

DISCIPLE DIGEST

First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

FEBRUARY 2015

MISSION OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The mission of this Congregation shall be—

To lead people to faith in Jesus Christ.

To encourage their active commitment to His service.

To facilitate their growth in grace and in the knowledge of Christ.

Further, it shall be our mission to work for the unity of all Christians and to participate in the common task of building the Kingdom of God.



LOVE ONE ANOTHER

And now I want to urgently remind you, dear friends, of the old rule God gave us right from the beginning, that Christians should love one another. If we love God, we will do whatever He tells us to. And He has told us from the very first to love one another. (Second Letter of John, verses 5 & 6, The Living Bible)

Thinking about February and Valentine's Day approaching, I was reflecting on how well I show God's love to others around me. To family and friends? To co-workers in the Church? To all of you? And even to myself?

Jesus commands us to love. When asked by one of the lawyers trying to trap Jesus (Matthew 22: verses 37 - 39, The Living Bible), Jesus answered him: *"Love the Lord your God will all your heart, soul and mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. The second most important is similar: Love your neighbor as much as you love yourself."*

Jesus does not hesitate to demand our love. All through His Holy Word, he tells us things like 'that is how people will know that you follow me, when they see your love for one another. I admit I have work to do in this area, like in most areas of my life. We all do. I want us to be the Church together that people talk about and say, "Look how they love each other."

May the God who loves us unconditionally continue to lead, guide and direct us, as we continue our journey together.



PRAYER REQUESTS:



*Erwin Bandy	Koby Wistner
Zane Daniels	Tom Reinhart
Lucas Edwards	The family of Joan Buchman
Kim Armstrong	Pam Bauer
Judy Wren	
Dave Schumann	
Deb Belk	
Lance Miller	
Derric Brown	

Nursing Home Residents..
 *Aletha Kadesch (Gardens)
 *Georgiana Wilson (Manor House)
 *Mildred Bashore (Gardens)
 *Helen Gunderman--
 (St. Anne's Retirement Comm. Apt. 26)
 *Babe Price (Gardens)
 Our homebound



* Denotes FCC members

In Sympathy

Mary Kathryn Sloop died December 18th in Tennessee.

She has been a member of First Christian Church since 1953. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Larry Hormann , father of Matt Hormann, died recently. Please keep the family of Larry in your prayers at this difficult time.

Thank you

Thanks to the church carolers.
Nice surprise!! God Bless!!

Bob and Ruth



Thank you

Thank you to the congregation for the generous Christmas gift. We appreciated your giving spirit. What a blessing you are to us and to the church.

Pastor Jeff & Nelda

Thank you

I would like to thank the congregation for the installation service, the wonderful lunch and for making my family feel so welcome. A special thank you to Reverend Nelda for her words of inspiration.

Blessings and Peace
Pastor Jeff

Thank you

Thank you to my church family for the Christmas gift. I appreciated it very much.

Denise

Thanks

Jeff and I would like to thank you all for the wonderful and "yummy" dinner after church today. We appreciate all of the hard work and time that went into planning and serving this dinner. Thank you so much again.

Jeff & Nelda

Dear Bell Choir,

Thank you so much for the gift card. I love to paint at Flat rock Ceramics so your gift was perfect. I also want to thank you for sharing your time and talents each week. Your dedication shows every time you play!! Thanks again for making a "Joyful Noise." You're the best.

With God's Love
Donna

Dear Choir,

Thank you so much for the generous gift and all you do each week! I never knew making a joyful noise could be so much fun. You are appreciated.

Thanks Again,
Donna

FLOWERS



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- 2/1 Paul & Helen Long (Memory of Guy & Elsie)
- 2/8 Jacque Walker (Memory of Sid)
- 2/15 Linda Reinhart (Honor of family)
- 2/22 Shirley Cramer (Honor of Christy's Birthday)

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2/01 Amanda Bok
- 2/01 Briana Townley
- 2/02 Isabelle Ringler
- 2/04 Bonnie Beamer
- 2/04 Greg Reinhart
- 2/05 Russell Flint
- 2/06 Adam Daniels
- 2/08 Hailey Harris
- 2/09 Jacque Walker
- 2/09 Klair Hoover
- 2/10 Eleanor Fellers
- 2/13 Virginia Marshall
- 2/13 Don Stoller
- 2/15 Kynsi Knapp
- 2/16 Gary McClure
- 2/20 Mildred Bashord
- 2/21 Annie Bibler
- 2/21 Christy Cramer
- 2/21 Cadence Cook
- 2/21 Jeff Hunt
- 2/22 Ron Gunderman
- 2/24 Suzanne Reinhart
- 2/25 Lois Beamer
- 2/26 Abbie English

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 2/15/1992 Roger & Bonnie Sherland
- 2/26 /2001 Kenneth & Marsha Adkins

DEADLINE FOR THE
MARCH DIGEST
FEBRUARY 15TH.

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

WORSHIP:

DATE:	MEMBERS	VISITORS	NON MEMBERS	CHILDREN	TOTAL
12/21/14	71	4	9	13	93
12/28/14	50	3	7	5	66
1/4/15	62	4	9	10	86
1/11/15	69	8	9	11	100
1/18/15	62	0	3	9	75

COUNTERS:

- 2/1/15 John Jelinek, Matt Strayer, Jack Moore
- 2/8/15 Gary McClure, Vicki McClure, Sandra Bandy
- 2/15/15 Max Hibbard, Sue Simpson, Charles Simpson
- 2/22/15 Matt Strayer, Matt Stoller, John Jelinek

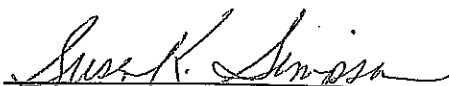


FINANCIAL FACT:

DID YOU KNOW THE AVERAGE
ELECTRIC BILL FOR THE CHURCH LAST YEAR
WAS \$569.00 PER MONTH.

First Christian Church
Fund Summary
DECEMBER 2014

	TITHES & OFFERINGS	FLOWERS	INITIAL ENVEL. OFFERING	CHRISTMAS OFFERING	BIBLE POSTAGE DONATIONS	TOTALS
December						
12/07/2014	2,150.00	0.00	0.00	45.00	0.00	2,195.00
12/14/2014	1,508.00	20.00	0.00	55.00	0.00	1,583.00
12/15/2014	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	40.00	40.00
12/21/2014	2,599.00	20.00	0.00	80.00	20.00	2,719.00
12/28/2014	1,449.00	0.00	5.00	30.00	20.00	1,504.00
TOTALS	7,706.00	40.00	5.00	210.00	80.00	8,041.00



 Susan K. Simpson, Financial Secretary

1-8-15

 Date

General Assembly

This year the General Assembly of the church meets in Columbus on July 18-22. This presents an unusually convenient and inexpensive chance to attend. Registration fees are reduced until April 1. Go to www.disciples.org/ga for more information.

DISCIPLES WOMEN

Disciples Women met January 6, 2015. Devotions were given by Suzy Strayer. Secretary and Treasurers reports were read. The Pastors Installation, updating the parsonage and the upcoming lunch was discussed. Blessing Boxes are due in February.



24 HOUR PRAYER VIGIL

Our 24 hour prayer vigil will begin at 6 a.m. on April 4th and end at 6 a.m. on April 5th. We will be needed captains for every 3 hours. If you can help with these please see Jan Commers. Time slots will be every half hour for those praying. The sign up sheets will be up after Ash Wednesday.

PASTORS CLASS

Pastors Class will begin February 22nd following worship. Anyone wishing to be baptized on Easter Sunday should attend the six week classes. Please call the church if you will be participating.

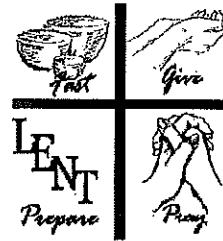
FLOWER CALENDER

The 2015 flower calendar is on the bulletin board. If you would like to provide the flowers for a Sunday during worship please sign the sheet. You may specify in honor or in memory of someone special. Cost of the flowers is \$20.00 paid to the office. Flowers may be taken home following the service.



LENT BEGINS FEBRUARY 18TH

THE ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE IS 6 P.M.
ON FEBRUARY 18TH.



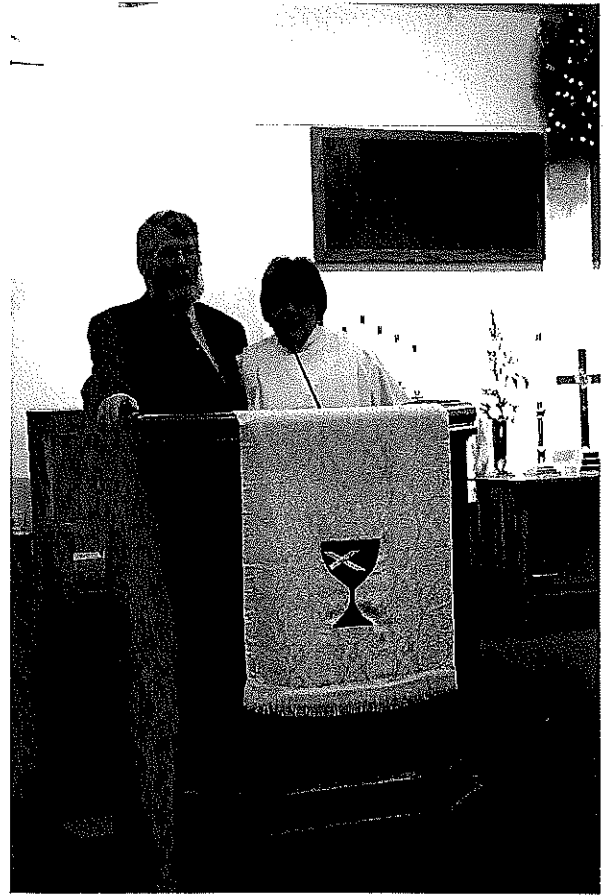
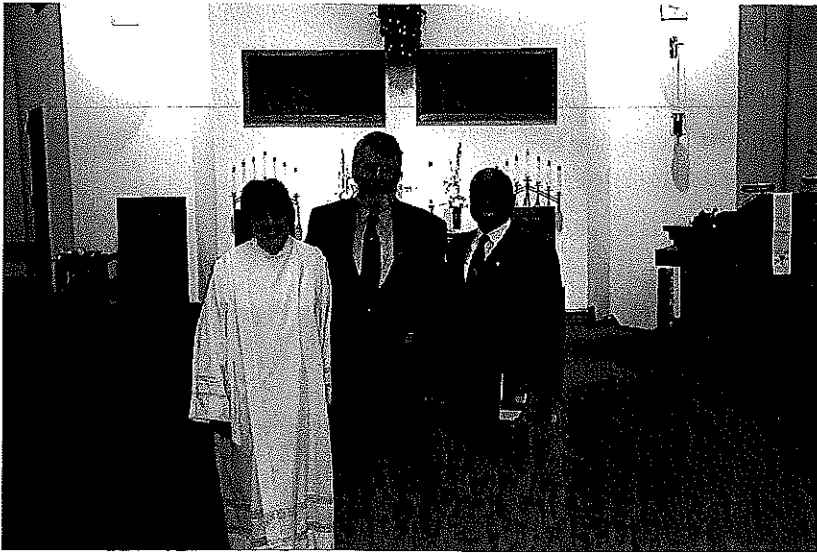
GIDEON SUNDAY

The Gideons will be bringing the message to us on February 22nd.

CHOIR

It's not too late to join the choir.
We welcome new voices at any time.
Come and share your talent.
Practice is on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.





INSTALLATION OF PASTOR JEFF SEGER ON JANUARY 11TH.

REV DR. WILLIAM H. EDWARDS INSTALLED PASTOR JEFF.

REV. NELDA SEGER PROVIDED THE SERMON.



Youth Soup & Sub Lunch

- If you have not ordered your Soup & subs for February 1st you may join the youth for a freewill luncheon immediately following worship on Sunday Feb. 1st.



WEDDING JOY

Clint Reinhart and Malerie Klingler were married on January 17th at the church. Congratulations and bless wishes as they start their life together.



BLOOD MOBILE

THURSDAY MARCH 12TH the Bloodmobile will be at the church for blood donations.

There will be sign up sheets on the bulletin board for needed food supplies. If you are able to help with this it would be appreciated. We will also need a few workers.

See Leah or Denise if you have any questions.

YOUTH MEETINGS

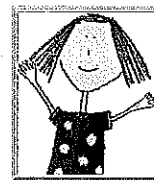
Jan. 31– 10:00 make soup and subs

Feb. 1– Following worship serve soup and subs

Feb. 8– Chi Rho/CYF meeting 12– 2p.m.

Feb. 15 Kingdom Kids meeting 12-2 p.m.

Feb. 22– Chi Rho/CYF 12-2 p.m.



LENTEN LUNCH SCHEDULE 2015

ALL LUNCHESES WILL BE HELD AT THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH AT NOON.

FEBRUARY 18TH HOST- FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 25TH HOST- ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

MARCH 4TH HOST- PAULDING CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

MARCH 11TH HOST-FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

MARCH 18TH HOST-PAULDING UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

MARCH 25TH HOST-DIVINE MERCY CATHOLIC CHURCH

THIS YEARS THEME IS JOEL 2: 12-13 "Return to ME"



"Even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning

Joel 2: 12-13

SERVERS—FEBRUARY 2015

ELDERS:

Bruce Gunderman (bread)
Charlie Simpson (cup)
Sue Simpson (shut-in communion)

DIACONATE (Deacons):

*Dee Fraley	Joan Tope
Gerry Fraley	Leah Gunderman
Josh Lero	Helen Long
Susan Knapp	Penny Clippinger

*Please contact Dee if you are not able to serve.

WORSHIP LEADER:

Tracy Gunderman

PREPARE COMMUNION:

Darwin & Ursula Riley

(Clean up, pick up empty cups, please put communion in the nursery for the attendant.)

GREETERS:

Jacque Walker

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

2/1/2015	Lori Clark & Susan Knapp
2/8/2015	
2/15/2015	Tammy Boroff & Amanda Boroff
2/22/2015	Tammy Boroff & Amanda Boroff

NURSERY:

2/1/2015	Linda Reinhart
2/8/2015	Darla Smith
2/15/2015	Genelta Levos
2/22/2015	Denise Renollet

READ SCRIPTURE:

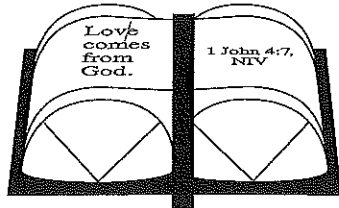
2/1/2015	Ellen Riggerbach-Psalm 111
2/8/2015	Tammy Boroff-Isaiah 40: 28-31
2/15/2015	Leah Gunderman-Psalm 50: 1-6
2/22/2015	Pat Paulus-Genesis 9: 8-17

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**GOD'S
SWEET
WORD**

Share this Bible treat — and God's love — with a special valentine.

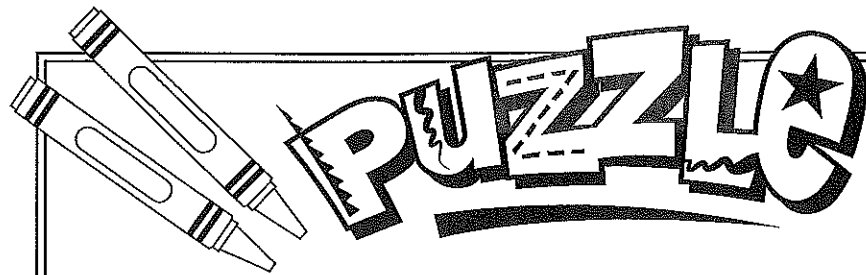


What you need:

- Black card stock or construction paper (2" x 1.5")
- Double-sided tape
- 2 wrapped Hershey's Nuggets candy bars (silver or gold)
- Pen or marker
- White paper (2.75" x 1")
- Thin sliver of red paper or ribbon
- Scissors

What you do:

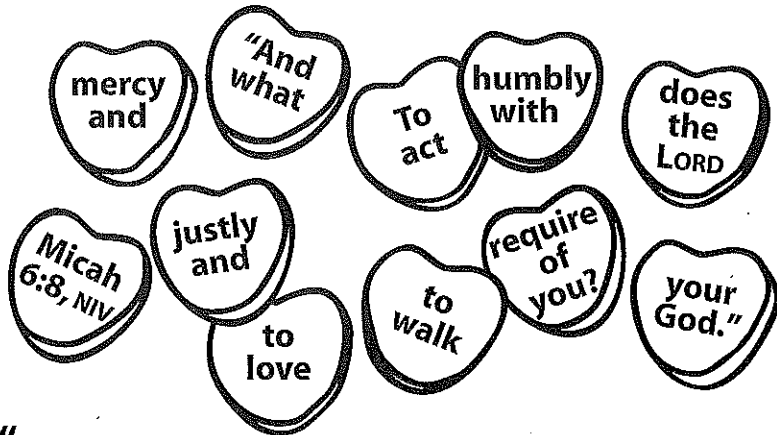
1. In the center of the black paper, tape down the candy bars side by side.
2. On the white paper, write a short Bible verse about love. Then wrap it around the candy bars horizontally and tape it down.
3. Place the red paper or ribbon between the two candy bars, and tape the top of this "bookmark" to the Bible.
4. Give away this fun, sweet message of God's love!



Conversation hearts

The world encourages people to look out for themselves and seek success, but in Micah 6:8, God tells us to live differently.

Directions: Put the conversation hearts in the correct order by writing the words on the lines below. Hint: Capitalization and quotation marks are included.



“ _____
 _____ ?

 _____ ”
 _____ 6:8 _____

Answer: "And what does the LORD require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8, NIV

Bible Quiz

Which Jericho woman hid the two Israelite spies, and where did she hide them?

- Joanna, in her stable
- Bathsheba, at her neighbor's house
- Milkah, under a pile of blankets
- Rahab, on her roof

Answer: D (See Joshua 2:3, 6.)