

DISCIPLE DIGEST

First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

MAY 2015

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.



I want to share a Scripture from the Book of James, chapter 5, verses 7 through 12. (Holy Bible, NRSV)

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. Indeed we call blessed those who showed endurance. You have heard of the endurance of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful. Above all, my beloved, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your "Yes" be yes and your "No" be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

Beloved. James uses the word four times in this short Scripture passage. Beloved. What does it mean to be the beloved of God? Patient, like the farmer, not grumbling. Hmmm.... Me too, you know. I am just as human as you are. My faults are obvious to me, and sometimes to you. Still we are all God's beloved. When Jesus was baptized, God spoke of Him as his beloved Son. God speaks of you and me as His beloved son or daughter.

For two Sundays out of this month, Nelda and I are on vacation. The first week we will be driving to Stillwater, Oklahoma to visit my oldest sister, Earlene, and her three kids and families. Plus Nelda has a first cousin living in Tulsa. The second week, we are planning to spend some time in Assumption, Illinois with Nelda's parents, the Rev. Dr. M. James Gardiner and his wife Marilyn. Hopefully it will be a time of rest and rejuvenation as we continue our work together in Paulding. Blessings on all of you today and always.

Pastor Jeff



PRAYER REQUESTS:



*Erwin Bandy
 *Gene Vance
 * Phyllis Beamer
 Lucas Edwards
 Kim Armstrong
 Judy Wren
 Deb Belk
 Lance Miller
 Derric Brown
 Pam Bauer
 Scott Fredrickson
 Janice Merriman
 Donna McNeil

The family of Juanita Lytle
 Charles & Gleema Baxter
 Janice Merriman
 Robert & Marilyn Ladd
 *Paula Riggenbach
 *Isabelle Ringler

Military:
 Sarah Yoder

Nursing Home Residents..

*Aletha Kadesch (Gardens)
 *Georgiana Wilson (Manor House)
 *Mildred Bashore (Gardens)
 *John Peeper Jr. (Gardens)
 *Helen Gunderman-
 (St. Anne's Retirement Comm. Apt. 26)
 Our homebound

In Sympathy

Please keep the family of Juanita Lytle in your prayers. Juanita passed away March 27th in Fort Wayne, IN. Juanita is the Mother of Shirley Finnegan and Sandra Leslie.

* Denotes FCC members

Thank You

The family of Juanita Lytle would like to thank everyone for the wonderful funeral dinner. It was very much appreciated.

Harris/ Leslie Family

Thank You

Special thanks for all the words of sympathy and encouragement sent to me for the loss of my dear sister, Fern Merillat. Also thank the DWM for the memorial.

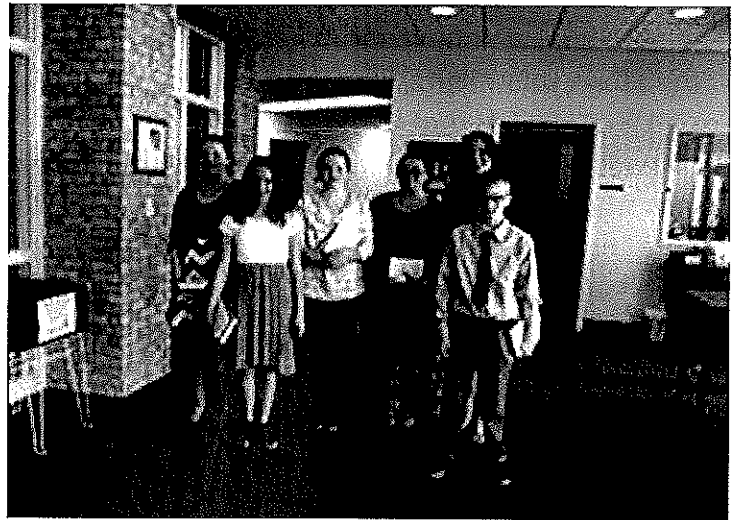
May God Bless You

Velma Albert

Thank You

Thank you all so much for the nice luncheon and the gift in my Mother's honor. We were all treated so well and we all appreciate all you did.

The family of Babe Price



Baptisms

Lily Knapp, Haylie Lero, Haleigh Stallbaum, Gabriel Stallbaum, Briana Townley and Kyle Harris were baptized on Easter Sunday. Please keep these young people in your prayers as they continue their journey of faith.



FLOWERS



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- 5/3/15 Eleanor Fellers (Memory of Donald)
- 5/10/15 Dennis & Susan Knapp (Memory of Sarah Beverly)
- 5/17/15 Velma Albert
- 5/24/15 Darla Smith (Honor of Graduations)
- 5/31/15 Greg & Ann Reinhart (Honor of Family)

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 5/5 Kelcie Pack
- 5/6 Haylie Lero
- 5/7 Betsy Daniels
- 5/8 Jeanne Fellers
- 5/9 Sandra Oyler
- 5/11 Angela Perchikoff
- 5/12 Phyllis Beamer
- 5/13 Shirley Workman
- 5/14 Ellen Riggerbach
- 5/16 Susan Knapp
- 5/16 Jessica McDonald
- 5/16 Robert Riley
- 5/18 Julie Pack
- 5/22 Scott Pease
- 5/23 Michael Mudel
- 5/25 Aaron Hibbard
- 5/27 Devon Smith
- 5/28 Ben Gunderman
- 5/30 Shawn Cook
- 5/31 Faith Bland

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 5/03 David & Jeanne Fellers
- 5/04 Scott & Kelsey Rhodes
- 5/14 Bruce & Anna Gunderman
- 5/15 Gary & Tammy Boroff
- 5/15 A.J. & Angela Perchikoff
- 5/16 Robert & Ruth Riley
- 5/16 Ted & Camie Stallbaum
- 5/21 Harry & Kelly Ricker
- 5/24 Glen & Joyce Stewart
- 5/26 Ken & Sandra Oyler
- 5/30 Greg & Ann Reinhart



**DEADLINE FOR THE
JUNE DIGEST
MAY 15TH.**



WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

WORSHIP:

DATE:	MEMBERS	VISITORS	NON MEMBERS	CHILDREN	TOTAL
3/29/15	71	9	10	22	112
4/2/15	27		1	1	29
4/5/15	91	22	14	28	155
4/12/15	65	4	6	8	83
4/19/15	77	2	6	14	99

"If at first you don't succeed,
do it like your mother told
you."



COUNTERS:

- 5/3/15 John Jelinek, Matt Strayer, Jack Moore
- 5/10/15 Gary McClure, Vicki McClure, Sandra Bandy
- 5/17/15 Max Hibbard, Sue Simpson, Charles Simpson
- 5/24/15 Matt Strayer, Matt Stoller, John Jelinek



FINANCIAL FACT:

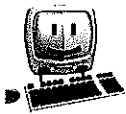
DID YOU KNOW THE BI-MONTHLY WATER SEWER BILL FOR THE CHURCH IS \$317.39.

First Christian Church Fund Summary MARCH 2015

	TITHES & OFFERINGS	INITIAL ENVEL OFFER	WK OF COMP	SPECIAL HOLIDAY EASTER	GIDEONS	MENS GROUP	TOTAL
03/01/2015	2,611.00	0.00	45.00	0.00	100.00	45.00	2,801.00
03/08/2015	1,930.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,930.00
03/15/2015	1,767.00	5.00	0.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	1,782.00
03/22/2015	1,354.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	143.00	1,497.00
03/24/2015	0.00	0.00	6.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.20
03/29/2015	1,822.00	0.00	0.00	51.00	0.00	0.00	1,873.00
TOTAL	9,484.00	5.00	51.20	61.00	100.00	188.00	9,889.20

Susan K. Simpson
Susan K. Simpson, Financial Secretary

4/1/15
4/1/15



Church Website

The church website is firstccpauling.org

We have been working on the website. The calendar and the digest are now on the website as well as a link to our facebook page.



T shirts

The Disciples Women are taking order for t-Shirts. The shirts are red with white lettering and a white chalice. They are similar to the shirts we ordered years ago but the font is different. Shirts are \$12.00 each. All sizes are available to order. Order forms are in the narthex, please turn in forms and payment to Leah Gunderman or the office By May 10th.

Thank you.



"A Picture Is Like a Thousand Words" "All Women Tea"

Sunday June 14th, 2 p.m. in the fellowship hall.
Mothers, Daughters, Grandmothers, nieces, its time for FUN, LAUGHTER, FELLOWSHIP,

We are going back in time with photos, sharing photos, and even taking photos.

We ask all attending to bring in a photo of yourself as a child, please drop it off at the church office or see Sharon Cooper or Susan Knapp. Also bring with you a special item that belonged to your daughter, mother, grandmother.

We will also have a photographer to take special pictures.

Hope to see you all for a Special Day of fellowship.

PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE. . .



. . .when a member of your family is admitted to the hospital, so that visits can be made and the proper people notified.

...when your team plans to have a meeting, so that it can be cleared and placed on the church calendar.

...when either your home or business phone number is changed, so the church records can be corrected.

...when you are planning to move-out of town or locally.

...when a new baby arrives in your family.

...when a member of your family leaves home for college or to establish a new residence.

...when a new family moves into your neighborhood.

...when you feel the church can assist you in any way.



Disciples Women's Ministry

The Disciples Women met on April 7th at 10 a.m. It was reported that 28 prayer shawls were made either here or at home by the women. The Shawls are to be given to those in need of prayers and comfort. The shawls are in the office, please sign the book when taking one so that we don't duplicate our ministry for the same person. We held a prayer shawl blessing during worship on April 12th.

The Baked Potato/Salad Lunch was well attended, the profit from the lunch was \$376.00.

Thanks to all who donated and worked.

A special thanks to the organizers.

We have a sign up sheet for any women of the church who would like to be our visiting deacon for a month and also a kitchen monitor sign up sheet. The kitchen monitor oversees the kitchen, making sure the towels are washed, the counters are clean and clear and the refrigerators do not have any left over food in them. If you can help with any of these sign ups please contact Suzy Strayer or the office.

Our next meeting will be May 5th at 10 a.m.
The All daughter celebration will be June 14th at 2 p.m.



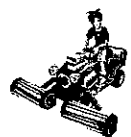
Summer Music Sign up

There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for anyone who would like to provide special music for the worship services during the summer. Please share your talent with us or ask your friends to share their talent.

Mowing Sign up

The Mowing Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. If you could sign up to mow for 2 weeks at a time it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank You.





PRAYER GARDEN IN THE SANCTUARY



CHILDREN'S BELL CHOIR EASTER SUNDAY



LILY CROSS BLOOMS

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| Velma Albert | In Memory of Forre Albert. In Honor of Family & Friends. |
| Amanda Boroff | In Honor of Tammy Boroff, Jan Commers and David Boroff
In Memory of Bob & Jennie Wooten, In Memory of Short & Jean Boroff. |
| Sharon Cooper | In Memory of Rollin & John Cooper, Mom, Dad, and Alice.
In Honor of Family. |
| Dennis & Susan Knapp | In Memory of Rollin Cooper, John Cooper, Jerry Knapp.
In Honor of Sharon Cooper, Lily Knapp's baptism. |
| Gary & Vicki McClure | In Memory of George & Ruth Crone and Floyd & Elma McClure.
In Honor of Cadence, Clark, Caia & Carter.
In Honor of Jennifer & Brian and Julie & Shawn. |
| Dee & Denise Renollet | In Memory of Phyllis Hoffman and Ted Renollet.
In Honor of Family. |
| Deb Santo | In Memory of Nutie & Mabel Haney, Richard Gunderman
In Honor of Leah Gunderman. |
| Pastor Jeff & Rev. Nelda Seger | In Memory of John U., Jr. & Martha L (Lannan) Seger, Richard
"Ricky" Seger and Jim Seger.
In Honor of our children, John, Adam, Carin, Matt & Charley.
In Honor of Jim & Marilyn Gardiner. |
| Brent & Leslie
Briana & Emma Townley | In Memory of Don & Evelyn Thompson, Alyse Townley.
In Honor of Gene Vance. |

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS has been scheduled for Sunday Aug. 2 nd thru
Thursday Aug.6th.

This year we will be going to

EVEREST

Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power

If you are able to help with this ministry please contact
Olivia Mendez or Ashley Cameron.



Outreach Ministry Bags

The Outreach Team is still sponsoring the Card Ministry.

Help us brighten someone's day!
Sign out a tote bag, make a card and return the bag.

We will deliver the card for you.

The bags may be picked up in the
narthex.




Supplies needed.

The church needs to replenish the
Kleenex and paper towel supply. If you are
able to help with this it would be greatly
appreciated.

Thank You

CAMP DATES

Ribbit	June 7-10	
Otter	June 21-27	
Chi Rho	June 28-July 4	
CYF	July 26- August 1	

See Jan for Details.

WANTED

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

We would like to continue Sunday
School through the summer months.

This requires teachers!!!!

Please sign up on the bulletin board, or
contact Olivia Mendez and Ashley
Cameron.

FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY

Food pantry Sunday will be the first
Sunday of each month.

So far this is working very well. Thank You
so much for your donations.
The pantry can always use canned fruit
and personal hygiene products.



Pentecost Offering

Please review the enclosed flyer concerning the
Pentecost Offering. There is also an envelope
enclosed if you would like to donate. Your
envelope may be put in the offering plate on
Sunday morning. Thank You.



Outdoor Movie Nite

Wednesday July 22nd at 6:30 p.m. we
will be having a movie for all ages in the shelter
house. There will be a box in the narthex to write
your movie selection on.

The movie will the most votes wins.
We need large cardboard boxes before July. Big
enough for a child to sit in. Kids will be making their
cars for the drive in movie during Sunday School.
Adults will need to bring their favorite chair.
Further details coming later.

CHURCH PICNIC / HOMECOMING – Sunday, June 28

The Worship Committee and the Men's Group would like to invite you to an Outdoor Worship Service followed by a potluck lunch. The Men's Group will be cooking hotdogs, games will be provided for the kids, reminisce about old times, and fun for all.

Worship starts at 10:00. Mark your calendars and plan to be there. Please invite all members, past members, and friends to this time of worship, fun, and fellowship. See you there.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY – July 18-22

Did you ever want to attend a General Assembly but couldn't afford to take the time off to go? This year it is in Columbus, Ohio, and they have made it affordable to those who want to go just for a day. You can pick your day and register on site at the Assembly for only \$50. To find out more about what is happening at the Assembly go to <http://ga.disciples.org>.

Thanks for your support

The Men's Group had a successful Pancake Breakfast on April 18. We would like to thank all those who came and supported the No Child Goes Hungry Program.

ATTENTION DISCIPLES MEN!!

The Men's meeting for May 16 is canceled, and will be moved to Saturday May 8, at 8:30. We need to discuss the money received from the breakfast and the upcoming Church Picnic. Saturday May 16 will be the Men's Spring Retreat and work day at Camp Christian.

DISCIPLES HISTORY FACT

Did you know our roots can be traced back to 1801? There was a revival held in Kentucky near the Cane Ridge Church, and hosted by Rev. Barton Stone. This Christian Revival lasted a full week and was attended by as many as 20,000 people.

Our Graduates

Graduating from High School this year.

Klair Hoover is graduating from Napoleon High School. She is planning to attend Bowling Green State University. Her course of study will be nursing. Her summer plans are to attend church camp and to travel. Klair is the daughter of Chris & Jeannine Hoover

Suzanne Reinhart is graduating from Paulding High School. She is going into the United States Navy. She will be life guarding this summer until she receives her notice to report for basic training. Suzanne is the daughter of Greg & Ann Reinhart.

Bill Smith is graduating from Paulding High School. He will be attending Defiance College, his course of study is going to be forensic science. Bill plans on going to the Hench summer program. Bill is the son of Dan & Darla Smith.

Elliott Gunderman is graduating from Woodlan High School. Elliott will be attending Defiance College, his course of study is computer graphic design. He is the son of Bruce & Anna Gunderman.

Elliott would like to invite his church family to his open house in the fellowship hall on June 7th following worship until 1:30 p.m.

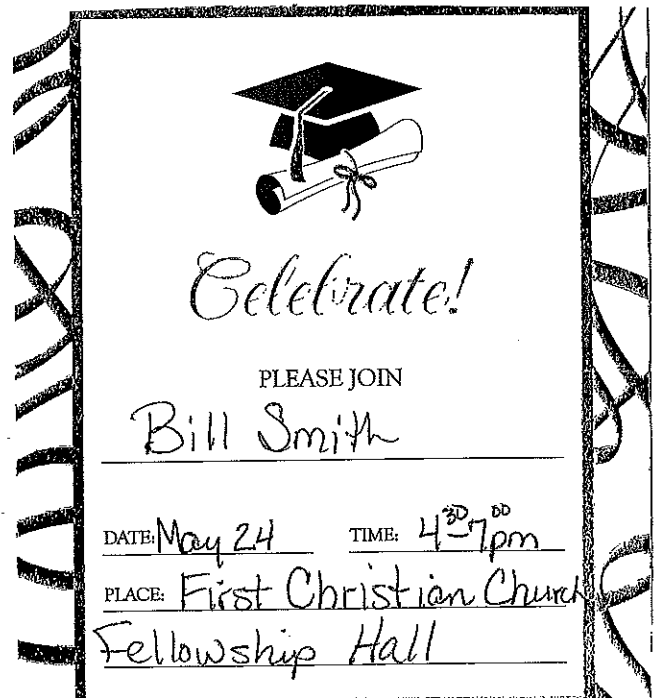


Announcing the Graduation of
Suzanne Marie Reinhart

from Paulding High School on
May 24, 2015 at 2:30 p.m.
in the High School Gymnasium
Please join us in celebration
Sunday, May 17, 2015
3:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.
at First Christian Church
1233 Emerald Rd Paulding, Ohio



Class of 2015



SERVERS—MAY 2015

ELDERS:

Ellen Riggerbach	(bread)
Matt Strayer	(cup)
Gary McClure	(shut-in communion)

DIACONATE (Deacons):

*Deb Santo	Angela Perchikoff
Cindy Grace	Darwin Riley
Larry Grace	Denise Renollet
Josh Lero	Elliott Gunderman

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

WORSHIP LEADER: Darwin Riley

PREPARE COMMUNION: Betty Ganger

(Clean up, pick up empty cups, please put communion in the nursery for the attendant.)

GREETERS: Deb Santo & Angela Perchikoff

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

NURSERY:

5/3/2015	Amanda Boroff
5/10/2015	Suzy Strayer
5/17/2015	Jan Commers
5/24/2015	Linda Reinhart
5/31/2015	Paul Long

READ SCRIPTURE:

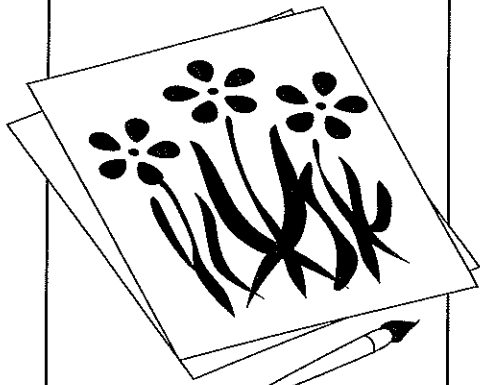
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SPRING

Make this beautiful craft to remind you of God's gift of new life at springtime.



What you need:

- White 11" x 17" paper
- Acrylic paint (various spring colors, including green)
- Paintbrush
- Empty two-liter plastic bottle
- Paper plates
- Paper towels

What you do:

1. With the paper placed vertically, paint stems and leaves with green paint.
2. Pour a different color of paint onto a paper plate. Then place the bottom of the bottle into the paint.
3. Using the bottle as a stamp, press it onto the paper to create a flower atop a green stem.
4. Repeat with different colors on different plates, cleaning the bottle each time, to create a beautiful spring bouquet.



Spring has sprung!

God created all the seasons, and each brings unique visuals that remind us of him.

Directions: Unscramble each phrase to complete Song of Solomon 2:12, NIV. Use the pictures as hints.

earth on appear the Flowers

" _____ ;



singing come the of has season

the _____

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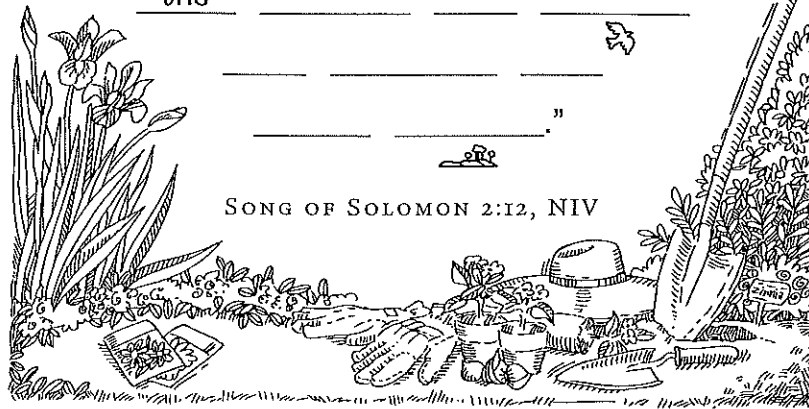


heard the land our in is of cooing doves

the _____

_____ "

SONG OF SOLOMON 2:12, NIV



Answers: "Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooing of doves is heard in our land."



"I'm going into all the world to make disciples of all nations. So I might be a little late for dinner."