



First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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# Chalice Communicator

August 26, 2019

Number 8

**Music Director:** Michael Hefner

**Moderator:** Roger Byrd

**Elders:** Sharon Amburgey  
Natalie Byrd  
Beth Heinkel  
John Heinkel  
Dave Lombard  
Lora Schueller  
Guy Stone  
Marilyn Strong  
Cliff Thompson  
Karen Thompson

## The Rev. Dr. Willie Barnes-Jackson



### SEE YOU SUNDAYS:

Adult Sunday School Classes—9:30  
Worship – 10:30 a.m.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Choir Practice begins 9-28 @6:30
- Choir Practice every Wed @6:30
- 09/04** Esther/Rebekah Circle 1 PM
- 09/05** Sarah Circle 7 PM
- 09/09** Church Women United 1 PM
- 09/16** Elders Mtg. 7 PM
- 09/22** Board Mtg. noon
- 09/22** Carry-in Luncheon following church
- 09/29** Reconciliation Special Offering
- 10/19** Trunk or Treat event

FCC-Middletown voted to call Rev. Dr. Willie Barnes-Jackson as our next settled pastor during our congregational meeting on Sunday, 25 August 2019. Dr. Barnes-Jackson comes to us having recently served as Associate Minister at Summit Christian Church in Dayton, OH. His first “official” day with us will be 16 September 2019. However, Pastor Willie is no stranger to us or to our pulpit and will be bringing our message on Sunday, 15 September 2019.

## ELDER’S MOMENT

The prospect of having a settled pastor join our church appears to be a distinct possibility. The Search Committee referred a candidate to the Elders on August 4<sup>th</sup> and that candidate was unanimously endorsed by the Elders. The Board subsequently approved this candidate at their Aug. 11<sup>th</sup> meeting and will refer the candidate for consideration to the congregation on August 25<sup>th</sup>. If accepted, we look forward to working with this pastor on behalf of our congregation. Please try to attend this important meeting.

### STATISTICS:

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
08/25/19	45	\$1,175.00
08/18/19	49	\$ 930.00
08/11/19	51	\$4,172.00
08/04/19	54	\$1,800.00

Coins for Camp - \$45.00



- September 1      Rev. Carol Oetzel
- September 8      Rev. J. Thomas Johnson
- September 15      Rev. Dr. Willie J. Barnes-Jackson

### Healing Prayer

Heavenly Father, we pray that You will lay your healing Hands upon all those who are sick. We beg You to have compassion on all those who are suffering so that they may be delivered from their pitiful circumstances. In Jesus, we pray.  
Amen.

### Prayer List:

**Health:** Mary Back, Ellie Belcher, Becky Brodt, Barbara Cessna, Emily Cox, Barbara Gray, Nancy Milton, Karen Powers, Allen Stone, Guy Stone

**Special Needs:** Jean Greathouse, Helen Hall, Lois Murphy, Janet O'Neal

**Other:** 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



First Christian Church,  
I want to thank my church family for the beautiful cards, hospital visits, thoughts and prayers, home visits, and wonderful food.

Knowing God's love with the help of my church family has helped me keep faith and recover.

Thank you,  
Mary

## SMALL GROUP

Anyone interested in Tuesday evening small group, please speak with Karen Thompson.



## CARRY-IN LUNCHEON

Sunday, September 22 after church. Membership will host a carry-in luncheon to Welcome Rev. Dr. Barnes - Jackson. Hamburgers, hot dogs with fixings, as well as table ware will be provided. Bring a side dish to share as we fellowship together and begin this next step in our future story. Hope to see everyone there.

## CWF NEWS

Our CWF Circles will resume their regular meeting schedules the first week of September. Esther-Rebekah Circle will meet at the church on Wednesday, the 4<sup>th</sup> of September at 1:00 p.m. at the church. Sarah Circle will meet at the church on Thursday, the 5<sup>th</sup> of September at 7:00 p.m. All ladies of the church are invited to join us as we fellowship together and have our Bible study.

Church Women United will meet at our church on Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. All women are invited.

We wish to thank all who helped in any way with the Rummage Sale and the Bake Sale which were held on August 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## OUTREACH

We enjoyed working with others in our congregation to prepare for and work the Annual Rummage Sale. Outreach representatives also spent a day working with the small business who came in and removed all leftover items.

Outreach and Membership worked together to collect school supplies for Central Academy students during August. Our congregation was **extremely** supportive in their donations and made a huge impact by helping many students who needed a little extra help in starting the school year off in a positive way. A very big "Thank You" to all who made this possible!

We contacted the Salvation Army for suggestions for the Food Pantry in September and they include: Saltine Crackers, Soup, Spaghetti Sauce and Pork & Beans.

## DONATIONS NEEDED

Anyone who would like to donate bottled water or granola bars for Central Academy's Science Night Open House, there will be a collection bin in the narthex.

## ***RUMMAGE SALE UPDATES***

Once again, the annual Rummage Sale was a great success. We made new friends and had visits by returning shoppers. The kitchen was a hit with home-made biscuits and gravy for breakfast and walking tacos for lunch. CWF had great baked goodies on hand for everyone to enjoy. There was an abundance of great items donated. We were also blessed to have someone who bought all the leftover items. Membership generated \$166 from the kitchen sales, CWF generated \$112 with their bake sale, and the sale items generated \$1705.21 for the General Fund for a grand total of 1983.21. The success would not have been possible without everyone's support and hard work. I was truly blessed to have the opportunity to experience the fellowship during the sale preparations!

Faithfully,  
Crystal Watson

## ***TRUNK OR TREAT PLANS***

Plans are being made for this year's Trunk or Treat event. The date will be Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, so save the date and watch for more information. All hands will be needed as they were last year.

## ***Tyler Hendricks address at school.***

Tyler Hendricks  
Denison University  
7154 Slayter Union  
Granville, Ohio 43023

## ***CHOIR INVITATION***

I am excited and honored to be leading music at FCC and I would like to invite anyone that has the desire to sing (even if you've never been in a choir before) to join the choir! Rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, August 28 from 6:30-8:00pm, and we will begin singing for the services on Sunday, September 8 (week after Labor Day). We would love to have you come and join us. I hope to see you there!

In Christ's Love,  
Michael Hefner  
Email - [mrayh@earthlink.net](mailto:mrayh@earthlink.net)  
Ph# - 937-266-8265

## ***DEACON REMINDER***

Please remember, if you are unable to serve on the date that your team is scheduled, please seek another Deacon to serve in your absence. Also, it is helpful to email First Christian in order for the weekly bulletin to have the correct Deacons listed. If you are unable to confirm a replacement, please contact me at 513-478-9471 or [cwatson1228@gmail.com](mailto:cwatson1228@gmail.com).

Respectfully,  
Crystal Watson  
Deacon Chairperson

## ***FROM NEW BEGINNINGS GROUP***








*Making progress toward our garden:*

- \* *Can get ground plowed and disced for free*
- \* *Getting pricing on fencing and water line*
- \* *May be eligible for grant monies to help finance project*
- \* *Will be getting soil test to tell us what we need*
- \* *Have lots of info on what to plant*
- \* *Have had good conversation with HUGS in Hamilton. This is a very successful community garden project.*
- \* *Have interest from outside the church to help us (may also canvass immediate neighborhood)*
- \* *May be able to partner with Central Academy for garden projects*
- \* *What will YOU do to help this project along???* \*

*Any questions, see Dave Lombard, Connor Thompson, Lora Schueller, or Larry Steele*

# September, 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	August 26	27  Helen Hall Karen Thompson	28  Cliff Thompson  <b>Choir Practice 6:30 PM</b>	29	30  Esther Saxbury	31
September 1	2 	3	4  Libby Benson <b>Esther Rebekah Circle 1 PM</b>  <b>Choir Practice 6:30 PM</b>	5  Landen Lovin  <b>Sarah Circle 7 PM</b>	6  Joann Grimes	7
8	9  <b>Church Women United 1 PM</b>	10	11  <b>Choir Practice 6:30 PM</b>	12	13	14
15	16  <b>Elder Mtg. @7 PM</b>	17	18  <b>Choir Practice 6:30 PM</b>	19	20	21
22 <b>Carry-In Luncheon</b>  <b>General Board Mtg. @Noon</b>	23	24	25  <b>Choir Practice 6:30 PM</b>	26	27	28  Lora Schueller
29  <b>Reconciliation Special Offering</b>	30					

