

DISCIPLE DIGEST

First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

MAY 2017

MISSION OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

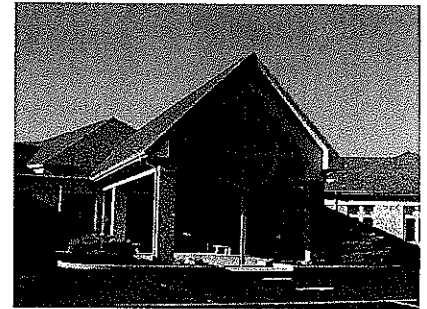
The mission of this Congregation shall be—

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.



Well! I've survived my first month. I'm a future oriented person (as much as I know I'm supposed to 'live in the present moment'). I find myself eager to welcome the coming days, weeks and months. As I stand at our church entrance and look out onto the crop fields that go on for miles, I find peace! Our future as a church lies before us like these endless miles. How kind will we be to the gifts we have now, that will sustain us on our journey ahead, I wonder?

I think about our children who are learning the importance of their faith in their lives. How will we do the very best we can to nurture this delicate ministry? It's easy to fall into the trap of giving them more of what was done last year, or the year before, or fifty years ago. That doesn't always work. We need to have serious discussions of who are children are, where they are in their journey, who will support them in their spiritual growth—and most importantly what God is calling us to do in this area.

Let's look at all the ministries we conduct in the name of Christ and see where we might be trying to 'cut corners' or find 'more convenient' ways of doing these ministries instead of sacrificially doing the difficult and tedious tasks because that's the only true way they were meant to be offered up to God.

I am gradually beginning to know the people of FCC. I can place husbands and wives together (I think); I know some of your connections as families related to each other; and I am able to recognize those of you who are on particular committees. I would like to get to know the rest of you; those of you who do not make yourself known because you are shy. Please call and invite me to a private visit wherever you feel comfortable. Unless I know you and feel empathy for you I will not be able to know when I am needed by you. To be directed by a third party to visit someone who doesn't know or want a visit is hardly doing justice to the true ministry of caring that we must conduct. It begins with building relationship.

The Spirit of God is moving among us. You know it and I know it! We have felt it! If you feel called to help in a new way, or want to offer an idea for a new ministry, please submit it to the Elders or speak to me and we will pray together.

May we all feel secure in God's loving embrace, no matter what!



PRAYER REQUESTS:

Comfort in Mourning:

The family of Phyllis Mobley

Healing Prayers:

Judy Adams
 Carter Cook
 Chris Ganger
 Dan Ganger
 Kolyn Hilkey
 Dennis Knapp
 *Sam Levos
 *Virginia Marshall
 Kylee Narvell
 *Bonnie Parker
 Mooneen Riggerburg
 *Isabelle Ringler
 *Susan Simpson
 Patty Sprow
 Louella Thomas
 Ellen Townley
 Carol Veninga



Continuing Concerns:

Military: *Suzanne Laney, Braden 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
 Deb Maxey
 Greg Platt
 Gregg Platt

*Denotes Members



Special Dates

National Day of Prayer, May 4
 Mother's Day, May 14
 Armed Forces Day, May 20
 Ascension, May 25
 Memorial Day, May 29

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

WELCOME



We are happy to welcome back to FCC Mary Hardesty Frank from Ocala, FL A 1942 graduate of Paulding High School, Mary spent her youth with us at the old—Church of Christ.

She served in many activities of the church: Sunday School, Director of the Jr. Choir, singing in the Church Sr. Choir, and always there when extra hands were needed.

After her wedding she left Paulding and now many years later is back with us.

Thank You

I am so truly grateful for all the well wishes that have been sent to me after my back surgery and during my recovery. I have struggled with a lot pain but knowing my church family was praying for me has been a powerful emotional support. Charlie has been by my side continually and appreciates the support he has felt as well. I still have a long way to go with my recovery but I am feeling a little stronger each day. I feel so blessed to have such a supportive church family!

God Bless,
 Susan Simpson



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**DEADLINE FOR THE
JUNE DIGEST
MAY 15**



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE::

DATE:	MEMBERS	VISITORS	NON MEMBERS	CHILDREN	TOTAL
3/26/2017	54	3	7	10	74
4/02/2017	58	3	7	8	76
4/09/2017	62	5	11	23	101
4/13/2017 Maundy	30			2	32
4/16/2017	82	8	16	25	131

COUNTERS:

- 5/07/2017 Matt Strayer, Jack Moore, Cindy Grace
- 5/14/2017 Gary McClure, Vicki McClure, Saundra Bandy
- 5/21/2017 Max Hibbard, Sue Simpson, Charles Simpson
- 5/28/2017 Matt Strayer, Matt Stoller, Angela Perchikoff



Your children will become what you are, so be what you want them to be.



David Bly

FLOWERS



- 5/7 Eleanor Fellers
- 5/14 Sharon Cooper-Memory of Rollin, In Honor of Susan
- 5/21 Velma Albert
- 5/28 Darla Smith-In honor of Devon's Birthday



ANNIVERSARIES

- 5/03 David & Jeanne Fellers
- 5/04 Scott & Kelsey Rhodes
- 5/14 Bruce & Anna Gunderman
- 5/15 Gary & Tammy Boroff
- 5/15 Andrew & Angela Perchikoff
- 5/16 Bob & Ruth Riley
- 5/16 Ted & Camie Stallbaum
- 5/21 Harry & Kelly Ricker
- 5/30 Greg & Ann Reinhart

- 5/05 Kelcie Pack
- 5/06 Haylie Lero
- 5/08 Jeanne Fellers
- 5/09 Sandra Oyler
- 5/11 Angela Perchikoff
- 5/12 Phyllis Beamer
- 5/13 Shirley Workman
- 5/14 Ellen Rigggenbach
- 5/16 Susan Knapp
- 5/16 Jessica McDonald
- 5/16 Bob 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

**First Christian Church
Fund Summary
MARCH
2017**

The amount of contributions needed per month
To meet our yearly budget
Is \$11247.83

DATES	TITHES & OFFERINGS	WK OF COMP	BUILD/ MAINT.	MENS GROUP	TOTAL
03/05/2017	1,885.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,885.00
03/07/2017	0.00	14.65	0.00	0.00	14.65
03/12/2017	1,872.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,872.00
03/19/2017	1,900.00	0.00	0.00	130.00	2,030.00
03/26/2017	1,758.00	0.00	20.00	0.00	1,778.00
TOTAL	7,415.00	14.65	20.00	130.00	7,579.65



Susan K. Simpson
Susan K. Simpson, Financial Secretary

3/27/17
Date



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS will be July 30th, July 31st, Aug. 1 and Aug. 2nd. From 6-8:30 p.m.

The first three days will be learning, food and fun as always. The fourth day will be a family fun event. If you are able to help will this ministry please sign up on the bulletin board or call the office.

"MAKER FUN FACTORY"

Created by God
Made for a Purpose



Mower list

April 30 and May 7	Clint Reinhart
May 14 and May 21	Vince Reinhart
May 28 and June 4	Gary McClure
June 11 and June 18	Diane Bakle
June 25 and July 2	Diane Bakle
July 9 and July 16	Diane Bakle
July 23 and July 30	Gary McClure
August 6 and August 13	Clint Reinhart
August 20 and August 27	Diane Bakle
Sept. 3 and Sept 10	Diane Bakle
Sept. 17 and Sept 24	Gary McClure
Oct 1 and Oct 5	Diane Bakle
Oct 15 and Oct 22	Diane Bakle

Thank you to all the mowing volunteers. Your willingness to help with the church property is appreciated very much.

Men's Spring Mission Retreat/Workday

May 12th & May 13th
At Camp Christian

If you are interested in attending please see Paul Long for details.



DISCIPLES WOMEN



The Disciples Women met for their regular meeting on April 4th. Devotions were given. Our egg basket mission project continues with next month being handled by Ellen Riggerbach. Blanket Sunday is being chaired by Genelta Levos and will be the last Sunday in July. The Lenten Lunch went very well, many thanks to Jan and Betty for chairing this lunch. Plans are being made for the baked potato salad lunch on April 26th.

Discussion on upcoming events followed. May 7th at 2 p.m. is the All Daughter Celebration.

This year the theme is Daughters of Oz.

Come share the fellowship and fun.

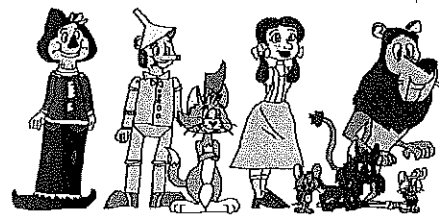
All women of the church are invited to attend the meetings. Our next one is May 2nd at 10 a.m.

DAUGHTERS OF OZ

MAY 7TH
2 P.M.

Please join us in the fellowship hall of the church for fun, food, and fellowship.

There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

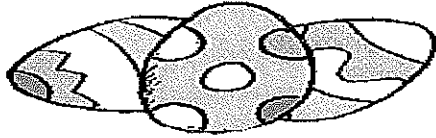


A Mother's Day Poem

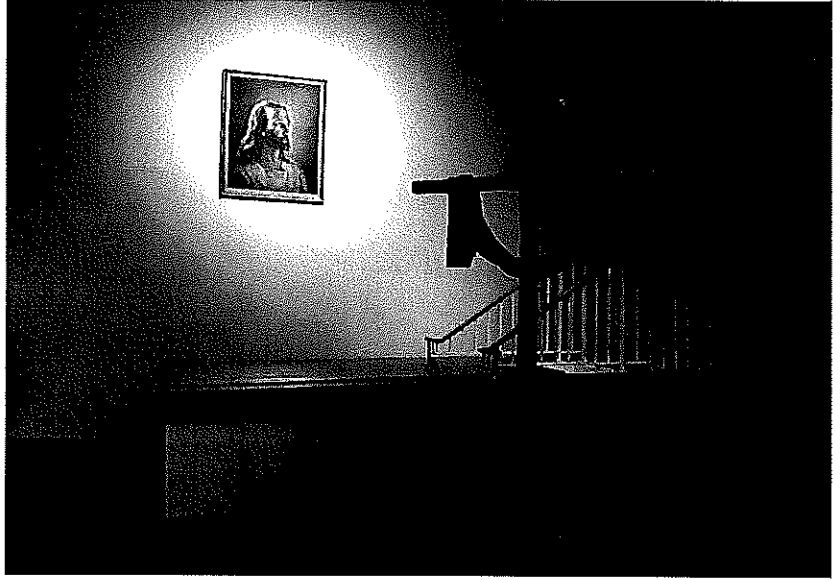
May God Bless all Mothers
That give of themselves
And tend to the household needs
Before the needs of self
And they are there with comfort
For each child's broken heart
Bringing them to God in prayer,
With his love to impart.



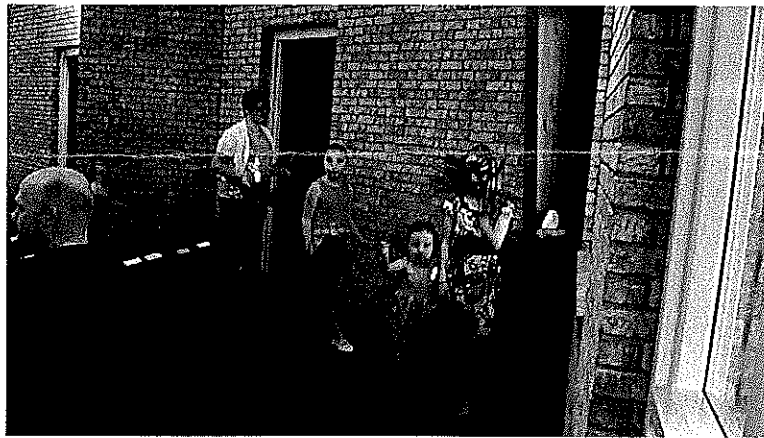
EASTER EGG HUNT



MAUNDY THURSDAY

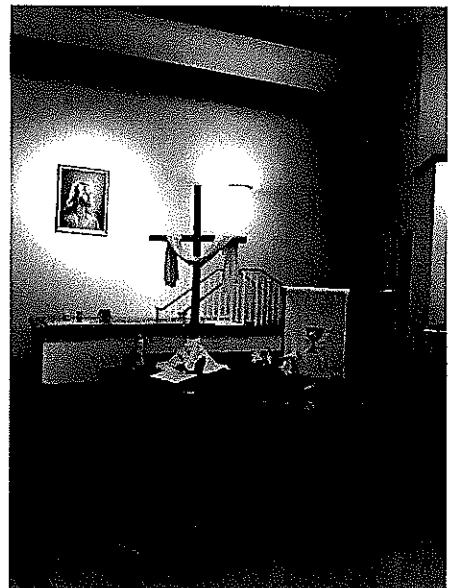


PALM SUNDAY



PRAYER GARDEN

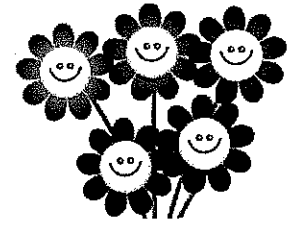
EASTER SUNDAY



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

BELL CHOIR EVERY SUNDAY FOLLOWING WORSHIP

May 2017



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
DO NOT BE AFRAID OF TOMORROW, FOR GOD IS ALREADY THERE	1	2 PLDG. MINISTERIAL-9 A.M. DISCIPLES WOMENS MEETING- 10 A.M. CHRISTIAN ED-6:30 P.M	3	4 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER	5	6
7 SERMON: HUNGRY TO KNOW MORE! SCRIPTURE:LUKE 24:44-47 ACTS 8: 26-39 DAUGHTERS OF OZ-2 P.M.	8	9	10 THE GARDENS SERVICE-1:30 P.M. Finance/Stewardship Meeting-7 p.m.	11	12 KNAPP FS HALL	13
14 MOTHER'S DAY SERMON: AN INCLUSIVE FAITH COMMUNITY! SCRIPTURE: LUKE 18: 9-14 ACTS 15: 1-18	15	16 BOARD MEETING-7 P.M.	17	18	19	20 ARMED FORCES DAY MEN'S GROUP-8:30 A.M AT FCC. GOSHIA FS HALL
21 ELDERS-8:30 A.M. SERMON: ARGUING FOR THE TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL SCRIPTURE: LUKE 18: 9-14 GALATIANS 1: 13-17, 2: 11-21 CLEMENS FS HALL	22	23	24	25 ASCENSION DAY DISTRICT 5 MEETING- 9:30 A.M. Worship/Membership Meeting-6:00 p.m.	26	27 NICELLEY FS HALL
28 SERMON: ALL ARE ONE IN HIM! SCRIPTURE: LUKE 1: 68-79 GALATIANS 3: 1-9, 23-29 PIEPER FS HALL	29 MEMORIAL DAY OFFICE CLOSED	30	31	LORD, YOU ARE MY SHEPERD. THANK YOU FOR PROVIDING EVERYTHING I NEED. AMEN		



Make this craft to display a bit of springtime year-round!

What you need:

- An old shirt
- Tempura paint (brown, dark pink, light pink and white)
- Paintbrush
- Light blue or white construction paper
- A paper plate
- Q-tips
- Paper towels



What you do:

1. Roll up one sleeve and paint your arm and the palm of your hand brown.
2. Lengthwise on the paper, carefully place your painted arm and hand, with fingers spread apart. (This is the tree trunk and branches.)
3. Place the other paint colors on the plate.
4. Using Q-tips, place dots of paint (blossoms!) all over the branches.
5. When dry, display your tree — or give it as a Mother's Day gift.

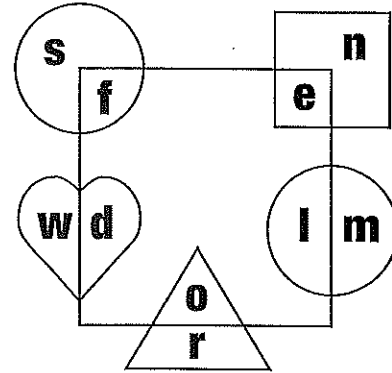


GOD CARES FOR YOU!

Jesus tells his followers not to worry about their daily needs. What example does he give of God's care for his creation?

Directions:

To complete Luke 12:27 (NIV), match the shapes under each blank with the letter shapes shown to the right.



“Consider how the wild _____
grow. They do not labor or spin.

Yet I tell you, not even _____
in all his splendor was _____
like one of these.” Luke 12:27, NIV

Answer: “Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.” Luke 12:27, NIV

Bible Quiz

Acts 17 describes Paul speaking about God to the people of Athens in front of — incredibly! — a site that still exists. What is that site?

- A. The Panathenaic Stadium
- B. The Areopagus
- C. The Acropolis and the Parthenon
- D. The Temple of Hephaestus



Answer: B (See Acts 17:22.)

