



First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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Chalice Communicator

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Music Director: Michael Hefner

Moderator: Larry Chamberlain

Elders: Sharon Amburgey
Natalie Byrd
Roger Byrd
Dave Lombard
Karen Powers
Guy Stone
Marilyn Strong
Cliff Thompson
Karen 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- Choir practice 6:30 pm
Wednesdays- Literacy class 6:30 pm

11/25 Hanging of the Greens
11/26 Board Meeting
12/01 Carols For The Bell dinner 6-9
12/05 Esther/Rebekah 12 PM
@Olive Garden
12/06 Sarah Circle 6 PM @ Zola’s
12/09 Civic Choir-Handel’s Messiah
12/09 Middletown Youth Connection
12/16 CWF after church working on
outreach project (tie blankets)
12/24 Christmas Eve Candlelight
Service

HANGING OF THE GREENS

We will be staying after church on Sunday, November 25 to decorate our church in preparation for Christmas. There will be tasks for all abilities. Lunch will be provided. RSVP to Karen Thompson or Brenda Gulley, so they can plan lunch.

ELDER’S CORNER

Following their recent nomination and approval, the Elders are pleased to welcome two new members to our group. They are Natalie Byrd and Karen Thompson. Plan to see them soon at our communion table and in general service of our congregation.

Our Church recently completed the assessment phase with the Hope Partnership group through their New Beginnings program and we now await their report regarding the information they gathered. A training and decision phase begins in January. Please hold Friday evening January 25th in your schedules to meet and talk with our assigned trainer.

As we approach the Advent season, let us prepare ourselves once more for God’s great gift to all of us. We hope to see everyone who is able at Sunday services.

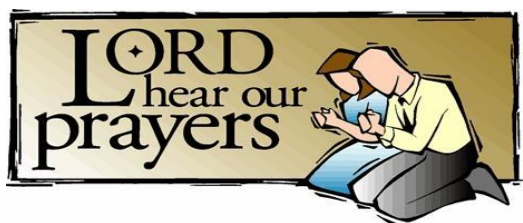


November 24	Pastor Carol Oetzel
December 2	Mr. Bob Gambrell
December 9	Rev. John Dick
December 16	Rev. John Dick
December 23	Rev. Lewis Vetri
December 24	Rev. Willie Barnes-Jackson
December 30	Rev. Pamela Barnes-Jackson

STATISTICS:

Date	Attendance	Offering
11/18/18	46	\$1,150.00
11/11/18	47	\$2,083.00
11/04/18	46	\$3,072.00
10/28/18	46	\$ 982.00
10/21/18	40	\$ 799.00

Thanksgiving \$45.00 Singles for Sign \$13.00
Coins for Camp September- \$63.83 October- \$92.30



Prayer List:

Health: Barbara Cessna, Marilyn Chamberlain, Barbara Gray, Melanie Padich, Dorice Perkins, Sharon Smith.

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

Others: All those affected by wildfires, 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.

MIDDLETOWN YOUTH CONNECTION

Middletown Youth Connection will be gathering at The Gathering on Sunday, December 9th to finish assembling Christmas stockings for the needy in Middletown. Stockings will contain mini hygiene products, handwarmers, socks, and non-perishable food snacks. The youth decorated 50 stockings at our last meeting on November 11th.

CAROLS FOR THE BELL DINNER

Dinner is on December 1st from 6-9 PM. NO TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR. It is going to be a holly jolly good time, you will not want to miss it. Final day for in person ticket sales will be Sunday November 25th and the online sales will close on the 26th. Our own Kate Thompson and Michael Hefner will be the featured entertainment with a couple of surprises you will not want to miss. What better way to get into the Christmas spirit than sharing a festive meal with your church family. Transportation arrangements are available for those who do not drive after dark. Please come to support a great cause, our own Camp Christian.

OUTREACH

We thank everyone who donated food items for the Salvation Army families we adopted for the holidays. We have five families and nine children to provide for this year and will be handing out gift requests very soon.

Some members of the Outreach Team worked with SHALOM volunteers recently to sort through three truckloads of new clothing items. SanMar Corporation again made a huge donation to help the homeless within our community. We thank those who donated their time to pick up the items (Larry Steele, Larry and Marilyn Chamberlain, Linda Poynter and Sharon Amburgey). Thanks goes to Judy Lemmert, Karen Thompson, Charlotte Steele, Linda Poynter and Sharon Amburgey, as well as Sally Williamson (Christ United Methodist) and Jan Perander (Zion Lutheran) who worked diligently to go through all the boxes and set up a distribution center in our Church.

Our first week of hosting SHALOM guests begins on Dec. 30th and our Church will be responsible for the meals on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We will have a sign-up sheet in the narthex in December. Please consider helping with a meal, an overnight or the 7 to 10 shift between the two. For more information, please contact Linda Poynter or Sharon Amburgey. Our second week will begin on January 27, 2019.

This is a very busy time for Outreach and we are extremely appreciative of all the support provided by our congregation.

CWF NEWS

Our CWF groups will be having their Christmas dinner meetings in December. Esther-Rebekah Circle will meet at 12:00 noon on December 5th at Olive Garden in Middletown. Sarah Circle will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Dec. 6th at Zola McClish's home in Monroe. Sarah Circle will be working on our tied lap blankets for Close to Home Assisted Living facility. If you can, please bring 2½ yards of fleece or a fleece throw kit to work on. We will have extra fleece available that evening if it is needed. Also, let Zola know if you are coming and what appetizer or dessert you wish to bring.

On Dec. 16th, we will have a light lunch in fellowship hall after worship and we will work on our fleece lap blankets for our activity that day. You may bring 2 1/2 yards of fleece or a fleece throw kit if you wish. We will have extra fleece on hand that day also.

The Middletown Civic Chorus will present Handel's Messiah at our church on Dec. 9th at 3:00 p.m. We will need several dozen cookies and some cheese balls and crackers for the reception that day. There will be sign-up sheets in the narthex this Sunday for cookie donations, cheese ball donations, and workers to help set up, serve, and clean up the reception.

Our annual collection for Blanket Sunday will be on January 27, 2019.



Camp Christian Summer 2019 Schedule

We are so excited to share with you the 2019 Summer Program Schedule for Camp Christian. As you can see there will be two opportunities for Grandparents Camp in 2019 the first being on June 7th & 8th. The dates for the second one have yet to be determined, but will be later in the summer. We are also going to have Chi Rho Camp Damascus and CYF Week #3 at Camp Christian at the same time. The Directors of these two Camps are working together to share the space in new and creative ways. You will also note the two Disciples Fellowship Retreats which are open to all ages.

- Disciples Fellowship Retreat
May 24-26
- Grandparents Camp
#1 June 7-8
- Chi Rho Camp Emmaus
June 9-15
- Otter Camp
June 16-22
- CYF Week # 1
June 23-29
- Ribbit CIT Training
June 30-July 3
- Ribbit Camp
July 3-6
- CYF Week # 2
July 7-13
- Chi Rho Camp Corinth
July 14-20
- Chi Rho Damascus & CYF
Week #3 July 21-27
- Advance Conference
July 28-Aug. 4
- *Grandparents Camp #2*
TBA
- Disciples Fellowship Retreat
August 30-Sept. 1

Art Auction and Art Sale

On Sunday, November 25th, Mt Healthy Christian Church will be auctioning and selling much of its beautiful art work from around the building. Please join us from 1:00-3:00 pm to bid on or buy your favorite pieces. Don't miss out! So many lovely additions to any space! Light refreshments will also be served.

Quilt Raffle

With the blessing of its designer, Christopher Florence, I (Nora Bryant) have pieced a quilt to offer as a fund raiser for the Camp Christian mortgage reduction project. The quilt is titled Passages and the blue blocks are the King Jehoshaphat block. Passages are how we get from one place to another and they are not always easy to get through, nor are we always able to see where we will come out at the end. It is our faith that allows us to set out at the beginning.

Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. Checks should be made payable to Camp Christian with "principal on loan" marked on the memo line. Send to Mantua Center Christian Church, Attn: Nora Brant P.O. Box 550 Mantua, OH 44255. Include a contact phone number with your check. You will be assigned a number and that number will be marked on the back of each of your tickets so you don't need to send address labels, worry about keeping track of a ticket stub, or need to be present for the drawing. How simple is that? All money must be received by December 20th. The winner will be drawn on Christmas Eve and notified by phone. *If you have any questions, contact Nora at stnorarn@roadrunner.com.*



November/December 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<div>November 20</div> <div></div> <div>Peggy Byrd</div> <div>Bible Study 7:00</div>	<div>21</div> <div>Choir Practice 6:30 PM</div> <div>Literacy Class 6:30 PM</div>	<div>22</div> <div></div>	<div>23</div>	<div>24</div> <div></div> <div>Debbie Wells</div> <div></div>
<div>25</div> <div>Hanging of the Greens</div>	<div>26</div>	<div>27</div> <div>COME JOIN OUR</div> <div>BIBLE</div> <div></div> <div>Study 7:00 PM</div>	<div>28</div> <div>Choir Practice 6:30 PM</div> <div>Literacy Class 6:30 PM</div>	<div>29</div>	<div>30</div>	<div>December 1</div> <div>Carol for the Bell Dinner 6-9 PM</div> <div></div>
<div>2</div> <div></div> <div>First Sunday in Advent</div>	<div>3</div>	<div>4</div> <div>Bible Study 7:00</div>	<div>5</div> <div></div> <div>Angel Dearth</div> <div>Choir Practice 6:30 PM</div> <div>Literacy Class 6:30 PM</div> <div>Esther/Rebekah 12 PM @ Olive Garden</div>	<div>6</div> <div>Sarah Circle @ Zola's 6 PM</div>	<div>7</div>	<div>8</div>
<div></div> <div>Civic Choir – Handel's Messiah 3 PM</div> <div>Youth Connection meets</div>	<div>10</div>	<div>11</div> <div>Bible Study 7 PM</div>	<div>12</div> <div></div> <div>Choir Practice 6:30 PM</div> <div>Literacy Class 6:30 PM</div>	<div>13</div>	<div>14</div>	<div>15</div>
<div>16</div> <div>CWF Outreach project after church</div> <div></div>	<div>17</div>	<div>18</div> <div></div> <div>Bible Study 7:00</div>	<div>19</div> <div>Choir Practice 6:30 PM</div> <div>Literacy Class 6:30 PM</div> <div></div>	<div>20</div>	<div>21</div>	<div>22</div> <div></div> <div>Cameron Fowler</div>
<div>23</div> <div></div> <div>-----</div> <div>30</div>	<div>24</div> <div></div> <div>Dave Lombard</div> <div>Christmas Candlelight Service</div> <div>-----</div> <div>31 NEW YEAR'S EVE</div>	<div>25</div> <div></div>	<div>26</div> <div>Choir Practice 6:30 PM</div> <div>Literacy Class 6:30 PM</div>	<div>27</div>	<div>28</div>	<div>29</div>

