

DISCIPLE DIGEST

First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

APRIL 2017

MISSION OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

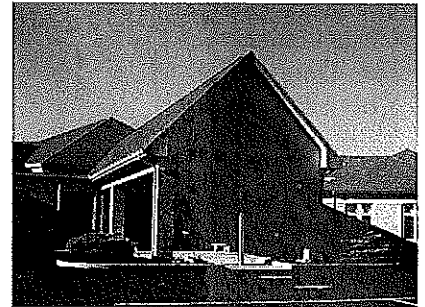
The mission of this Congregation shall be—

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.



My hope for the month of April is that I become more settled. As the new minister at this church my transition has been much easier than I expected. All the preparations that have taken place at the parsonage and at the office have made me feel truly welcome. Not all my things are here yet. My family has not visited yet to see where I live and to meet the people who will be my church family in the coming days, and yet it's beginning to feel like home.

My hope for life at church is similar. I hope to enter lightly into your way of doing things here at FCC, and in concert with our leaders begin exploration of our vision and God's vision for our future. Plans are underway for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Lenten Lunches at rotating churches is proving to be a truly edifying experience. I hope you all will participate in as many of these events as you possibly can.

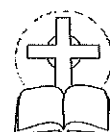
I wish to take this opportunity to thank the ladies of the church for the welcome basket. All the items are truly appreciated. I was not expecting this loving gesture. I am grateful also to all the people like Susie Strayer and the Trustees who worked fast and hard to make my dwelling more beautiful than it was before. You are indeed diligent and caring stewards of what you have been entrusted with.

I hope to spend most mornings in my office familiarizing myself with the work that awaits. My hope is that you will stop in for a chat when you can and help me get to know you better and ask me whatever questions you may have.

I am also curious about Paulding and will have questions about what to expect of life in the coming months.

As I work on finding my way around everything: the area in general, the neighborhood, the church chancel—I ask for your patience and understanding. I will be depending upon you to help me become established. My prayer is that my roots grow deep here, my tenure long, and my work a labor of love. We want the people who we serve to trust this church and to depend upon us to be a constant and reliable source of spiritual nourishment.

May your Lenten journey be blessed!



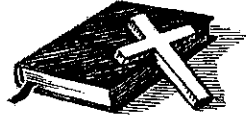
PRAYER REQUESTS:

Comfort in Mourning:

The family of Gayle Sarver

Healing Prayers:

Judy Adams
Carter Cook
Chris Ganger
Dan Ganger
Kolyn Hilkey
*Sam Levos
Mooneen Riggensburg
*Isabelle Ringler
Patty Sprow
Ellen Townley
Carol Veninga



Continuing Concerns:

Military: *Suzanne Laney
Sara Yoder, Tristen Albert

Others Kept in Ongoing Prayer:

Deb Belk
*Jackie Eiserle
Paul Eiserle
Susan Gagich
Terry Gagich
Ron Fraley
Mark Fraley
Marilyn Ladd
Gregg Platt

*Denotes Members

Easter's Dawn

On the third day, the friends of Christ coming at daybreak...found the grave empty and the stone rolled away. In varying ways they realized the new wonder; but even they hardly realized that the world had died in the night. What they were looking at was the first day of a new creation, with a new heaven and a new earth; and in a semblance of the gardener, God walked again in the garden, in the cool not of the evening but of the dawn.

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)
Rita Hannah-(Gardens)
Our homebound,

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



PALM SUNDAY



April 9th, 10:00 a.m.

The children will provide the palm procession.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

April 13th-7 p.m.

Good Friday Services

April 14th at noon will be hosted by the Church of the Nazarene. Pastor Karen Stetins from the St. Paul/St. John Lutheran Churches will be preaching.

Easter Sunrise Services

April 16th at 7:00 a.m. will be hosted by the St. Paul Lutheran Church. Pastor Jeremy Thompson from the Church of the Nazarene will be preaching.

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE at FCC

April 16th-10:00 a.m.

*Christ
is
Risen!*



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FLOWERS

- 4/2 Paul Long (In memory of Guy & Elsie Long)
- 4/9 Charlie & Sue Simpson (In honor of our Anniversary)
- 4/16 Kelly Ricker & Marsha Vance (In memory of Daryl Vance Birthday)
- 4/23 Darwin & Ursula Riley
- 4/30 Nicole Harris (In honor of Kyles Birthday)



April Birthdays

- 4/01 Matt 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
- 4/13 Ridge Hunt
- 4/13 Carol Moore
- 4/14 Cassidy Hilkey
- 4/16 Donna Hibbard
- 4/17 Brianna Estle
- 4/18 Destyne Carlisle
- 4/18 Tucker Stoller
- 4/19 Tabrina Vance
- 4/21 David Bok
- 4/23 Melissa Leslie
- 4/24 Gina Vance
- 4/25 Ross Myers
- 4/25 Ann Reinhart
- 4/25 Darla Smith
- 4/26 Nicki Smith
- 4/27 Julie Cook
- 4/29 Kyle Harris
- 4/30 Addyson Hormann

ANNIVERSARIES

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

**DEADLINE FOR THE
MAY DIGEST
APRIL 15**



**"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again:
Rejoice!"** **Philippians 4:4**

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE::

DATE:	MEMBERS	VISITORS	NON MEMBERS	CHILDREN	TOTAL
2/26/07	72	14	6	20	112
2/26/07 farewell	20		3	2	25
3/01/2017 Ash Wed	15			1	16
3/05/2017	48	7	2	7	65
3/12/2017	67	3	3	7	80
3/19/2017	63	1	6	9	79

COUNTERS:

- 4/02/2017 Matt Strayer, Jack Moore, Cindy Grace
- 4/09/2017 Gary McClure, Vicki McClure, Saundra Bandy
- 4/16/2017 Max Hibbard, Sue Simpson, Charles Simpson
- 4/23/2017 Matt Strayer, Matt Stoller, Angela Perchikoff
- 4/30/2017 Dan Workman, Bruce Gunderman, Charlie Simpson



**First Christian Church
Fund Summary
FEBRUARY
2017**

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

DATES	TITHES & OFFERINGS	INITIAL ENVEL. OFFER.	WK OF COMP	GIDEONS	YOUTH GROUP	MENS GROUP	TOTAL
02/05/2017	1,677.00	0.00	25.00	0.00	398.00	50.00	2,150.00
02/12/2017	1,231.00	4.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	0.00	1,260.00
02/19/2017	4,044.00	5.00	30.00	125.25	0.00	55.00	4,259.25
02/26/2017	3,284.00	2.00	15.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,301.00
TOTAL	10,236.00	11.00	70.00	125.25	423.00	105.00	10,970.25

* Note: Youth Fundraiser was Soup & Sub Sale, deposited \$398.00



Susan K. Simpson
Susan K. Simpson, Financial Secretary

3-10-17
Date



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We have ordered VBS Material and will be looking for teachers and helpers soon. If you have able to help please look for the sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

VBS will start July 30th.

“MAKER FUN FACTORY”

Created by God
Made for a Purpose

Thank you

Thank You seems like so little to say when you've blessed my life in such a nice way with the delicious and beautiful valentine gift.

Blessings to all who assisted.

Virginia Paulus

I would like to thank the DWM for the Valentine plate. It was great.

Love

Sharon Cooper

To the Ladies of the Church,

I enjoyed every goodie I received for Valentine's Day. Thank you so much ladies.

Wanda Rohlf

Thank You ladies for the Valentine Goody's
Betty Hammon

DISCIPLES WOMEN



The Disciples Women met for their regular meeting on March 7th. Devotions were given.

Discussion on upcoming events followed.

Noodles were made on March 13th. Sixty one lbs of noodles were made by nine people.

Thanks to those who helped that were not part of the women's group.

March 29th we will be hosting the Lenten

Lunch. Jan and Helen are Co chairs.

April 26th we will be having a baked potato and salad lunch from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Betty, and Jan will be the co chairs of this event.

May 7th is the All Daughter Celebration. Sharon Cooper is the chair.

Mower list



It is almost time to mow again. If you would like to volunteer to mow for a couple of weeks please sign up on the bulletin board. If you have questions please see Charlie Simpson or Gerry Fraley.

Thanks for all you do.

Attention Potential Camper

If you are planning to go to camp this summer you need to have registration form in by April 23rd.

Contact Pastor Merlyn or Jan ASAP so we can let you know what your share will be.

If anyone in the congregation would like to help with camp fees please talk to Pastor Merlyn or Jan. The cost for each camper is \$385.00.

Thank You

Jan

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Lenten Lunch Schedule

April 5- Church of Nazarene-Host
Leader: Rev. Jeremy Thompson, Church of Nazarene



All Lunches are held at the First Presbyterian Church at noon. The theme this year is based on Matthew 16: 24-28. TAKE UP YOUR CROSS. The Ministerial Association will again be collecting Items for the Caring and Sharing Food Pantry. We are looking forward to this season of Christian fellowship.

Prayer Vigil

April 15, 2017
8:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.



This year the prayer vigil will be a 12 hour vigil. The chart to sign up is in the narthex. Please sign up for 30 minutes or more. We would like 2 people in the sanctuary at all times. If you would like to sign up you can do so on Sunday morning or call the church office.



Lily Blooms

If you would like to have a lily bloom put on the lily cross in memory or in honor of someone please fill out the form and return it to the office by April 9th. Blooms are \$1.00 each. And will go to the Youth Fund for camp.

Easter Flowers



Easter flowers may be brought in to help us prepare for Holy Week on Palm Sunday. Please put your name on the flowers so there will not be any confusion when you pick them up on Easter.

Easter Egg Hunt



We will be having an Easter Egg Hunt on April 9th (Palm Sunday) following worship. If you would like to donate candy for this event please place it in the basket in the narthex. If you have questions please see Kara Thompson or Angie Coak.

LILY BLOOMS

YOUR NAME _____

IN MEMORY OF _____

IN HONOR OF _____

TOTAL _____

BLOOMS ARE \$1.00 EACH



Memorial Scholarship

GRADUATING SENIORS

If you are a member of FCC and you plan to go to college after graduation you may apply for the Elizabeth/Cloyce Vance Memorial Scholarship.

Applications available from the office.

Deadline is April 30th.



Stewardship Finance

The Stewardship/Finance Team, with board approval, has implemented a NEW Fundraising Application form and Fundraising Policy. If your church group or team (excluding DWM & Memorial Team) is considering having a fundraiser please be sure and get a copy of the Fundraising application form and policy and follow the necessary steps to seek board approval in advance of the fundraiser. Any questions can be directed to a member of the Stewardship/Finance Team.

OUTREACH



We will be supporting Playing Ball for those that can't. Hope to have 1 or 2 teams.

The Easter Offering supports General Ministries of U. S. and Canada and serves across the world. General ministries that receive support include Council on Christian Unity, Pastoral Office Hispanic, Pacific, Asian Ministries, Disciple Church extension fund, Historical, Home, Women and Overseas ministries, Global Higher Education, leaderships, and National benevolent ministries. Also the center of path and giving. Thanks for your support. Just a reminder April is Child Abuse prevention month.

BAKED POTATO & SALAD LUNCH

APRIL 26TH
11 A.M.—1 P.M.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
FELLOWSHIP HALL

FREE WILL DONATION

EVERYONE WELCOME



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SERVERS—APRIL 2017

ELDERS:

Bruce Gunderman (bread)
Dan Workman (cup)
Jan Commers (shut-in communion)

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

DIACONATE (Deacons):

* Tracy Gunderman Kelly Ricker
Nicole Harris Harry Ricker
Corey Harris Clint Reinhart
Joan Tope Dennis Vance

*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: Darwin Riley

PREPARE COMMUNION: Betty Ganger

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

GREETER: 4/2-Lori Clark, 4-9 & 4-16 Virginia Paulus, 4/21 & 4/30 Lori Clark

SUNDAY SCHOOL: age 5-3rd gr.-4/2, 4/9-Tammy Boroff 4/16-children stay in worship, 4/23 Tammy Boroff, 4/30-Nicole & Hailie Harris

Fourth-sixth grade- 4/2, 4/9, 4/23, 4/30-Paul Long 4/16-Stay in worship

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

READ SCRIPTURE: 4/02/2017 Darla Smith-Psalm 84: 1-4
4/09/2017 Deb Santo-Psalm 118: 19-23
4/16/2017 Tracy Gunderman—Psalm 34: 8-10
4/23/2017 Larry Grace-Psalm 118: 19-23
4/30/2017 Jan Commers-Luke 23: 33-34a, 46

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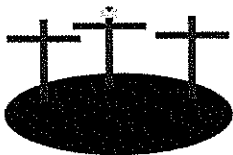
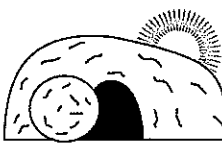
EVERY SUNDAY 9:00 A.M. ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE
 10:00 A. M. CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL



April 2017



BELL CHOIR EVERY SUNDAY FOLLOWING WORSHIP

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>When I trust in God I can find peace.</i>		<i>How has prayer changed me?</i>		1 T. GUNDERMAN- FELLOWSHIP HALL
2 SERMON: <i>SOME GET IT, SOME DON'T!</i> SCRIPTURE: PSALM 84: 1-4 LUKE 18: 31, 19:10 GUELDE -FS HALL	3	4 PLDG. MINISTERIAL-9 A.M. DISCIPLES WOMENS MEETING- 10 A.M. CHRISTIAN ED-6:30 P.M	5 <i>Lenten Lunch-noon First Presbyterian Ch</i>	6 <i>Worship/Membership Meeting-6:00 p.m.</i>	7	8
9 PALM SUNDAY SERMON: <i>JESUS AGITATES!</i> SCRIPTURE: PSALM 118: 19-23 LUKE 19: 29-44 EASTER EGG HUNT FOLLOWNG WORSHIP	10	11	12 THE GARDENS SERVICE-1:30 P.M.	13 <i>Maundy Thursday Service- 7:00 p.m.</i>	14 GOOD FRIDAY COMM. SERVICE-NOON PLDG NAZARENE CH	15 PRAYER VIGIL-8:00 A.M.-8:00 P.M.
16 EASTER SUNDAY SUNRISE SERVICE-7 A.M. @ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN CH ELDERS- 8:30 a.m. SERMON: <i>BAFFLED YET BELIEV- ING!</i> SCRIPTURE:LUKE 22: 1-27 PSALM 118: 17, 21-24	17	18 BOARD MEETING-7 P.M.	19	20 <i>TRUSTEES 7:00 p.m.</i>	21	22 MEN'S GROUP-8:30 A.M AT FCC.
23 SERMON: <i>BREAD, BLESSED AND BROKEN!</i> SCRIPTURE: LUKE 24: 1-12 PSALM 118: 19-23	24	25	26 BAKED POTATO/SALAD LUNCH 11:00 A.M.-- 1:00 P.M.	27 DISTRICT 5 MEETING- 9:30 A.M.	28	29
30 SERMON: <i>TROUBLESOME TRUTHTELLERS!</i> SCRIPTURE: LUKE 23:33-34A, 46 ACTS 6:1-7,7:2A, 44-60			<i>EASTER OFFERING SUNDAYS ARE APRIL 9TH AND 16TH.</i>			<i>He is not here, he has Risen!</i>

JESUS IS RISEN!

When Jesus' disciples saw that the stone was rolled away from his tomb, they knew he had risen. Make a moveable tomb to celebrate Easter.

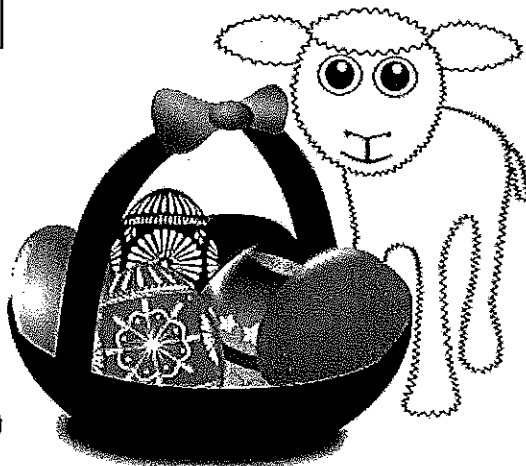
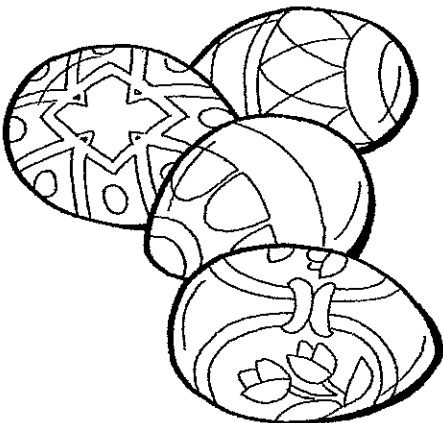
What you need:

- 4 pieces of paper (brown, blue, black, yellow)
- Scissors
- Pencil
- Glue stick
- Brad fastener
- Marker



What you do:

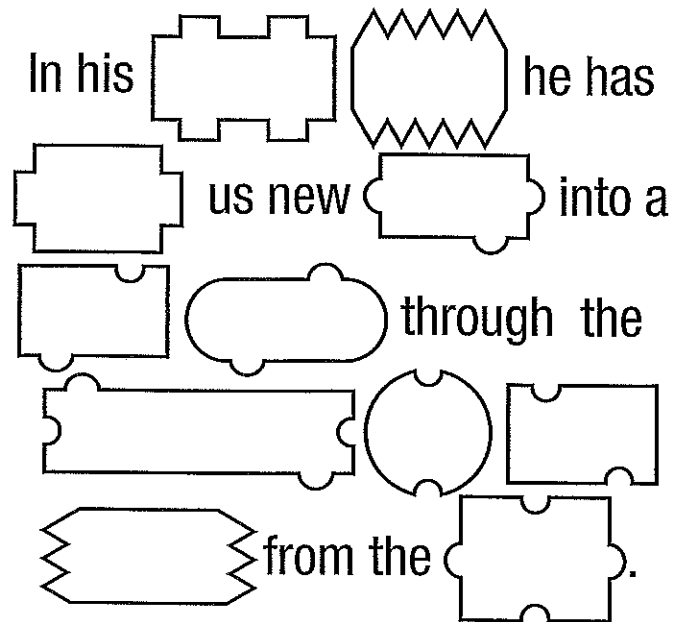
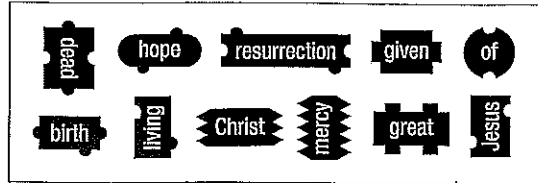
1. Fold the brown paper in half, short side to short side. Cut along the fold. On one half, draw and cut out a large half-circle (the tomb). On the other, draw and cut out a palm-sized circle (the stone).
2. Glue the brown tomb onto the blue paper.
3. Cut a black circle (the inside of the tomb) the same size as the brown stone and glue it onto the brown tomb.
4. Place the brown stone over the black half-circle; this is the entrance. Push the brad through one edge so the stone can move from side to side.
5. Cut out a cross from the yellow paper and glue it by the tomb.
6. Write "Jesus is risen!" atop the blue paper.



> NEW LIFE <

How did God work through Jesus to give us new life at Easter?

Directions: Use the puzzle pieces from the box to complete 1 Peter 1:3, NIV.



1 PETER 1:3, NIV

Answer: In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3, NIV

