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Chalice Communicator

September 24, 2019

Number 9

Minister: Rev. Dr. Willie Barnes-Jackson 1st Lady: Rev.Dr.Pamela Barnes-Jackson Assoc. Pastor: Connor Thompson 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

SEE YOU SUNDAYS:

Adult Sunday School Classes-9:30

Worship – 10:30 a.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Choir Practice every Wed @6:30

10/02 Esther/Rebekah Circle 1 PM

10/03 Sarah Circle 7 PM

10/06 World Communion Sunday Reconciliation Special Offering

10/14 Church Women United Noon

10/19 Trunk or Treat event

10/20 Installation of Rev. Dr. Willie

Barnes-Jackson 3 PM

10/21 Elders Mtg. 7 PM

10/27 Board Mtg. 11:45 AM

STATISTICS:

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>	
09/22/19	59	\$1,331.00	
09/15/19	58	\$1,721.00	
09/08/19	36	\$1,637.00	
09/01/19	54	\$2,116.00	

Greetings from the Elder's. It has been our pleasure to continue to provide information through this newsletter opportunity. While I do not know if this will be a regular part of the newsletter moving forward, we will continue to keep information from the Elders available to you.

We are excited about our new beginning with Pastor Willie, Pastor Pamela and Pastor Connor. Can you believe the work of God in our own congregation? To go from no pastors to 3 in our midst in such a short time. God is good! We had our first Elder meeting with our new team of Pastors this month. We are assisting in the plans for new worship arrangements and how our new staff can be an integral part of worship.

As Elder Co-Chairs, Dave and I would like to thank all the Elders for the guidance, leadership and pastoral care that has been tendered while we were searching for our new pastor. We have made hospital visits, home visits, delivered sermons, and helped to keep our congregation moving forward as a church. All of you have been accepting of our lead and been very generous in continuing to be a church during this process!

As we welcome our new team of Pastors and move into this new chapter of life at FCC Middletown, it is not time to stop being the church. We need to continue to do what have been doing and add to it what we will learn for our pastors about reaching out into our community even more effectively.

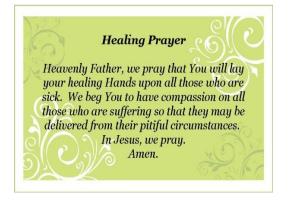
There is a renewed buzz and excitement. Grab hold of it! Embrace it! Make it your own! We have some community events coming up that we will need "all hands" type of support. We have visitors coming in to see what the excitement is about. We need you here to greet them and share your warmth and smiles when they come to visit. We need you to hear the Gospel as it is shared from our pulpit to prepare us as Pastor Willie is equipping the saints. We need your excitement to continue building the buzz surrounding our community.

Blessings,

David Lombard and Cliff Thompson, Elder Co-Chairs



Welcome to our newest members, Rev. Dr. Willie Barnes-Jackson and Rev. Dr. Pamela Barnes-Jackson.



Prayer List:

O'Neal

Health: Mary Back, Ellie Belcher, Becky Brodt, Barbara Cessna, Larry Chamberlain, Emily Cox, Barbara Gray, Nancy Milton, Karen Powers, Zach Roark, Allen Stone, Guy Stone Special Needs: Jean Greathouse, Helen Hall, Lois Murphy, Janet

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



A big thank you to all my FCC family for the cards and prayers for my healing ankle. Continue to pray for me to exercise patience! Love, Karen Powers

Membership would like to thank everyone involved with the carry -in this past Sunday, as always the food was delicious. A huge thank you to all who helped in the kitchen before and after lunch. As usual many hands make the work much lighter. We hope Pastor Willie and Pastor Pamela felt the welcome to the family.

Condolences may be sent to Lew Hamilton on the passing of Marilyn Hamilton, a long time First Christian Church member.

Lewis L. Hamilton #5 Watercrest Way Savannah, GA 31419

CWF NEWS

Sarah Circle and Esther/Rebekah Circles started their fall meetings the first week of September. Sarah Circle has planned an outing to the Close to Home Assisted Living Center to play Bingo with the residents on Thursday afternoon, Sept. 26th.

Our church hosted the Church Women United meeting on Sept. 9th. They are collecting blankets and sheet sets to be given to the families who are clients of the Clothing Depot. There will be a container in the Narthex for these items. Their next meeting will be at our church at 12:00 noon on October 14th.

Our church will be hosting a Trunk or Treat event on October 19th at 4:00 pm. We will have more details on items needed in the coming weeks.

OUTREACH

We are planning on meeting in October to set our calendar for the upcoming holidays and to adopt families through the Salvation Army. Anyone interested in serving on Outreach is welcome and we ask that you contact Sharon Amburgey or Linda Poynter for additional information. Outreach co-chairs will be attending the citywide SHALOM organizational meeting. It is scheduled for 2:01 pm on Wednesday, October 9th at the First United Methodist Church, 120 S. Broad Street in Middletown.

We will be working with Membership to assist with our Annual Trunk or Treat event in October.

Your generosity to our Food Pantry continues to allow us to make monthly donations to the Salvation Army. Thank you!



The Commissioning of our missionary, Kaitlin Thompson to the Dominion Republic. Congratulations, Kaitlin!

TRUNK OR TREAT PLANS

All hands on deck Saturday, October 19th 5:30 to 7:30 pm for our "Trunk or Treat" event. We hope to have an indoor as well as outdoor event this year. If you would like to decorate your trunk or a table in the fellowship hall I will have a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Just like last year we will be needing donations of hot dogs, buns, bottled water, individual bags of chips and cupcakes for the cupcake walk. We will also accept candy, if you do not plan to man a table or a trunk. If you did not get to participate last year it was an overwhelming success, while we believe the inclement weather played a role in our turn out. That being said the Facebook event has had a lot of likes, interest and responses so we need to be prepared. This is an excellent opportunity to showcase our church family to our community. It also is a lot of fun to see all the kids enjoying themselves. A pleasant reminder to approach the Kingdom of Heaven like little children. I hope everyone will participate in some way. We have jobs for all abilities. We will gather at the church that day at 4 pm to prepare. Hope to see you there.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We continue to partner with our next door neighbors @ Central Academy. They will be having a literacy night on October 3rd and will need some help monitoring the refreshment table. They will be having their Snowflake Village on December 19th during school hours. They have asked us for volunteers to help wrap the children's purchases. In order to volunteer during school hours we will required to have a background check. We can achieve this by going to the Middletown City Schools' Central Office to be fingerprinted. We need to do this sooner rather than later. I would like everyone to do this together. We will get one check from church and the school's PTA will reimburse the church 100% and we will be covered for 5 years. If you are willing to help or think you might want to help in the future, see Karen Thompson ASAP.

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 are on Wednesday from 6:30-8:00 pm. We would love to have you come and join us. I hope to see you there!

In Christ's Love, Michael Hefner

SONGFEST

The Chancel Choir has decided to join the Fifth Sunday Songfest which is held each Fifth Sunday throughout the year. It is held at different locations on each Fifth Sunday and Rev. Dr. J. Thomas Johnson, District 8 Regional Elder, sends forth the schedule and rotation to the participating churches. This Sunday, Sept.29th our choir will be participating and singing a couple of selections at Fifth Christian Church, 3203 Wold Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45207. The Songfest begins at 4 pm. We would like for anyone who is able to make it from the congregation to come and support them. Churches from Districts 2, 8, and 12 normally participate in the Songfest. The next Fifth Sunday and Songfest is in December. The location for December's Songfest will be United Community Christian Church, 1710 Maryland Ave. Covington, KY 41014.

Ohio Disciples Men's

Fall Retreat

Nov 15 & 16, 2019 at Camp Christian

"Who Do You Say That I Am?"

Discovering our Identity as a Man of God

Developing as a Disciple of Christ

Deepening our Walk with the Spirit

NEW BEGINNINGS GROUP

Still Progressing toward a Spring 2020 Garden Start

- Have received soil analyses. Only some organic matter and a small amount of fertilizer needed.
- Assuming fall rain to soften ground, hope to have Garden Area plowed this fall.
- Fencing and Water Line costs will run ~\$9,000-\$10,000. Applying for grants to help with financing. Any ideas?
- Have interest from Christ Church in partnering with us.
- Continue to have contact with HUGS folks as they have been very helpful.
- Lots of interest from Central Academy. Will work with them on an educational level. May have Students helping with starting seeds and planting in Spring.

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

WORSHIP COMMISSION MEETING

The Worship Commission met on Wednesday evening with Rev. Jackson, Associate Pastor Jackson and Associate Pastor Thompson, along with Music Director Michael Hefner to discuss our Order of Worship. As a result of that meeting, the Worship Commission would like to implement a few changes beginning next Sunday, September 29th. Those changes are:

- All Ministers, Music Director and scheduled Elders and Deacons are to meet in the Parlor/Memorial Room at 10:20 a.m. for prayer. They will then line up in the narthex and proceed down the aisle during the Prelude and take their stations in the front row for the duration of the service. We will then have a "Call to Worship" to prepare ourselves to hear God's Word, and to officially begin our Worship service.
- Also discussed, was changing where the offering is in our service. It was recommended that it be moved to the middle of our service following the Pastoral/Lord's Prayer. The Doxology would then follow offering.
- Also discussed/recommended was that the Pastor (or Elder) who is doing the Words of Institution at the Table, end with verbal instructions for how we take communion. (the taking of the Bread as it is passed, but holding the Cup so we can partake of it together). This is simply for clarification for any visitors.
- You will also notice that our ministers will now be seated up on the chancel during service.

As we begin this new chapter in our church's story, please be aware that there will be additional updates pertaining to other future changes. Rev. Jackson has asked that if anyone has any concerns regarding the changes to our service, to please not hesitate discuss them with him or any member of the Worship Commission.

Thank you.

The Term "First Lady"

The term **First Lady** is not always a familiar term for some congregations. Below you will find excerpts giving you an inside look of where the term **First Lady** derived, and how it has in recent years, become a beloved title for the wife of the Pastor.

First Lady is an unofficial title used for the wife of a non-monarchical head of state or chief executive. The term is also used to describe a woman seen to be at the top of her profession or art.

The term is often used to a non-monarchical heads of state or chief executives who don't have that kind of style in their own country. Some countries have a title, official or unofficial, that is or can be translated as *first lady*. The title is not normally used for the wife of a head of government who is not also head of state.

First Gentleman is the male equivalent of the title in countries where the head of state's spouse has been a man, such as the <u>Philippines</u> or <u>Malta</u>. While there has never been a male spouse of a U.S. president, "<u>First Gentleman</u>" is used in the United States for the husband of a <u>governor</u>.

First Spouse, a rare version of the title, can be used in either case where the spouse of a head of state is male or female. This term is used to promote gender equality and gender neutrality.





In the United States, collectively, the president of the United States and his spouse are known as the *first couple*^[] and, if they have children, they are usually referred to as the *first family*.

Apolitical Uses

It has become commonplace in the United States for the title of "First Lady" to be bestowed on women, as a term of endearment, who have proven themselves to be of exceptional talent or unique notoriety in non-political areas. The phrase is often, but not always, used when the person in question is either the wife or "female equivalent" of a well-known man (or men) in a similar field. For example, the term has been applied in the entertainment field to denote the "First Lady of Television" (Lucille Ball), the "First Lady of Song" (Ella Fitzgerald), the "First Lady of Country Music" (Tammy Wynette, although Loretta Lynn was also known by the title), the "First Lady of American Soul" (Aretha Franklin), the "First Lady of the Grand Ole Opry" (Loretta Lynn), and the "First Lady of the American Stage" (Helen Hayes).

The term "first lady" is also used to denote a woman who occupies the foremost social position within a particular locality, in this sense being particularly popular in <u>Africa</u>, where the pre-eminent female noble in some chieftaincy hierarchies, such as those of the <u>Yoruba people</u>, is often referred to by the title.

In recent years, the term has also been used to refer to the <u>wife of</u> the pastor of a church, especially in predominantly <u>black churches</u>.¹

We share this historical information in this month's newsletter in hope of bringing a better understanding, to many of our congregants that may not quite be familiar with this terminology, as it pertains to the church. Let us together welcome the wife of our new Pastor, our "First Lady," The Rev. Dr. Pamela Barnes-Jackson to First Christian Church of Middletown.

The following link provides an article with additional information regarding first ladies from different churches: http://www.leadingandlovingit.com/leadership/12913/.

¹ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/First_Lady





The Carry-in Luncheon was enjoyed by all.

October, 2019 Birthdays								
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
		Sept. 24	Choir Practice 6:30 PM	26	27	28 Lora Schueller		
29	30	October 1 Sarah Byrd WORLD VEGAN DAY	Esther Rebekah Circle 1 PM Choir Practice 6:30 PM	3 Sarah Circle 7 PM	4 Tyler Hendricks	5		
World Communion Sunday Reconciliation Special Offering	7	8	9 Choir Practice 6:30 PM	10 South Octobes	11	12		
13	Church Women United Noon	15 Nicholas Otis	Choir Practice 6:30 PM	17	18	Peggu Cain Trunk or Treat		
20 Installation of Rev. Dr. Willie Barnes- Jackson 3 pm	21 Wanda Deaton Elder Mtg. @7 PM	22	Choir Practice 6:30 PM	24	25	26		
General Board Mtg. @11:45	28	29	Choir Practice 6:30 PM	31				

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