



First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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Chalice Communicator

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Number 2

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Natalie Byrd

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Karen Thompson

CONNOR'S CORNER

Listen

Worship Series for Lent 2021



SEE YOU ON SUNDAYS

Worship – 10:30 a.m.

Bible Study-Tuesdays

@ 1 PM & 7 PM

STATISTICS: Attendance Offering

Givelify for December		\$1,325.00
1/03	12	\$ 610.00
1/10	12	\$1,905.00
1/17	16	\$1,395.00
1/24	24	\$1,115.40

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As we begin the season of Lent in just a few short weeks, with Ash Wednesday on February 17th, we will begin a new series in worship on Sunday Mornings. This Lenten series is called *Listen*. During our Lenten journey we will focus our worship time around the following:

2/17/21- Ash Wednesday- *Finding your Life: Listening Deeply* Luke 1:9-15

2/21/21- *Finding Your Cave: Listening Spaces* 1 Kings 19:11-12

2/28/21- *Finding Your Breath: Listening to our Bodies* Romans 8:26-30; 38-39

3/7/21- *Finding a Word: Listening to the Texts* Proverbs 1:20-23

3/14/21- *Finding Your Power: Listening for Healing* Mark 5:24-34

3/21/21- *Finding Your Mystic: Listening Beyond the Voices* Romans 12:2-12

3/28/21- *Finding Your Purpose: Listening to Your Heart* Matthew 26:36-46



Join us for a time of Calm and contemplation, as we journey through Lent remembering the final days of Jesus' physical ministry on Earth.



Prayer List:

Health: Mike Blevins, Janice Kash, Linda Neanover, Allen Stone, Guy Stone, Crystal Watson

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



Thank you for all of your prayers and cards you shared as a result of my recent accident. Your caring thoughts are all sincerely appreciated. I am blessed by having great caregivers and happy to report I'm on the mend! Hope to see everyone soon.
Janice Kash

Thank you for my Christmas gift.
Lisa Thimble
see everyone soon. Janice Kash

CONGRATULATIONS

To Brian and Cora Ann on the birth of Julia Joan on Sunday, January 24th. We are happy to report that parents, grandparents and baby Julia are all doing well.



ELDER MOMENT

We've entered a new year and realize we are not out of the woods with the pandemic quite yet. We are still wearing masks and keeping our distance in addition to waiting to register for Covid prevention shots. We've learned a lot in the past nine months. We have strength and determination. We've done everything we can to either stay healthy or survive when the virus attacked us. In researching "how to get through hard times," we can read about peaks and valleys and how important it is to try to stay positive. Sometimes we just need to talk to someone who will take time to listen and understand our situation. Your Pastors and Elders are here for you if you wish to give anyone of us a call. Even if you are having a very good day, please consider calling someone. Many of you have been doing this and we encourage you to continue. It not only helps you get through the day but it also helps the friend, neighbor or family member you are talking with. We are who we are because of our faith. Continue reading books in the Bible and pray because God is listening!
Sharon and Karen



Join us for Ash Wednesday Service, February 17th at 7:00 PM. Join us as we begin the 40 day journey through Lent, leading us to Easter.

Beginning Ash Wednesday we will begin a new worship series to lead us up to Easter.

Do you not drive after dark? Drop by the church from 12:00pm till 3:00pm for Walk-in Ashes.

NOTES FROM FINANCE

As we are preparing to mail the fourth quarter giving statements, we would like to repeat an article from our October issue of the Chalice Communicator. Please include your statement in your tax records from 2020.

“This year taxpayers are entitled to a charitable contribution deduction even if you don’t itemize your deductions. Usually there is no tax benefit for giving to charity unless you itemize your deductions on Schedule A of your tax return. The CARES Act (passed by Congress earlier this year) created an above-the-line deduction of up to \$300 for charitable contributions from taxpayers who don’t itemize.



Middletown Interfaith Clothes Closet

We've Got you Covered

The Middletown Interfaith Clothes Closet is an interfaith group of local organizations and churches coming together to give families in need access to gently used, clean clothes and footwear.

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is excited to have been invited to partner with St. Paul’s United Church of Christ to support their ministry of the Middletown Interfaith Clothes Closet. This ministry arose out of a need as a result of the closing of the Clothing Depot at the Church of the Ascension.

This ministry is also being supported by Faith United and New Life Ministries and the We Care So We’re There Center.

The Clothes Closet plans to open in March and will be open on Tuesdays by appointment.

They are currently accepting gently used spring and summer clothes and shoes. Appointments can be made through the Facebook page, or by calling St. Paul’s UCC at 513-422-4519.

If you would like to volunteer to assist this ministry please contact the Facebook page or the office at St. Paul’s UCC at 513-422-4519.

Clothes can be dropped off at St. Paul’s 114 S. Broad St.



February, 2021

 Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	February 1 	2  BIBLE STUDY 1PM & 7PM	3  Shelly Blevins	4	5	6  Michael Blevins
7  BOY SCOUT SUNDAY	8  Larry Steele	9 BIBLE STUDY 1PM & 7PM	10	11	12	13
14 	15 	16 BIBLE STUDY 1PM & 7PM	17  Lent Begins Ash Wednesday SERVICE 7PM	18  Nancy Milton	19	20
21  WEEK OF COMPASSION SPECIAL OFFERING	22	23 COME JOIN OUR BIBLE  Study BIBLE STUDY 1PM & 7PM	24	25	26	27
28  WEEK OF COMPASSION SPECIAL OFFERING						

