

DISCIPLE DIGEST

First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

SEPTEMBER 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,

You may have noticed changes in elements of worship and in the order they show up in worship.

You might even feel uncomfortable about that.

I am uncomfortable too, but it's hard to argue comfort when we follow the Jesus of Holy Week or the child born among the animal stalls.

First Christian Church of Paulding, Ohio called me here understanding that I came as an Intentional Interim. "Interim", because I choose to do ministry in the time *between*, and "Intentional", because I understand that there is a great opportunity for a pastor and a congregation to do ministry together that is more difficult with a long term pastor.

My major task is to prepare you as individuals and as a congregation for a next pastor. In "preparing" you I do not mean "fix"; you are not broken. I am not God to improve on you. I'm a coach, if you like, here to help you be the strongest and most resilient you can be.

Right now if I walk for two miles my body reacts as though I was trying to kill it. I get sore and ache-y all over. This is what happens when one exerts a body after a long period of inactivity. But, as well you know, if I keep exercising *and stretching* then my body will grow stronger and more able.

We are like such a body. In order to stretch together I change things. Not major things. Just little things. There is always another reason for the changes; reasons that involve the flow and theology of worship. A side benefit and secondary purpose to these changes is that it stretches and strengthens all of us individually and together. And it also requires being uncomfortable.

Worship, intentionally taking time to not only be with God but to share that time with others, *should* be comforting. It should also be challenging and maybe even inspiring. There is nothing in our faith, in our scripture, that indicates that time with God will be comfortable.

I am praying and hoping for all of us.

-seth



PRAYER REQUESTS:

Comfort in Mourning:

The family of Erma Strahley
The family of Jim Jones
The family of Kenny Simpson
The family of Janet Krick

Healing Prayers:

Rev. Paul Biery
*Jackie Eiserle
*Dee Fraley
*Amie Klinger
*Sam Levos
Andrew Perchikoff
Gabbie Stallbaum
Dale Wooten



Continuing Concerns:

Military: *Suzanne Reinhart
Sara Yoder, Tristen Albert

Others Kept in Ongoing Prayer:

FCC Pastor Search Team
Rev. Dave Meriwether & family
Deb Belk
Paul Eiserle
Mark Fraley
Deb Maxey
Hank McDonald
*Sandra & Ken Oyler
Deborah Stout
Earl Shepherd



*Our Deepest
Sympathy*

Please keep the family of Erma Strahley in your prayers. Erma died on August 18th. She is the mother of Mick Coak.

Please keep the family of Kenny Simpson in your prayers at this difficult time. Services for Kenny were held on September 23rd. Kenny is the brother of Charles Simpson.

The family of Janet Krick is also in need of prayers. Janet's was a member of First Christian and her services were held on September 26th.

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)
Rita Hannah-(Gardens)

Bonfire/Cookout

October 9th

6 p.m.



The worship/membership team will be having a bonfire/cookout in the shelter house. Chili, hot dogs, and s'mores will be provided. There will be activities for the kids and lots of great fellowship.

Thank You

First Christian Church,

Thank you for the many school supplies donated to our children. We had many in need and you put smiles on their faces!

We appreciate your love and support.

Love

Mrs. Tear

Principal

*Please Join Us in
Celebration of Sharon
Cooper's 80th Birthday*

First Christian Church of
Paulding Ohio Fellowship Hall

Friday, Oct. 2 2016

Open House 1-4

Lunch will be served



FLOWERS



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**DEADLINE FOR THE
NOVEMBER DIGEST
OCTOBER 15**



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

WORSHIP:

DATE:	MEMBERS	VISITORS	NON MEMBERS	CHILDREN	TOTAL
8/28/2016	53	2	3	6	64
9/04/2016	41	1	1	11	54
9/11/2016	59	0	3	12	74
9/18/2016	39	2	4	3	47

COUNTERS:

- 9/04/16 Matt Strayer, Jack Moore, Cindy Grace
- 9/11/16 Gary McClure, Vicki McClure, Sandra Bandy
- 9/18/16 Max Hibbard, Sue Simpson, Charles Simpson
- 9/25/16 Matt Strayer, Matt Stoller, Pat Paulus



- 10/02 Jan Commers (Memory of Parents)
- 10/09 Jacque Walker (Honor of family)
- 10/16 Dennis & Susan Knapp (Honor of Sarah & Brian's Birthdays)
- 10/23 Ashley Cameron (Honor of Teegan's Birthday)
- 10/30 Dee & Denise Renollet



BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

- 10/09 Brian & Julie Knapp
- 10/10 Roland & Betty Ganger
- 10/10 Jeannine & Chris Hoover
- 10/10 Chris & Barbara Walker
- 10/16 Deb & Tony Santo
- 10/19 Trent & Betsy Daniels
- 10/23 Shane & Julie Pack
- 10/27 Dennis & Lisa Meyer
- 10/29 Corey & Nicole Harris

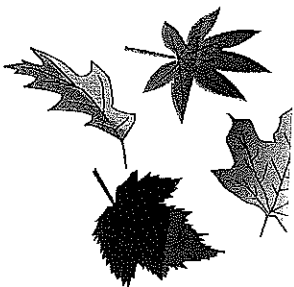
- 10/01 Kenny Adkins
- 10/02 Chris Hoover
- 10/02 Joan Tope
- 10/03 Deb Santo
- 10/04 Michael Kline
- 10/04 Dorrean Vance
- 10/04 Waldean Webber
- 10/05 Penny Clippinger
- 10/06 Shirley Finnegan
- 10/08 Megan Monnier
- 10/10 Linda Kadesch
- 10/10 Ryan Nicelley
- 10/11 Lydia Frey
- 10/12 Adrian Daniels
- 10/13 Gavin Letso
- 10/14 Samantha Cramer
- 10/16 Lelabel Dangler
- 10/16 Duane Renollet
- 10/17 Sarah Knapp
- 10/20 Dan Smith
- 10/21 Sandra Dohm
- 10/22 Kylie Hunt
- 10/25 Gary Kadesch
- 10/27 Jade Frey
- 10/29 Lily Knapp
- 10/29 Marilyn Stevenson
- 10/30 Charles Simpson

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10

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

First Christian Church Fund Summary AUGUST 2016

DATES	TITHES & OFFERINGS	BLANKETS	VBS-OFFERING	BUILD/ MAINT.	FALL FESTIVAL	SIGN FUND	LOCAL MISSION -INCOME	TOTAL
08/07/2016	2,299.00	15.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,100.00	0.00	3,414.00
08/14/2016	1,206.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,206.00
08/21/2016	2,010.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	142.00	500.00	10.00	2,672.00
08/23/2016	0.00	0.00	131.70	0.00	70.00	0.00	0.00	201.70
08/28/2016	1,097.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,097.00
TOTALS	6,612.00	15.00	131.70	10.00	212.00	1,600.00	10.00	8,590.70



Susan K. Simpson
Susan K. Simpson, Financial Secretary

9-12-16
Date



Fall Festival

Another Fall Festival is behind us!

Thank you to everyone who donated money and supplies. A huge thank you to those who worked so hard at the festival and at the church for clean up. We appreciate your commitment to the church and this fundraising project. The final totals will be reported when all the receipts have come in.

The Fall Festival Committee



Cookin' for Mission



A Pancake and Sausage Breakfast will be held on Saturday, October 15, from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The Men's Group will be cooking breakfast and there will be a Free Will Offering. The funds raised will go to help hungry children both locally and nationally. Good food, and a good time for all is our guarantee. Mark your calendars and join us for this worthy event. See you there!

Ignite Paulding County

Uniting in Prayer for Revival
Tuesday October 4, 2016
7:00 p.m.

Paulding High School Auditoria



October Mowers

Oct. 2 and 9-Diane Bakle
Oct. 16 and 23-Vince Reinhart



We had such a good time at our bingo nights it has been suggested we continue. We were playing white elephant bingo last year with fabulous prizes brought in by you. So in November we will be playing Turkey Bingo. What is that? Well we need prizes associated with turkey day. Something stuffed, something leftover, something turkey. Look around your house, I know you have something you don't want anymore. See Denise for questions.



Disciples Women

The Disciples Women met on September 6th for their regular monthly meeting.

After devotions and prayer the business of the group began. This is our busiest time of the year.

We made soup for the fall festival.

Now we are planning for our annual bazaar and chicken pie and steak supper.

Mark your calendars for :

Noodle Making-October 10th & 11th at 9 a.m.

We will be using the new noodle maker that attaches to the mixer.

Can't wait to see how this works!

Candy Making -Nov. 3rd & 10th at 6 p.m.

There is a supply list on the bulletin board if you would like to donate for these projects.

Don't forget to be working on your other bazaar items. It will be here before we know it.

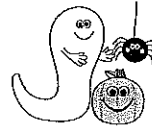
Chicken Pie and Steak Supper

Annual Bazaar

November 17th.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

**Sunday October 30th
5 p.m.**



**Costumes, Food, Games, Fun and
Trick or Treat**

We enjoyed the fun and fellowship so much last year we will be doing it again this year.

If you would like to dress up to treat the kids please sign up on the bulletin board.

We also have a box in the narthex for candy donations if you would like to help with this.

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

ATTENTION YOUTH AND PARENTS

There will be an organizational meeting October 2nd at 6 p.m. We will be deciding on dates and times of meetings and activities.



SERVERS—October 2016

ELDERS:

Genelta Levos (bread)
Max Hibbard (cup)
Matt Stoller (shut-in communion)



Reminder: Elders are responsible for doors, lights and making sure fans are off on Sunday Mornin

DIACONATE (Deacons):

*Linda Reinhart Elliott Gunderman
Dee Fraley Tracy Gunderman
Gerry Fraley Deb Santo
Greg Reinhart Tammy Boroff

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

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

WORSHIP LEADER: Darla Smith

PREPARE COMMUNION: Linda Reinhart

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

GREETER: Linda Reinhart

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

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

READ SCRIPTURE: 10/02/2016 Tracy Gunderman-- TBA
10/09/2016 Max Hibbard-Psalm 66: 1-4
10/16/2016 Ellen Riggerbach-Psalm 119:97-99
10/23/2016 Tammy Boroff- TBA
10/30/2016 Lori Clark-Psalm 119:137-138

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10/30/2016 Dan Workman, Bruce Gunderman, Charlie Simpson

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Sunday Worship
10:00 a.m.
Adult Sunday School
9:00 a.m.
Children Sunday School
10:00 a.m.

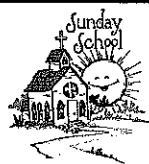














EVERY SUNDAY 9:00 A.M. ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE
 10:00 A. M. CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

October 2016



BELL CHOIR FOLLOWING WORSHIP EVERY SUNDAY



	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK OFF DURING WORSHIP ON OCT. 2ND.			WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY IS BACK!	"AUTUMN...THE YEAR'S LAST, LOVELIEST SMILE." <i>WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT</i> 		1
2 WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY SUNDAY SCHOOL KICK OFF COOPER-FELLOWSHIP HALL 1-4 P.M. YOUTH GROUP ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING 6-P.M.	3 (NOTE DAY & TIME CHANGE) FINANCE MEETING 6:30 P.M.	4 DISCIPLES WOMEN MEET-10:00 A.M. CH. ED-6 P.M.	5 BIBLE STUDY-10 A.M. 	6 A HEART FOR MUSIC-7 P.M. 	7	8 MEN'S GROUP-8:30 A.M AT THE CHURCH 
9 SERMON:"AMONGST" SCRIPTURE:PSALM66:1-12 JEREMIAH 29:1, 4-7 BON FIRE/COOK OUT-6 P.M.	10 NOODLE MAKING-9A.M.	11 NOODLE MAKING-9A.M. 	12 BIBLE STUDY-10 A.M. THE GARDEN'S SERVICE-1:30 P.M.	13 REGIONAL ASSEMBLY WORSHIP/MEMBERSHIP—6 P.M. A HEART FOR MUSIC-7 P.M. 	14 REGIONAL ASSEMBLY	15 REGIONAL ASSEMBLY COOKIN FOR MISSIONS 8:A.M.-11:00A.M. 
16 ELDERS MEETING- 8:30 A.M. SERMON:"THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS LIKE THIS..." SCRIPTURE: PSALM 119:97-104 JEREMIAH 31:27-34	17	18 PASTORIAL CARE MEETING- 6:30 P.M. BOARD MEETING- 7:00 P.M.	19 BIBLE STUDY-10 A.M. 	20 A HEART FOR MUSIC-7 P.M. 	21 PASTOR ON VACATION	22 PASTOR ON VACATION
23 GUEST SPEAKER PASTOR ON VACATION	24	25	26 BIBLE STUDY-10 A.M. 	27 A HEART FOR MUSIC-7 P.M. 	28	29
30 SERMON:"WHO IS REDEEMABLE?" SCRIPTURE: PSALM 119: 137-144 LUKE 19: 1-10 HALLOWEEN PARTY—5 P.M.	31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN 			"WHEN LIFE GIVES YOU MORE THAN YOU CAN STAND...KNEEL." <i>UNKNOWN</i>		

FRIENDSHIP WALL HANGING

Make this with — and for — a special friend.

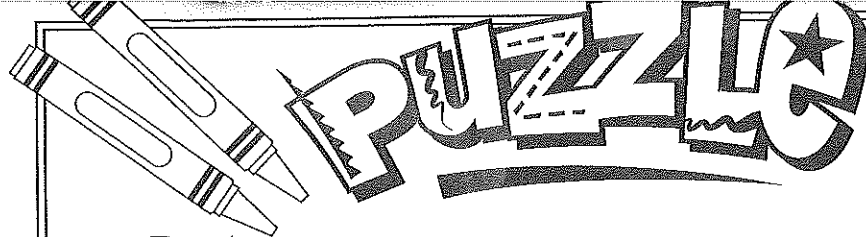
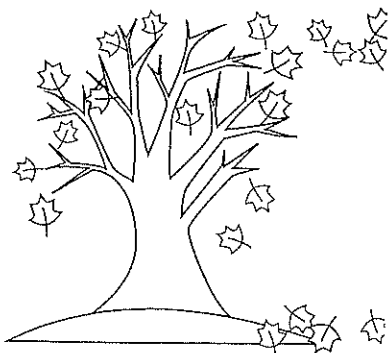
What you need:

- Paper and pencil
- Scissors
- Cardboard
- Aluminum foil
- Tape
- Acrylic paint (red, blue, green)
- Paintbrushes
- Permanent marker
- Twine
- A friend



What you do:

1. Trace a palm-sized heart in the center of the paper. Cut out the heart to use as a stencil.
2. Cover the cardboard with foil. Tape the heart stencil in the center.
3. Fill in the heart "hole" with red paint. Let dry. Remove stencil.
4. Cover your hand with blue paint, and make a handprint to one side of the heart. Cover your friend's hand with green paint and have him or her make a handprint to the other side of the heart. Let dry.
5. Write "FRIENDS" at the top.
6. On the back, tape twine to make a hanger.



Friends in the Lord

Jesus offers a perfect example of friendship. What does he do for his friends?

Directions: Follow the clues to fill in the blanks. Then write the completed Bible verse below.

1. Better than; rhymes with *crater*: _____
2. Opposite of hate: _____
3. Opposite of yes: _____
4. Three minus two: _____
5. Not _____ but that; rhymes with *hiss*: _____
6. To place something down; rhymes with *say*: _____
7. Opposite of up: _____
8. Opposite of death: _____
9. Best buds: _____

" _____ has _____
 _____ than _____ : to _____
 one's _____ for one's _____."

JOHN 15:13, NIV

Answer: "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." John 15:13, NIV

Bible Quiz

It's intriguing to think of people in Bible times experiencing the same cycle of seasons we do. Which of these books *doesn't* mention autumn?

- Matthew
- Jeremiah
- Proverbs
- Jude

Answer: A (See Proverbs 20:4, BSV; Jeremiah 5:24; Jude 1:12.)