

DISCIPLE DIGEST

First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

MARCH 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.



Paul's Letter to the Romans 11: verses 33 through 36. And Chapter 12, verses 1 and 2.

O the depths of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! "For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor? Or who has given a gift to him, to receive a gift in return?" For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever. Amen.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God – what is good and acceptable and perfect.

New Life – It is looking more and more like Spring in northwest Ohio. New life is promised all of us believing Christians as a promise from God the Father through the sacrifice of His only Son, Jesus Christ. Every Spring I am amazed as new life springs forth from the Earth. Even as I am growing older, I continue to be amazed at the Creation that God called into being with His word. And He called the creation good and very good.

Lent/Giving up something, adding something. Growing up Roman Catholic, we were always encouraged to give something up for Lent. Something we loved. Usually as a child, it was candy, or snacks or something like that. Later in life, it might have been something more substantial, like drinking or nicotine, or something along those lines. Whatever it was that was given up, it was a time of preparing for the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This year I think I will be adding something instead of giving something up. How about you? I am thinking about adding a more vigorous prayer life, a schedule to pray more intentionally. More sustained Bible reading and study, not just for Sermon preparation, but for my own understanding and knowledge. Maybe I might even intentionally attempt to treat my fellow human beings better.

Getting Ready for Easter/Resurrection Sunday. We are planning on having several Baptisms as a part of our worship service on Easter Sunday morning. Lenten lunches are occurring at the Presbyterian Church during this season of preparation for the glorious Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May you be blessed in this Holy Season as you are a blessing to others. May God continue to bless our Church family as we continue this journey together in this place at this time.

Pastor Jeff



PRAYER REQUESTS:



- *Erwin Bandy
- *Gene Vance
- *Bill Baxter
- Zane Daniels
- Lucas Edwards
- Kim Armstrong
- Judy Wren
- Dave Schumann
- Deb Belk
- Lance Miller
- Derric Brown
- Pam Bauer
- Koby Wistner
- Scott Fredrickson
- Wade Carnahan
- *Ted Wunderle
- David Foltz

The family of Tom Reinhart



* Denotes FCC members

Nursing Home Residents..

- *Aletha Kadesch (Gardens)
- *Georgiana Wilson (Manor House)
- *Mildred Bashore (Gardens)
- *John Peeper Jr. (Gardens)
- *Bettie Eagleson (Gardens)
- *Helen Gunderman-
(St. Anne's Retirement Comm. Apt. 26)
- *Babe Price (Gardens)
- Our homebound



PALM SUNDAY IS MARCH 29TH.

In Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of Tom Reinhart. Tom died on January 27th in his home. Please keep this family in your prayers.



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.



DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRY

The Disciples women's monthly meeting is on March 3rd at 10 a.m. All women of the church are invited.

LENTEN LUNCH SCHEDULE 2015

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

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"

We will be hosting the Lenten Luncheon on March 11th at the Presbyterian Church and the Bloodmobile on March 12th in the fellowship hall. Thank you ladies for all you do.

DISCIPLES MENS' GROUP

The Disciples Men's' Group meets on the third Saturday of the month at 8:30 a.m. All Men of the church are invited to attend. Food, Fellowship, and Devotion. See you on March 21st.

FLOWERS



MARCH BIRTHDAYS



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- 3/1/2015 Tammy Boroff (Honor of Mark's Birthday)
- 3/8/2015 Darla Smith
- 3/15/2015 The Levos's (Honor of family)
- 3/22/2015 Wanda Rohlf
- 3/29/2015

- 03/03 Betty Ganger
- 03/04 Ethan Egnor
- 03/04 Braxton Ricker
- 03/06 Kynsie Etzler
- 03/06 Helen Gunderman
- 03/08 Susan Simpson
- 03/16 Cierra Lipp
- 03/17 Trevor Hibbard
- 03/18 Jack Moore
- 03/19 Eliana Hormann
- 03/20 Wanda Rohlf
- 03/21 Alexandra Cardin
- 03/21 Jared Renollet
- 03/22 Vince Reinhart
- 03/22 Brent Townley
- 03/27 Joshua Lero
- 03/27 Rachel Nicelley
- 03/28 Taelyn Etzler
- 03/30 Dennis Vance

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 3/6 Sheryl & Tony Garza
- 3/10 Dawn & David Carlisle
- 3/13 Robert & Sandra Leslie
- 3/23 Joan & Jerry Tope



DEADLINE FOR THE
APRIL DIGEST
MARCH 15TH.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

WORSHIP:

DATE:	MEMBERS	VISITORS	NON MEMBERS	CHILDREN	TOTAL
1/25/15	57	2	7	13	79
2/1/15	36	0	4	6	46
2/8/15	64	1	6	7	78
2/15/15	39	0	3	9	51
2/18/15-Ash Wed					20



COUNTERS:



- 3/1/15 John Jelinek, Matt Strayer, Jack Moore
- 3/8/15 Gary McClure, Vicki McClure, Saundra Bandy
- 3/15/15 Max Hibbard, Sue Simpson, Charles Simpson
- 3/22/15 Matt Strayer, Matt Stoller, John Jelinek
- 3/29/15 Dan Workman, Bruce Gunderman, Charlie Simpson

FINANCIAL FACT:

To meet our budget in 2014, we needed an offering of \$10,142. each month. Our actual offering was \$ 8,018 each month. So based on last years offering and to meet this years budget we will need a 21% increase in offerings. We thank you for all you do and we would ask if you could pray fully consider increasing your offering. An increase of 20% on a \$10.00 offering is \$2.00, a \$30.00 offering is \$6.00, a \$50.00 offering is \$10.00. Please do what you can. Thank you for your support.

First Christian Church Fund Summary January.

DEPOSIT DATES	TITHES & OFFERINGS	ENVEL. OFFERING	SPEC. HOL.-CHRISTMAS	BIBLE POSTAGE	MENS GROUP	TOTAL
01/04/2015	1,933.00	94.00	23.00	0.00	0.00	2,050.00
01/11/2015	1,831.00	33.00	6.00	0.00	0.00	1,870.00
01/18/2015	1,524.00	10.00	1.00	20.00	58.00	1,613.00
01/25/2015	2,188.00	254.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,442.00
Total	7,476.00	391.00	30.00	20.00	58.00	7,975.00

Susan K. Simpson
SUSAN K. SIMPSON, FINANCIAL SECRETARY

2-1-15
DATE

VALENTINE THANK YOUS

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.



Church Website

The church website is firstccpauling.org

We have been working on the website. The calendar and the digest are now on the website as well as a link to our facebook page. Take a look and let me know what you would like to see on the page. Thanks

Denise



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.

Thank you

Dear Youth & Advisors of the First Christian Church, Thanks for coming to our house and Christmas caroling. We so appreciated it and the cheer it brought. Our children and grandchildren will always remember that showing of love and kindness.

God Bless you All!

Sandy & Erwin Bandy

First Christian Church Disciple's Women's Ministry,

Thank You all so much for the nice things you donated to Hands of Hope. What a great idea to have a "Shower for Mary!" We appreciate the support and your prayers. Giving to the families we serve is truly like giving to Jesus Himself.

Thanks again,
Jeanne LeMieux
Executive Director, HOH

First Christian Church:

Thanks A Bunch

For the beautiful/tasty Valentine. An act of kindness like that brightened my day.

With Prayerful Thanks.

Virginia

I would like to thank everyone who put together the lovely Valentine surprise! The cookies, candy and fruit were very good.

Phyllis Beamer

Hi,

Thanks ladies, for our goodies, it was a nice surprise when we got home. Sure is good stuff; especially to munch on. Thanks again!! God Bless.

Bob & Ruth

To Disciples Women Ministry,

It was so nice of you women to bring me a plate of "goodies " for Valentine's Day. Thanks to Pat for delivering them on a cold winter day.

I ate every bite.

Ellie Fellers

Dear First Christian Friends,

Thank You for the lovely holiday plates. I ate every bite, they were so delicious.

Thank you to the carolers, nice to see the children also.

Thank you for your visitations and communion. So nice to meet Nelda.

I heard by the grape vine that Pastor Jeff was a good cook too.

Thank you for all the lovely cards and gifts.

God Bless Each of You,

Aletha Kadesch

Thank you

Thank you so much for the Valentine Plates We so much appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Jack & Marie

Dear Church Family,

Sorry, to be so late with my thank you, for your prayers and so many nice cards, my memory is not good yet, lost a week and a half of my memory, but doing better now. Hope to try coming to church soon, I miss it, so thankful we have Pastor Jeff, he sure was there for me.

Love Isabelle

Your Invited
Origami Owl Fundraiser
Sponsored by the Youth
March 22 at 2 p.m.

Origami Owl Custom Jewelry .
Jewelry that you tell stories with.

Please join us on the 22nd or visit the website at
www.JLCommers.OrigamiOwl.com to make
your selections.

There is also a book in the church office.
See Jan Commers if you have questions.



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.



CRAFT SHOW BAKE SALE LUNCHEON

Divine Mercy Parish of Paulding County is sponsoring their Spring Craft Show with all the trimmings. Hand made crafts, jackets, purses, scarves, wood and glass items, and many decorative items for the home, inside and out. The Ladies of Divine Mercy Parish go all out making their specialties for our bake sale which also features Divine Mercy famous HOME MADE NOODLES. All of this is just in time to help you with your EASTER Dinner. We have added a raffle to our show this year that includes a quilt, made by ladies of the Payne Campus and 5 cash and gift cards. The winner does not need to be present. Just buy a ticket or two. We top this day off with a luncheon, serving our own home made soups, sandwiches and pies. Come join us on Saturday April 4th 9:00am to 2:00 pm. Bring a friend and tell everyone about this Craft Show at Divine Mercy Parish in Antwerp, OH. For information call

Virginia Kunesh 419-258-0065 or Rita Brinkman 419-258-6361

YOUTH MEETINGS

Regular Meetings: CYF & Chi Rho
March 1st, 8th, and 29th 12noon
-2 p.m.



State CYF Convention:
March 13th—15th
Held at Camp Christian

Fundraiser:
March 22nd-Origami Owl Party—2 p.m. in
the fellowship hall.

CYF Lockin & Walley Game:
March 20-21st in Wauseon

The Defiance County Furniture Bank serving those in need from Defiance, Henry and Paulding Counties.

Do you have items around your house you do not need? The Defiance County Furniture Bank, managed by St. Mary Parish, Defiance, can help you. Good usable basic furniture, beds and bed frames, bed linens, house wares (dishes, pots and pans) or working electrical appliances are needed. Please call the Furniture Bank at (419)782-2776 to make your donation. What better way to dispose of items in your home that you do not need and at the same time help the less fortunate of the greater Defiance County area. Volunteers to pick up and deliver in each county are needed. Cash donations are always welcomed. Thank you!

SERVERS—MARCH 2015

ELDERS: Paul Long (bread)
Matt Stoller (cup)
Matt Strayer (shut-in communion)

DIACONATE (Deacons): *Suzanne Strayer Larry Grace
Deb Santo Cindy Grace
Tammy Boroff Darwin Riley
Amanda Boroff Klair Hoover

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

WORSHIP LEADER: Dee Fraley
PREPARE COMMUNION: Denise Renollet

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

GREETERS: Corey & Nicole Harris

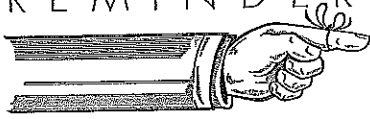
SUNDAY SCHOOL: 3/1/2015 Ashley Cameron & Olivia Mendez
3/8/2015 Nicole Harris
3/15/2015 Nicole Harris
3/22/2015
3/29/2015

NURSERY: 3/1/2015 Jan Commers
3/8/2015 Susan Knapp
3/15/2015 Sheryl Garza
3/22/2015 Lisa Cline
3/29/2015 Stacie Schooley

READ SCRIPTURE: 3/1/2015 Deb Santo- Romans 4: 13-25
3/8/2015 Darwin Riley-Exodus 20: 1-17
3/15/2015 Larry Grace- Numbers 21: 4-9
3/22/2015 Jan Commers-Jeremiah 31: 31-34
3/29/2015 Bruce Gunderman-Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29

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PRAYER REMINDER



Use this fun family activity to remember to pray for other people.

What you need:

- White index cards (at least six)
- Markers or colored pencils (red, orange, yellow, green, blue and brown)
- M&M's candies



What you do:

1. On each card, write a group of people to pray for (family members, friends, teachers, sick people, etc.). Use a different color of writing utensil for each card.
2. While sitting at a table, divide the M&M's among family members.
3. Spread out the cards and explain that each color represents a group of people to pray for. Have each family member choose one candy and consider who they'll pray for.
4. Designate one person to start praying aloud. Go around the circle, and have the last person close.
5. At the end of that round, eat those M&M's.
6. Continue until you've prayed for all the cards. (Make more, if you'd like!)



POWER OF PRAYER

When life gets crazy, worry creeps in. But God tells us exactly what to do — any time and anywhere.

Directions: Circle the word in each group that doesn't belong. Then write those words on the numbered lines below.

1 apple anxious artichoke	2 every eagle emu	3 purple pink prayer	4 Paul petition Peter	5 taste touch thanksgiving
6 rest requests relax	7 God George Greg	8 puddle peace pond	9 transcends train truck	10 unusual unique understanding
11 guard giraffe gorilla	12 hearts hold held	13 many minds more	14 Philadelphia Pennsylvania Philippians	

“Do not be _____¹ about anything, but in _____² situation, by _____³ and _____⁴, with _____⁵, present your _____⁶ to _____⁷. And the _____⁸ of God, which _____⁹ all _____¹⁰, will _____¹¹ your _____¹² and your _____¹³ in Christ Jesus.” _____¹⁴ 4:6-7, NIV

Answers: 1. anxious, 2. every, 3. prayer, 4. petition, 5. thanksgiving, 6. requests, 7. God, 8. peace, 9. transcends, 10. understanding, 11. guard, 12. hearts, 13. minds, 14. Philippians

Bible Quiz

When the Pharisees complained about the noisy crowd praising God as Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey, what did he say would shout out if the people were silent?

A. The stones
B. The trees
C. The palm branches
D. The donkey

Answer: A (See Luke 19:40.)