



Chalice Communicator

June 21, 2022

Number 6

Senior Pastor: Rev. Connor Thompson
Assoc. Pastor: Rev. Jeff Wilder

Music Director: Michael Hefner
Moderator: John Ralbovsky
Elders: Natalie Byrd
Zola McClish
Karen Powers
Lora Schueller
Karen Thompson

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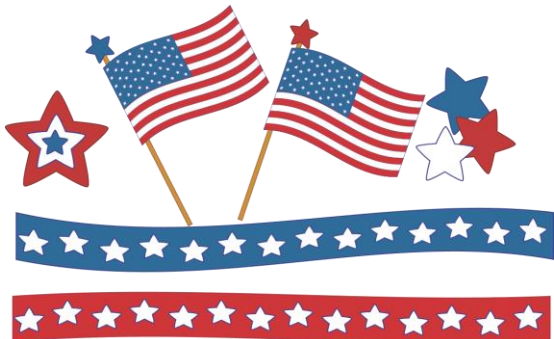
Traditional Worship – 10:30 a.m.
Modern Worship – Thursday
@7:30 PM

STATISTICS:	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
06/19	39/21	\$ 423.00
06/12	37/25	\$ 1,550.00
06/05	39/21	\$ 2,854.02
Penecost	\$175.00	

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Greetings Church,

First I would like to thank you all for a wonderful outpouring to our financial campaign. As we finalize the budget and tally the pledge cards, I truly believe God is going to provide a year of Harvest and Growth. With that in mind, please place on your calendars these important dates. For all leaders, all Annual Reports are due June 27th. July 10th is the FCC Annual Meeting and election of board officers and July 24th is the FCC Board Meeting (first meeting of new fiscal year 2022-2023).

We have seen so many blessings this year. From new members to baptisms and answered prayers. We have also been together through sickness and health scares. We have seen several of our friends and family make their journey to their heavenly home. One thing has been certain through all these events. We remained a church family. We have praised together, cried together, mourned and rejoiced together. The key word is that we did it together. As we move into the 2022-23 year let us strive to move even closer to one another!

I have had the privilege of speaking with Dorice often the last few months. One conversation particularly struck me. She was telling me of the moment she was asked to serve as an elder. Her eyes swelled up with tears of pride as she said that moment was one of the most humbling and honored moments of my life. Every time she spoke of serving or contributing to the church her comments were immediately followed with I was honored.

I found myself thinking of my time here at First Christian. If I stop and ponder, it has been an honor to serve you. It has been a privilege to be your Pastor. It truly is for anyone an honor to be asked, thought of and recognized by God and his people to serve in HIS house. And each one of us has that honor today! We get to come, share, and help provide in the most sacred space a person can invite us into. The space where they commune with their Creator and Savior. We should be honored we are a part of that most sacred space in peoples' lives. We should want and enter into the work of providing that stage and place for all with thanksgiving and excitement. We should be honored that in today's climate God has chosen our church to still be a beacon of hope and a home for his spirit to abide. Today hundreds of churches close their doors for the last time to that sacred space and to the ability to share God's word. Today First Christian is NOT one of them. We should be honored. Tomorrows are not promised to anyone. We do not know what tomorrow will bring, but we do know what to do today. Today we will praise God, we will put our trust and faith in him, we will follow where his spirit leads and we will be honored he has chosen us to share his word. We will do all these things with the knowledge that we are passing all of these blessings God has given us and all the knowledge he has granted to a new generation with joy. We will be honored to be a people and a place that is given the opportunity to share these sacred moments between God and his creation and we will do this together.

Pastor Jeff Wilder



Prayer List:

Health: Kristen Beck, Marla Marsh, Marilyn Strong

Special Needs: 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 for lunch on June 2nd at O’Charley’s in Middletown. We will not meet in July. Our regular meetings will resume on August 4th at 1:00 pm at the church. We will resume our study on Proverbs. I will also have more fleece blankets cut and ready to be tied. If there are any other projects that anyone is interested in, please bring ideas to the next meeting. Until then, have a great summer and remember to show kindness to others.

Marilyn Chamberlain

CWF President

AS A REMINDER

We continue to collect used 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.

CHURCH NOTES:

A big thank you to those of you who sent in an updated pledge card for the upcoming fiscal year. Exciting things are happening and having your support helps immensely in our planning. If you haven't noticed, we've been seeing more children in worship each week and the youth are taking a big part in our service. They are bringing friends and enjoying being in church. They are also helping the property team and are eager to serve. Three adults and four youth were baptized recently. As plans are made for the upcoming year, your support is very important in any and all ways you are able to help. If you are interested in serving as an Elder or Deacon or helping with the Congregational or Community Ministry Teams, please leave a message in the Church office or contact Crystal. If you haven't been able to send in your pledge card, drop it in an envelope or the offering plate and it will be given to Marilyn C. Your prayer support is vital to each and everyone and all that we do as Christians.

Together, we can continue to move upward!

Regional Assembly 2022Regional Assembly ~ A Family Reunion September 24th at Camp Christian

"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!"
Psalm 133:1

We are so excited to reunite in person! This year's Assembly will be filled with worship, fun and games, a short business session, delicious meals, and wonderful fellowship with friends and colleagues from around the Christian Church in Ohio and beyond. Adults, youth, and children are invited to attend. The Assembly is designed for all ages, and there will also be child care for Children ages 4 to 12. We would love to see as many of you as possible for this long-anticipated gathering. We hope that each church in the Ohio Region will send at least 2 members to represent their congregation.

FCC YOUTH

New Teen and Young Adults night
Starting July 14th 6:00 P.M.

We are ALL called to work for Christ and have a place in his will. No matter what your background is or how far you think you've gone, we at First Christian have a place for you just as Christ does.

The purpose of FCC YOUTH, and the vision for it is to equip young men and women with the tools necessary to become strong evangelists, leaders, worship leaders, prayer warriors, and vessels for the spirit in the church God calls us all to be.

FCC YOUTH is a safe place for ALL youth to know that they have a purpose and are loved beyond measure. In the world today All does not necessarily mean all. Here at First Christian Youth it does! We strive to serve all youth through Christ, From the young adults in LGBTQIA+ community to the at risk inner city youth and young adults and the rural small town teens, all have a safe place here to follow and worship God.

We value our young adults and have a vision and a passion to see them fulfill their purpose in God. How will we reach the youth for the kingdom of God? One soul at a time!

FOR WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER!
FCC Youth Leaders.



SCOUTING NEWS-EAGLE PROJECT

Please take a second to Congratulate Aradia Stevens on her Eagle Scout project being completed here at First Christian Church. On the far front, east side of our property, Aradia constructed a Community Give One, Take One Library. She completed 86 hours of combined planning, construction and prep work that culminated into a blessing that we along with our neighbors will be able to enjoy for years to come. Stop by and check it out. Browse the library and take a book. Don't forget to leave one as well.



CAMP CHRISTIAN WISH LIST

We are SO looking forward to an awesome Summer at Camp Christian!! As in years past, many of you have asked for a list of needed items to physically donate to Camp Christian for the Summer Camps and Conferences. Some of our sporting equipment, crafting, free time activity, curriculum, and maintenance supplies could use an upgrade/restock. We created this Amazon wish list with several items that would be great additions to have around Camp Christian for our summer programs!

<https://a.co/iBAaV1T>











Please feel free to purchase items from this list and have them shipped directly to Camp Christian, or if you would rather send a monetary gift towards the purchase of these items, that's OK too.

Thank you so much for your love, generosity, and support of Camp Christian!

July, 2022



Birthdays

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 	5  Larry Back	6  Natalie Byrd Karen Powers	7 Modern Worship Service 7:30 PM	8	9  Kelly Wilder
10 Annual Meeting	11	12  Sharon Smith JoAnn Hoelle	13  Sandy Mehl	14 Modern Worship Service 7:30 PM	15	16
17  Don Dixon	18	19 Elder Mtg. @ 7 PM	20  Zola McClish	21  Helen Morgan Modern Worship Service 7:30 PM	22  Peggy Burgess	23
24  Steve Bowen Board Meeting Newsletter Articles due	25	26  Kingston Wilder	27	28 Modern Worship Service 7:30 PM	29	30
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