



First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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Chalice Communicator

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Number 2

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

Worship – 10:30 a.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesdays- Bible Study 7 PM

Wednesdays- Choir practice 6:30 pm

Wednesdays- Literacy class 6:30 pm

03/06 Esther/Rebekah 1 PM

03/06 Ash Wednesday Service 7 PM

03/07 Sarah Circle 7 PM

03/18 Elders Mtg. 7 PM

03/25 Board Mtg. 7 PM

04/06 Razor's Edge Concert 7 PM

04/13 Community Easter Egg Hunt 1-3

STATISTICS:

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
02/24/19	40	\$ 630.00
02/17/19	37	\$ 945.00
02/10/19	43	\$2,425.00
02/03/19	41	\$2,632.00

Chalice Praise Books \$80.00

Blanket Sunday \$15.00

Week of Compassion \$150.00

ELDER'S MOMENT

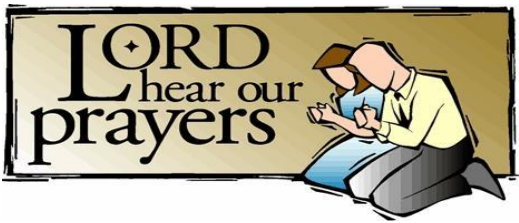
Elders continue to remain active in assisting during worship with the ministers who have been so gracious to provide a message for us each Sunday. We also have Elders who are serving as House Leaders and host families for our New Beginnings house meetings which are now underway. If anyone still has questions regarding these meetings, please contact Dave Lombard or Don Dixon. Our Elders, of course, continue to serve our special needs members and any member who requires significant medical intervention.



March 3	Rev. John Dick
March 10	Rev. Carol Oetzel
March 17	Rev John Dick
March 24	Rev. Carol Oetzel
March 31	Rev. Carol Oetzel

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

Ash Wednesday service will be observed on March 6th at 7 PM. Hope to see everyone as we begin our Lenten Journey.



Prayer List:

Health: Ellie Belcher, Becky Brondt, Barbara Cessna, Angel Dearth, Barbara Gray, Janice Cash, Sharon Smith, Larry Steele

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

Others:

All those affected by disasters. Caregivers, children and teachers, the homeless, SHALOM, heroin epidemic, racism and all human rights, our Country, war, violence, our church, congregation and church leaders



To say Thank You just doesn't seem enough. Your calls, your cards and notes, and the goodies are just so great. As you know, I'm seriously restricted as to just how much and what I can move. It would be so much more tolerable if I wasn't confined to this immobilizing leg brace. I've got 6 more weeks with the brace and then a rather long period of rehab/therapy. Thanks to the efforts of Connor Thompson, I (we) are able to worship with y'all on Sunday mornings via the FCC Live Cast. I/we do miss ALL of you so very much. I'm looking forward to the time when I can once again, worship in person with you, my church family. Again, Thanks to all from me and Charlotte. Larry Steele

CONGRATULATIONS

One of our young deacons, Daria Dearth, was recently selected to perform at The Ohio State University with the 8th Grade Honor Band. The previous week, she performed with the Southwest Ohio Honor Band. We congratulate Daria and look forward to hearing more good things in the future about this young flutist. We are proud of all of our young deacons as they not only serve within our congregation but represent us well within our community.

OUTREACH

Since our last newsletter, we received a sincere thank you from Rosa Parks Elementary School for our "Hats and Mittens" donation.

This month Outreach made clothing donations to residents at Close to Home Assisted Living Facility. After learning several residents had no family members to provide clothing for them, we invited staff members to visit our Church and select items for anyone in need. We also contributed clothing items to the Church Women's United Clothing Depot in Middletown. Additionally, we delivered a huge amount of clothing items to the Vineyard Help Center in Franklin.

We are looking forward to assisting Membership with the Community Easter Egg Hunt.

In March, we are requesting **cereal** for our monthly donations to the Salvation Army food pantry. We have started including our Food Pantry requests on the back of our weekly bulletins and continue to be thankful for everyone's support.

Sharon Amburgey and Linda Poynter

COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

First Christian will sponsor a Community Easter Egg hunt on Saturday, April 13th from 1pm - 3pm. (Rain Date April 20th) This will replace the event normally held on Easter Sunday. There will be an Egg Hunt, Children's activities and refreshments served. The goal will be to fill and hide 500 plastic eggs! Along with that, we are asking for donations of individually wrapped small candies, bottled water, sidewalk chalk and plastic Easter eggs. We will need everyone's help to make this a successful event so please mark your calendars ! If you have any questions, please contact Karen Thompson or Crystal Watson.

CWF NEWS

The CWF Circles will resume their normal meeting schedules in March. Sarah Circle will meet March 7th at the church at 7:00 p.m. and Esther-Rebekah Circle will meet on March 6th at 1:00 p.m. at the church. All ladies are invited to join us as we fellowship together.

On March 4th, a group of Sarah Circle members delivered 33 tied fleece lap blankets to the Close to Home assisted living center for use by the residents. When we were there, we offered to have one of their staff come to our church and pick out some coats (donated by San Mar Corp.) which will be used by some of their residents.

Blanket Sunday was held on February 3rd and we collected \$238.78 which will be sent to Church World Service in their effort to give blankets and other items to those who have been affected by natural disasters, storms, floods, etc.

We are providing desserts and snacks for the participants of the Regional Listening Conference which will be held at our church on the evening of February 25th. Thanks to all who are helping serve or provide food for this event.



Welcome New Member!

We are excited to share that our Music Director, Michael Heffner made the decision to join our church family. Michael feels called to not only be in ministry with us as our music leader, but also as part of our membership. Not only is he a gifted musician, Michael is an avid tennis player and loves working in the yard and landscaping. Be sure to extend a special WELCOME to him.

SOUPER BOWL THANKS

Thanks to everyone who contributed to Souper Bowl either by cooking or by eating. \$124.33 was raised to help send our active youth to camp. A big thank you to all who stuck around to help clean up, many hands make work light. As usual you are generous on all occasions. First place went to Karen T, second place to Natalie B, and third place to the now 4 time winner Larry C. Rumor has it that Karen T pushed Larry S. to remove him from the competition....these are unsubstantiated rumors.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Did you know many people meet the church before they ever step foot in it? The first place people checkout a church today, is on the internet! We are looking for a few people who are interested in helping maintain our website and social media feeds (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter.)

Did you ever wonder how we run slides in worship? We are looking to add multiple people to all of these, as we are stretched a little thin.

If you are interested in any of these opportunities, talk to Connor or email bobwhiteeagle2012@gmail.com

PROPERTY POSTS



With Lent and the Easter season fast approaching, we need to do some clean up from the never ending winter season we are coming out of. Some items that you can do to help with preparing for this wonderful time in the church calendar are:

1. Wax removal in the sanctuary
2. Carpet cleaning in the front of sanctuary
3. Mulch turnover and freshening
4. Picking up of sticks and trash in the yard

If you have any questions, please reach out to Larry Steele or Cliff Thompson.

HOSPICE CARE OF MIDDLETOWN

Hospice Care of Middletown is proud to sponsor "Healing A Heart", a 6 week Grief Support Group for people who have lost a loved one.

GROUP DATES and LOCATION

Six week groups meet Tuesday beginning March 19th- April 23rd, 2019. We offer either an afternoon or evening session. The afternoons meet from 1:00-2:30 PM and the evenings meet from 6:30-8:00 PM.

All groups meet at 3909 Central Avenue. This is the Hospice office building located behind Central Connections.

Pre-Registration is Required.

To register: Call (513) 424-2273/Care
There is no charge to attend the "Healing A Heart" grief support group.

RAZOR'S EDGE CONCERT

The Razor's Edge Barbershop Chorus
Presents
Looking Back From the Future



Featuring
Pipe Shop
Barbershop Quartet

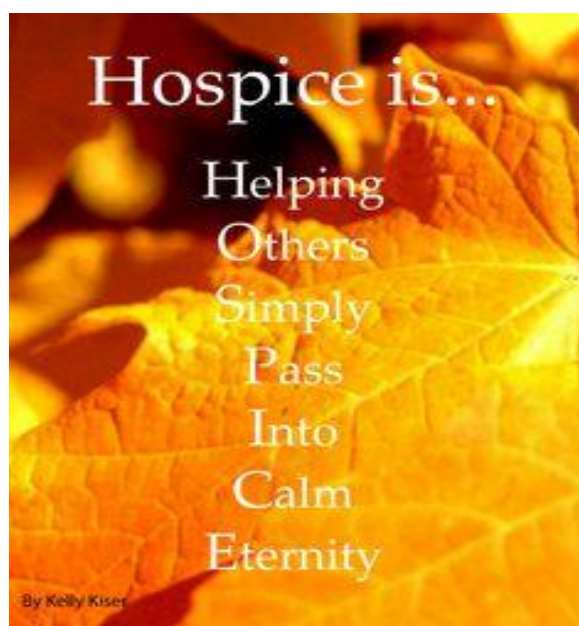
April 6, 2019
7:00 PM

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Tickets: \$12 & Children 12 & Under Free
For information for Ads or Tickets Call: (513) 424-2096 or (937) 572-2347
Call for Group Rates

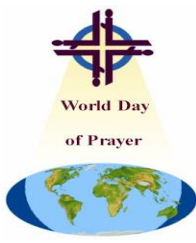






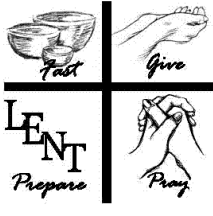








The Public is welcome to our
AFTERGLOW
Following the show
Directly across the foyer in the Fellowship Hall
Singing - Jokes - Refreshments
Admission : \$5 at the door

Handicapped Accessible
Facility



MARCH, 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		February 26 Bible Study 7:00	27 Choir Practice 6:30 PM Literacy Class 6:30 pm	28	March 1  World Day of Prayer	2
3  Paul Campbell	4  Carol Efker	5	6  Heather Lyons Choir Practice 6:30 PM Literacy Class 6:30 pm  Lent Begins Ash Wednesday Service @ 7PM	7	8  Logan Blevins	9  Janet O'Neal
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