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Elders: Sharon Amburgey

Natalie Byrd
Roger Byrd
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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

3/27, 4/03, 4/10 Lenten Luncheon First Presbyterian Church @ noon 04/03 Esther/Rebekah 1 PM 04/04 Sarah Circle 7 PM 04/06 Razor's Edge Concert 7 PM 04/13 Property Work Day 9 AM 04/13 Community Easter Egg Hunt 1-3

04/14 Middletown Youth Connection 3-5 PM

04/15 Elders Mtg. 7 PM 04/19 Good Friday

Stations of the Cross 3-5 PM 04/21 Easter Breakfast 9:30

04/22 Board Mtg. 7 PM

STATISTICS:

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	Attendanc	ce Offering			
03/24/19	48	\$ 912.00			
03/17/19	46	\$1,830.00			
03/10/19	48	\$2,312.00			
03/03/19	39	\$2,435.00			
Memorials		\$50.00			
Week of Compassion		\$100.00			

Coins for Camp- Jan/Feb- \$132.09

ELDER'S MOMENT

As has been the case over the past several months, Elders continue to assist visiting clergy during Sunday worship as well as serve at the communion table. Visitation with special needs members also continues on a twice-monthly basis.

The Elders recently reviewed Connor Thompson's request to receive pastoral training experience as he plans to enter the seminary and they will help oversee his experiences here at First Christian now that his position has been approved by the congregation. We hope he can add to the support of our congregation as he, in turn, gains valuable experience in preparation for eventual ordination.

With completion of the House Meetings planned with our New Beginnings trainer, Elders will assist in completing recommendations for the future direction of our Church. It appears that our congregation may be moving toward a new and exciting beginning.

If any church member is preparing for an upcoming surgery or significant medical procedure, please contact one of our Elder Co-chairs so that we can have someone available to pray with you prior to undergoing your medical intervention.



March 31 Rev. Carol Oetzel
 April 7 Rev. Sue Glabb
 April 14 Rev. J. Thomas Johnson
 April 21 Rev. Carol Oetzel
 April 28 Rev. Rebecca Woods



Prayer List:

Health: Ken Amburgey, Ellie Belcher, Becky Brodt, Barbara Gray, Janice Kash, Sharon Smith, Larry Steele, Guy Stone

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

Others:

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



Thank you for all the cards and comments regarding the passing of my mother, Ruth Dixon Hurt. Mom was reared in this congregation and considered the people as her church family. She always liked visiting FCC when she came to town and loved to see her old friends.

CAMP FORMS

Camp forms are in the Narthex. Please be aware of the Early Bird discount deadline when completing the forms.

TUESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

We are exploring the History and the Practices of Lent. Join us at 7 PM. Soup may be provided. Hope to see you on April 2nd. (There will be no meeting on March 26.)

GOOD FRIDAY

On Good Friday, we will have the church open from 3-7 PM to do a self-guided prayer and meditation journey, much like the Stations of the Cross that we had last year. Plan to visit and get your heart ready for the celebration of Easter morning and the Empty Tomb.

EASTER MORNING BREAKFAST

We will be serving breakfast on Easter Sunday before worship from 9 to 10 am. Since we will not be having a Sunrise Service or an Easter Egg Hunt (Community Egg Hunt instead). Come enjoy a complete hot breakfast Buffett with your church family. There will be a sign-up sheet for those who know for sure that they will be attending, as this will help for planning purposes. If you are unsure, please still plan on attending, as we are sure we will have plenty.

COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

We will be hosting a Community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 13th from 1-3 PM. Rain date will be Saturday April 20th at the same time. It will be for kids (toddlers to age 12). There will be a cupcake walk, games, food, Easter Basket drawing. We need all the help we can get after our large response to Trunk or Treat. This will be an opportunity to be in the community. Even if you are only able to sit in a lawn chair, we will have jobs for you. So come be the face of First Christian Church. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Thompson or Crystal Watson.

LENTEN LUNCHEONS

Lenten Luncheons begins at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall at First Presbyterian Church on Central Ave. on March 27th, April 3rd, and April 10th. This year's theme is "Ordinary". They have asked the speakers to share a story when they experienced God in something ordinary. You are also invited to stay afterwards for a conversation on the book "Liturgy of the Ordinary" by Tish Harrison Warren.

MIDDLETOWN YOUTH CONNECTION

MYC will have our April meeting on Sunday April 14th @ The Gathering from 3-5 PM. This is open to youth grades 6-12.

PROPERTY POSTS



Property Work Day on April 13th at 9 AM

Purpose: Yard clean-up, flower bed freshening, window washing, general outdoor clean-up

OUTREACH

We appreciate the **outstanding** support our congregation has shown with our monthly nonperishable food donations for the Salvation Army. During the month of April, we will be collecting paper and cleaning products. Items such as paper towels, facial tissues, toilet tissues, bar soap, dish soap and laundry soap are the types of items being suggested.

We continue to collect empty pill bottles and always benefit from your donations of used ink cartridges. Used pill bottles and ink cartridges may be placed in the hanging bins to the left of the drinking fountain.

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CWF NEWS

Sarah Circle will meet at the church on April 4th at 7:00pm. We will finish filling Easter eggs with candy for the Easter Egg Hunt. We will also have a Bible lesson. On April 11th, we will assist the residents of Close to Home assisted living center in playing Bingo.

Esther-Rebekah Circle will meet on Apr. 3rd at 1:00 pm at the church. All ladies of the church are invited to join either Circle.



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

Tickets for the Razor's Edge show at the church on April 6 are available from Don Dixon. There is only one more Sunday prior to the show.



APRIL, 2019 Birthdays

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
	March 25 Roger Byrd John Otis	Bible Study 7:00 cancelled	Add Your Voice Choir Practice 6:30 PM Literacy Class 6:30 pm Lenten Luncheon First Presbyterian Church @ noon	28 Linda Lombard	29 Travis Hendricks	30		
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HEISEN RISEN Breakfast 9:30	Leah Hardewig Marry Eastin Day Board Mtg. 7 PM	Bible Study 7:00	24 Choir Practice 6:30 PM Literacy Class 6:30 pm KEEP CALM AND LOVE LITERACY	25	Nancy Bolton	27		
28	29 Martin Schaefer	30 Bible Study 7:00						

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