

DISCIPLE DIGEST

First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

MAY 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.



Beloveds,

Summer is coming. Eventually.

While the warmth of Summer often feels as though it will never come, the flame of the Holy Spirit is with us always.

THAT is good news.

As life fights to renew its self, it is totally appropriate to seek renew our relationship with G*d and to take chances on new ways to answer G*d's Call on our lives.

Where are you being Called?

How are you being Called to be part of the Body of Christ?

We are going to be having intentional conversations in safe spaces. If you want to explore your Call, if you are ready to respectfully discuss where Christ is leading First Christian then please join me in intentional conversations like the "Pastor's Pentecost Potluck". Please seek each other out to engage on this topic. Please seek me out. I'll be looking for additional ways to make myself available.

praying, always praying,

seth

Pastor's Pentecost Potluck

(Sunday, May 15th; 11:30 am-1 p.m.)

Pentecost is when we celebrate being empowered by the Holy Spirit as a flame.

Let's use that flame to feed each other. Please bring a covered dish, chips, fresh vegetables, fresh fruit, and or a dessert.

We will welcome the spirit into our congregation anew while enjoying each others' excellent company and cooking.

There will be a time of intentional conversation to discuss where the Holy Spirit is Calling First Christian.



PRAYER REQUESTS:

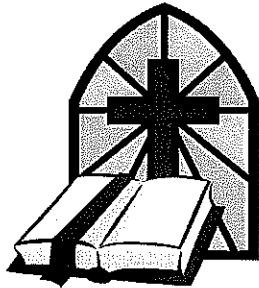


Comfort in Mourning:

The Family of Ruby Stoller
The Family of Howell Family
The Family of Robert Lake
The Family of Brent Waggoner

Healing Prayers:

Deb Belk
Bob & Jan Cook
Tim Dix
Neil Egnor
John Elliot
Terry Gagich
Ragan Hormann
Kynzi Knapp
Sam Kudrin
Duane Kuhlman
*Marie Moore
Deb Maxey
Virginia Offerle
Sherrie Pike
Greg Platt
Lois Platt
Polly Robinson
Mooneen Ringenburg
Vivian Steele
Luke Szabo
Peggy Yenser
*Dennis Vance



Continuing Concerns:

Military: *Suzanne Reinhart
Sara Yoder



Others Kept in Ongoing Prayer:

FCC Pastor Search Team
*Bill Baxter
Ronda Beamer
*Adam Daniels
*Rick DeGood
Paul Eiserle
*Russell & Donna Flint
Marilyn Ladd
Layman Saylor
Paige Sprow
Michelle & Noah Waggoner

*Denotes 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)



National Day of Prayer

May 5th, 8am at the Gazebo on the Square there is a Day of Prayer gathering. The members of the Ministerial Association will be present.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Pentecost Sunday is May 15th. If you would like to donate a "red" geranium to be planted at the church please bring it with you to church that Sunday. "Red" will be the color of the day. If possible, wear something red.



Thank you!!
The Worship Committee

In Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of Ruby Stoller. Please keep her family in your prayers. Ruby died on April 8th.

We also extend our sympathy to the family of Robert Lake who died on April 9th. Robert is the brother of Bonnie Beamer.

We would also like to express out sympathy to the family of Brent Waggoner. Brent died on April 9th, he is the son in-law of Georgiana Wilson.



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FLOWERS



- 5/01/2016 Eleanor Fellers (In Memory of Don)
- 5/08/2016 Josh & Carrie Lero (In Honor of Haylies Birthday)
- 5/15/2016 Amanda Boroff (In Honor of Mom & Dad's 40th Anniv)
- 5/22/2016 Velma Albert
- 5/29/2016

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

- 5/05 Kelcie Pack
- 5/06 Haylie Lero
- 5/07 Betsy Daniels
- 5/08 Jeanne Fellers
- 5/09 Sandra Oyler
- 5/11 Angela Perchikoff
- 5/12 Phyllis Beamer
- 5/13 Shirley Workman
- 5/14 Ellen Riggerbach
- 5/16 Susan Knapp
- 5/16 Jessica McDonald
- 5/16 Robert Riley
- 5/18 Julie Pack
- 5/23 Michael Mudel
- 5/25 Aaron Hibbard
- 5/27 Devon Smith
- 5/28 Ben Gunderman
- 5/30 Shawn Cook

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

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 5/03 David & Jeanne Fellers
- 5/04 Scott & Kelsie Rhodes
- 5/14 Bruce & Annie Gunderman
- 5/15 Gary & Tammy Boroff
- 5/15 Angela & Andrew Perchikoff
- 5/16 Robert & Ruth Riley
- 5/16 Ted & Camie Stallbaum
- 5/21 Harry & Kelly Ricker
- 5/26 Ken & Sandra Oyler
- 5/30 Greg & Ann Reinhardt



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

WORSHIP:

DATE:	MEMBERS	VISITORS	NON MEMBERS	CHILDREN	TOTAL
3/27/2016	87	7	12	24	130
4/03/2016	49	1	3	4	57
4/10/2016	55	1	8	15	79
4/17/2016	68	1	5	13	86



COUNTERS:



- 5/01/16 Matt Strayer, Jack Moore, Cindy Grace
- 5/08/16 Gary McClure, Vicki McClure, Saundra Bandy
- 5/15/16 Max Hibbard, Sue Simpson, Charles Simpson
- 5/22/16 Matt Strayer, Matt Stoller, Pat Paulus
- 5/29/16 Dan Workman, Bruce Gunderman, Charlie Simpson

My Mother

My Mother, My Friend so dear
Throughout my life you're always near
A tender smile to guide my way
You're the sunshine to light today.

**First Christian Church
Fund Summary**

MARCH
2016

DATE	TITHES & OFFER	INITIAL ENVEL OFFER	WEEK OF COMP	HOLIDAY EASTER	SIGN FUND	MENS GROUP	TOTAL
03/01/2016	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	151.00	0.00	151.00
03/06/2016	2,080.00	5.00	0.00	45.00	200.00	0.00	2,330.00
03/13/2016	1,662.50	2.00	0.00	20.00	0.00	0.00	1,684.50
03/20/2016	1,709.00	0.00	0.00	70.00	0.00	35.00	1,814.00
03/27/2016	3,032.10	0.00	0.00	75.00	0.00	0.00	3,107.10
03/31/2016	77.00	0.00	11.88	0.00	300.00	0.00	388.88
TOTAL	8,560.60	7.00	11.88	210.00	651.00	35.00	9,475.48

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

NOTE: Lily cross donations of \$77.00 were deposited into the Tithes & Offering (General Fund)

Susan K. Simpson
SUSAN K. SIMPSON, FINANCIAL SECRETARY

3/31/16
DATE



Camp letters have been sent.

Camp Christian forms are available online:ccinoh.com/campchristian/summer-forms, on Facebook and the Church office. The Early Bird deadline has past so any additional fees will be paid by the camper. If you are interested in going to camp please see Pastor Seth or Jan. Camp Dates:

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

Youth Fun



Youth game/movie night



5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
on the 22 nd of May
at the Parsonage

Sit & Stitch



Sit'n'Stitch on the 15th and the 29th from 5 to 7
at the Parsonage

Experience the Kitchen Aid "Experience"

Tuesday, May 10th 8:15a.m.



The DWM is inviting everyone to Greenville, Ohio to tour the Kitchen Aid factory, cook in the demo kitchen, visit the museum and shop the outlet store. The fun begins EARLY, leaving the Church at 8:15 a.m. to arrive at the factory by 9:30 a.m. Closed-toe shoes are absolutely necessary. Following the tour, we will make apple dumplings, eat lunch in downtown Greenville and return to the kitchen for dessert and shopping. Plan to return to Paulding by 6:00 p.m. Cost for the entire Kitchen Aid Experience is \$5.00, payable to Suzy Strayer. Please register for the event by May 1st; information is located on the Church bulletin board.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School will be held July 31st thru Aug. 4th. Please watch for sign up sheets to help provide this important ministry to our children. This year we will be experiencing a **CAVE QUEST**. Following Jesus the Light of the World. Fun, Food and Sharing God's Word.



SUMMER MUSIC

There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for anyone who would like to share their musical talents with the congregation during worship in June, July and August. If you have questions please talk to the Worship Committee. Thank you so much.



Sunday School Teachers

Sunday School Teachers are needed for the summer. If you are able to help please sign up on the bulletin board or call the office. Material has been provide in the Classroom or you may bring your own. If you have questions please contact Ursula or Cindy.

Fall Festival

We will be having a Fall Festival Organizational Meeting on May 24th at 7 p.m. Anyone interested in helping to organize for the festival should attend. We know it seems early but the paperwork has arrived. Planning ahead makes things run smoothly.



Search Committee Report

The Pastor Search Committee would like to thank all those who gave us input on the church profile that we were working on. The profile was completed and submitted to the Regional Office. Dr. Edwards, our Regional Minister, has been compiling pastor search profiles from around the country that could be a good fit for our church based on our profile. We will be meeting with him soon. As we, the members of the committee, are in prayer during this process we would ask for your prayers to be with us and our church. Our goal is not to find the first available pastor, but to find the one that God is making ready to serve this congregational and lead us into the future. Once again, thank you for all your prayers and support during this time.

Ohio Disciples Men's Spring Retreat/Workday

The Men's Retreat and Workday will be at Camp Christian May 13-14. Friday night will be fellowship, devotions, and a movie. Saturday will be the work day. We will be getting the camp ready for the hundreds of young people that will be touched by the camp experience this summer. Aside from the usual maintenance we do, I understand that chain saws are needed for cleaning up some fallen trees. The cost is \$25 for both days and a discount for those under the age of 30. Applications are available. See Paul Long or go to <http://www.ccinoh.com/ministries/adult/ohio-disciples-men.aspx> for more details. Registration deadline is May 6.

May Disciples Men's Meeting

The May meeting of the disciples Men will be at Susie's Bakery on May 21 at 8:30 am. We will have good fellowship, discussion of upcoming projects, and excellent pastries and coffee. See you there.

Disciples Women's Ministry

The Disciple's Women's Ministry met on April 5th at 10:00 a.m. After devotions and prayer it was reported that a prayer shawl had been taken to one of our families. If anyone is aware someone who would be comforted by a prayer shawl please see Denise. The egg basket project continues with eggs taken the first week of every month to the food pantry.

A clean up crew will be established for our luncheons and dinners. Suzy Strayer will oversee this.

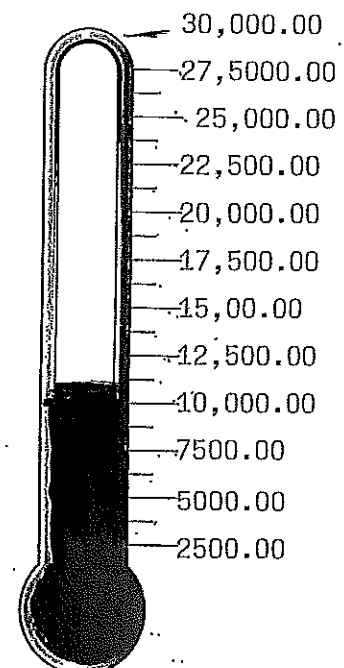
It was decided to once again help the kids with camp fees.

The Baked Potato Lunch was being planned at the time of the meeting. Since then the Lunch is over with great success. Thanks to all for your help.

The women will be traveling to Greenville Ohio for the Kitchen Aid experience. All are invited to sign up on the bulletin board. The date is May 10th.



GOAL!



Updates

If you have changed your address or phone number or would like to add a cell phone number to the church records please call the office or use one of the forms on the table outside the office.

Thank you
For helping me to keep current.

Denise



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!

Of greatest worth

Not what I get, but
what I give,
this be the gauge by
which I live.
Not merely joys that
come my way,
but the help I give to those astray.
Not the rewards of money and fame,
but the loads I lift in mankind's name.
This be the pay at the end of the day,
not what I keep, but what I give away.

Give!

—Author unknown

"God Is the Fountain"

God is the fountain whence
ten thousand blessings flow;
to him my life, my health and friends,
and every good, I owe.
The comforts he affords
are neither few nor small;
he is the source of fresh delights,
my portion and my all.
He fills my heart with joy,
my lips attunes for praise;
and to his glory I'll devote
the remnant of my days.

—Benjamin Beddome

Faith and love

The two chief things are faith and love. Faith receives the good; love gives the good. Faith offers us God as our own; love gives us to our neighbor as his own.

—Martin Luther

Ruth — a Pentecost story?

The disciples were celebrating Pentecost, originally a Jewish festival, when the Holy Spirit descended on them and birthed the church. Pentecost, which began as a harvest festival, had come to commemorate the giving of the law. The book of Ruth became integral to festival worship.

Why Ruth? This short story doesn't mention the law, let alone God giving it to Moses. Yet in Ruth's devotion to her mother-in-law ("Where you go I will go Your people will be my people ..." [Ruth 1:16, NIV]), she fulfills not just the letter but the spirit of the law: lovingkindness — all the more remarkable because she's a foreigner. Boaz, too, demonstrates exorbitant kindness to Ruth.

As Christians celebrate the Spirit bridging differences in Jerusalem, uniting all nationalities by making the gospel message intelligible to all people, we too can remember Ruth's story. For in it, God unites two enemy peoples for his grand purpose: Boaz and Ruth's marriage leads to King David and, ultimately, to King Jesus. Today, the Holy Spirit continues to unite all categories of people under Christ's reign for the good of the world.

SERVERS—May 2016

ELDERS:

Ellen Riggerbach (bread)
Matt Strayer (cup)
Gary McClure (shut-in communion)

DIACONATE (Deacons):

*Deb Santo	Josh Lero
Cindy Grace	Darwin Riley
Adrian Daniels	Denise Renollet
Angela Perchikoff	Elliott Gunderman

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

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

WORSHIP LEADER: Darwin Riley

PREPARE COMMUNION: Gerry & Dee Fraley

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

GREETER: Deb Santo & Angela Perchikoff

SUNDAY SCHOOL: May 1st & 8th-Susan Knapp and Lily , May 15th,22nd& 29th-No teacher

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

READ SCRIPTURE:

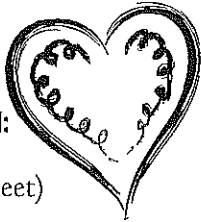
5/01/2016	Lori Clark-Psalm 67
5/08/2016	Max Hibbard-Revelation 22: 13-17
5/15/2016	Darla Smith-Romans 8: 14-17
5/22/2016	Ellen Riggerbach-Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31
5/29/2016	Tammy Boroff-Psalm 96

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A heartfelt felt heart

On Mother's Day, express your love for your mom or another special woman by giving her this gift from the heart.



What you need:

- Red felt (8" x 11" sheet)
- Dark pen
- Fabric scissors
- Pillow stuffing
- Straight pins
- Embroidery thread (pink, red or black)
- Needle
- An adult to help

What you do:

1. Fold the felt in half and draw a heart on it. Cut out the heart so you have two of the same size.
2. Place the hearts on top of each other, add stuffing and pin the hearts together.
3. Thread the needle with a long piece of thread. Knot the end.
4. Sew the hearts together. Knot the thread and trim the ends. Remove pins.
5. Give the gift — and a hug!

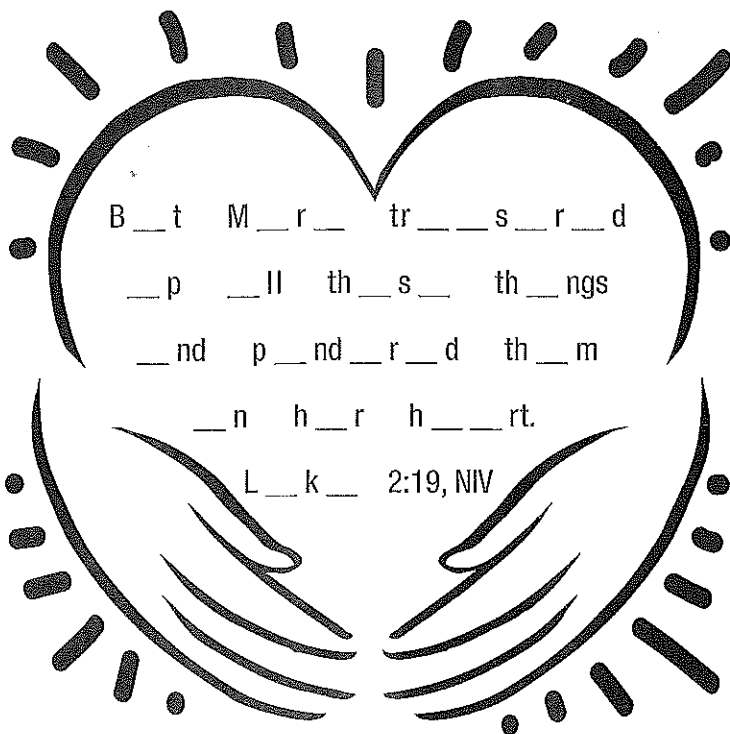


A mother's love

At age 12, Jesus was left behind in Jerusalem. His parents later found him in the temple, discussing Scripture. What did Mary, Jesus' mother, think about this?

Directions: Fill in the blanks with the correct vowels to complete the Bible verse.

A E I O U Y

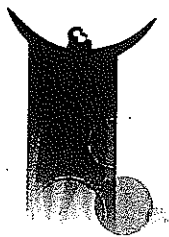


Answer: But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. Luke 2:19, NIV

Bible Quiz

Which books of the Bible include an account of Jesus' ascension?

- A. Luke and Acts
- B. Matthew and Luke
- C. Mark and John
- D. All four gospels



Answer: A (See Luke 24:51 and Acts 1:9.)

