



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
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:

Tuesdays- Bible Study 7 PM

Wednesdays- Bible Study 2 PM

Wednesdays -Choir Practice 6:00 PM

03/29 Maundy Thursday

Communion Service 7 PM

03/30 Good Friday Stations of the

Cross Open House 3 PM-8 PM

04/01 Easter Sunday

04/04 Esther/Rebekah Circle 1 PM

04/05 Sarah Circle 7 PM

@ Linda Poynter ‘s home

04/15 Hannah Circle

04/16 Elder Mtg. 7 PM

STATISTICS:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
03/25/18	68	\$2,571.00
03/18/18	47	\$1,475.00
03/11/18	64	\$1,761.10
03/04/18	64	\$2,890.00
02/25/18	70	\$1,278.00
Week of Compassion		\$154.00
Coins for Camp		\$43.07

We’re in the midst of Holy Week remembering the events of Christ’s last week with anticipation of the resurrection celebration on Sunday. Here is what is planned for this week:

Maundy Thursday communion service

Thursday, March 29th at 7 pm

The service will be followed by the Gospel of John video clips depicting Jesus’ entrance into Jerusalem through His burial. Some of the images in the video are graphic and may not be appropriate for all ages. Please use your discretion when deciding whether or not to stay for the video.

Good Friday Stations of the Cross open house

Friday, March 30th from 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm

This will be a time for you to reflect on the journey Jesus made with the cross from His trial to His burial. These follow 13 of the 14 traditional Stations of the Cross. You will walk through the church and stop at each station. Each station has a name of the station indicating the traditional stop on Jesus’ journey and a Scripture reading. Some stations have an additional reading; others have a prayer or an activity.

Easter is Sunday, April 1st

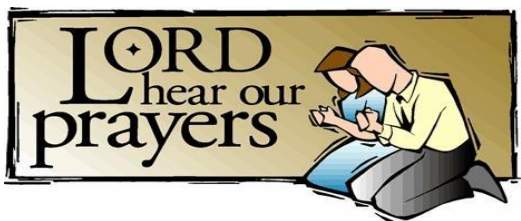
Easter sunrise service at 8:00 am and Easter service at 10:30 am

The Easter sunrise service will be outside weather permitting. We will have breakfast and an Easter Egg Hunt between the 2 services. More information is included herein about those events.

I hope to see you all sometime through this activities to remember and celebrate the gracious gift of Jesus’ death and resurrection.

Pastor T





Prayer List:

Health: Paul Campbell, Ivis Caudill, Brenda Gully, Barbara Gray, Matt Lyons, Guy Stone, Crystal Watson

Special Needs: Edna Bartlett, Jean Greathouse, Helen Hall, 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.

THANK YOU

I would like to sincerely thank my church family at First Christian Church. Our prayers were answered as my surgery has progressed well. As I look at other issues, please continue to bless me with your prayers.

Guy Stone

Thank you for the prayers and cards during the passing of Elizabeth. We appreciate each and every one of you.

Sincerely,

Lemmert Family

OUTREACH

Our recent Undie Sunday endeavor was very successful and providing for children in our community is always very worthwhile. Many colorful pairs of new undies and socks were donated to the students at Rosa Parks Elementary School.

Our Outreach project in the upcoming weeks will be to collect nonperishable food donations for the Salvation Army. Items may be placed in the blue Outreach basket in the Narthex. Again, our thanks for all your support!

Sharon Amburgey and Linda Poynter,
Outreach Co-chairs

CWF NEWS

On Saturday was our first Spring Fling vendor and craft show. In addition to the vendors, we also had a luncheon and bake sale. We made approximately \$238 on the bake sale and \$299.25 on the luncheon. The booth rental from vendors totaled \$350. We believe that this was a good first effort and we are learning from our experience. We would have liked to have had a larger crowd, but we appreciated all the support from our congregation and friends. Thanks go to Monica Hendricks, Matt Thomas, Crystal Watson, our CWF ladies and other church members who helped make this event successful.

SPRING FLING

The first annual Spring Fling was held March 17th. The threat of severe winter weather provided a slow start to the event. As the day unfolded, we did recover with a steady flow of patrons. The guests had a variety of vendors to choose from along with lunch served by Matt & Tyler. The CWF ladies had a great display of Easter baskets and home baked goodies to choose from. Although this event was not quite as successful as we had hoped, we did receive positive feedback from our vendors. All stated that they will return next year when surveyed and provided some great suggestions to help us improve our process. Thank-you to all who volunteered!

Crystal, Matt and Monica

EASTER BREAKFAST

The Membership Committee will be providing breakfast on Easter Sunday. We will be serving biscuits, sausage gravy, coffee and bottled water. We are asking that the congregation bring a crock-pot breakfast casserole to share. Breakfast will be served following the 8AM service. If you are not planning to attend the early service but would like to attend breakfast, please arrive by 8:30 AM with your dish. Please do not bring any sweets. We feel this menu will eliminate a need for kitchen staff during the service. We look forward to tasting your yummy recipes!

Thank – you

Crystal and Matt

RUMMAGE SALE

Just a friendly reminder that we are already collecting goods for the next rummage sale that will be held at the end of the summer. If you have challenged yourself during the Lenten Season to purge that clutter, then there is no better place to drop off your clutter than here at First Christian! More details will follow as we get closer to the actual date.

Thank-you,

Crystal

UPCOMING EVENTS

Any upcoming church events that you're planning, please add to the church calendar in the office.

EARTH DAY/ARBOR DAY APRIL 21, 2018

Keep Middletown Beautiful invites everyone to join in the annual Earth Day/Arbor Day community clean-up on April 21, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. till 12:00 noon. Volunteers can register that day at the Middletown City Building, One Donham Plaza and can select an area where they would like to work.

Keep Middletown Beautiful Executive Director, Jeff Michel, will coordinate volunteers to continue the clean up and revitalization projects in our community. Projects will include professional tree and shrub pruning, removal of dead trees and bushes, painting of signs and poles, and planting more trees and bushes in identified areas. Earth Day activities will focus on Middletown City Building area, other downtown locations, and several parks throughout the city. Arbor Day will be celebrated with a tree planting.

Volunteers are encouraged to register in advance as individuals or groups to join the effort to collect trash, paint, plant, and repair public spaces in the region. Those pre-registered by April 2 will get a t-shirt as well as tools, trash bags, and all the thanks they can carry from their communities.

Volunteers may pre-register on-line by April 2 at

www.KeepMiddletownBeautiful.org.

or may register in person on the day of the event at One Donham Plaza.

Gloves and garbage bags will be given to volunteers. Dump trucks and dumpsters will be in strategic locations and volunteers can put bags in the trucks. All volunteers working that day (with a KMB shirt) are welcome to join KMB in the lobby of the city build to eat lunch immediately following the community clean up at 12:00.

Children under 14 must be accompanied by an adult. Groups may organize before the day of the event and clean up anywhere in area. A list of known areas in need of work is available at the KMB website and volunteers can choose an area listed or can select their own public sites. Please complete the registration process in advance.

Please contact executive director Jeff Michel at [513.425.7750](tel:513.425.7750) or email jeffmi@cityofmiddletown.org by April 2. Please have volunteer registration sheets filled out for participating volunteers and provide volunteer shirt size for each member of your group. Please take photographs of the group working that day or a group photo. Tally the total number of volunteers and roughly how many hours they all worked.

All surrounding communities are invited to join with Middletown to spruce up their areas, getting tools and supplies from Middletown.



Keep It Out of Reach...

Medication Disposal Day

America's biggest drug problem isn't on the street...
It's in our medicine cabinets.

April 28th 10:00am—2:00pm

Central Connections
3907 Central Avenue
Middletown, Ohio

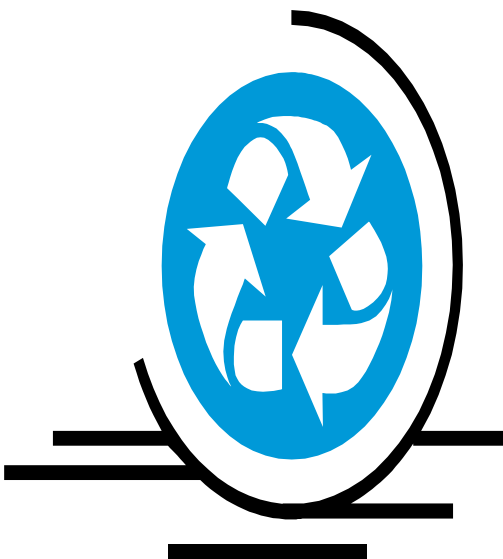
WHAT: Drop off unused and/or expired prescription medications. No questions asked. Law Enforcement officers will collect then dispose of medications and containers in a safe, environmentally friendly manner according to local EPA guidelines.

PLEASE: No syringes, lancets or liquids.

Just drive up and drop off!

For more information contact the Coalition for a Healthy Middletown at the Safety Council of SW Ohio 513-423-9758.

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Central Academy Game Days

We would like to thank the volunteers who participated in the recent game days with students from our neighboring elementary school.

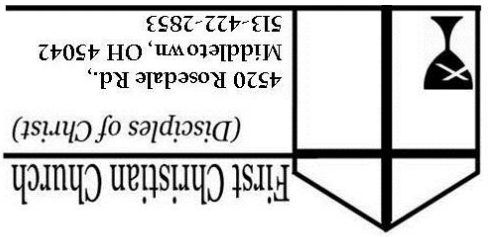
Central Academy students visited our Church on March 19th and we visited their school on March 20th for two mornings of challenging board games. This event was a reward for students setting and recently meeting a goal. A great time was had by all and our thanks go out to: Sharon Amburgey, Larry Chamberlain, Brenda Gulley, Dave Lombard, Linda Lombard, Linda Poynter, Marilyn Strong, Pastor Tracy, Crystal Watson, and friends Mary Durbin and Christine Rose.



March/April, 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		March 27 Bible Study 7:00 	28 Linda Lombard Bible Study 2:00 Choir practice 6:00 	29 Travis Hendricks Service 7 PM	30 Good Friday Stations of the Cross 3-8 PM	31
April 1 	2	3 Bible Study 7:00	4 Owen Lyons Esther/Rebekah Circle 1pm Choir practice 6:00	5 Sarah Circle 7PM	6 Barbara Cessna Ed Farkas	7
8	9	10 Bible Study 7:00	11 Bible Study 2:00 Choir practice 6:00 	12	13 Daria Dearth	14
15 Hannah Circle	16	17 Ivis Caudill Dave Schueller Bible Study 7:00	18 Bible Study 2:00 Choir practice 6:00 	19	20	21
22 Leah Hardewig Baptism Sunday	23	24 Bible Study 7:00	25 Bible Study 2:00 Choir practice 6:00	26 Nancy Bolton	27	28
29 Martin Schaefer	30					



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