

# DISCIPLE DIGEST

## First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

JANUARY 2017

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### **MISSION OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

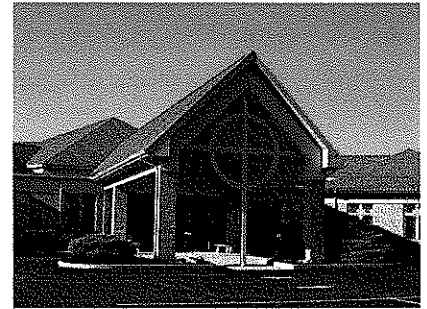
***The mission of this Congregation shall be—***

*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.*



We are loved. We are deserving of love.

We are mighty, and, beloveds, we have authority and power.

It is always up to us to choose whether our actions come from understanding that we are loved or out of anxiety that each of us is alone in this life.

Beloveds, this is my thirteenth month with you.

I have learned a great deal from you.

There are a few things that I need to believe you will receive and remember from me:

-that you are loved (by God, by each other, and by me)

-that we are deserving of ALL of that love BECAUSE of who we are and what we have lived through

-that we hold a deep responsibility to share the love

-and that being strong means being flexible.

The tree that does not bend, breaks.

Our lives are full of change, and it is tempting to fight it in our sacred times and places. But Jesus was all about changing us to save us. We, and I mean me as well as all of you, need to limber up and not hang on so tightly that we strangle new life before it begins.

We can do it. The Bible tells me so.

Love,

seth

## PRAYER REQUESTS:



### Comfort in Mourning:

The family of Bill Baxter  
The family of Darwin McClure  
The family of Jim Stanton

### Healing Prayers:

Jeanette Anderson  
June Appel  
\*Jackie Eiserle  
Paul Eiserle  
Chris Ganger  
Ron Harper

### Continuing Concerns:

Military: \*Suzanne Reinhart  
Sara Yoder, Tristen Albert

### Others Kept in Ongoing Prayer:

FCC Pastor Search Team  
Deb Belk  
Rev. Dr. Paul Biery  
Donnie Egnor  
Mark Fraley  
Ronnie Fraley  
Dan Ganger  
Deb Maxey  
John Stout  
Earl Shepherd  
Danny Stocker  
The Youth Program  
The families of Gatlinburg  
\*Denotes Members

## Thank You

Rev. Stout and the family of Paulding FCC:  
We thank you for the many cards and expressions of concern and love I received since my heart attack on August 26. The prayer shawl made and sent by the Disciples Women's Ministry of Paulding brings me much comfort. I continue to recover and gain strength each day. I am gradually able to return to my ministries.

Love and peace,  
Paul & Joan Biery

### Nursing Home Residents..

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

Manor House: 204 Archer Dr., Antwerp, Ohio 45813  
The Gardens: 199 Rd 103, Paulding, Ohio 45879  
Hickory creek: 401 Fountain St. Hicksville, OH 43526  
St. Anne's : 1900 Randalia, Apt. 26 Ft. Wayne In 46805

## In Sympathy

Please keep the family of Bill Baxter in your prayers.  
Bill died December 5th in Defiance Hospice Care.

Please pray for the family of Darwin McClure. Darwin died recently in Florida, he is the brother of Gary.

## Nativity

The Memorial Committee hopes that everyone had the opportunity to drive by and enjoy the new nativity set. Thank you to everyone who donated to this special project.





**First Christian Church**

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**DEADLINE FOR THE  
FEBRUARY DIGEST  
JANUARY 15**



**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE::**

DATE:	MEMBERS	VISITORS	NON MEMBERS	CHILDREN	TOTAL
11/27/2016	56	10	4	9	79
12/04/2016	51	3	2	12	68
12/11/2016	35	2	2	6	45
12/18/2016	42	5	5	6	53
12/24/2016	37	9		5	51
12/25/2016	51	6	8	7	72

**COUNTERS:**

- 1/01/2017 Matt Strayer, Jack Moore, Cindy Grace
- 1/08/2017 Gary McClure, Vicki McClure, Sandra Bandy
- 1/15/2017 Max Hibbard, Sue Simpson, Charles Simpson
- 1/22/2017 Matt Strayer, Matt Stoller, Angela Perchikoff
- 1/29/2017 Dan Workman, Bruce Gunderman, Charlie Simpson



The amount of contributions needed per month  
To meet our yearly budget  
Is \$11,247.83

**FLOWERS**

- 1/1/2017 Nicole Harris (In Honor of Joann Harris)
- 1/8/2017 Tracy Gunderman
- 1/15/2017 Darla Smith In Honor of our Anniversary)
- 1/22/2017
- 1/29/2017



**BIRTHDAYS**

- 1/02 Sandra Bandy
- 1/05 Vicki McClure
- 1/06 Janet Commers
- 1/08 Sharon Kline
- 1/09 Lindsay Frey
- 1/14 Quentin Vance
- 1/16 Sherry Short
- 1/18 Clint Reinhart
- 1/19 Kevin Daniels
- 1/19 Brenda Mathys
- 1/19 Robert Unger
- 1/21 Jennifer Mudel
- 1/23 Kelly Ricker
- 1/25 Brian Aden
- 1/27 Logan Mudel
- 1/28 Jeannine Hoover



**ANNIVERSARIES**

- 1/03 Larry & Cindy Grace
- 1/17 Clint & Malerie Reinhart



**Offering Envelopes**

The 2017 offering envelopes are on the table in the narthex.  
They may be picked up at any time.

**2016 Tax Statements**

If you would like a tax statement please let Sue Simpson know.

**First Christian Church  
Fund Summary  
NOVEMBER  
2016**

DATE	TITHES & OFFERINGS	SPEC. HOLIDAY THANKSGIVING	FALL FESTIVAL	SIGN FUND	MENS GROUP	TOTAL
11/06/2016	1,904.00	25.00	0.00	550.00	0.00	2,479.00
11/08/2016	5.00	0.00	4.00	0.00	0.00	9.00
11/13/2016	1,807.00	20.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	2,327.00
11/20/2016	2,348.00	45.00	0.00	100.00	30.00	2,523.00
11/27/2016	1,719.00	60.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	1,879.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7,783.00</b>	<b>150.00</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>1,250.00</b>	<b>30.00</b>	<b>9,217.00</b>

*Susan K. Simpson*  
Susan K. Simpson, Financial Secretary

*12-16-16*  
Date

## Flowers Calendar 2017

The 2017 calendar is on the bulletin board. When you sign up for your flowers you will need to pay for them at that time. There will be envelopes for you to put your name the date you signed up for and your money. You can then drop the envelope in the box marked flowers. Thanks for your help.

Denise

## Disciples Women

The Disciples Women met for their Christmas party. Thirteen women had a wonderful time enjoying games, food and fellowship.

The Ecumenical Potluck was well attended by fifty women. The food was delicious and the entertainment was very good. Thank you to Suzy Strayer for organizing this event.

We are organizing for the new year. We are looking for volunteers as we plan. If you would like to help please contact Helen, Ursula, Suzy or Denise. Our meetings are the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

Church **Believing Again; Hoping Again** together that the God who ushered in a Savior as a baby in a complex world can once again save God's people.

We covenant together, as a Regional Church to work together to be the kind of change that needs to happen for Jesus to again become the Savior of the world through the works and ministries of the Christian Church in Ohio. Together we:

- Provide camps, conferences and retreats at Camp Christian, where children and youth find hope and God's love in a community of faith that embraces all.
- Revitalize existing congregations & plan for new congregations.
- Call, commission, and ordain new pastors.
- Support and equip pastors and lay leaders for their ministries.
- Assist congregations and leaders to claim their unique mission and ministry.
- Provide resources and support to congregations and pastors.
- Provide pastoral care for clergy and congregations.
- Make visible the care of all God's family through ministries of reconciliation and anti-racism.
- Connect congregations to give witness to ministries of justice, hope, and compassion.

The Christmas Offering supports all of these and many other ministries of the Christian Church in Ohio. Your generous gifts **make the difference** in our covenantal, shared ministries in the Regional Church, giving us a deeper hope that we can **Believe Again** that God is active in the world through the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

## Annual Report Information

Please have your annual report information to the office by January 31, 2017. Who does annual reports? Board Chair, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, all Committee Chairs, Disciples Women, Disciples men, Youth, Trustees, Elders, Diaconate.

Thank You.

## OUTREACH

Blessed is our church for the good work you are doing. For your ministry and your love of others in the support of the Christmas gifts we do for families. Thank you.

Outreach Committee

Christ in you the hope of glory.

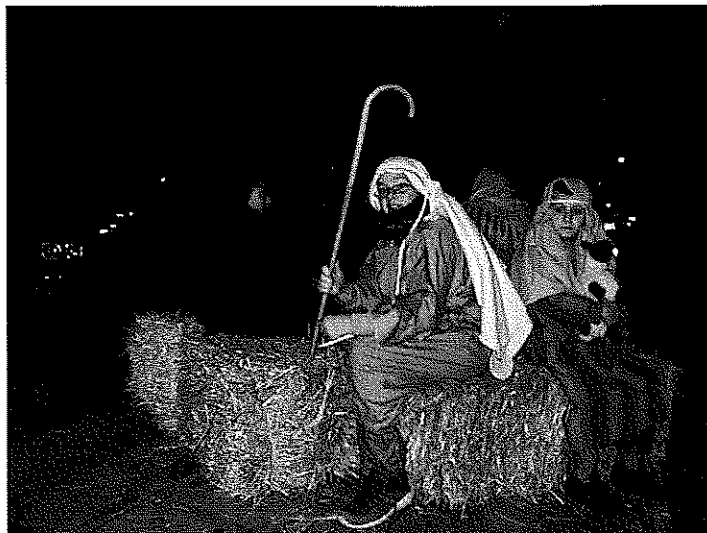
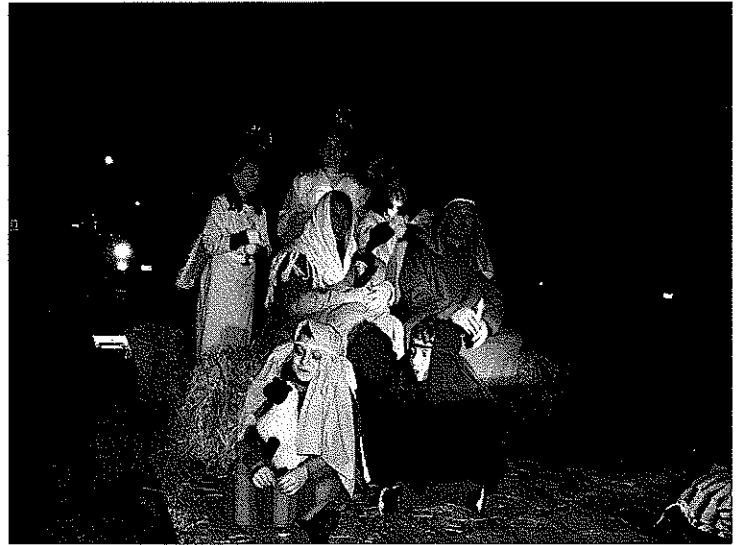
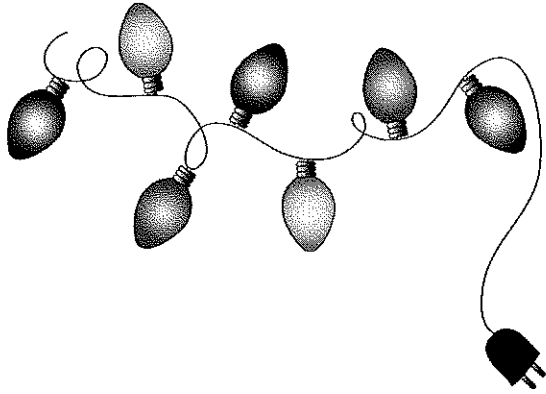
Colossians 1:27



## Lessons from a snowman

- It's okay to wear white well after Labor Day.
- Simply hanging out in your front yard can be fun.
- Accessories don't have to be fancy or expensive.
- We're all made mostly of water.
- You know you've "arrived" when a song is written about you.
- So what if you're a little bottom-heavy?
- Don't get too much sun.
- Sweating too much can be disastrous!

WE PARTICIPATED IN THE MERRY AND BRIGHT PARADE HELD IN PAULDING. WHAT A GREAT TIME AND A WONDERFUL PARADE. MANY THANKS TO THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.





We will be playing Family Feud on Sunday **January 29th at 5 p.m.**

We need teams of 4 people. Teams can be members of your family or your church family. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for your team name. If you would like to come and not play that would be great but we do need a count to order the pizza. (By the way) We will be having pizza, and there will be a piñata for the kids. If you have questions please see Denise or Jan. This is a new game for us so it should be interesting.

### THANK YOU

First of all thank you to the people who come to help with the digest when I call. I can't tell you how much it is appreciated.

Thank you to the Disciples Women for the Christmas gift. What a great group to work with. I enjoy you all very much.

Thank you to those who brought me individual gifts. It is very thoughtful of you.

And thank you for the gift from the congregation. What a blessing my church family is.

Thanks again,  
Love to All,  
Denise



## FEBRUARY FUN NIGHT

February 26th-Games and Giggles?  
What would you like to do??  
I would like your input!!!  
Please see me with your ideas.

I would like to thank everyone who has helped me put together these fun nights. It is easy to plan when you have great help.

Thanks again  
Denise

# Puzzle!

Write a word that fits each definition. Then place the letters in the numbered boxes to read a Beatitude, one of the special statements Jesus shares in Matthew 5.

**The color of coal**

1 2 8 17 21

**Flower with thorns**

9 4 3

**Woman's Sunday garment**

7 23 6 5 24

**Vegetable in a pod**

14 10 16

**A light for my \_\_\_\_\_**

20 11 12

**Electric fish**

13 15

**Dark green gem**

18 19 22

1	2	3	4	5	6	7

8	9	10

11	12

14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24

Answers: black, rose, dress, pea, path, eel, emerald, Blessed are the peacemakers

**SERVERS—January 2017**

**ELDERS:**

Dan Workman (bread)  
Genelta Levos (cup)  
Matt Stoller (shut-in communion)

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

**DIACONATE (Deacons):**

*Linda Reinhart	Angela Perchikoff
Darwin Riley	Greg Reinhart
Kelly Ricker	Leah Gunderman
Tammy Boroff	Harry Ricker

\*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:** Tammy Boroff

**PREPARE COMMUNION:** Darla Smith

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

**GREETER:** Virginia Paulus & Leah Gunderman

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** age 5-3rd gr.– 1/1-Nicole Harris, 1/7-Matt Strayer 1-15 No Teacher  
1-22-1/29 -Ursula Riley  
Fourth-sixth grade-1/1-1/22-1/29-Denise Renollet & Paul Long  
1/8-1/15 Kelly Ricker

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

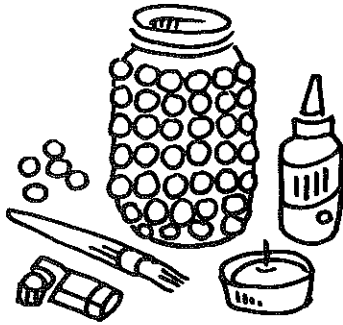
**READ SCRIPTURE:** 1/01/2017 Max Hibbard-Psalm 148: 1-6  
1/08/2017 Ellen Riegenbach-Isaiah 42: 1-4  
1/15/2017 Darwin Riley-Isaiah 49: 1-4  
1/22/2017 Leah Gunderman-Psalm 40: 1-11  
1/29/2017 Deb Santo-Micah 6: 1-5

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**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:** The Pastor Candidate will be coming on January 8th to speak. There will be a congregational meeting following the service and a vote.

# MASON JAR nightLight

Because Jesus is the light of the world, his followers don't need to fear darkness or life's dark times. Make this nightlight to remind you of Jesus' light and presence.

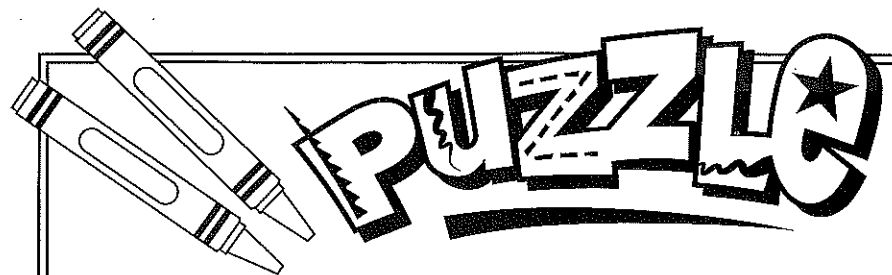
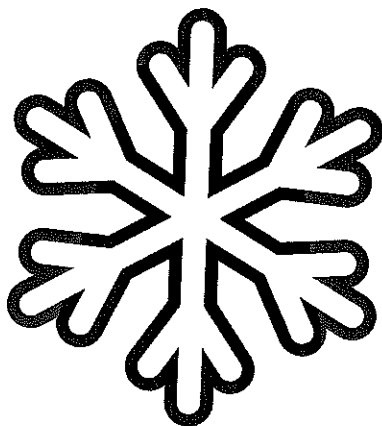


### What you need:

- Work area with good ventilation
- Mason jar
- Clear glue that works on glass
- Paintbrush
- Glass stones
- Tealight candle
- Lighter
- Adult supervision

### What you do:

1. Starting at the top of the jar, brush glue on a small section.
2. Press glass stones onto the glue in rows. Let dry.
3. Continue gluing stones, in small sections, until the entire jar is covered.
4. When dry, place a candle inside. Light with adult help.



# Light OF THE World

In a world full of sin and darkness, how can we find our way?  
Discover Jesus' answer in John 8:12, NIV.

*Directions: Use the key to fill in the missing vowels.  
Then read the completed Bible verse.*

KEY:



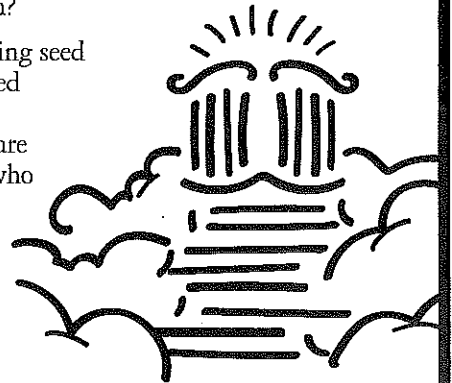
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TH \_ W \_ RLD. WH \_ \_ V \_ R  
F \_ LL \_ WS M \_ W \_ LL N \_ V \_ R  
W \_ LK \_ N D \_ RKN \_ SS."  
J \_ HN 8:12, NIV

Answer: "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness." John 8:12, NIV

## Bible Quiz

In Matthew 13, to what does Jesus compare the kingdom of heaven?

- A. A farmer sowing seed
- A. A mustard seed
- C. Yeast
- D. Hidden treasure
- E. A merchant who finds a pearl
- F. A fishing net
- G. All of the above



Answer: G (See Matthew 13:24-51.)



# 2017

# JANUARY



Adult Sunday School every Sunday at 9:00 a.m.  
 Worship Service every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.  
 Childrens Sunday School every Sunday during worship following Childrens time.  
 Bell Choir every Sunday following worship



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01 NEW YEARS DAY SERMON:"BACKLASH" SCRIPTURE:-PSALM 148:1-14, MATTHEW 2: 13-23	02	03 DISCIPLES WOMENS MEETING 10:00 A.M. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION-6:00 P.M.	04 JOYFUL NOISES-7 P.M. PASTOR ON VACATION	05 PASTOR ON VACATION	06 SEASON OF EPIPHANY BEGINS PASTOR ON VACATION	07 PASTOR ON VACATION
08 PASTOR ON VACATION GUEST SPEAKER-PASTOR CANDIDATE CONGREGATION MEETING/VOTE SCRIPTURE: ISAIAH 42: 1-9	09 FINANCE/STEWARDSHIP MEETING-7:00 P.M. PASTOR ON VACATION	10 PASTOR ON VACATION	11 MEMORIAL MEETING- 11:00 A.M. JOYFUL NOISES-7 P.M.	12 WORSHIP/MEMBERSHIP- 6:00 P.M.	13	14
15 ELDERS MEETING-8:30A.M. SERMON: "UNRESTRAINED" SCRIPTURE: ISAIAH 49:1-7 PSALM 40: 1-11 INSTALLATION OF OFFICER DURING WORSHIP KOMET HOCKEY-5:00 P.M.	16 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY	17 BOARD MEETING-7:00 P.M.	18 JOYFUL NOISES-7 P.M.	19	20	21 MEN'S GROUP-8:30 A.M.
22 SERMON: "DISCIPLESHIP AND CALLING" SCRIPTURE: 1CORINTHIANS 1:10-18, MATTHEW 4: 12-23	23	24	25 JOYFUL NOISES-7 P.M.	26	27	28
29 LAITY SUNDAY FAMILY FEUD-5:00 P.M.	30	31	01 HOW WILL I RESOLVE TO SERVE GOD THIS YEAR?	02	03	04 
05 I WILL PRAISE THE LORD NO MATTER WHO IS WATCHING ME.	06 <b>GOD is so GOOD!</b>	07 SILENCE ALLOWS ME TO HEAR GOD'S VOICE	08 <i>Amazing LOVE!</i>	09  WHEREVER I AM, I AM PART OF THE CHURCH	10 <b>God's Love Never Fails</b>	11 EACH DAY I CAN ASK AND LISTEN FOR GOD'S GUIDANCE.