



First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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Chalice Communicator

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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

I remember watching the sitcom *Three's Company* as a young person and thinking all the silly stuff that happens is because 2 people haven't communicated. They get into all kinds of shenanigans because they don't understand a situation. By the end of the show, we've laughed at all the stuff that's happened and the 2 characters laugh about how they were misguided.

Communication is the key to any good relationship. Specific to ministry, successful relationships between a minister and church are a partnership rooted in good communication and a shared mission.

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

04/16 Elder Mtg. 7 PM
05/02 Esther/Rebekah Circle 1PM
05/03 Sarah Circle 7 PM
05/05 First Aid Training 10 AM
05/09 Mother's Day Luncheon
05/13 Mother's Day
05/13 Blessing Boxes
05/20 Hannah Circle
05/21 Elder's Mtg. 7 PM
05/29 Board Mtg. 7 PM

I've received provisional permission from our moderator and vice-moderator, Larry Chamberlain and Roger Byrd, to form a committee in the tradition of a Pastoral Relations Committee. I've invited a few individuals to join the committee. We will meet in early May to set some parameters and goals for their work. A proposal for the work will be presented to the Board for approval at its next meeting.

I ask you to pray with and for the formation of this committee. I believe their work can promote a healthy partnership between the congregation and me.

We have 2 exciting Sundays planned for worship. This Sunday, we'll celebrate the baptisms of our youth who just completed Pastor's class. The following Sunday, we'll have Holy Humor Sunday in which we'll celebrate the gift of joy through laughter. Hope to see you there.

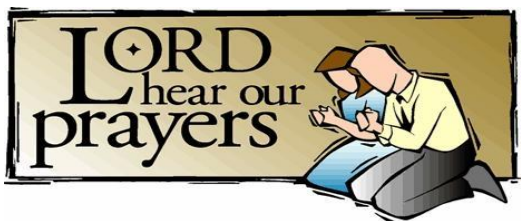
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STATISTICS:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
04/22/18	44	\$2,109
04/15/18	51	\$1,115
04/08/18	44	\$2,698
04/01/18	88	\$2,458
04/01/18	12	Sunrise Service
Easter		\$395.00
Memorial Foundation		\$40.00

MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON

Valentine's Day lunch was such a good time I was asked to plan another lunch. Join me for lunch on Wednesday, May 9th to celebrate Mother's Day. Both Men and Women are welcome. Let me know if you're interested in having lunch. I'll pick a place based on our group size. When you let me know you can come to lunch, let me know your vote of where we should have lunch. Please RSVP by May 4th.



Prayer List:

Health: Paul Campbell, Maryjo Deaton, Brenda Gully, Barbara Gray, Diane Kinkade, Guy Stone, Crystal Watson

Special Needs: Edna Bartlett, Jean Greathouse, Helen Hall, Janet O'Neal, Sue Whitt.

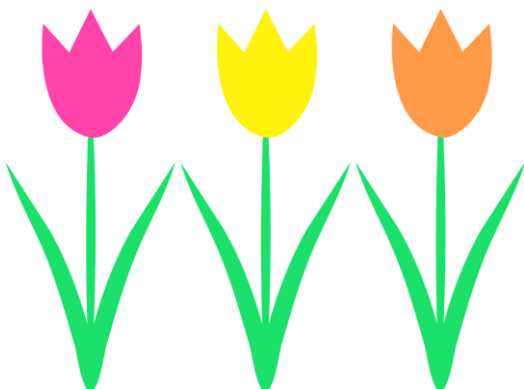
Others: Caregivers, children and teachers, the homeless, heroin epidemic, racism, and all human rights, our Country, war, violence, S.H.A.L.O.M, our church, our congregation and our church leaders.

OUTREACH

We continue to collect nonperishable food donations for the Salvation Army and would like to again focus our collections on the third Sunday of each month. Anticipating students will be on summer vacation in early June, we are suggesting donations of cereal in May. Special thanks to Janice Kash for seeing that all donations are delivered on a timely basis. All contributions are appreciated and may be placed in the blue Outreach basket in the Narthex.

We received another large clothing donation from SanMar Corporation and reached out to Jerry Hall to assist with making distribution to a larger area of mission centers. As space permits, we look forward to continuing to work with Jerry and to serve locally.

Sharon Amburgey and Linda Poynter, Outreach Co-chairs



SAVE THE DATE:

First Christian Church will have a Day at Camp Christian to help clean up camp such as cleaning cabins and dining hall, mowing grass, picking up trash, etc. on Saturday, June 30th. If you're willing to help, please arrive at church at 7:45 AM. We will be leaving church at 8:00. We need to be at Camp Christian at 10:00. Please bring your breakfast and a lunch. Any questions, please see Matt Thomas.

CWF NEWS

The Executive Board of CWF will meet May 5th at 10:00 a.m. at the church. We will be discussing the various community programs we wish for CWF to support. On May 13th we will dedicate our Blessing Boxes for this year. We will also be having a picnic or dinner out at a restaurant for all CWF participants in June. More details will follow in the next newsletter.

CHURCH SUMMER CAMP FORMS

Reminder that Church Summer Camp forms need to be in the church office before noon on this Friday, April 27th. They will be mailed out in the afternoon in order to receive the Early Bird discount.



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.



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Dear Christian Church in Ohio:

As you are aware the Reverend Steve Bentley has resigned as Regional Associate Pastor of the Christian Church in Ohio. His final day will officially be on May 15, 2018, although he is on vacation until that date. Steve served our regional church faithfully for over 12 years in a variety of capacities, including Acting Regional Minister for several months in 2017.

As is often the custom in local congregations, we invite you to express appreciation to Steve by sending cards, letters and love offerings to the regional office by May 10, so that we can present our collective gratitude to Steve, with a basket full of cards, letters and love offerings on May 15.

For a love offering, please make a check to Steve Bentley, or to the Christian Church in Ohio. If your check is made to the CCIO, we will write one check in the sum of all these love offering checks to Steve.

Cards, letter, and love offerings expressing your gratitude may be mailed to:

Jennie Stoddart Bernard
Christian Church in Ohio
[1347 Worthington Woods Blvd.](#)
[Suite A](#)
[Worthington, OH 43085](#)

Steve has sacrificially given many years of his life in ministry to the Christian Church in Ohio. Please join me in expressing appreciation.

Grace and Peace

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.

COALITION for a Healthy Middletown

Safety Council of Southwestern Ohio



April, May 2018



Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<div>April 24</div> <div>Bible Study 7:00</div> <div></div>	<div>25</div> <div>Bible Study 2:00</div> <div>Choir practice 6:00</div> <div></div>	<div>26</div> <div></div> <div>Nancy Bolton</div>	<div>27</div> <div>Celebrate Arbor Day</div> <div></div> <div>Plant A Tree</div>	<div>28</div> <div>Medication Disposal @ Central Connections 10:00-2:00</div>
<div>29</div> <div></div> <div>Martin Schaefer</div> <div>Baptism Sunday</div>	<div>30</div>	<div>May 1</div> <div>Bible Study 7:00</div>	<div>2</div> <div></div> <div>Monica Hendricks</div> <div>Esther/Rebekah Circle 1pm</div> <div>Choir practice 6:00</div>	<div>3</div> <div>Sarah Circle 7PM</div>	<div>4</div> <div>Happy Friendship Day!</div>	<div>5</div>
<div>6</div> <div>Holy Humor Sunday</div>	<div>7</div>	<div>8</div> <div>Bible Study 7:00</div>	<div>9</div> <div>Choir practice 6:00</div> <div>Mother's Day Luncheon</div>	<div>10</div>	<div>11</div>	<div>12</div>
<div>13</div> <div>HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!</div> <div>Blessing Boxes</div>	<div>14</div>	<div>15</div> <div></div> <div>Jake Padich</div> <div>Bible Study 7:00</div>	<div>16</div> <div>Bible Study 2:00</div> <div>Choir practice 6:00</div> <div></div>	<div>17</div> <div></div> <div>Leigha Blevins</div>	<div>18</div>	<div>19</div>
<div>20</div> <div>Hannah Circle</div>	<div>21</div> <div></div> <div>Marilyn Strong</div> <div>Marilyn Chamberlain</div>	<div>22</div> <div>Bible Study 7:00</div>	<div>23</div> <div>Bible Study 2:00</div> <div>Choir practice 6:00</div>	<div>24</div>	<div>25</div>	<div>26</div> <div></div> <div>Allison Byrd</div>
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