



**First Christian Church**  
(Disciples of Christ)

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# The Chalice Communicator

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Cliff Thompson

## Upcoming Events:

### Each Sunday:

Prayer Group – 9:00 am  
Choir Rehearsal – 9:00 am  
Coffee Fellowship – 9:30 am  
Worship – 10:00 am  
CE Classes for All Ages – 11:15am

Apr. 27	Carol Oetzel Preaching Youth Sunday Rehearsal 12-2p.m.
Apr. 28	Elders' Mtg. @ 6:30p.m. Cabinet Mtg. @ 7:00 p.m.
May 2	Church Women United @ 11a.m.
May 3	Craft & Vendor Sale 10a.m. – 4p.m.
May 7	Esther-Rebekah Circle @ 1:00p.m.
May 8	All-Daughter Banquet @ 6:30p.m.
May 10	Youth Sunday Rehearsal @ 9:00a.m.
May 11	YOUTH SUNDAY @ 10:00a.m.
May 12	Sarah Circle @ 7:00p.m.
May 17	Guess Who's Coming to Dinner
May 18	YSE Breakfast @ 9:00a.m. Worship on the Beach Stewardship Commitment Sunday Blessing Box Sunday
May 19	Elders' Meeting @ 7:00p.m.
May 25	Chi Rho & JYF @ 12:00noon

## Vendor & Craft Sale

Spread the word! On Saturday, May 3, 10:00a.m. – 4:00p.m. we are hosting a Vendor and Craft Sale. Vendor & Craft tables include: jewelry, massage, woodwork, candles, Tupperware, Origami Owl, Mary Kay, blankets, animal treats, 31, Avon, scarves, Pampered Chef, Tastefully Simple, children's books, leatherworks, and many more. There will also be food, drinks and baked goods for sale. Table rental fees and proceeds from food items go to support our Camp Christian Fund to help send our youth to church camp this summer. Make sure to invite your neighbors, friends and co-workers. This is a great opportunity to pick up something for Mother's Day.



Donations of individual bags of chips/snacks, hot dogs, buns and cans of pop are needed. Please drop these off at church. If you have questions, please contact Tina Yarber.

## All-Daughter Banquet



Our All-Daughter Banquet will be held at 6:30 on May 8<sup>th</sup> this year. It will be a carry-in dinner and the drinks and bread will be furnished. Please bring a main dish, vegetable, salad or dessert to the dinner. Guests are welcome and we will have a sign-up sheet in the narthex to get an idea of how many are coming. For our entertainment that evening, we will have a ladies' trio by the name of "Kindred Hearts" sing for us.

## New Custodian

We are happy to announce that we have hired a new custodian, Amie Solem. She comes highly recommended with experience working at The Church of Ascension and several private homes. Amie will begin work with us the week of May 12. Please welcome Amie and keep her in your prayers as she begins her ministry with us.

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## CWF Blessing Boxes

On May 18, CWF will dedicate their Blessing Boxes during worship. See Marilyn Chamberlain if you need a blessing box or just bring your offering in an envelope marked "Blessing Box".

## Camp Christian Mission Opportunities

### Cabin Cluster Roofing

On May 3rd we will need all hands to help take off the old roofs from cluster's A, B, and C. We are looking for persons who feel comfortable and have some experience on roofs and a few people skilled in roof repair as several sheets of roofing may have to be repaired. We will need others on the ground to help pick up what falls from the roof, nail rakers (Using magnetic rakes to lift up nails that fall to the ground,) and those who can get those on the roof anything they need.

What to bring: Work gloves, straight shovels, circular saws, claw hammer and a willingness to work hard and have fun. Please let us know ahead of time if you are planning on attending so that we can plan.

### Camp Vesper Spot

Many of you are aware of the damage done by flooding at the Vesper Spot this Winter. This year marks a great time of transition to make the change to a new Vesper Spot. Work has already begun at the new site away from the creek and the bulk of the insects. Rick Hayden from Newark is leading the efforts of this project. If you or folks at your church are interested in helping in any way, contact him directly at [rick.hayden.bsnet@roadrunner.com](mailto:rick.hayden.bsnet@roadrunner.com).

### Men's Workday

On May 17th the Ohio Disciples Men are hosting their annual workday at Camp Christian. Come and help us get our Camp ready for the Summer! The workday itself is free to attend and there is a paid option for Friday overnight. For more information go to [www.ccinoh.org](http://www.ccinoh.org)



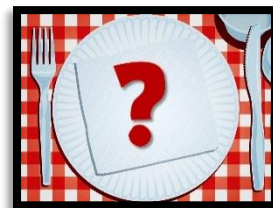
## Disciple History Class

Beginning Sunday, April 27 we are offering a new adult Christian Education class following worship focusing on our Disciple History. We will explore the Stone-Campbell movement on the frontier and who we are as Disciples today.

We will be using the curriculum *Leaders and Legends: A Study of Stone-Campbell History & Beliefs* written by the Disciples Historical Society. Leaders within our congregation will guide us through the study. This class is perfect for those who have recently become a part of our church community and those who have been around awhile. No matter who you are this is an excellent opportunity to deepen your understanding of who we are as the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

## Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?

First Christian is holding its' first ever "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?" event on May 17th at 6:00 p.m. This is an event designed for our membership to become better acquainted. The premise is a group of "hosts" entertain a random and



secret group of guests. Sign-up sheets will be made available to choose if you would like to be a guest, a host, or either. The Hosts will be chosen and notified of the number attending their dinner (not to exceed 6 persons). The names and assignments of the guests will be kept confidential until the day before the dinner. The coordinators will email or call the guests and let them know the address of dinner. The host will provide the main course and beverages; the guests will be assigned either a side dish or dessert. The tighter the secret the more fun. Let the fun begin!!

## Outreach Notes

We recently asked for donations of paper products for our Third Sunday Offering and soon found our donation box to be overflowing. We were able to make a very much appreciated delivery to the Hope House Center for Women and Children in Middletown. Thank You!

We also thank **Sharon Amburgey, Marilyn Chamberlain, Lois Hafer, Linda Lombard** and **Linda Poynter** for serving at Hope House on Good Friday. Through your support, our Church was once again able to provide the meal that was shared by many of the homeless in our area.

Our suggested Collection for May is **cereal**. As always, all nonperishable items are welcome and can be placed in the wooden box left of the narthex.





## Youth Sunday – May 11

Join us for a very special Mother's Day worship – YOUTH SUNDAY. Our children and youth will lead our worship centered on the theme *We are God's Family*. Worship begins at 10:00 a.m. This is the perfect opportunity to invite your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers to worship.

### Youth Sunday Rehearsals

All children and youth participating in Youth Sunday need to attend rehearsals on

Sunday, April 27 12-2p.m.

Sunday, May 4 12-2p.m.

Saturday, May 10 9-11a.m.

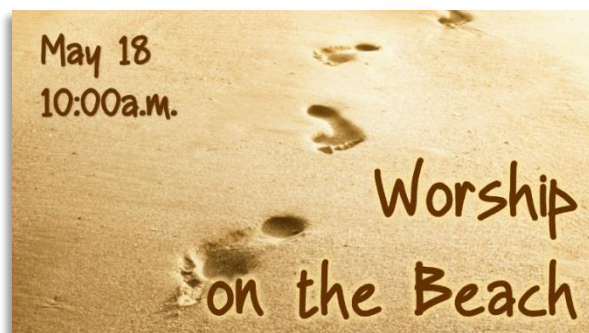
It is imperative youth attend these in order to participate.

We would like children and youth to provide baby pictures, family pictures, fun snapshots for a special moment during worship (4-5 pictures per child/youth). Please email digital pictures to Mark Roe ([mroe001@cinci.rr.com](mailto:mroe001@cinci.rr.com)).



## YSE Breakfast

On Sunday, May 18 at 9:00 a.m. all youth and their encouragers will gather for breakfast. During breakfast the adults who have been secretly lifting prayers, encouraging and supporting our youth will meet their youth face to face. In the past, the breakfast has been for encouragers and youth only. But, this year breakfast is for EVERYONE! This is a very special day and it begins with breakfast at 9:00a.m. Make sure to join us.



## Worship on the Beach

Sunday, May 18 as part of our journey with the disciples and Jesus in resurrected form, we are going to have breakfast and worship on the beach. At 9:00 a.m. everyone is invited to breakfast in the fellowship hall. Following breakfast at 10:00 a.m., we will begin a very special time of worship as we explore Jesus' breakfast on the beach with the disciples (John 21:1-14). Worship will be in the Fellowship Hall.

In keeping with the beach theme, everyone is encouraged to wear beach party attire – Hawaiian shirts, flip flops (no swimsuits). Fun clothes, but keep in mind they should be appropriate for church.

# Music Update

Over the past several months we have been blessed by the musical gifts of **Wade Cummins** and **Damian Stout** as they have served as our Interim Worship Accompanists. We are greatly appreciative of the time and talent they gave so that our ministry of worship could continue. When they came we knew it was a temporary solution, and we thank them for their service. Wade's last Sunday with us will be April 27 and Damian's last Sunday will be May 4. Please take time on these Sundays to personally thank them for their service during our time of transition.



Beginning May 11, **Josh Roeser** will begin serving as our Interim Worship Accompanist. Josh will be with us through the summer. It will be a blessing to have Josh at the piano again.

## **Music & Teaching Minister Job Posting**

We seek an energetic individual to guide a multi-generational church's music and education ministries. This individual will be responsible for imagining, creating, and implementing worship and other music, and programming to promote the development of children and adults in their Christian growth. Specifically, individuals who apply should have training in music, training in developing and implementing Christian education, and a passion for combining the two areas to create a rich church experience for children and their extended families. Applicants should demonstrate a quality education in music and achievements in his/her area of musical study. Applicants should also have a passion for working with children and their families through music and other forms of Christian growth programming. Ideal applicants would have experience with the needs of "the greatest generation," "baby boomers," and an ability to balance those needs while meeting the needs of generation Z, and the technological and networking demands of current church trends. We are seeking someone who has a passion for Christ's church and wants to share in shaping our worship and education ministries.

The person in this position will be expected to work closely with the senior pastor to plan music for worship and create imaginative opportunities for Christian growth. Duties will include, but not limited to directing choirs, preparing media for worship (MediaShout), and leading programs for children and families. This is a part-time position (20-30 hours).

Please send resume to:

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## Thank You

Thanks to you ALL at church for your kindness and generosity! "Life is a lovely garden, an ever-growing thing, where thoughtfulness and kindness bloom like flowers in the spring." Thank you for being such a thoughtful congregation upon the death of my father.

God Bless, Lisa Johnson

We would like to thank everyone who has prayed for us during this hard time. A special thanks to Laureen, Ginger, Janine and Lisa for sitting for hours at the hospital with us. We love you all.

~Mary Bob & Tina

## 2014-16 Stewardship Campaign



As we continue to live into our 2013-16 Budget Cycle, it is a blessing to look back over the year and reflect where ministry has been done in Christ's name.

As a community of faith we have had a time of sabbatical, renewed passion in worship, and increased our ministry of mission and outreach.

Last year, members and friends were given the opportunity to make a 3-year pledge. Many did this while others did not, and still others are new in our midst. In the near future you will receive a pledge card for the next two years. If you have already pledged for these years and want your pledge to stay the same, do nothing. If you want to change your pledge or make a new pledge, please complete the card and bring it to church on May 18 or return to the finance office before then. If you have any questions, please contact Martin Schaefer or Marilyn Chamberlain.

## Boundaries Invitation

*The Gathering* extends an invitation to all who serve the homeless, poor, and addicted in our community to participate in the class "Boundaries: When To Say Yes And When To Say No To Take Control Of Your Life." It is based on the best-selling book *Boundaries* by John Townsend and Henry Cloud. The class begins Tuesday, May 6th at 7:15 at *The Gathering*, 31 S. Clinton St., Middletown. The book is not required, but we will have copies available for purchase. Call 513-217-5131 to sign up. Class is free to the community. Pastor Carrie Jena, [www.umcgathering.com](http://www.umcgathering.com)

## Church Office

We are blessed to have volunteers manage our church office. Current hours are Mondays – Thursdays, 9AM – 1PM. Below lists our wonderful volunteers:

Mondays:	Sharon Amburgey
Tuesdays:	Linda Lombard
Wednesdays:	various
Thursdays:	Linda Poynter

## In Your Prayers...

Our Home-Bound: *Pheba Bair, Mildred McEvoy, Jean Greathouse, Janet O'Neal, Sue Whitt, Leah May Wideman*

Health: *Caleb Blair, Leigha Blevins, Ivis Caudill, Barbara Cessna, Amy Cockerham, Wanda Deaton, Helen Dennis, Lois Hafer, Helen Hall, John Holm, Lisa Johnson, Elisabeth Lemmert, Bob Lester, Mason Lyons, Lori McKinley, Mary Bob Powers, Payne Sigman, Charlotte Steele*

Ministries: *our Nominating Committee, our Personnel Committee, Hope House, SHALOM, Camp Christian, our church, our elders, our moderator, our pastor, regional church, general church.*

## Save the Date

The next General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will be July 18-22, 2015 in Columbus, Ohio. Save the date. Make plans to attend all or part of the Assembly.

## Newsletter Dates

Our next newsletter will be published Wednesday, May 14. The deadline to submit articles is Monday, May 12 @ 2PM. Articles may be sent to [office@fcc-middletown.org](mailto:office@fcc-middletown.org)

## Statistics

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
April 13	97	\$1,764.00
April 20	Sunrise: 41 10AM: 135	\$1,834.00
Coins4Camp		\$ 111.19
Easter Special Offering		\$ 416.00

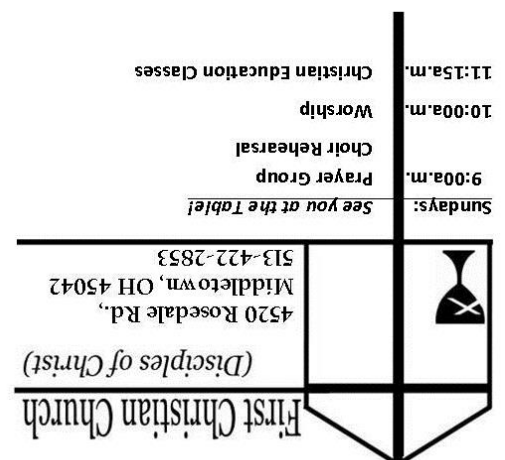
When Jesus rose from the dead, human history was changed forever. As the disciples journeyed in these days following Christ's resurrection, they began a journey that no one had ever experienced before. Their faith was leading them into *Uncharted Territory*.

April 27: John 20:24-29  
*"Faith, Courage and Commitment"*  
 May 4: Luke 24:13-35  
*"Revealed at the Table"*  
 May 11: Youth Sunday  
 May 18: John 21:1-14  
*"Blessed Breakfast"*  
 May 25: John 21:15-19  
*"Are You Ready?"*

I sit here still basking in the spirit of EASTER! WOW! Our Easter celebrations were incredible! God carved out a perfect day for us. The sunrise greeted us in our outdoor worship center. As the sun rose, we offered thanksgiving for the gift of life we receive through Jesus, our Risen Savior. Then we all gathered in the fellowship hall for breakfast: pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon, rolls, juice, coffee – the works! Breakfast was followed by energetic children running around the church lawn hunting candy-filled eggs. At 10AM, we entered a darkened sanctuary. The scripture was read and the empty-cross adorned with white cloth was lit by a beam of light. We stood and declared, “CHRIST IS RISEN!” and sang *Christ the Lord is Risen Today* and the sanctuary became flooded with bright light and the flowers throughout the room became visible. Again, I say, “WOW!”

Thank you to everyone who stepped up to create a morning that truly celebrated the JOY of Easter. Christ is Risen and the love of God is tangible within our community of faith. I am ever grateful to be your pastor. I look forward to celebrating the rest of the Easter season with you as we enter *Uncharted Territory*.

Laureen 😊



## MAY 2014 SERVING SCHEDULE

DATE	ELDERS	DEACONS	CHILDREN'S MOMENT	NURSERY/CWW	VIDEO	COUNTERS
May 4	Cliff Thompson Mike Simpson <u>Special Needs:</u> Mike Simpson Cliff Thompson Martin Schaefer Jerry Hall	Mark Roe (Captain) Shawn/Lori Burton Judy Lemmert Matt Lyons Heather Lyons	Tina Yarber	<u>Nursery:</u> 1st Jennifer Burton 2nd Beth Bentley  <u>CWW:</u> Dawna & Mike Simpson	Martin Schaefer	Sharon Amburgey Lois Hafer
May 11	Youth Sunday	Mark Roe (Captain) Junior Deacons		<u>Nursery:</u> 1st Lori Burton 2nd Marilyn Chamberlain <u>CWW:</u> Mary Helen Shetter Helen Morgan	Janine Saxbury	Sharon Amburgey Lois Hafer
May 18	Sue Tarbox John Andrews	Mary Powers (Captain) Larry Chamberlain Marilyn Chamberlain Lois Hafer Mark Roe	Laureen Roe	<u>Nursery:</u> 1st Sarah Andress 2nd Mary Helen Shetter  <u>CWW:</u> Mary Helen Shetter	Mark Roe	Jerry Hall Tim Powers
May 25	Cliff Thompson Marilyn Strong	Debbie Wells (Captain) Tim Powers Judy Andrews Roger Byrd Natalie Byrd	Linda Lombard	<u>Nursery:</u> 1st Heather Lyons 2nd Debbie Wells  <u>CWW:</u> Angie Otis	John Otis	Larry Back Tim Powers

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 9am - CHOIR REH 9am - PRAYER 9:30am - PRAISE 12pm - CHI RHO &	28 6:30pm - ELDERS' 7pm - CABINET MTG.	29	30	1	2 11am - CWU	3 CRAFT & VENDOR
4 9am - CHOIR REH 9am - PRAYER 9:30am - PRAISE 12pm - Chi Rho, JYF,	5 12pm - CWC	6 3pm - Midd.	7 1pm - ESTHER-	8 6:30pm - CWF ALL-	9	10 9am - YOUTH
11 9am - CHOIR REH 9am - PRAYER 10am - YOUTH	12 2pm - NEWSLETTER 7pm - SARAH CIRCLE	13	14 NEWSLETTER	15	16	17 6pm - GUESS WHO
18 COMMITMENT 9am - YSE 10am - WORSHIP ON 11am - CWF	19 7pm - ELDERS MTG	20	21	22	23	24
25 9am - CHOIR REH 9am - PRAYER 9:30am - PRAISE 12pm - CHI RHO &	26 MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED	27	28	29	30	31