



First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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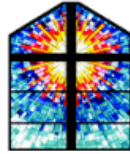
July 26, 2021

Number 7

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

Welcome to Year 110!

110th Anniversary 1912-2022



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*"We Your People, Ours the Journey
Now and evermore"*

SEE YOU ON SUNDAYS

Worship – 10:30 a.m.

Modern Worship – Thursday

@7:30 PM

STATISTICS: Attendance Offering

7/25	27	\$ 871.00
7/18	50	\$1,464.83
7/15 (Modern)	24	\$ 70.00
7/11	39	\$2,787.00
7/08 (Modern)	18	\$ 26.00
7/04	27	\$ 984.00
7/01 (Modern)	19	\$ 31.00

As we start this new fiscal year for 2021-2022 we begin to celebrate our 110th year as a community of Christians in Middletown, Ohio. This is a year of celebration, vision, and excitement. Join us during the next year as we have familiar ministers in the Pulpit, reflections on history, dinners and other events, to fellowship and celebrate.

Important numbers/emails:

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Mark your calendars for our Worship service celebrating our 110th Anniversary, on May 15th, 2022 at 10:30 AM. We will have The Reverend Allen V. Harris, Regional Pastor & President of the Christian Church in Ohio with us to bring the message.

This will be a great event to invite former members to join us for the morning, we will also be inviting former Pastors and Timothy's of First Christian Church Middletown.

Let us take this time to, as Rev. Jim Singleton said in his sermon on our 100th anniversary, to channel the "Spirit of 74." Let us channel the spirit of those original 74 members to have courage to try new things, as we perpetually make ourselves a new church on a new day.

Join me in our celebrations!

Pastor Connor





ELDER MOMENT

As the Elders make plans for the new church year, we would like to thank Sharon Amburgey, for her dedication and service as an Elder for the last four years. She has served in many capacities and most recently was Co-Chair of the Elders. Thank you again, Sharon.

We extend deepest sympathies to Sharon Smith and her family on the passing of her sister, Phyllis Risner.

The Elders have changed their scheduled monthly meetings to the third Tuesday of each month, starting with August 17th and are planning to meet in person at the church. This group of Elders decided to share the responsibilities usually associated with a Chairperson, so each one of us has a piece we are responsible for each month. We look forward to working together as a team for you and for Christ.

Your Elders.

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

CWF NEWS

Sarah Circle met at the church on July 1, 2021 at 1:00 pm. We had a business meeting, had a study on Proverbs, worked on our fleece throws, and enjoyed dessert. On July 10th we had a lunch with KC Downey at Olive Garden. She was one of our former members who was in town visiting from Florida. Our next meeting will be at 1:00 at the church.

We have been asked to host a bake sale at the “Back to School Bash” on August 7th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Members of our circle or others in the church are invited to contribute cookies, brownies, cupcakes, or other baked items for the sale. If you need us to pick up your baked item, you may call Marilyn Chamberlain.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Chamberlain, CWF president

Church Picnic

Sunday August 15th, 12:30 pm

@ First Christian Church



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 name begins 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.



TYLER HENDRICKS



Proud parents and grandparents were guests at the U.S. Army Infantry Boot Camp in Fort Benning, Georgia recently when Tyler Hendricks graduated after 22 weeks of intensive training. As Tyler continues to train and serve as a member of the Ohio Army National Guard, he also looks forward to continuing his education at Denison University in Granville, Ohio where he is a member of Big Red football team. Tyler has many friends in our congregation and we share the pride of watching him throughout the years. Tyler is pictured here with his grandfather, Larry



Dear First Christian Church Friends;

Hello, I would like to introduce myself. My name is John Ralbovsky and I am honored to be the next First Christian Church Board Moderator for the 2021 – 2022 church year. Let me tell you a little about myself.

My wife, Starlene and I have two sons. Both are married and they are Eagle Scouts (as am I). Our oldest son Eric and his wife have three children and live in Bel Air, MD. He is active duty US Coast Guard serving as a Senior Chief stationed in Baltimore, MD. Our second son Scott and his wife live in Shelton, CT. He is a firefighter for the City of Meriden, CT and he is also a plumbing contractor.

Star and I have been married for the past 39 years and we have lived in VT, CT and VA prior to our moving to Ohio, when I accepted the District Director position with the Dan Beard Council, Boy Scouts of America. I am now retired from the Boy Scouts of America, having worked as a Scouting professional for 23 years. I am proud to say that I am still active in Scouting as a volunteer and I look forward to helping our church's Scout troop to grow. I have both a non-profit and for profit business background, having worked as a manager for JC Penney Co and Macy's prior to my becoming a Scout executive.

Starlene and I joined First Christian Church about four years ago, after being invited to visit by the Thompsons. Becoming members of FCC has been a very fulfilling and rewarding experience for us. During the past year I have been a member of the FCC board as vice moderator and Starlene and I have both been deacons.

I'm looking forward to this new church fiscal year. We have an exciting year ahead of us with the 110th Church Anniversary in May 2022, our weekly Modern Worship Service on Thursdays, the Community Garden, Middletown Youth Coalition, Scouts BSA Troop 250, and so much more.

Faithfully Yours,

John Ralbovsky

FCC Moderator 2021-22

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TALENTED MEMBERS

Two of our members have placed in the most recent art show at Middletown Art Center. Helen Morgan took “Best of Show” and Don Dixon received “Honorable Mention”. We do seem to have a number of talented people in our midst. Here are the works of these two people:



We welcome you to share your talent with us!

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.

August, 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
August 1	2	3 Linda Poynter	4	5 CWF Sarah's Circle 1 PM @ Church Modern Worship Service 7:30 PM	6	7 Back to School Bash 2-4 pm Sponsored by Middletown Youth Coalition
8	9 Janice Kash	10	11	12 Modern Worship Service 7:30 PM	13	14
15 Church Picnic 	16	17 Elder Mtg.	18	19 Modern Worship Service 7:30 PM	20	21 Sue Tarbox
22 Board Mtg. following church	23	24	25	26 Brian Tarbox Modern Worship Service 7:30 PM	27 Karen Thompson Navy Andress	28 Cliff Thompson
29	30 Esther Saxbury	31				

