



First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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# Chalice Communicator

August 31, 2021

Number 8

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**Assoc. Pastor:** Minister Jeff Wilder  
**Music Director:** Michael Hefner  
**Moderator:** John Rabovsky  
**Elders:** Natalie Byrd  
Zola McClish  
Karen Powers  
Lora Schueller  
Karen Thompson

## SEE YOU ON SUNDAYS

Worship – 10:30 a.m.

Modern Worship – Thursday  
@7:30 PM

## STATISTICS: Attendance Offering

8/29	31/17	\$ 801.00
8/22	45/22	\$ 1,130.58
8/15	35/18	\$ 519.00
8/08	35/16	\$ 2,257.00
8/01	35/17	\$ 2,131.00
Homeless Outreach		\$ 40.00
Week of Compassion		\$ 25.00
July Online Giving		\$1,224.06

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## COVID, Masks, and Vaccines, Oh My!

Rev. Connor L. Thompson

Senior Pastor



Here we are at the end of August 2021, still talking about COVID-19 now in the form of the Delta Variant. We have grown a custom to masks and social distance, and then we got our vaccines, and celebrated as a community of human beings when we were able to see smiling faces, and expressions while we talked

to people.

Now we start looking at the Delta variant, and the beginnings of vaccine booster shots. I don't know about you, but I am tired, I am tired of not being able to gather with some of you in groups, I am tired of masks, I am tired of arguments about vaccines. I am tired.

But nevertheless, I keep going. I have pulled my mask back out, I have started to social distance again, and I have marked my calendar for when I am eligible for my COVID-19 vaccine booster, exactly 8 months after I completed my initial vaccine series.

People of faith across belief systems, have recognized that it is our duty to our neighbor to help stop this virus, by doing everything in our power to limit its spread.



*"You were indeed called to be free.... But don't turn this freedom into an excuse for your corrupt nature to express itself. Rather, serve each other through love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself.""- Galatians 5:13-14*

You will notice that inside the door of First Christian Church-Middletown, since May of 2020 there has remained a table with free masks and individual hand sanitizers, this will continue into the future. I encourage you to use them! As of this moment, if you are vaccinated or not, I encourage you to get vaccinated, unless it is not recommended by your healthcare provider.

We are a church serving our community and beyond, that starts from each of us as individuals.

Stay safe, keep serving, love your neighbor.



## THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE ON THE MOVE!

Thursday nights have been a blessing in our Church. God has birthed a new ministry that we are preparing to embark on. God calls us to be Doers of his Word, not Just Hearers. We are learning how to approach and share our Faith with our town's homeless population. This was birthed by a message from our newest member, Leah. Leah and her family have been following God's call on their life and has been attending for little over 10 months with us. Leah and Kobi have repeatedly taken items to the homeless camp and most recently after our picnic, gathered up our unused items and fed over a dozen people a good home-cooked meal! Talk about a "Fish and Loaves" moment. I thought it would be appropriate for her to share how the ministry of our blessing bags came about and how God has equipped this endeavor in her own words!

### ***Prayer List:***

**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

Leah: The wonderful blessing bags we have started making was because of a homeless women in a bad situation. I met her after going out and handing food and water to the homeless after a Sunday service that hit home. Pastor Jeff preached on compassion and the homeless being just one block from where Middletown was revitalizing downtown! I had to leave her, but I went home and prayed! I prayed about it for days, I still do. While in prayer I felt God directing me to make and hand out blessing bags and go back out and help. So all at once everything fit into place. God gave us a way to get everything together to give too many in our community. We were able to find all the items for the bags inexpensively, and the funding fell into place! Even the training to share our faith, God has opened doors! We developed a team comprised of myself, Karen H. Crystal, Kobi and Debbie. With a generous donation from our Outreach Committee and a few other donors within 48 hours we could order everything and more!

# THANKS

Thanks for the prayers and to Sharon Amburgy and Dave Lombard for representing First Christian Church at visitation for my sister, Phyllis Risner.

Blessings and Love,

Sharon Smith

in these bags are many little blessings :Dry snacks, a bottle of water, a juice, tissues, Band-Aids, Neosporin, body wipes, feminine items, toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, chap stick, toilet wipes, sanitize wipes, socks, lotion, cross necklace, dry shampoo, face mask, bubble gum and shavers. Also in the bags are the information sheets with helplines and for clean exchange to lower sickness from our friends, Officer Owens and Officer Birch in the police department. There was also a love reminder from our church to remind them they are so loved through Christ and by their family through Christ! Each Day it seems as God brings new opportunities and items to be able to distribute to our cities most needy!

### **Guy E. Stone Memorial Playground**

The [Kiwaniis Club of Middletown, Ohio](#) will be having a community build of the new Guy E. Stone playground at [Amanda Elementary](#). This will be september 11th and 12th. Pastor Connor would like to put together a team from FCC, if you would like to help, contact Pastor Connor.

The playground will be dedicated on Wednesday September 22nd at 4:30pm.

Thank you so much for the support in helping heal the hearts and lives in our community! Excited to see where the blessings go! God is amazing and he will leave the 99 for the 1!

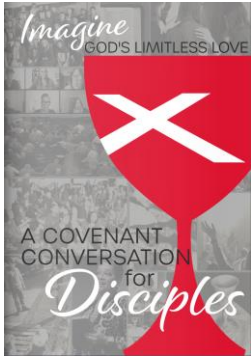
Amen!

God is moving in our Church. We just have to be willing to answer his call and be willing to sow, and show up! I am so proud of Leah and what God is doing in her and Kobi's life. Her willingness to be bold, obedient to the spirit and share what God is doing in her life is infectious. I continue to have the words dropped into my spirit, they ring in my mind daily, hold on, follow the spirit's direction, for this is just the beginning!

Pastor Jeff Wilder and Sister Leah Hadley



## **ELDERS STUDYING COVENANT IN THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)**



Beginning with our August meeting, the Elders have started a study of the meaning of Covenant in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). This is a new curriculum just released in July from

the Office of General Minister and President, and is being lead at the local church, regional, and general church levels, as we remind ourselves what it means to be in covenant with each other and with God.

Pastor Connor will be leading this study with the Elders at their monthly meeting for the remainder of the year, and look for it to be available to the whole congregation this spring.

## **ELDER'S MOMENT**

The Elders met in person at church on Tuesday, August 17, at 7:00 pm. An Elder recently made a home visit with one of our home bound members, so we all enjoyed keeping up with this member by the conversation that ensued.

Several Elders supported and participated in the church's first year to sponsor the Middletown Area Back to School Bash on August 7. It was a blessing to interact with the children.

We began a five session study entitled, The Preamble, which goes into depth about "Who we are as a denomination".

We discussed helping with the Guy Stone Memorial Playground. The project will be worked on September 10, 11 and 12 and First Christian Church will be assigned a four hour time period on one of those days. We look forward to participating and paying tribute to Guy.

In Christian Love,  
Your Elders

## **JOIN US FOR UPCOMING SPECIAL SUNDAYS**

### **Pulpit Exchange Sunday, September 5th**

*Rev. Rich Luh, St. Paul's United Church of Christ*

Join us Sunday September 5th, as Rev. Rich Luh joins us to bring the word, as Pastor Connor and he exchange pulpits for the day. Rich Luh was born and raised in Buffalo, New York, where he did most of his education. Rich graduated from Lancaster Theological Seminary and served churches in Pa, NY, Illinois and Ohio since 1979. Rich also served close to three years as Pastor and rotating worship leader for almost 3 years.

Rich lives in Miamisburg with his wife Susan, youngest daughter, Melissa and her four children, Sabrina; Crystal, Calleigh, and CJ. His oldest daughter, Jennifer, lives in Miamisburg with her two children, Austin and Kaitlyne. He and his wife enjoy doing things, traveling, etc. with our grandchildren and going to movies and taking cruises. Of course, this pandemic has seriously hampered these interests. His wife is a retired nurse.

### **World Communion Sunday, October 3rd**

*From Global Ministries* World Communion Sunday offers congregations a distinctive opportunity to experience Holy Communion in the context of the global community of faith. The first Sunday of October has become a time when Christians in every culture break bread and pour the cup to remember and affirm Christ as the Head of the Church. On that day, they remember that they are part of the whole body of believers. Whether shared in a grand cathedral, a mud hut, outside on a hilltop, in a meetinghouse, or in a storefront, Christians celebrate the communion liturgy in as many ways as there are congregations. World Communion Sunday can be both a profound worship experience and a time for learning more about our wider community of faith.

### **All Saints Sunday, November 7th**

*From the Christian Church Foundation* All Saints Day grew out of the early church's practice of remembering the martyrs of the church. Special days to recognize Saints developed over time. By the late 300s general observance of a day to honor all Saints was in place. In the 400s such a day was often held on the Sunday after Pentecost. By the mid 700s, All Saints Day became connected with November 1. In time All Souls Day was celebrated on November 2 in order to recognize the faithful who had died but did not have the distinctive title, "Saint." With the coming of the Protestant Reformation, many reformers had grown uncomfortable, not so much with All Saints Day but with their perception of the way Saints were venerated. It seemed to many that the Saints were worshipped in place of God. Lutherans and Anglicans held on to the celebration of All Saints Day; seeking to refocus the worship toward God. Early leaders of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) concerned with "restoring the New Testament Church" and with "Bible names for Bible things" would have found little justification for All Saints Day. Only in the past 30 years have Disciples found a place for All Saints Day in congregational life compelled by the opportunity to enhance the ministry of the church. Halloween and All Saints Day have a confused connection. Suffice it to say that the end of October was a special time in pre-Christian religious understanding. Halloween literally is The Evening before All Hollows Day or All Saints Day; the day on which all the Saints are hallowed. In some Christian traditions, a vigil of prayer is conducted on All Hollow's Eve to prepare for All Saints Day. Thus, the Christian who is focused on God can enjoy Halloween's fall fun as an occasion to celebrate that in Christ the "devil" is ultimately defeated.

## FROM OUR MODERATOR

Dear First Christian Church Friends:

As FCC Moderator, I have been tasked with updating the church Constitution and Bylaws, which haven't been revised since 2011. The FCC Constitutional Review Committee has met on the last four Wednesday's during the month of August. We set a goal of completing the constitution review by Labor Day and we are making a good deal of progress in our review, rewrite, and update of the church's constitution and bylaws.

Some examples of the changes to the constitution, adopted by the committee are: **Article II** will now be the First Christian Church (DOC) Mission: *We are the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) where All are welcome. We are faith based, following the teachings of Jesus Christ, and carrying the word to others by serving our community and beyond.* **Article V: Section F** Cabinet will be deleted from the revised constitution since it no longer meets and duplicates the role of the current FCC board. **Article VI:** will be revised to read *Congregational meeting shall be held annually and at other times as needed.* **Article VII will now be Job Descriptions (new addition) and Article VIII will be Amendments.**

The constitutional review committee will continue to meet on Wednesday's starting at 7pm. If you have questions or suggestions about the committee's review, please contact me.

I would like to recognize Pastor Connor on being accepted into the Master of Divinity program at the Lexington Theological Seminary. (He is going to be busy guy for the next six years, we wish him well.)

I want to thank Pastor Jeff for his Modern Service on Thursday's using The Chosen. This has been my first experience in studying the life of Jesus and his ministry. It is very exciting for me and I find myself looking forward to seeing the next episode each week. I also want to congratulate Pastor Jeff on completing the requirements for his commissioning with the Disciples of Christ.

FCC's Scouts BSA Troop 250 attended our service on Sunday July 18<sup>th</sup> prior to their departing for a week at Camp Friedlander, Dan Beard Council, BSA summer camp. It was nice to see these Scouts attend our service. Pastor Connor and I visited with the Scouts and adult leaders at camp on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. It had been a very good weeklong camp for the Scouts and they will be recognized for the efforts. On August 24<sup>th</sup> Scoutmaster James Stevens conducted the troop's Court of Honor. The Scouts were recognized for their rank advancements and the merit badges they earned while at summer camp.

I would like to congratulate our music director Michael Hefner, for his Sermon in Music on Sunday August 1<sup>st</sup>. It was a most enjoyable and spiritually fulfilling experience I have had at church in a very long time.

I also want to thank everyone who helped make our Sunday August 15<sup>th</sup> picnic a success. The food was great, the program and presentation by Katlin Thompson was excellent and the fellowship was great too.

The September Chalice Communicator articles will be due 9/26 and October articles will be due October 24<sup>th</sup>. Board Reports for September 26<sup>th</sup> board meeting will be due 9/21. Reports for Oct board meeting will be due 10/19. Thank you to both Sharon Amburgey and Judy Lemmert for their hard work at producing our board reports and Chalice Communicator for the congregation.

A special thank you to our property team, the church grounds and building look great. If you can help out with our properties, please contact Larry Steele or Cliff Thompson.

FCC has so much to offer and I hope everyone will continue to take part and enjoy everything we will be doing as a congregation in the weeks and months ahead.

Faithfully Yours,

John Ralbovsky

FCC Moderator 2021-22

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## CWF NEWS

Sarah Circle met on August 5<sup>th</sup> at the church. We had our business meeting, Bible Study on Proverbs, and then we enjoyed dessert. Our next meeting will be on Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00 pm at the church. We will have our Bible Study and we will also work on our tied fleece blankets. I will have some cut out and ready to be tied.

We sponsored a Bake Sale at the Back-to-School Bash on August 7<sup>th</sup>.

The Church Women United group will meet at our church on Monday, Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Marilyn Strong for more information on the meeting.

All ladies of the church are invited to attend our meetings.

Marilyn Chamberlain, CWF President

## A MOMENT FOR HISTORY

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Middletown, is in its 110<sup>th</sup> year. From now through May 2022, I as the Historian of FCC, will present each month “A Moment for History” of this congregation. The content of these articles will vary from the formation of the church and congregation to special events. These articles will not be a chronological history, but will be highlights from the 1<sup>st</sup> 110 years.

### The Beginning of the Church of Christ Movement and First Christian Church of Middletown, Ohio

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) had humble beginnings in a rural area called Cane Ridge, near Paris, Kentucky in 1834. This camp meeting was attended by 50,000 people over several weeks. Two prominent ministers attending the meeting were Barton W. Stone and Alexander Campbell. Stone, a Presbyterian minister from rural Pennsylvania, where there were few churches and fewer preachers, let all kinds of Christians – Methodists, Baptists, Congregationalists and new light Presbyterians take part in the Lord’s supper. He said, “I know from the Bible the ‘Lord’s Supper’ belongs to God and not humans”. Campbell once said in a sermon “Christians live under grace, not under law, under Christ, not under Moses, under the New Testament, not the Old”. In 1834, in what is now West Virginia Campbell’s Baptist church was dissolved and those that followed Campbell were known as Disciples of Christ.

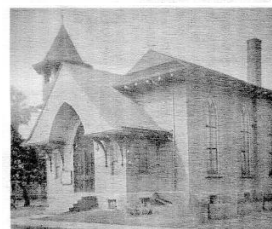
Jumping ahead to 1912 – Early in spring, a united religious campaign was held in Middletown, Ohio where 100 of the attendees expressed a preference for the Church of Christ. After several meetings it was decided there was room in the city for a new congregation to serve the 100 and future residents with like belief.

In March and April of that year meetings were held and it was determined 74 people were eligible for membership. The Rev. L. I. Mercer,

from Christian Missionary Society, was called to organize the new Church of Christ. Early services were held every Sunday at either the United Presbyterian Church or the Oakland Presbyterian Church, until such time as the new congregation had a place of their own to hold services.



United Presbyterian Church  
Baltimore & Girard Streets



Oakland Presbyterian Church  
Woodlawn & Garfield Streets

The United Presbyterian Church was torn down in the last few years but the Oakland Presbyterian Church still stands and appears to be a private residence.

On May 12, 1921 Articles of Incorporation for the Church of Christ in Middletown, Ohio were filed with the Ohio Secretary of State. August 1, 1912 the Rev. C. C. Cowgill was called to serve the congregation. He also obtained employment at the American Rolling Mill Company (ARMCO) in addition to being pastor. On May 31, 1953 the congregation voted to change the name of the church from the Church of Christ to the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).



### Church Apparel Available

Back by popular demand, Church T-shirts are in, in limited supply.

We have limited quantities of Adult sizes, as well as a couple of Youth Large.

Cost is \$12, Please contact Pastor Connor for more information, or to get your shirt.

Disciples of Christ Facemasks will be available in September.

Masks are cotton and have the Disciples of Christ Chalice on them. They will be available in Red with a white chalice and Black with a Red Chalice.

Masks will cost \$10.00. So, make sure you get your Sunday church mask, and wear it around town too!



## **SCOUTS BSA TROOP 250**



James Stevens,  
*Scoutmaster, Troop 250*

We are almost through the year and what a year it has been. We have had a busy year so far. In

April we were at Camp Friedlander where the youth completed some requirements for advancements. In May we helped the church with weeding and mulching of the flower beds and outside chapel. In July we spent a week at summer camp where the youth earned over 30 merit badges, made some new friends, had some fun, and completed some requirements for advancement. Also in July we had a tour of Caesars Creek dam to complete a requirement for the Sustainability Merit Badge, along with a class on active shooters and a tour of the Sharonville police station for a requirement for Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge. In Aug we held our Court of Honor where the youth received their merit badges, rank advancements they had earned and leadership positions they were elected to. We also had a youth, Ashton Cassidy earn the rank of Eagle Scout. Coming up this year on September 25th we are hosting a spaghetti dinner. They also want to go on a train ride and horseback riding. In October the youth want to do a Halloween lock-in. In November the youth want to do a Campsgiving. In December the youth want to do a Christmas and New Year's lock in. I am looking forward to what the youth want to do next year.

## **SCOUTS BSA TROOP 250** **AWARDS 2nd EAGLE SCOUT** **AWARD!**

On Wednesday August 18th, Ashton Cassidy passed his Eagle Scout Board of Review. This is the culmination of more than 7 years of work on Ashton's part! Ashtont has been a member of Troop 801 at First Presbyterian Church in Middletown, then a member of Troop 61 at the American Legion in New Lebanon, and then Troop 250 at First Christian Church in Middletown. Ashton is the Nephew of Jeff and Kelly Wilder, and is a graduate of Dixie High School in New Lebanon.



## **VENTURING CREW 87** **AWARDS 1st SUMMIT** **AWARD!**

On August 2nd, Kobi Wilder completed his Summit Award board of Review. This is a culmination of more than 5 years of work on Kobi's part! Kobi has been a member of Venturing Crew 438 at Camp Friedlander in Loveland, Venturing Crew 801 at First Presbyterian Church in Middletown, and a founding member of Venturing Crew 87 at First Christian Church in Middletown. Kobi completed his Summit Award Leadership Project through the founding and creation of the Middletown Youth Coalition.





**LOCAL CHURCHES**  
**JOIN FORCES TO ASSIST IN TORNADO RECOVERY**

**Rev. Caoline Hamilton-Arnold**

*Associate Director, Domestic Disaster Response, [Week of Compassion](#)*

Recovery from the 2019 Memorial Day tornado outbreak is ongoing. While most families who owned their homes are nearing completion of their repairs, a significant housing gap remains for renters displaced by the storms. In the greater Dayton area, the disaster ministries of the Disciples of Christ and the United Church of Christ have partnered with the Miami Valley Long-Term Recovery Operations Group to support the Tornado Survivors' Pathways to Homeownership Project. The goal of this project is to leverage the skills of volunteers and local nonprofits to transition "nuisance" properties and vacant lots to affordable, single-family housing options for tornado survivors, stabilizing both families and the community.

Week of Compassion, UCC Disaster Ministries, the Christian Church in Ohio, and the Heartlands Conference are collaborating to receive volunteer build teams willing to serve 3+ days, with an anticipated start date of mid-October. All skill levels welcome. A few logistical details need to be finalized before registration can officially open, but interested teams can find out more and make *tentative* reservations by contacting Rev. Caroline Hamilton-Arnold ([caroline@weekofcompassion.org](mailto:caroline@weekofcompassion.org)).

*Please note: all volunteers who are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine must do so before serving.*

**Around the Building...**

**We are excited to be hosting a few groups around the building....**



Church Women United is returning to meeting in person on the second Monday of the month.

Church Women United (CWU) is a national ecumenical Christian women's movement representing Protestant, Roman Catholic, Orthodox and other Christian women. Founded in 1941, as the United Council of Church Women, this

organization has more than 1,200 local and state units in the United States and Puerto Rico. CWU's members represent 26 supporting denominations and organizations. Offices are located in New York City, Washington DC and at the United Nations.

Church Women United's mission is to be a racially, culturally and theologically inclusive Christian women's movement celebrating unity in diversity and working for a world of peace and justice, specifically for women and children. CWU strives to provide for its members resources and information on a wide range of social justice issues, opportunities for worship and action, and an expansive network of women and women's organizations working to ensure a better world for all.



The Kiwanis Club of Middletown will be holding their installation of Officers in the Fellowship hall on Thursday September 30th at 6pm.

Kiwanis International is a global community of clubs, members and partners dedicated to improving the lives of children one community at a time. Today, we stand with more than 550,000 members from K-Kids to

Key Club to Kiwanis and many ages in between in 80 countries and geographic areas. Each community has different needs, and Kiwanis empowers members to pursue creative ways to serve the needs of children, such as fighting hunger, improving literacy and offering guidance.

Kiwanis clubs host nearly 150,000 service projects each year.

Kiwanis clubs focus on changing the world by serving children, one child and one community at a time. To reach more people and have a greater service impact on their communities, many clubs sponsor a Kiwanis family club — K-Kids for primary school children; Builders Clubs for adolescents; Key Clubs for teens; Circle K clubs for university students and Aktion Clubs for adults living with disabilities.

## SUMMER 2021 CAMP CHRISTIAN RECAP



[Rev. Alan Dicken](#)

*Regional Program Director, [Christian Church in Ohio](#)*

On Wednesday, June 30<sup>th</sup> the summer staff began to trickle into Magnetic

Springs to begin training for their role as Ministry Associates for Camp Christian 2021. Although camp programming hadn't officially started, the summer had begun!

Chi Rho Camp 2021 was a huge hit – So many kids were so glad to be back at Camp! By combining all three Chi Rho Camps, directors, counselors, ADs, nurses, and traditions, we were able to have a totally new, fun-filled, and faithful week at Camp Christian! The



Quest truths for the week centered around Jesus' teachings and love. The Chi Rho kids certainly got closer to God in the love of Christ through morning prayers, sharing meals, singing songs, vespers services, evening activities, and a whole lot of fun!

CYF Conference was up next and although it rained most of the week, the spirit of Camp was high and dry as the youth went through a week with the theme "Love My Selfie." By focusing on self-esteem in scripture and in life, these amazing young people were able to have such a meaningful return to Camp Christian. CYF was blessed by incredible keynote presenters and the youth dived into the new week with excitement and energy. The campers helped to lead vespers, consecration, banquet, fundraising,

talent show, senior favors, and a whole week of faithful fellowship! The Leadership Team along with the help of many volunteers helped to guide CYF Conference to an amazing week back home at Camp Christian!

Junior Camp could not have been more fun! With amazing volunteers leading crafts and games and activities throughout the day, our 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders were able to learn about important Bible stories, share their faith, and realize that Kids Can Too! Although the camp was only from Sunday-Wednesday, a LOT of great memories and faithful talks were shared by all!

Advance Conference rounded out the summer with an incredible week for young adults at Camp Christian. Keynote speakers, faculty, and young adults alike came together for a truly memorable time. For young adults in their 20's, Advance was a fantastic opportunity to restore and rejuvenate their spirits after a long couple of years without being at Camp Christian.

It was not an easy summer. Many adjustments were needed, many difficult decisions were made, and many tough lessons were learned as we planned and experienced Camp in the context of Covid-19. Still, the summer was abundantly good and God's love was once again wastefully poured out on the hearts of every person who set foot on the sacred grounds at Camp Christian this summer. We are so grateful for all the volunteers, ministry associates, parents, grandparents, and loved ones who helped to make Camp Christian 2021 a possibility this year. May you all be blessed and we look forward to seeing you all (and many more!) next summer!

### **CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH WELCOMES NEW PASTOR**

Rev. Evette Loper Watt, J.D. is a leader, visionary, teacher, and passionate preacher of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Rev. Watt worked as an attorney serving families and children in crisis for many years. She responded to God's call to ministry and pursued full-time seminary studies. She also served as a Chaplain in the hospital and hospice settings. Her journey to becoming an ordained Elder in the United Methodist Church began at Ginghamburg UMC, Fort McKinley Campus in Dayton, Ohio. Upon completion of seminary studies, she served as Associate Pastor of Congregational Care and Counseling and Discipleship at Church of the Messiah UMC, Westerville, Ohio. She also served as Lead Pastor at Gaines United Methodist Church in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Rev. Watt earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Spelman College, Atlanta, Georgia; Juris Doctor, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, Carbondale, Illinois; and Master of Divinity, United Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio.

Rev. Watt has two adult children.

Pastor Connor and Pastor Evette met recently, and she looks forward to continuing a strong mission oriented relationship between First Christian Church and Christ United Methodist Church.



# September, 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			September 1	<b>2</b> <b>CWF Sarah's</b> <b>Circle 1 PM @</b> <b>Church</b>  <b>Modern</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>Service</b> <b>7:30 PM</b>	3	<b>4</b>  <b>Libby</b> <b>Benson</b>
<b>5</b>  <b>Landon</b> <b>Lovin</b>	<b>6</b>  <b>Joann</b> <b>Grimes</b>  	7	8	<b>9</b>  <b>Modern</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>Service</b> <b>7:30 PM</b>	10	11
12	<b>13</b>  <b>Church</b> <b>Women's</b> <b>United 12:00</b>	14	15	<b>16</b>  <b>Modern</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>Service</b> <b>7:30 PM</b>	17	18
19	20	<b>21</b>  <b>Elder Mtg.</b>  <b>Board Report</b> <b>Due</b>	22	<b>23</b>  <b>Modern</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>Service</b> <b>7:30 PM</b>	24	25
<b>26</b>  <b>Reconciliation</b> <b>Special Offering</b>  <b>Board Mtg.</b> <b>Following</b> <b>Church</b> <b>Newsletter</b> <b>Articles due</b>	<b>27</b>  <b>Heather</b> <b>Hardewig</b>	<b>28</b>  <b>Lora</b> <b>Schueller</b>	29	<b>30</b>  <b>Modern</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>Service</b> <b>7:30 PM</b>		

