



First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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Chalice Communicator

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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
05/01 Esther/Rebekah 1 PM
05/02 Sarah Circle 7 PM
05/12 Mother's Day
05/12 Blessing Boxes
05/12 Middletown Youth Connection
3-5 PM
05/20 Elders Mtg. 7 PM
05/23 Lifeline Health Screenings
05/27 Memorial Day
05/28 Board Mtg. 7 PM

STATISTICS:

| | <u>Attendance</u> | <u>Offering</u> |
|----------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 04/28/19 | 42 | \$510.00 |
| 04/21/19 | 75 | \$2,206.00 |
| 04/14/19 | 45 | \$2,158.00 |
| 04/07/19 | 52 | \$2,515.00 |
| 03/31/19 | 48 | \$1,459.97 |

Easter- \$260.00

Week of Compassion- \$5.00

ELDER'S MOMENT

Elders continue to serve at the communion table, to assist visiting clergy during Sunday worship and to visit with our special needs members. Elders are also available to meet with any member for prayer prior to surgery or special medical procedure. Be sure to let us know if such a need should arise for you.



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| May 5 | Michael Massey |
| May 12 | Rev. Willie Barnes-Jackson |
| May 19 | Rev. Rick Spieth |
| May 26 | Rev. Carol Oetzel |

SUMMER MUSIC

If you are interested and would like to share your musical talents with us for special music for the summer please contact our music director Michael Hefner (email: mrayh@earthlink.net - Tel: 937-266-8265).

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

A new Sunday school class for anyone who is interested will be starting soon! Date to be determined. This class will be based on the movie, "War Room". We will explore the power of prayer, the discipline of prayer, the power of praying as a group, and targeted prayer. There is no better time in the life of our church to use our prayers as means of strengthening and furthering our church mission.

The quarterly financial statements are available to be picked up in the narthex.



Prayer List:

Health: Ellie Belcher, Becky Brodt, Barbara Gray, Nancy Milton, Helen Morgan, Sharon Smith, Larry Steele, Tillie Steele, Guy Stone

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

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



Thank you to everyone for all the cards and prayers that I received. I love and appreciate my church family and everything that they do.

Guy Stone

THANK YOU FROM OUTREACH AND MEMBERSHIP

A huge thank you to everyone who made the Easter egg hunt such a success. Thanks to all who bought candy, stuffed eggs, helped hide eggs, cooked and served food, baked cupcakes and served at the event. It was a great opportunity to showcase our church family working together. Suffice to say we made a lot of kids very happy. We estimate 150 children and adults attended. Kudos to membership and outreach for planning and implementation.

THANK YOU FROM CONNOR

Members of FCC,

I wanted to take a moment to thank you for a few recent actions. First, Thank you for your support of my calling to pursue vocational ministry. This has been a long thought out decision. Your agreeing to make a staff position for me, upon completion of the commissioning process, is humbling and excitedly anticipated.

I am Currently *In Care* of the Christian Church in Ohio Commission on Ministry. The Rev. Carol Oetzel has agreed to serve as my mentor in this process in the absence of a Pastor at FCC.

Your support in covering expenses related to this process, while having a monetary value, has been invaluable. Between members of FCC, and Scouters who support my Chaplaincy at Scouts BSA Camp Friedlander, I raised what I needed in less than two weeks. With these funds, I am able to complete the following:

1. Attend an Ethical Boundaries Training *in August*
2. Attend an Anti-Racism Training *in August*
3. Receive a psychological/vocational assessment *over the summer*
4. Attend a Disciples History & Polity Course *through Phillips Theological Seminary in September and October*

All of which are required for candidates to the Order of Ministry in the Christian Church in Ohio.

I appreciate your prayers and well wishes, as I continue through this process.

Your support is Exciting, Humbling, and greatly appreciated.

In God's Service,

Connor L. Thompson

MIDDLETOWN YOUTH CONNECTION

The Middletown Youth Connection met in April at the Gathering. The youth rotated thru prayer stations. They will have their last meeting until the fall on May 12th. They will be making personal prayer beads and talking about the discipline of prayer.

OUTREACH

An Outreach team member attended a presentation by the Hope House Mission on April 4th. The event was in celebration of their 30th anniversary and to provide information on their proposed relocation of their men's center.

We participated in the Community Easter Egg Hunt on April 13th. Outreach provided financial support to Sarah Circle when they hosted game day at a local assisted living facility. Outreach also made a \$300 donation to WHIIMS, a local non-profit organization that provides emergency funding and support to area women with healthcare needs.

We made arrangements to donate hundreds of new clothing items to the Camp Christian Free Store. Outreach will make a financial contribution to assist with the transportation costs of moving the boxed items from our Church to the Free Store.

In May, the items we are suggesting for the Food Pantry include crackers, tea and coffee.

GUIDED PRAYER STATIONS

Worship hosted a Guided Prayer Meditation on Good Friday. We had 17 people thru and 3 were visitors. Much thanks to Lora for her creativity. We hope people found it to be a blessing and a quiet way to prepare your hearts for the joy of Easter morning. Thank you to the Elders who volunteered to be present at the church to host the event.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CENTRAL ACADEMY EVENT

Central academy will be having an outdoor festival on Friday, May 17th from 5:30 - 7:30. They are asking for volunteers to help supervise games and booths. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex. This will be a great opportunity to be present in our immediate community as we discussed in our house meetings.

CWF NEWS

On April 11th, members of Sarah Circle went to the Close to Home Assisted Living Center for an afternoon activity. We played Bingo with the residents and talked with them. We will plan another activity in the coming months with this group. Any CWF ladies are welcome to join us in this activity.

Our church's first annual Easter Egg Hunt was held on April 13th and several CWF members helped with preparing food, hiding eggs, bringing cupcakes, etc. There was an estimate of around 125 people who showed up to take part in the hunt and the various activities of the day.

On Mother's Day, May 12th, we will receive our Blessing Box offerings during the morning service. There will be a short dedication service for these offerings followed by a prayer. Envelopes will be available in the narthex on that Sunday which can be used for the offerings.



PROPERTY POSTS



We had a very productive work day on 4/13/19. A special thank you for all of those who participated. We pulled weeds, cleaned up leaves, turned over mulch, spread 2 scoops of new mulch, cleaned and unclogged gutters, took down a dead tree and picked up sticks. A very productive morning!

Bern's has replaced 2 of our shrubs under warranty and will return to replace 2 more. This is part of our contract with them from the original installation.

We had some light bulbs replaced this month.

The mowing schedule will be posted soon. Be on the lookout.

We need some other chores done:

1. Pressure washing sidewalks.
2. Scrubbing and pressure washing the garage.
3. Placing paver stones to the dumpster east entry.
4. Screening repair.
5. Steeple washing.
6. Fence staining for the dumpster.

Let us know if you have the skills and time or the willingness to support any of these projects.


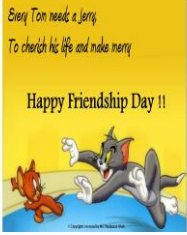




The Property Brothers

Cliff Thompson
Larry Steele



May, 2019

 Birthdays

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | April 30 Bible Study 7:00 | May 1  Add Your Voice Choir Practice 6:30 PM | 2  Monica Hendricks | 3  | 4 |
| 5 | 6 | 7 Bible Study 7:00  | 8 Choir Practice 6:30 PM | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 Middletown Youth Connections  | 13 | 14 Bible Study 7:00 | 15  Peggy Byrd Jake Padich Choir Practice 6:30 PM | 16 | 17  Leigha Blevins  | 18 |
| 19  | 20 Elder Mtg. 7 PM | 21  Marilyn Chamberlain Marilyn Strong Bible Study 7:00 | 22 Choir Practice 6:30 PM | 23  | 24 | 25 |
| 26  Allison Byrd | 27  | 28  Ginger Alley Bible Study 7:00 Board Mtg. 7 PM | 29 Choir Practice 6:30 PM  | 30 | 31 | |
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**COMMUNITY
EASTER EGG HUNT
GREAT SUCCESS!**



**GOOD FRIDAY GUIDED PRAYER
MEDITATION**

