

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, our church, our congregation and our church leaders.

OUTREACH

As we look forward to the third Sunday of the month, a day designated to Outreach giving, our suggested item in May is cereal. Your donations are appreciated and may be placed in the blue Outreach basket in the Narthex. Please remember the third Sunday is also "coins for camp" day. Other Outreach activities this month include preparing lunch for the residents of the Hope House Women's and Children's Center on May 16th.

Sharon Amburgey and Linda Poynter,
Outreach Co-chairs



UPCOMING EVENTS

CAMP CHRISTIAN

First Christian will be going to a Camp Christian on Saturday, June 30th. We will meet at the church at 7:45 AM. We will need to get on the road by 8:00 and arrive at Camp Christian around 10:00. The campers will be going home as we are arriving. We will be helping Al Channel, Camp Superintendent with cleaning of cabins, cleaning of bathrooms, and mowing lawn at camp. I will be putting up a sign up sheet on the Narthex Table. I am asking for anyone who can make it, please come. We need to show up in a big way as there is a lot of work to do. I also ask that you please bring your breakfast with you to church (including coffee and juice) and a sack lunch. Any questions, please see Matt Thomas.

RUMMAGE SALE

It's that time of year again folks! First Christian second annual rummage sale event will be held on August 4, 2018 between the hours of 8 AM and 2 PM. We've had a great amount of donations already which we really appreciate. Please remember if you're clearing out the clutter or conducting a yard sale or happen to have neighbors that are conducting a yard sale and would like to donate items we can gladly accept them. If you have items that need to be transported to the church that you are unable to bring, please contact Larry Chamberlain or Larry Steele. We look forward to another successful event.

GOSPEL FEST AUGUST 19TH

Kettering Health Network will present the 5th annual GospelFest on August 19th at the Frazee Pavilion in Kettering. This free community concert will feature award-winning artist, Natalie Grant.

As part of GospelFest, they are inviting local bands and musicians to audition for 20 minute sets prior to Natalie Grant's performance. The festival will begin around 3 pm, and there will be 10 slots for local artists to fill. Auditions will take place May 17th at the Rosewood Arts Centre. For those interested in auditioning, please contact Courtney Haas at (937) 395-8301 or missions@ketteringhealth.org

Property Volunteers

We are well into the mowing season and are thankful for the dedicated volunteers who keep our grass cut each week. The hours spent mowing leaves little time for other needed work around our grounds. If you are able-bodied and not on the mowing team, we are asking you to consider lending a hand with weeding, weed-whacking, picking up debris or possibly adopting an area in a flower bed to help keep our property in tip-top shape. This will take some of the workload off of our Property chairs who work diligently to take care of God's house and grounds.

CWF NEWS

On June 6th Esther/Rebekah Circle is planning to meet at 10:45 at church to carpool to Cobblestone Restaurant in Waynesville

On June 7th Sarah Circle is planning to meet for dinner around 6 PM Ele Restaurant at Austin Landing.

Sarah Circle has been asked to make up the School Kits for the Rummage Sale on August 4th. We sold them last year for \$3, and they were very popular. If you have a CWF booklet, the list of items for the kits is in the back. A list will be made available the June Meeting.

Food for the rummage sale will be: hot dogs and coney, chicken salad on croissants, 7 layer salad, walking tacos, as well as drinks. There will also be a bake sale organized by Esther/Rebekah Circle.

Gail and Sharon Sparks will do the prize bags for kids

It was stated that the kitchen could use a couple more pie server utensils.

Another CWF project suggested was supplying some of the nursing home residents with some nice quality toiletry items such as shampoo, lotion, soaps, etc. Also we could take some potted plants for their room.

Pauline Ginter's family has requested that memorial money given in her name be given to CWF. CWF General Meeting will be on Sunday, May 27, immediately following church to discuss the use of Pauline's memorial money.

YOUTH SUNDAY

Adult Moment with Nick Otis

FOCUS GROUPS RECOMMENDATIONS

The region established a focus group in October 2017 to evaluate the camp program and make recommendations to the regional church council about how to go forward with the camp program. Matt Thomas has been participating on that focus group. The following update regarding the regional ministry comes from Matt as he received additional information at a recent meeting.

The financial practices that led to the current financial situation began as early as 1977 - 1988. At the time, the regional church council was voting on a budget that would allocate more to the camp program than was advised. In 2002, an interim regional minister was called and advised to eliminate a couple staff positions. A regional capital campaign ran to raise money for camp but fell short by \$1 million.

In 2013, the regional church council was asked and agreed to sign a confidentiality agreement to not disclose the financial situation of the region. The region took a \$290,000 mortgage for Camp Christian, but only 2/3 of the loan went to camp improvements. At the regional assembly that year, the regional minister, Rev. Bill Edwards was asked if the region was covering expenses. He said financially the region was fine, but the region was not covering expenses. Some old restricted funds were released and put in the general fund to cover operating expenses.

At the last regional council meeting, the bylaws were suspended for up to one year during which the region will evaluate a path forward. The camp task force decided at its last recent meeting to make a recommendation to the regional executive committee. After careful consideration of many options, the camp task force will recommend that the camp form Camp Christian Foundation, a not-for-profit organization. The foundation will run Camp Christian as its own separate entity / ministry. The foundation will be able to make decisions about how to manage the camp.

Please hold the region and Camp Christian, the executive church committee, the camp task force and the churches of the region in your prayers as this is a difficult time in ministry in Ohio. We are hopeful that a new age in ministry for Ohio churches will soon dawn on the horizon.

Pastor Tracy / Matt Thomas



Cameron, Worship Leader



Landon and Travis reading scripture



Ethan leading us in the Pledges

Owen preparing Communion



Youth serving Communion

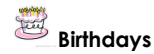


Renee delivering the sermon

Angel reading scripture



May/June, 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		May 15 Jake Padich Bible Study 7:00 	16 Bible Study 2:00 Choir practice 6:00 	17 Leigha Blevins	18 bike to work day	19
20 Hannah Circle Music Sunday 	21 Marilyn Strong Marilyn Chamberlain Elder's Mtg. 7:00	22 Bible Study 7:00	23 Bible Study 2:00	24	25	26 Allison Byrd
27	28 Ginger Alley 	29 Bible Study 7:00 Board Mtg. 7:00	30 Bible Study 2:00 	31	June 1	2 Connor Thompson
3	4	5 Bible Study 7:00 COME JOIN OUR BIBLE Study 	6 Esther/Rebekah meet @ church 10:45 to carpool to Cobblestone Restaurant in Waynesville	7 Sarah Circle meet for dinner at 6 PM at Ele Restaurant at Austin Landing	8	9
10	11	12 Ethan Otis Bible Study 7:00	13 Adam Blevins Bible Study 2:00	14 Mary Back 	5 Angie Otis	16
17 	18 ----- 25 Jean Greathouse	19 Bible Study 7:00 ----- 26 Helen Dennis Bible Study 7:00	20 Bible Study 2:00 ----- 27 Kaitlyn Thompson Bible Study 2:00	21 Cathy Treadway ----- 28	22 ----- 29	23 ----- 30 Matt Lyons

