

DISCIPLE DIGEST

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

APRIL 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.



Beautiful Sisters and Brothers,

I need to talk to you about what it is I was called here to do and to be.

I was Called here by FCC's Search Committee and by G*d to be your Interim Pastor.

What that means is that I covenanted with G*d and FCC (through your Search Committee) to serve you in a specific way for a limited time. The specific way I was Called and Covenanted to serve you is to work with you so that you, as individuals and as a congregation, are prepared to Call a longer-term Pastor.

I Faith that a lot of this preparation was done long before I was ever interviewed. You are SO loving, and you have so much love to give. It has been this amazing gift for me to be a focus for that love. You have fed me with food and with prayers. You have blessed me with affirmations and helping hands. You have accepted invitations to get to know me and, in turn, have invited and welcomed me into your lives as well as your pulpit. You are beautiful and loving. You are a family who is always willing to share the gifts and Gifts you have with each other and with anyone else who asks. These are all true things. I get to witness all of this, which is yet another gift.

The biggest challenge we face together is still ahead though. Being Called as an Interim minister means creating time and space for me to learn how to love you the best way I can. I have tried to do that from the moment I arrived in December. The Call also means you have entrusted me and empowered me to challenge you, to invite you to difficult work, and to go with you hand-in-hand through challenge and work.

Every year on Easter we receive an emphatic reminder that we are on a journey of Resurrection. It is an amazing invitation to risk who we have been, and the ways we struggle and hurt, in order to chance being more healed, whole, and closer to both God and being G*d's kingdom.

I am inviting you to flex your Faith and your Hope. This will mean discomfort and possibly pain, because that is how it works when we stretch ourselves literally or figuratively.

I am inviting you to this Work because YOU are full of not only love, but potential. You are all the good things and more that I have said up til now. We can do this together. If you join me in this work I will go with you. We may fall some, but following Christ means that we WILL defeat every stumble, pain, and "death" that comes our way.

Faithfully- Seth



PRAYER REQUESTS:

*Bill Baxter
 *Rick DeGood
 *Adam Daniels
 *Marie Moore
 Deb Belk
 Joel Edwards
 Paul Eiserle
 John Elliott
 Jeff Fulk
 Regan Hormann
 Ronda Beamer
Military: *Suzanne Reinhart
 Sara Yoder

Terry Gagich
 Deb Maxey
 Greg Platt
 Lois Platt
 Luke Szabo
 Paige Sprow
 Tim Dix
 *Russel & Donna Flint
 The family of Gabbie Roddy
 The family of Marty Jones
 The family of Darrell Pease

* Denotes FCC members

Nursing Home Residents..

*Georgiana Wilson (Manor House)
 *John Peeper Jr. (Gardens)
 *Helen Gunderman-
 (St. Anne's Retirement Comm. Apt. 26)
 *Bob Unger (Hickory Creek Nursing Home)
 Our homebound
 Gayle Sarver (Gardens)
 Layman Saylor-(The Gardens)



Thank You

Thank you so much for the Valentine goodies!
 They were very good and I enjoyed them very much.

Thanks again for thinking of me.

Phyllis Beamer

Thank you for the Valentine goodies.
 I appreciate it very much.

Betty Hamman



Dear God,
 Help me spend today
 with a *Smile* on my face,
 Love in my heart,
 Joy in His grace,
 and my *thinking cap* on all day.
 Amen

Disciples Women's Ministry

The Disciples women met on March 1st at 10 a.m.
 Devotions were given.

March was a busy month for the ladies.
 We hosted the Lenten Lunch on March 2nd and the
 Bloodmobile on March 3rd. Both events went very well.

Our next big project is the April Baked Potato Lunch on
 the 13th from 11 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Ursula Riley and Betty
 Ganger are co chairs of the lunch.

The women's group is planning a trip to kitchen aid for a
 tour. Watch the bulletin board this spring for details.

The next regular meeting is April 5th at 10:00 a.m. will
 Sharon Cooper sharing devotions.



BAKED POTATO LUNCH

APRIL 13TH

11:00 A.M.—1:00 P.M.

IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

FREE WILL DONATION

SEE YOU THERE





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FLOWERS



- 4/03/2016 Pat Paulus (In Memory of Ruth)
- 4/10/2016 Charles & Sue Simpson (In Honor of our Anniversary)
- 4/17/2016 Corey & Nicole Harris (In Honor of Kyle's Birthday)
- 4/24/2016 Darla Smith

There are still open dates on the flower calendar if you would like to provide flowers for worship. Please sign up on the bulletin board or call the church office.

BIRTHDAYS

- 4/01 Matthew Strayer
- 4/05 David Fellers
- 4/07 Mick Coak
- 4/07 Sean Holman
- 4/09 Lori Clark
- 4/09 Brett Mawer
- 4/12 Tony Garza
- 4/12 Leah Gunderman
- 4/12 Cindy Lipp
- 4/13 Ridge Hunt
- 4/13 Carolyn Moore
- 4/16 Donna Hibbard
- 4/17 Brianna Estle
- 4/18 Destynee Carlisle
- 4/18 Tucker Stoller
- 4/19 Tabrina Vance
- 4/21 Amanda Bok
- 4/23 Melissa Leslie
- 4/24 Gina Vance
- 4/25 Ross Myers
- 4/25 Ann Reinhart
- 4/25 Darla Smith
- 4/26 Nicki Gunderman
- 4/27 Julie Cook
- 4/29 Kyle Harris
- 4/30 Addyson Hormann

**DEADLINE FOR THE
MAY DIGEST
APRIL 15TH.**

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 4/08 Charles & Sue Simpson
- 4/14 Brian & Gina Vance
- 4/19 Brian & Jennifer Aden
- 4/24 Scott & Amanda Fellers



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

WORSHIP:

DATE:	MEMBERS	VISITORS	NON MEMBERS	CHILDREN	TOTAL
2/28/2016	61	0	6	10	77
3/06/2016	65	1	3	10	79
3/13/2016	58	1	3	7	69
3/20/2016	63	0	3	22	88

COUNTERS:



- 4/03/16 Matt Strayer, Jack Moore
- 4/10/16 Gary McClure, Vicki McClure, Sandra Bandy
- 4/17/16 Max Hibbard, Sue Simpson, Charles Simpson
- 4/27/16 Matt Strayer, Matt Stoller, Pat Paulus

2016 Offering Envelopes

If you have not picked up your offering envelopes and would like them mailed out to you, please call the church office. Any questions, see Susan Simpson.

Thank You !

First Christian Church

Fund Summary

FEBRUARY

2016

DATES	TITHES & OFFERINGS	WK OF COMPASSION	GIDEONS (see Note)	SIGN FUND	YOUTH GROUP	MENS GROUP	TOTAL
02/03/2016	100.00	0.00	0.00	257.00	0.00	0.00	357.00
02/07/2016	1,636.00	125.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	1,961.00
02/08/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	371.01	0.00	371.01
02/14/2016	1,867.00	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,892.00
02/16/2016	126.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	126.05
02/21/2016	2,088.00	70.00	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	57.00	3,215.00
02/28/2016	1,741.00	85.00	111.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,937.00
TOTAL	7,558.05	305.00	111.00	1,457.00	371.01	57.00	9,859.06



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

NOTE: amount shown for the Gideons reflects only cash donations; any checks that were made out directly to the Gideons were not deposited and therefore do not show on this report.

***Youth Group deposit was due to Sub/Soup Fundraiser.

Susan K. Simpson

SUSAN K SIMPSON FINANCIAL SECRETARY

3-2-16

DATE



YOUTH NEWS

APRIL 3RD-4-6 P.M.

CHI RHO & CYF

"MINUTE TO WIN IT"

Games and Dinner

Prizes for All



See Suzy Strayer if you have questions.



Camp letters have been sent.

Camp Christian forms are available online: ccinoh.com/campchristian/summer-forms, on Facebook and the Church office.

Camp Dates:

Chi Rho	June 12-18	July 17-23	July 31- Aug 6
CYF	June 19-25	July 10-16	July 24-30



Blanket Chairman
Genelta Levos

OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Outreach has supported the food bank with eggs. Replenish the birthday bags for kids. Also Blessing Bag for kids. This is a project that provide kids with food for the weekend.

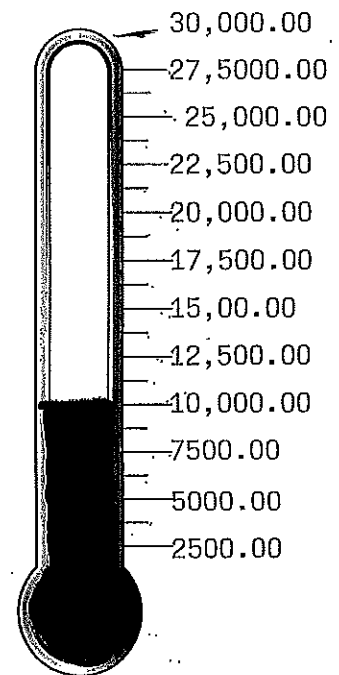
We are supporting the 24 hour basket ball marathon at Payne Elementary Gym proceeds to the Paulding Area Support Society (PASS) formerly PC Crippled Children & Adult Society, this is March 25 & 26.

Also we are supporting the Honor Flight and the Gideon's bible ministry.

The Church World Service Blanket project will be coming in July. We collect donations for blankets to be purchased for those in need. Last year 78 blankets were delivered. This year more will be needed. This is an easy project to support, you just put your money in the envelope.



GOAL!



SERVERS—April 2016

ELDERS:

Max Hibbard (bread)
Dan Workman (cup)
Genelta Levos (shut-in communion)

DIACONATE (Deacons):

*Tracy Gunderman	Kelly Ricker
Nicole Harris	Harry Ricker
Corey Harris	Clint Reinhart
Joan Tope	Devon Smith

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

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

WORSHIP LEADER: Bruce Gunderman

PREPARE COMMUNION: Betty Ganger

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

GREETER: Ursula Riley

SUNDAY SCHOOL: April 3rd & 10 th—Paul Long, April 17 th & 24 th—Nicole Harris, Kyle & Hailey

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

READ SCRIPTURE:

4/03/2016	Leah Gunderman-Psalm 150
4/10/2016	Deb Santo-Acts 9: 10-16
4/17/2016	Darwin Riley-Psalm 100
4/24/2016	Larry Grace-Revelation 21: 1-6

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LILY CROSS BLOOMS

Velma Albert- In Memory of Forre and our Parents
In Honor of Family & Friends

Phyllis Beamer- In Memory of Skyler Huth & Donald Beamer

Tammy Boroff-In Honor of Baby D. Kuhlman

Sharon Cooper-In Memory of Rollin, John, Mom & Dad
In Honor of Family

Eleanor Fellers-In Memory of Don Fellers

Dee & Gerry Fraley-In Memory of Parents
In Honor of Lois Platt
In Honor of Kevin & Teresa Fredrickson

Max & Donna Hibbard-In Memory of Max & Norma Hibbard
In Memory of Don Stocker
In Honor of Loretta Stocker

Gary & Vicki McClure-In Memory of George & Ruth Crone
In Memory Floyd & Elma McClure
In Honor of Jen, Brian, Clark,
Julie, Shawn, Cady, Caia & Carter

Deb Santo-In Memory of Richard Gunderman & Steve & Anne Santo
In Honor of Leah Gunderman

Carolyn Spicer-In Memory of A. C. & Helen Bell
In Memory of Claude & Mabel Linn
In Memory of Florilda Everton
In Honor of Isabelle Ringler, Virginia Paulus,
Jack & Marie Moore & Marilyn Buehler

Ted Stallbaum-In Memory of Hope, Barb & Thais
In Honor of Haleigh & Gabbie