candidates are, because we cannot share that information at this time. As we work through this process, we will keep you informed.

Please keep the search committee in prayer as we work through this process.

Larry Chamberlain-Committee Chair

## **OUTREACH**

A **BIG THANK YOU** to Crystal Watson and her employer San Mar Corporation. Our Fellowship Hall is filled with fleece jackets, t-shirts, sweatshirts, sweatpants, blouses, blankets and fleece throws. They will go to the Hope House Women's and Children's Center, to our area elementary schools, and Shalom. One of the Social Workers from the school was so excited. She said some of the students had never had a new piece of clothing. This would be a first for them.

## **CWF NEWS**

This Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> we will have a CWF General Meeting and luncheon after church. Sarah Circle will bring sloppy joe, buns and chips. Esther/Rebekah Circle will bring slaw and Hannah Circle will bring dessert. After lunch, we will be making Blessing Boxes. Please bring a jar and material, if you have any. We will have plenty of extra supplies for those who are unable to bring any items. All women of the church are invited.

Our circles will be taking turns cleaning and organizing the kitchen. Sarah Circle will meet at 10:00 am on November 3<sup>rd</sup> to do this. Members are asked to bring a sack lunch that day.

Some women of the church have discussed starting a sewing group to make items for worthy causes. One project is the "Days for Girls" kits which the Disciples Women has as its project for this year. Those who don't sew would be able to cut items from material, if they wish to join in. We will discuss this more on Sunday at our CWF General meeting.

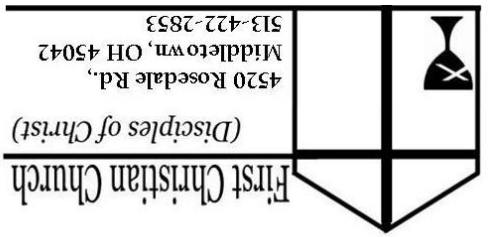
Christian Church in Ohio ~ Regional Assembly



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

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

A copy of the registration form is posted on the Regional Assembly page of the website. Be sure to check the website, on Twitter (@OhioRegion) and/or the Facebook page frequently for updates.



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