

DISCIPLE DIGEST

First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

JUNE 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.



FROM THE PASTOR

Now that I've completed two whole months here at FCC, Paulding, I find that my head's stopped spinning and I'm enjoying myself. I have never seen, nor been a part of a congregation that throws itself so completely into the Season of Lent and Easter. Next year I'll be ready to participate more fully.

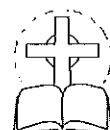
I see more smiling faces around here these days. We all seem to be relaxed again, having gone through the adjustment of getting comfortable with each other. The wonderful weather doesn't hurt either! My hope is that we all open ourselves to experiencing the presence of the Holy Spirit in new and fresh ways. Nature can bring out the best in us.

I look forward to forming small discussion groups to informally talk about your hopes and dreams for the future. Paulding has so much to offer—we just can't see it if we don't look hard. I encourage you to let me know if you have any ideas about holding such small gatherings. I have several small Bible Studies in mind as well; so if you're interested let me know.

Life at the parsonage is shaping up well. I can never thank all of you enough for helping make things feel like home. I now have an office area set up at the parsonage and welcome you to meet me there to answer your questions (if it's after 12:30 and before 4:00 p.m. Monday thru Thursday). Call to make sure I'm there before making the trip.

We're in a good place, overall! Summer is upon us and we'll be taking advantage of moving about more. I hope I can encourage some of you to form a group to take an overnight trip to Kentucky to tour Noah's Ark. Our children will benefit greatly and we can chalk the experience up to one more adventure that the church family of FCC undertook together.

I pray that all of you will remain safe and enjoy the many blessings that the summer season affords us. Ecclesiastes 11:7 - *'Light is sweet, and it is pleasant for the eyes to see the sun.'*



PRAYER REQUESTS:

Comfort in Mourning:

The family of Inella Finnegan
The family of Steve Pessefall

Healing Prayers:

Ken Bowers
*Nicole Harris
Chris Ganger
Dan Ganger
Lydia Johnston
Dennis Knapp
Lois Platt
*Isabelle Ringler
*Susan Simpson
Jerry Tope
*Chris Walker



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
Shirley Guilford
Ron Fraley
Mark Fraley
Marilyn Ladd
Deb Maxey
Hank McDonald
Greg Platt

*Denotes Members

Welcome!

We would like to welcome Mick Coak to First Christian Church. Mick transferred his membership to the church on May 14th. We are blessed to have him as a part of our church family.

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

JOYFUL NOISES & BELL CHOIR



Joyful Noises and Bell Choir will be taking a summer break.

We appreciate all the hard work and beautiful music from each of these groups. So thank you, thank you for enriching our worship services. Special thanks to Donna for her wonderful leadership.



Pastor Installation

Rev. Steve Bentley from the region will join us on June 11th to install Pastor Merlyn. The musical group Grail will be here to celebrate the occasion. There will also be a potluck following the service. Plan to be here for this joyous service.

Camp Commissioning

June 11th will be camp commissioning for all who are attending camp this summer. Please contact Jan for details.



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**DEADLINE FOR THE
JULY DIGEST
JUNE 15**



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE:

DATE:	MEMBERS	VISITORS	NON MEMBERS	CHILDREN	TOTAL
4/23/2017	56	10	3	6	75
4/30/2017	63	2	6	20	91
5/07/2017	64	3	8	16	91
5/14/2017	58	2	9	13	82
5/21/2017	65	2	1	12	80

COUNTERS:

- 6/04/2017 Matt Strayer, Jack Moore, Cindy Grace
- 6/11/2017 Gary McClure, Vicki McClure, Sandra Bandy
- 6/18/2017 Max Hibbard, Sue Simpson, Charles Simpson
- 6/25/2017 Matt Strayer, Matt Stoller, Angela Perchikoff



**HAPPY
FATHER'S
Day!**

First Christian Church
Fund Summary
APRIL
2017

FLOWERS



- 6/04/2017 Chris & Jeannine Hoover-In memory of Paul Ringler
- 6/11/2017 Gerry & Dee Fraley-In honor of our Anniversary
- 6/18/2017 Jack & Marie Moore
- 6/25/2017 Dee & Denise Renollet-In memory of Phyllis Hoffman



ANNIVERSARIES

- 6/01 Genelta & Sam Levos
- 6/01 Marilyn & Don Stevenson
- 6/02 Cory & Olivia Mendez
- 6/05 Jack & Marie Moore
- 6/11 Pete & Lisa Cline
- 6/13 Brett & Michelle Mawer
- 6/21 Gerry & Dee Fraley
- 6/25 David & Amanda Bok



- 6/02 Emily Thielbar
- 6/03 Karen Dotterer
- 6/03 Ruth Schooley
- 6/04 Gail Stoller
- 6/07 Clark Aden
- 6/09 Velma Albert
- 6/09 Dave Clark
- 6/12 Caia Cook
- 6/13 Dee Fraley
- 6/14 Angie Coak
- 6/15 Robert Miller
- 6/15 Darwin Riley
- 6/17 Nicole Harris
- 6/18 Stella Bandy
- 6/18 Melina Fellers
- 6/18 Julie Knapp
- 6/18 Lindsay Metzger
- 6/19 Lisa Cline
- 6/19 Marie Moore
- 6/19 Randy Short
- 6/21 Stacie Warnecke
- 6/24 Mike Workman
- 6/26 David Boroff
- 6/28 Bonnie Sherland
- 6/29 Gerry Fraley
- 6/30 Larry Grace

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



DATES	TITHES & OFFER	INITIAL ENVEL	HOLIDAY EASTER	YOUTH GROUP	CAPITAL IMPROVE	MENS. GROUP	TOTAL
04/02/2017	2,094.00	0.00	100.00	260.00	0.00	0.00	2,454.00
04/09/2017	1,741.00	0.00	145.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,886.00
04/11/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	105.00	0.00	0.00	105.00
04/16/2017	2,083.00	20.00	70.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	2,673.00
04/19/2017	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	3.00
04/23/2017	1,990.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	40.00	2,030.00
04/30/2017	1,823.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,823.00
TOTAL	9,731.00	20.00	315.00	368.00	500.00	40.00	10,974.00

Youth Fund: Kenneth Oyler Memorial of \$260 ; Lily Cross of \$108 total for April.

Susan K. Simpson
SUSAN K. SIMPSON, FINANCIAL SECRETARY

5-8-17
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 with 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



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.



Campers

Otter Camp-June 18-24—Aden Lero, Zane Daniels, Emma Hoover, Kynsi Knapp, Logan Mudel
Counselor- Klair Hoover

CHI RHO Camp-July 9th-15th-Hayley Stocker, Haylie Lero

CYF-June 25th-July 1st-Katelyn Strayer
July 16th-22nd-Adrian Daniels, Logan Mudel, Jordon Mudel. Counselor-Jan Commers



Camp Christian
10335 Maple Dell Rd.
Marysville, OH 43040

DISCIPLES WOMEN



The Disciples Women met for their regular meeting. Leah Gunderman shared devotions with the ladies.

The baked potato lunch was very successful, we took in \$404.00 at the lunch. Thanks so much to Jan and Betty for organizing and thanks to those who worked and donated.

The All Daughters of Oz Celebration was well attended and so much fun. Many thanks to Sharon, Suzy, and Katie.

July 11th is our ladies nite out. We will be going to the Mexican restaurant in Van Wert this year. There will be a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. If you have questions, please see Denise.

Blanket Sunday is the last Sunday in July, Genelta Levos is the chair person for this outreach project.

Our next regular meeting is June 6th at 10 a.m. All women are invited to attend.

Outreach



We are planning to help with the summer lunch program. We will need volunteers to help serve. The exact dates are not yet set so please watch the bulletin for details.

We are also supplying birthday bags to the food pantry for kids. If you have children's books or small toys that you would like to donate we can put them in the bags.

We also need egg cartons as we have several people donating eggs to the pantry. Some of the eggs need to be separated into smaller units so extra cartons are needed. The donation of eggs has been a big help more people are getting eggs in their diet. The food pantry could also use workers on Wednesdays if anyone has time they could donate. They are open from 9a.m. to noon

THANK YOU
FOR ALL YOU DO!



General Assembly 2017

We rarely take stock of all the blessings we've been granted. From having a great church with faithful, loving and hard-working people, we can add the blessing of having the opportunity to peek in on what's happening with our denomination on a larger scale. I am so excited about the General Assembly being so close for a change. It's driving distance and a cars full of Disciples from all over the area will converge upon Indianapolis in July. There will be hugs and kisses from friends who haven't seen each other since the last General Assembly in Columbus, Ohio. There'll be lots of conversation about each other's delight in the work we do. There'll be friendly introductions of new people attending for the first time. Then, you will most likely find your best friend and decide upon the workshops and meals you'll choose to attend. You can expect to visit a complete section dedicated to vendors who will sell books, DVDs, CDs, T-Shirts, clerical robes, products brought in from other countries and a vast array of fun stuff. You'll likely invite people to your room to stay up late with pots of coffee to talk...talk...talk. You have to be there to experience it! One thing I know for sure: You'll come back revived. You'll know where you are in your journey of faith...and you'll be strongly affirmed about being a Disciple of Christ!



PENTECOST SUNDAY **June 4th**

To celebrate Pentecost the Worship Team would like you to wear red on June 4th and bring a red geranium to celebrate this special Sunday.

Summer Sunday School

We would like to provide summer Sunday School for the children. We have material but at this time there are no teachers. If you are able to teach a Sunday or two please sign up on the bulletin board or see Ursula or Cindy.

2017 Adult Conference

June 19-23

Northwest Christian Church

1340 Fishinger Rd.

Columbus, Ohio

Details are available online or in the Office.

THE BEST FATHER

Unlike an earthly prince, God didn't take a high-and-mighty title, notes 17th century British preacher Thomas Watson. Instead, God calls himself Father to encourage us to pray to him.

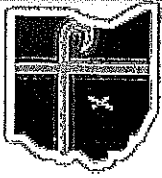
But God isn't just any father. Watson offers these reasons why God is "the best Father".

- He is the most ancient (Daniel 7:9)
- He is perfect (Matthew 5:48)
- He is the wisest (Romans 16: 27)
- He is the most loving (Zephaniah 3: 17; 1 John 4:16)
- He has unsearchable riches (Ephesians 3:8)
- He can reform his children (Acts 9:11)
- He never dies (1 Timothy 6:16; Revelation 1:8)

Heidi Mann

New Email

The church will soon be switching to a new internet provider. Please start using firstccpauling@gmail.com



Christian Church In Ohio
DISCIPLES OF CHRIST
A covenant network of congregations in mission



From the Regional Moderator

To all Ohio Clergy,

Since Friday, March 24th, we have begun to live with the reality of the sudden retirement of Dr. Bill Edwards as Regional Pastor and President in Ohio. While this may be a challenging time in the life of our regional church it is where we find ourselves.

As we sort through the many things that are necessary during any time of transition, we entreat your prayers for our regional staff and for the mission of the Christian Church in Ohio. We are also inviting your participation in that mission, to help us discern the next steps of what God is calling us to do and be as we seek *"to act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with [our] God"* (Micah. 6:8). Finally, we are realizing that what is most needed at this time is that we listen to each other, speak the truth in love, act with grace and mercy, and to practice our discipleship through an intentional period of spiritual discernment and to recommit ourselves to the high calling of Christ upon our lives and our church!

To that end Rev. Steve Bentley, our Acting Regional Minister, and I will be visiting clergy groups around the state to listen, share, think and pray as Disciples of Christ are called to do. If you have a planned gathering of clergy and/or laity, please let us know so that one or both of us can join you in that

time of intentional fellowship. If you do not have a scheduled gathering but would like to do so, simply be in touch and we'll do everything possible to coordinate with you. Of course you are free to call or email us at anytime.

Finally and quite candidly, we are experiencing a time of great fiscal uncertainty. We have many pressing expenses and yet, want to sustain the ministries to which God has called us as a region. To that end, I am asking each congregation as well as individual donors to consider a sacrificial gift to the Leadership Fund of the Christian Church in Ohio. This fund specifically supports the Regional Ministries and as the generosity of God's people is yet again revealed, we will also be working to right the ship through other fiscal decisions that will provide a bridge to a brighter, stronger and even more faithful church might bear witness to the love of God in Christ!

I am grateful for your partnership and prayers,

Rev. Dr. Tom Stephenson

Regional Moderator

SERVERS—JUNE 2017

ELDERS:

Jan Commers	(bread)
Paul Long	(cup)
Larry Grace	(shut-in communion)

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

DIACONATE (Deacons):

* Helen Long	Darwin Riley
Tammy Boroff	Katie Strayer
Linda Reinhart	Clint Reinhart
Corey Harris	David Boroff

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

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

WORSHIP LEADER: Matt Strayer

PREPARE COMMUNION: Jan Commers

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

GREETER: Ursula Riley

SUNDAY SCHOOL: We would like to have Sunday School but we do not have teachers

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

READ SCRIPTURE:

6/04/2017	Leah Gunderman-Luke 11: 11-13
6/11/2017	No Scripture
6/18/2017	Tracy Gunderman-John 6:35-40
6/25/2017	Larry Grace-John 10: 1-4

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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

June 2017



Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.
 His love endures forever. Psalm 136:1

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<p>"WE REALIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF LIGHT WHEN WE SEE DARKNESS." MALALA YOUSAFZAI</p>		1	2	3
<p>4 PENTECOST</p> <p>SERMON: FREE TO BE!</p> <p>SCRIPTURE: LUKE 11: 11-13 ACTS 2: 1-4, GALATIANS 4: 1-7</p>	5	<p>6 PLDG. MINISTERIAL-9 A.M.</p> <p>DISCIPLES WOMENS MEETING-10 A.M.</p> <p>CHRISTIAN ED-6:30 P.M</p>	7	8	9	10
<p>11 TRINITY SUNDAY PASTOR INSTALLATION</p> <p>SPECIAL MUSIC BY GRAIL</p> <p>CAMP COMMISSIONING</p>	12	13	<p>14 FLAG DAY</p> <p>THE GARDENS SERVICE-1:30 P.M.</p> <p>NO FINANCE MEETING</p>	<p>15 WORSHIP/ MEMBERSHIP-6:00 p.m.</p>	16	<p>17 MEN'S GROUP 8:30 A.M.</p> <p>MOORE-FELLOWSHIP HALL</p>
<p>18 FATHER'S DAY</p> <p>ELDERS 8:30 A.M.</p> <p>SERMON: TRUSTING IN DESPAIR</p> <p>SCRIPTURE: JOHN 6: 35-40 PSALM 13</p> <p>OTTER CAMPERS LEAVING</p>	<p>19 OTTER CAMP</p>	<p>20 FIRST DAY OF SUMMER</p> <p>BOARD MEETING-7 P.M.</p> <p>OTTER CAMP</p>	<p>21 OTTER CAMP</p>	<p>22 OTTER CAMP</p>	<p>23 OTTER CAMP</p>	<p>24 OTTER CAMP</p>
<p>25 SERMON: JOY IN CONFIDENCE</p> <p>SCRIPTURE: JOHN 10: 1-4 PSALM 23</p>	26	27	28	29	30	<p>Anytime I feel lost, I can ask God for guidance and help.</p>

HELD IN
YOUR



Make this heartwarming handprint gift to give your dad or another special man on Father's Day.

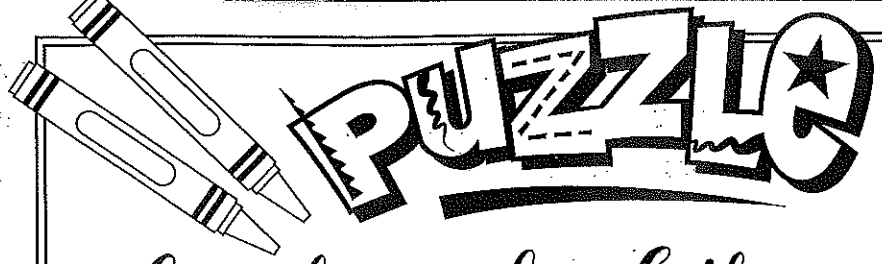
What you need:

- Tempura paint (any two colors besides white)
- A paper plate
- Two paintbrushes
- Your dad's hand
- White cardstock
- Paper towels
- A pen



What you do:

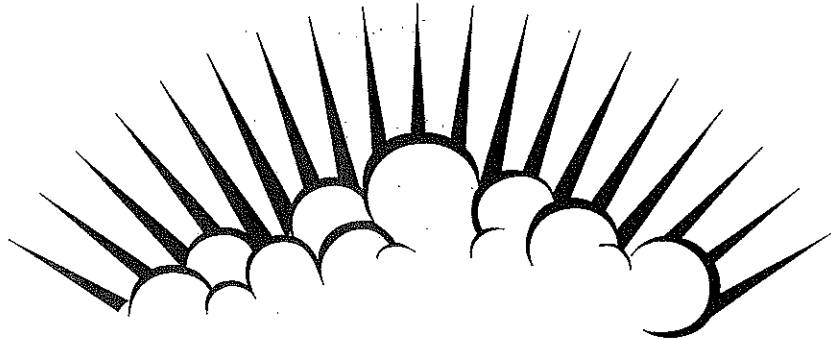
1. Place paint on the paper plate.
2. Paint your dad's palm and the insides of his fingers with one color of paint. Set his hand in the center of the cardstock and press down. Let dry.
3. Paint your palm and fingers with the other color. Place your hand in the center of your dad's. Let dry.
4. Write a loving message to your dad on the blank sections of the cardstock.
5. Give your dad the gift — and a hug!



Our heavenly Father

Father's Day is the perfect time to remember God, our heavenly Father. What does the psalmist say about him?

Directions: Complete Psalm 89:26 by placing the correct vowels in the blanks.



"H _ w _ ll _ c _ ll _ _ _ t _ t _ m _ ,

'Y _ _ _ r _ m _ F _ th _ r , m _ '

G _ d , th _ R _ ck _ m _ S _ v _ _ r ."

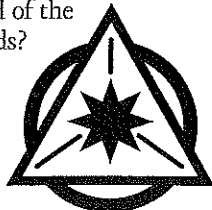
Ps _ lm 89:26, N _ V

Answer: "He will call out to me, 'You are my Father, my God, the Rock my Savior.'" Psalm 89:26, NIV

Bible Quiz

The "Trinitarian formula" occurs only once in the Bible. In which New Testament book do we read "in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit," and who said these words?

- A. Romans; Paul
- B. 1 Peter; Simon Peter
- C. The Acts of the Apostles; Luke
- D. Matthew; Jesus



Answer: D (See Matthew 28:19.)



"He's using the devotional we gave him for Father's Day."