



First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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Chalice Communicator

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September 18, 2018

Number 9

Music Director: Michael Hefner

Moderator: Larry Chamberlain

Elders: Sharon Amburgey
Roger Byrd
Dave Lombard
Matt Lyons
Dorice Perkins
Karen Powers
Guy Stone
Marilyn Strong
Cliff Thompson

Elder's Corner

Since the departure of Pastor Siegman, the Elders have been working closely with the Board to determine the steps needed to move the Church forward. To that end, the Elders recently reviewed information about a Disciple-based organization that helps churches such as ourselves who need assistance in assessing their current status, resolving any existing difficulties and identifying viable future options. Following a special meeting of the Board on September 16th, the Board unanimously approved a motion to utilize their services. Thus, the Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation will work with us in upcoming months. Please pray for God's guidance in this effort and prepare to share your own thoughts regarding the future direction our Church should take.

The Elders continue to assist those pastors and lay people who are providing our Sunday messages in worship. The Elders have also decided to visit our special need members twice-monthly rather than once a month.

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- Choir Practice 7PM
Wednesdays- Literacy Class 7-8 PM
09/24 Board Meeting 7 PM
10/03 Esther/Rebekah Circle 1PM
10/04 Sarah Circle 7PM
10/14 Middletown Youth Connection
10/27 Trunk or Treat 6-8 pm
11/02 Lifeline Screening

STATISTICS:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
09/16/18	57	\$776.00
09/09/18	45	\$1,838.00
09/02/18	68	\$3,315.38
08/26/18	36	\$845.00
Singles for Sign		\$627.00
Coins for Camp	August-	\$114.13
	Sept.-	\$63.83

REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

Christian Church in Ohio (Disciples of Christ)

October 6, 2018

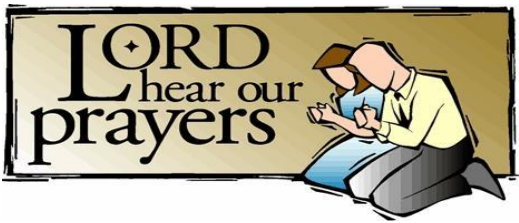
Gender Road Christian Church
5336 Gender Road
Canal Winchester, OH 43110
614.834.5973

guest
speaker

09/23- Rev. Sue Glaab

09/30- Rev. John Dick

10/07- Rev. Ed Bastien



Prayer List:

Health: Paul Campbell, Larry Chamberlain, Marilyn Chamberlain, Helen Dennis, Brenda Gully, Barbara Gray, Diane Kinkade, Dorice Perkins, Sharon Smith, Sharon Sparks, Guy Stone, Walter Strohm

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

Others: All those affected by Hurricane Florence, 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.

THANK YOU TO OUR TECH TEAM!

A note of thanks to our amazing Tech Team who excel in our audio/visual presentations. All of our sermons are available on our website and are now available to non-Facebook users. To see updates and live streams, just go to FCC-Middletown.org and you may see all that is going on within our Church. Thank you Connor, Cliff, Connor, Larry, and Connor!!!

REGIONAL CHURCH OFFICE MOVING

As of September 1st, the Regional Church Office will be located in the administration building at Camp Christian.

The address is:

[10335 Maple Dell Rd,
Marysville, OH 43040](https://www.fcc-middletown.org/10335-Maple-Dell-Rd-Marysville-OH-43040)

OUTREACH

Our monthly contributions to the Salvation Army continue and are very much appreciated. This month our suggested items of giving include crackers and soups, particularly Tomato and Chicken Noodle soups. All donations may be placed in the blue tub in the Narthex.

On September 13th, the Outreach Team partnered with Membership and participated in a "meet and greet event" at the Central Academy Open House. We were on-site to hand out bottled water and pencils and meet with families to let them know of our services and upcoming programs.

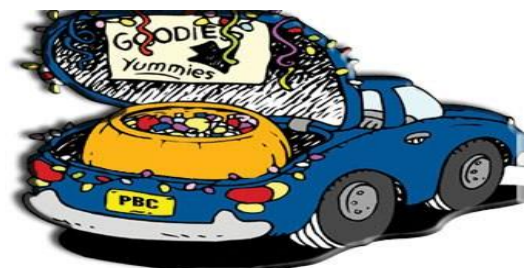
CWF NEWS

Sarah Circle put together 31 Health Kits for Church World Service at our meeting on Sept. 6th. We wish to thank Esther-Rebekah Circle for their generous donation of money for this project and also the congregation members who brought items for us to put into the Health Kits. CWF is also sending \$62 to Church World Service as a processing fee for the kits. With all of the damage caused by Hurricane Florence, these kits will soon be on their way to help those in need.

MEMBERSHIP

Thank you to all who attended dinner and a movie. Especially thank you for the cleaning help. Many hands make the work light. As per your request surprises in November for our next activity.

We are organizing a Trunk or Treat from 6-8 pm on Saturday, October 27th It will be "rain or shine" event. There will be a cupcake walk, corn hole, food, and hopefully a couple of surprises. Since this is our first endeavor we will need all hands on deck. People will be needed to decorate their trunks, pass out candy and to help with the various activities. All are encouraged to wear costumes. Donations are needed of cupcakes, chips, bottled water, and fun-sized candy.



MIDDLETOWN YOUTH CONNECTION

Middletown Youth Connection for youth 6th thru 12th grade will have their first meeting on October 14th from 3-5 pm at the Gathering downtown. We will be making pizzas as well as other fun activities. We will meet in our parking lot at 2:30. Star has volunteered to chaperone with me or chaperone me, not sure which one. If interested, please contact Kate or Karen Thompson. I will need a number to reserve our pizza fixings.

Karen Thompson



A huge thank you to everyone who has been trimming shrubs and pulling weeds! Along with our regular yard mowers, things are looking very neat and tidy. A few items we could use some help with are:

- Staining the fence around the dumpster
- Continued weed pulling!
- Stain treating some spots on our carpeting
- Screen repair

We still need to find someone who can power wash our Steeple and paint the light pole.

Please contact Cliff T. or Larry S. if you can help with any of these.

FACEBOOK

If you were inspired by Carol's or one of the other recent sermons or by Brenda's Children's Message about how "Yes, you can make a difference, please check out the church's Facebook page as some things have changed

The church's Facebook page settings have been changed, so that it is viewable to non-Facebook users. This allows anyone to go to the url of the page, and see the updates and live streams. This will be helpful for everyone to know that it is viewable for all now.

<https://www.facebook.com/FirstChristianChurchMiddletown/>

HOSPICE CARE OF MIDDLETOWN HEALING A HEART FALL 2018

This is a six week Grief Support Group for people who have lost a loved one. Healing a Heart support group focuses on peer support, grief education and the development of coping skills. The groups meet Thursday from 6:30 to 8:00 pm beginning October 11th and ending November 15th. Thursday afternoon groups meet 1:00 to 2:30 pm beginning October 11th and ending November 15th. All groups meet at 3909 Central Ave. in the Hospice building located behind Central Connections. Pre-registration is required. To register call (513) 424-2273. There is no charge to attend and the groups are open to the community.

LIFE LINE SCREENING

FRIDAY, NOV. 2nd at FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

These screening go beyond regular checkups to look inside your arteries for signs of plaque build-up.

5 screening for \$139.00

Carotid Artery/Plaque Screening
Heart Rhythm Screening
Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening
Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening
Osteoporosis Risk Assessment

3 ways to register:

Call toll-free: 1-866-2290469

Online: www.lifelinescreening.com/ community circle


Text: circle to 79797

September/October, 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		September 18 Bible Study 7:00	19 Choir Practice 7pm  Add your voice	20	21  ZeDay Zero Emissions Day on September 21 Global Movement on Road Fuel Conservation ZeDay.org	22  CAR FREE DAY
23	24 Board Meeting 7 pm	25 COME JOIN OUR BIBLE Study  7:00 PM	26 Choir Practice 7pm	27  Heather Hardewig	28  Lora Schueller	29
30  RECONCILIATION Special Offering	October 1  Sarah Byrd 	2 Bible Study 7:00	3 Esther/Rebekah Circle 1 pm Choir Practice 7pm Literacy Class 7-8 pm	4  Tyler Hendricks Sarah Circle 7 pm	5  Gail Rudd	6
7  Do this to remember Me! WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY	8	9 Bible Study 7:00	10 Choir Practice 7pm Literacy Class 7-8 pm 	11	12  Sharon Sparks	13
14 Middletown Youth Connection 3-5 pm 	15  Nicholas Otis	16 Bible Study 7:00 	17 Choir Practice 7pm Literacy Class 7-8 pm 	18	19  Peggy Cain	20
21  Wanda Deaton ----- 28	22 ----- 29	23 Bible Study 7:00 ----- 30 Bible Study 7:00	24 Choir Practice 7pm Literacy Class 7-8 pm ----- 31 Choir Practice 7 pm Literacy Class 7-8 pm	25	26	27  TRUNK OR TREAT 6-8 pm

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The logo is a shield-shaped emblem. It is divided into four quadrants by a vertical and a horizontal line. In the top-right quadrant, there is a stylized chalice or cup with a cross inside it. The other three quadrants are empty.