



First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

4520 Rosedale Road
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Chalice Communicator

September 29, 2020

Number 9

Interim Senior Pastor:

Rev. Connor Thompson

Assoc. Pastor: Minister Jeff Wilder

Music Director: Michael Hefner

Moderator: Roger Byrd

Elders: Sharon Amburgey

Natalie Byrd

Beth Heinkel

John Heinkel

Zola McClish

Karen Powers

Lora Schueller

Guy Stone

Marilyn Strong

Karen Thompson

SEE YOU ON SUNDAYS

Worship – 10:30 a.m.

Bible Study-Tuesdays

@ 1 PM & 7 PM

STATISTICS: Attendance Offering

8/30	16	\$ 400.00
9/06	25	\$2,139.64
9/13	31	\$1,933.00
9/20	26	\$ 570.00
9/27	24	\$ 723.00

Reconciliation Offering \$ 100.00

Pastor Jeff's Evaluation \$ 180.00

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Elder Co-chairs

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WELCOME TO FALL!

Can you believe it? We have made it to the fall of 2020! Kids are back in school rather online, in person, or hybrid. High School football is being played, along with Major League Baseball playoffs, National Hockey League playoff, National Football League, and college football all in the same season. What a strange year this has been. I hope you all can support our Drive Thru Trunk or Treat on October 31st, by donating candy to support the event. This year Halloween is different. We have a whole neighborhood of kids who need someone to see their costumes and give them some treats, socially distanced of course.

We look forward to All Saints Sunday on November 1st, we will remember our fellow Disciples we lost this year. I want to invite you to bring a picture of any one you have lost, that you miss, so we can set a table for the saints. We will remember all the saints that we as a group have loved and lost.

I pray you all have a safe and pumpkin and apple filled fall.

Pastor Connor

REGIONAL ASSEMBLY UPDATE

On September 26th, the Christian Church in Ohio hosted a virtual regional assembly. The virtual assembly included worship, installation of our new regional church council, an update from the regional minister search committee, and an update from the regional moderator as well as our brothers and sisters in the Heartland Conference of the United Church of Christ. There were also workshops and gathering for ministers, lay leaders, The Pension Fund of the Christian Church, and New Church Ministries, as well as recordings from Reconciliation Ministries, and the Center for Faith and Giving. There also was a celebration of surpassing the goal of the leadership campaign, which prepares the region to reopen Camp Christian next year, and continue to extend a call to a new Regional Minister.



Prayer List:

Health: Coni Finrock, Dave Schueller, Allen Stone, Guy Stone

Special Needs: Barbara Cessna, Jean Greathouse, Lois Murphy

Other: All those affected by disasters and pandemic.

Caregivers, first responders, the homeless, heroin epidemic, racism and all human rights, our Country & World, war, violence, our church, congregation and church leaders

CWF NEWS

Sarah Circle will meet on October 1st at 7:00 at the church. We will start working on our tied blankets to be given to foster children. Please bring scissors and ruler if you have them.

We have been enjoying the Bible study “Seamless” on Tuesdays. This is open to the whole church and we had 12 people sign up to do this study. We have several people who have chosen to do the study by Zoom connection and we thank Pastor Connor and Pastor Jeff for their assistance with this. The first chapter dealt with the Creation, the great flood, and the Tower of Babel. Next week we will be studying the Patriarchs beginning with the story of Abraham in the book of Genesis.

ELDER MOMENT

Blessings to all and hope for good health and safety from the virus that is still with us. Please keep in touch with one another and give help for those in need. Pray for each other so we can feel God’s presence always. As this verse below, called “God Knows,” states so well.

“God Knows”

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

(Psalm 139:1)

You know my thoughts before they form,
my words before I speak.

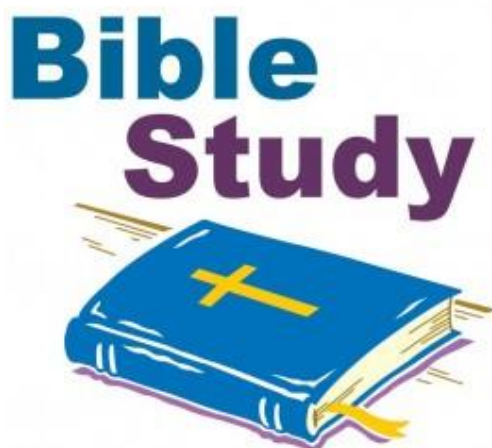
You mark my path before I walk.

You know my need before I do,
my prayer before I say it,
and long before I ask, you answer.

You plan my future, every day,
when I stumble, when I rise
to walk with you anew.

You know me better than I know myself.

The marvel is – you love me still.





"FEED MY SHEEP GARDEN" MINISTRIES FINAL REPORT

We had a wonderful work day this month. We got rid of a countless number of stumps, back filled with dirt and spread grass seed. I know our dedicated mowing teams will really appreciate the clean-up. We will continue working on some of our overgrown areas to clean them up. Many thanks to Marilyn Chamberlain, Marilyn Strong, Larry and Mary Back, Crystal Watson, Larry Steele, Karen Thompson, Dave Lombard and Cliff Thompson. A big thank you to Ken Henderson for the dirt donation to fill all the holes.

There was some AC unit work completed this month. Trying to track down a water drain issue. Thanks to Blair Heating and Air Conditioning for their service.

We continue to strive to keep our building clean and healthy. Thanks to our Pastors we are ahead of the curve on in person worship and look forward to seeing each one of you who are comfortable coming to worship in person.

The Property Brothers,

Larry Steele and Cliff Thompson

Our garden has been extremely productive this year. Most of our produce was given to the Salvation Army Food Store and a small amount was given to the Monroe Nazarene Church Food Pantry (they had no fresh produce). Here is a listing of the yields for this year:

- 137 Radishes
- 170 Yellow Squash
- 194 Zucchini Squash
- 68 Acorn Squash
- 172 Green Peppers
- 53.5# Green Beans
- 276 Ears of Sweet Corn
- 651 Cucumbers

That all adds up to **1171 pounds of produce** for 2020. We have, truly, been blessed this year! All plants have been pulled. We will soon till the plot and add nourishment for next spring. Also, as we begin the planning for what we will be planting in 2021, we have learned a few "do's & don'ts" during this past summer

GREEN CHALICE STATUS!

After work on the part of our trustees, property team, New Beginnings team, and the entire congregation we have been granted standing as a Green Chalice Congregation.

The purpose of the Green Chalice Program is to encourage and assist local congregations/DOC Offices and Assemblies who wish to live out their faith by caring for creation. This program is designed to recognize congregations for being good stewards of God's creation. It also aims to empower congregations/assemblies with ideas and resources to enable them to walk gently on the earth.

Our use of programmable thermostats, motion activated light switches, transitioning to LED light bulbs and fixtures, ongoing recycling in our day to day operations, as well as the creation of our community garden, gained us this distinction from the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Green Chalice Ministry.



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TRUNK OR TREAT

Keeping with our Halloween tradition, First Christian will be holding a Covid friendly Trunk or Treat event for the community. We have tentative plans to hold the event Saturday, October 31st. Anyone interested in participating on the planning committee, please contact Karen Thompson or Crystal Watson. We will have the first committee meeting Sunday, September 27th immediately after service. We would also like to ask the congregation for their support by donating individually packaged candy to be handed out. The plans, thus far, are to prepare bags of candy to be passed down a tube to the trick-or-treaters while they remain in their car. There are plans to hopefully have a photo station and information station also. This may be the only opportunity for our community youth to participate in a Halloween Event. We have had tremendous attendance in the past, so we look forward to again providing an opportunity for community fellowship. Please help to spread the word to friends and neighbors!

Sincerely,
Crystal Watson
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Membership Co-Chair

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Lifeline Screenings will be returning to FCC to serve our Middletown community on February 15th, 2021 from 8:15am-6:00pm.

These screening go beyond regular checkups to look inside your arteries for signs of plaque build-up.

Screenings include:

Carotid Artery/Plaque Screening

Heart Rhythm Screening

Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening

Peripheral Arterial Disease Screening

Osteoporosis Risk Assessment



October, 2020

 Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				October 1  Sarah Byrd Sarah Circle 7 PM Kiwanis' Installation Dinner 6-8	2	3
4  World Communion Sunday	5	6  COME JOIN OUR BIBLE Study 1PM & 7 PM	7	8	9	10  World Mental Health Day 10th October
11	12  Sharon Sparks	13 Bible Study 1 PM & 7 PM	14	15	16	17 Eagle Scout Court of Honor Jonathan Stevens
18	19  Peggy Cain Elder Mtg. 7 PM	20 Bible Study 1 PM & 7 PM	21  Wanda Deaton	22	23	24
25 Board Mtg. following church	26	27 Bible Study 1 PM & 7 PM	28	29	30	31 

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