

DISCIPLE DIGEST

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

FEBRUARY 2016

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.



PASTOR'S MESSAGE

In you I see so much.

You are generous, loving, and faithful.

You are kind.



I say this in sermons, and hopefully you keep it in your hearts: you are gifts from God full of miracles waiting to happen.

"Vision" is a very popular word. It is not my favorite. I have had too many times where I thought I had the "vision" only to find that I was tripping over my own pride.

I need God to be the vision keeper. I am willing to abide and calm myself through impatience as we wait to hear where God is Calling us to, as a congregation and as individuals.

But I do dream.

Here is my current dream for us:

I see us not only as a community full of potential miracles, but as a congregation who are so gentle and loving, pouring out patience and kindnesses on one another, until all our cups "runneth over".

Being faithful, as you know, is not a one and done. It is a practice. It is not easy showing up and consistently trying to do the right thing. It takes practice, effort, and working through frustration when it feels like we are alone. You know this, because you daily choose to be faithful.

Being gentle and vulnerable is also a discipline. It is not easy. It is a choice that must be made both daily and moment to moment. It requires us to consider each thing we say and do before we say or do it.

BUT...if we as a community choose to live out this discipline, I Faith that the Love we know from our God through Christ will become visible and tangible to those outside FCC and particularly those who have the greatest need for Christ's saving Love.

I dream that this congregation will be spoken of in Paulding and the surrounding area as synonymous with Love.

I dream that you will learn to see yourselves as I see you and as I Faith that God sees you. I see you as miraculous.

-Seth

PRAYER REQUESTS:



*Bill Baxter
 *Rick DeGood
 *Gabbie Stallbaum
 Darlene Knapp
 Paul Eiserle
 Parker Bassett
 Emogene Aquirre
 David Rigggenbach
 Carla Gillen
 Caitlin Yoh
 Martha Strahley
 Layman Saylor

Martha Strahley
 The family of Millie Zug
 The family of Raymond Sugg
 Janice Merriman
 Jeff Krill
 The Pastor Search Team
Military:
 *Suzanne Reinhart
 Sarah Yoder



* Denotes FCC members

Condolences for Millie Zug may be sent to
 Sheryl Reeves at 111 Owens Rd. West
 Marion, Ohio 43302



ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

The Ash Wednesday Service will be
 February 10th at 6:00 p.m.

Bible Night (Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, in the fellow-ship hall at FCC)

Wednesday is still transforming as I learn how to be with you.

Bible Night will continue to be a time of voluntary sharing, but will begin to include more conversations and small groups for adults.

Donna, Ellen, and Lori are putting together fantastic activities to celebrate and reinforce Bible stories with the kids. After a time of singing songs from Camp Christian and VBS (that either teach or open up the subjects of the Bible stories), the kids have a full evening of crafts and games.

Our February schedule looks like this:
 02/03 Jonah and the Whale
 02/10 Ash Wednesday Service
 02/17 Game Night (Fellowship)
 02/24 Hannah (Adults), Jonah (Kids)



Nursing Home Residents..

*Aletha Kadesch (Gardens)
 *Georgiana Wilson (Manor House)
 *John Peeper Jr. (Gardens)
 *Helen Gunderman-
 (St. Anne's Retirement Comm. Apt. 26)
 *Bob Unger (Hickory Creek Nursing Home)
 Charles Baxter (Kingsbury House, Defiance Oh)
 Our homebound
 Gayle Sarver (Gardens)

Thank You

DWM Ladies,

Thank you so much for the Christmas gift. I appreciate it very much.

Denise

Bloodmobile

The Blood mobile will be at the church.
 March 3rd from 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m.



Lenten Noon Lunch Schedule

All lunches will be held at the Presbyterian Church from, noon to 1:00 p.m. each Wednesday during Lent. The theme this year is based on the Alpha and Omega/Beneath the Cross. The Ministerial Association will be again collecting items for the Caring and Sharing Food Pantry in Paulding.

The host schedule is as follows:

- Feb. 10 - First Presbyterian Church
- Feb. 17 - Paulding Church of the Nazarene
- Feb. 24 - St. Paul Lutheran Church
- March 2- First Christian Church
- March 9- Paulding United Methodist Church
- March 16- Divine Mercy Catholic Church

FLOWERS



- 2/7 Jacque Walker (Menory of Sid)
- 2/14 Linda Reinhart
- 2/21 Corey & Nicole Harris (In Honor of Hailey's Birthday)
- 2/28 Sam & Genelta Levos (In Honor of family)



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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2/01 Amanda Bok
- 2/01 Briana Townley
- 2/02 Isabelle Ringler
- 2/03 Justin Tope
- 2/04 Bonita Beamer
- 2/04 Greg Reinhart
- 2/05 Russell Flint
- 2/06 Adam Daniels
- 2/08 Hailey Harris
- 2/08 Ken Oyler
- 2/09 Klair Hoover
- 2/09 Jacqueline Walker
- 2/10 Eleanor Fellers
- 2/13 Don Stoller
- 2/15 Kynzi Knapp
- 2/16 Gsry McClure
- 2/21 Cadence Cook
- 2/21 Christy Cramer
- 2/21 Jeff Hunt
- 2/22 Ron Gunderman
- 2/24 Suzanne Reinhart
- 2/25 Lois Beamer

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 2/15 Roger & Bonnie Sherland
- 2/26 Kenny & Marsha Adkins



DEADLINE FOR THE
MARCH DIGEST
FEBRUARY 15TH.

Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor
with God and man.



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

WORSHIP:

DATE:	MEMBERS	VISITORS	NON MEMBERS	CHILDREN	TOTAL
12/20/15	67	2	7	20	96
12/24/15					60
12/27/15	53	4	7	7	71
1/03/16	68	3	2	11	84
1/10/16	49	2	4	8	63
1/17/16	67	2	4	9	80



COUNTERS:

- 2/07/16 John Jelinek, Matt Strayer, Jack Moore
- 2/14/16 Gary McClure, Vicki McClure, Sandra Bandy
- 2/21/16 Max Hibbard, Sue Simpson, Charles Simpson
- 2/24/16 Matt Strayer, Matt Stoller, John Jelinek



Happy Valentine's Day

First Christian Church Fund Summary December 2015

The amount of contributions
needed per month
To meet our yearly budget
is \$11363.67

DATE	TITHES & OFFERINGS	ENVELOPE OFFER	HOLIDAY CHRISTMAS	TOTAL
12/06/2015	1,942.00	0.00	0.00	1,942.00
12/13/2015	3,022.00	0.00	20.00	3,042.00
12/20/2015	2,536.00	25.00	239.00	2,800.00
12/27/2015	1,421.00	5.00	20.00	1,446.00
Total	8,921.00	30.00	279.00	9,230.00

Susan K. Simpson
Susan K. Simpson, Financial Secretary

1-11-16
Date



Outreach Committee

The Outreach committee would like to pass along this information from the Paulding After School (PAWS) Program. The School will once again be starting an after school program for 5th grade students at Paulding Elementary.

The school would like our local churches to partner with them in order to have another successful year of mentoring and loving our elementary students!

PAWS program will begin Wednesday, January 13 from 3-4:30 p.m. If you are available to come and hang out with 5th graders on Wednesdays and want to volunteer, please contact Tera Thompson @ 419-670-3386 or from our church Genelta Levos at 419 399-4135.

If you are able to donate snacks, we will use any/all individually wrapped, peanut butter and nut free snacks. The students LOVE having a healthy snack and feeding their stomachs helps us to minister to them. Please drop off snacks to the Paulding Naz Church office anytime over the next few months.

Thanks for investing in our community and being the hands and feet of Jesus.

Game Night



February 17th
6:30 p.m.



Euchre, Bunco, Board Games, Fun



We have a game for you.
Come and enjoy the fellowship.

If you have a game you love bring it along.

If you would like to help with the games please see Denise.



YOUTH NEWS

February 6th— the Chi Rho and CYF will meet at 9:00 a.m. to make soup and subs for pickup and delivery on Sunday Feb. 7th for the Souper Bowl.

Lunch will be served following services on Sunday Feb. 7th.

CYF meet every Sunday from 4-6 p.m. at the parsonage.

Chi-Rho meets Sunday Feb. 7th & 21st from 2-4 p.m. at the parsonage.

All Youth are encouraged to attend programs on Wednesday evenings.

Contact Pastor Seth or Jan with questions.

Look forward to spending time getting to know you.



Disciples Women's Ministry

The Women met on January 5th at 10 a.m. The upcoming year was discussed. We currently need chairpersons for the All Daughter celebration, Blanket Sunday, and the Bazaar. If chairs are not found these events will be cancelled.

If you feel you would like to organize one of these events please see Helen, Ursula, Suzy or Denise.

Please remember that February is Blessing Box month. You may turn your boxes into the office or bring them to the next meeting which is February 2nd. At 10 a.m.

We will also be assembling and delivering our valentine plates at the February meeting.

We will be hosting the Lenten Luncheon on March 2nd. Pat Paulus is the chair.

We will be hosting the Bloodmobile on March 3rd. There will be sign up sheets for food items needed. Denise and Helen will be organizing this.

Thank you all for making the Disciples Women's Ministry such a rewarding group.



CALLING ALL STITCHERS:

Twice a month, or every other week, Sit'n'Stitch is meeting as a time of fellowship, prayer, ministry, and, of course stitching.

If you crochet, knit, cross stitch, sew, and or quilt, we need you.

If you want to learn any of the above, we want to help you.

If you desire conversation and laughter, we are ever so glad to have you.

We are gearing up to make prayer blankets. If you would like to contribute, but cannot join us, we are each stitching a 12" by 12" square. Those squares will then be put together to make prayer-blankets, prayer-baby blankets, and prayer-shawls.

If you know someone in need of shared warmth and prayer please email, mail, or text Seth (revsethstout@gmail.com , 419-785-6692, or First Christian Church, 1233 Emerald Rd, Paulding, OH 45879).

SERVERS—February 2016

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	Lily Knapp

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

Deacons please sit in the back two pews to serve communion. Thank You.

WORSHIP LEADER: Tracy Gunderman

PREPARE COMMUNION: Darwin & Ursula Riley

(Clean up, pick up empty cups, please put communion in the Sunday Sch Rm for the teacher.

GREETER: Jacque Walker

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 2/7 & 2/14— No Teacher, 2/21 & 2/28 Amanda & Tammy Boroff

NURSERY: The nursery is available for parents to use during worship.

READ SCRIPTURE:

2/07/2016	Larry Grace -Psalm 138
2/14/2016	Jan Commers-Jeremiah 17: 5-10
2/21/2016	Bruce Gunderman-Genesis 45: 3-15
2/28/2016	Tracy Gunderman-Luke 6: 39-49

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