



First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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Chalice Communicator

June 29, 2021

Number 6

Senior Pastor: Rev. Connor Thompson
Assoc. Pastor: Minister Jeff Wilder
Music Director: Michael Hefner
Moderator: Roger Byrd
Elders: Sharon Amburgey
Natalie Byrd
Zola McClish
Karen Powers
Lora Schueller
Marilyn Strong
Karen Thompson

SEE YOU ON SUNDAYS

Worship – 10:30 a.m.
Modern Worship – Every
Thursday @7:30 PM

STATISTICS: Attendance Offering

5/20	Modern Service	19	
5/23		35	\$ 827.00
5/30		28	\$ 605.00
6/06		27	\$1,430.00
6/13		27	\$1,535.00
6/20		20	\$ 185.52
6/24		20	
6/27		30	\$2,147.00
Memorial			\$ 125.00
Pentecost			\$ 25.00
Coins for Camp			\$ 58.52

Important numbers/emails:

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Elder Co-chairs
Karen Powers (513) 539-7286
Sharon Amburgey (937) 746-9120

Joint Church Picnic

Sunday August 15th, 12:30 pm

At St. Paul's United Church of Christ

Join with brothers and sisters from St. Paul's United Church of Christ, First Baptist Church, and First United Methodist Church for a Carry-in picnic in the Friendship Hall at St. Paul's UCC. This will be a great time of fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ.



We will have our own Kaitlin Thompson as a speaker as she talks to everyone about her service with Global Ministries of the United Church of Christ and

Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

To make it simple - people, whose last names begin with A to L are asked to bring a MAIN DISH; M-Z a DESSERT. We ask you to bring your own beverage as well.

If you plan to attend please let Pastor Connor know as we need to keep a rough headcount.

Committee for Constitution Review

After a recommendation from the nominating committee, our board has voted to create a Committee for Constitution Review. This committee is tasked with revising our constitution from the ground up, to better fit the current congregation in size and structure. This is proving to be a necessity as our current governance structure is too large to be supported by our current congregation. The committee will be led by incoming moderator, John Ralbovsky.



Prayer List:

Health: Allen Stone

Special Needs: Barbara Cessna,
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!

On behalf of the volunteers who
work in the secretary's office, we
would like to thank the
anonymous donor who replaced
our worn out desk chair. The new
chair is very comfortable and
much appreciated!

CWF NEWS

Sarah Circle will meet at the
church on Thursday, July 1st at
1:00 pm. We will have our
business meeting and then we
will have a lesson from our study,
Pearls from Proverbs by Valerie
Wilson. After that we will work
on our tied fleece blanket project.
Mary Back will bring our dessert.
We invite any ladies from the
church to attend our meeting.
Also, please bring your Bible for
the study and scissors for our
blanket project.

Marilyn Chamberlain

CWF President



ELDER MOMENT

– The Story of the Chalice Logo

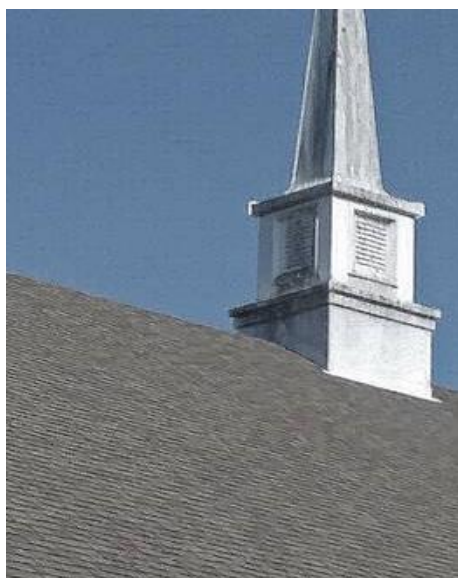
(The following is an excerpt from disciples.org >Our Identity)

“The logo of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is a red chalice with a white St. Andrew's Cross. The chalice represents the centrality of communion to the life of the church. The cross of Saint Andrew is a reminder of the ministry of each person and the importance of evangelism, and recalls the denomination's Scottish Presbyterian ancestry. After the 1968 General Assembly, the Administrative Committee charged a sub-committee with the task of proposing a symbol for the church. On January 20, 1970, Robert L. Friedly and Ronald E. Osborn sat down for lunch. With a red felt-tip pen, Osborn began to scrawl a Saint Andrew's cross circumscribed inside a chalice on his placemat. Immediately, Friedly dispatched the crude drawing to Bruce Tilsley, a commercial artist and member of Central Christian Church of Denver, with the plea that he prepare an artistic version of the ideas. Tilsley responded with sketches, from which was selected the now-familiar red chalice. Use of the proposed symbol became so prevalent that there was little debate when official adoption was considered at the 1971 General Assembly. The chalice is a registered trademark of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Congregations and ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) are free to use the chalice in publications, web sites and other media. Because most congregations call themselves 'Christian Churches,' the chalice has become a simple way to identify Disciples of Christ Churches through signage, letterhead, and other forms of publicity.”



MUSIC THIS SUNDAY

We invite you to join us Sunday as Michael will be bringing us special music on the 4th of July. Among other selections of music, we will sing *Amazing Grace* and *America the Beautiful*. We so appreciate our Music Director and the dedicated choir members who are joining him each Sunday. There is an open invitation to join the choir to anyone who loves to sing. We look forward to seeing you in worship.



PROPERTY UPDATE

FCC Property had the church steeple cleaned last week. The results are quite a big contrast. The difference is amazing. We encourage all to take a look when they are next at church. The company that did our work is called iShine Cincy. They do both residential and commercial and are very easy to work with.

Attached are two pictures – Before and After.



2021 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN



Over recent weeks we have been in our stewardship series, Faithful, Hopeful, Loving. As we learn how to be faithful, hopeful, and loving Christians, as a church in our world and in the community.

Pledge cards need to be returned to the church by July 4th so that we can finalize our budget. Extra pledge cards will be on the table in the narthex or church members can call the church to request that a card be sent to them.

Our annual congregation meeting is scheduled for Sunday, July 11 to approve the church budget. All members are encouraged to attend.

NEW BLESSINGS



We send congratulations to Marilyn and Larry Chamberlain on becoming grandparents to a beautiful baby girl. Little Coral Molly was born in San Diego on Monday to proud parents, Kevin and Lisa. We thank God for this blessing and for all children everywhere.

DEVOTIONALS AVAILABLE

We have several issues of *The Secret Place* in the pamphlet rack in the narthex. Since many of our members were worshiping online during covid, there was not an opportunity to pick up a copy. Please help yourself to any issues you would like and we have a few extra copies in the office if needed.

AS A REMINDER

We continue to collect empty ink cartridges which we recycle each month at Staples. This not only helps with our efforts to “go green,” it also gives us rewards from which we purchase office supplies. There is a drop off bin on the wall near the restrooms if you would like to contribute.

July, 2021



Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				July 1 CWF Sarah's Circle 1 PM @ Church Modern Worship Service 7:30 PM	2	3
4 	5  Larry Back	6  Natalie Byrd Karen Powers	7  Kelsey Byrd	8 Modern Worship Service 7:30 PM	9	10
11 Congregation Meeting following church	12  Sharon Smith JoAnn Hoelle	13	14	15 Modern Worship Service 7:30 PM	16	17  Don Dixon
18	19	20  Zola McClish	21  Helen Morgan	22  Peggy Burgess Modern Worship Service 7:30 PM	23	24
25 Board Meeting Following Church.	26	27	28	29 Modern Worship Service 7:30 PM	30	31

