

DISCIPLE DIGEST

First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

JULY 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.



From the Gospel of Luke, chapter 9, verses 18 through 20, we have these words: (NRSV)

Once when Jesus was praying alone, with only the disciples near him, he asked them, "Who do the crowds say that I am?" They answered, "John the Baptist; but others, Elijah; and still others, that one of the ancient prophets has arisen." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered, "The Messiah of God."

Who do you say that I am? The question is still being asked of Jesus' followers today. Our answer will determine our life and the manner in which we live. Everything that we do reflects on us as the followers of Jesus Christ. Good and bad. People watch us even when we do not think they are paying attention. More than our words, it is our actions that tell people who we are. I could use some work in this area. How about you?

Jesus tells Peter later that his answer could only come from God. It is not of human origin. Later in the gospel story, Jesus is teaching a difficult lesson about sharing his body and blood with his closest followers. Many in the crowd left, because they could not abide this teaching. Jesus asked his followers if they would like to leave too. Peter answered by asking a question, 'where else could we go? You have the words of eternal life.' And so it is with us in 2015. Where else could we go? We know that Peter and the rest of the disciples flee when Jesus is arrested. Peter denies his Master. Yet, the resurrected Jesus Christ returns and asks Peter three times if he loves him. 'Feed my sheep,' he tells him. Three times denied. Three times affirmed. Jesus uses Peter to build his Church on earth. The gathered community of believers. You and me. And all of us together.

God can and will use us for his purpose as well. Maybe not in such dramatic fashion, but maybe so. God is not limited by space and time as we are in our human condition. His ways are high above our ways. God has plans for his children. And God has plans for us. Blessings and peace as we continue our journey together in this place.

Pastor Jeff



PRAYER REQUESTS:



- * Phyllis Beamer The family of Gene Vance
- * Isabelle Ringler The family of Mildred Bashore
- * Bill Baxter Charles & Gleema Baxter
- Lucas Edwards The family of Skyler Huth
- Kim Armstrong The family of Brian Meyer
- Judy Wren Jackie Wagner
- Deb Belk Cari Sue Wilson
- Pam Bauer The family of Nalon Clicker
- Scott Fredrickson
- * Paula Riggerbach **Military:**
- Robert Ladd Sarah Yoder
- Donna McNeil
- Janice Merriman

* Denotes FCC members



Thank You for Pastor Jeff

Our family has been greatly blessed by having a wonderful Pastor who supported and prayed with us during our Fathers (Gene Vance) illness. Our deepest thanks for honoring Dad and capturing his spirit during the funeral services.

God Bless You
The Vance Family

Thank You

Thank you for the much needed support through out the years and also for the book.

Sincerely,
Suzanne Reinhart



Special Birthday Wishes

DeLean Dotterer will be celebrating her 100th birthday on July 14th. She celebrated her 90th here at FCC. She has been a member of the church since 1926. Please help her celebrate by sending her birthday wishes at : 4931 Nettleton Rd.

Apt. 4310
Medina, Ohio 44256

Nursing Home Residents..

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

Our homebound

Our Deepest Sympathy

Please keep the family of Gene Vance in your prayers. Gene died June 4, 2015. Gene has been a member of The church since 1949. The funeral was held at the church on June 6th.

Please Keep the family of Mildred Bashore in your prayers. Mildred died June 7 th at the Gardens of Paulding. She has been a member of the church since 1956. Her funeral was held on June 13th.

Please keep the family of Skyler Huth in you prayers. Skyler died June 9th. He is the grandson of Rich and Marsha Perl and the great grandson of Phyllis Beamer.



Thank You

Thank you to all who attended the All Daughters Celebration on Sunday afternoon. We were so pleased with all who came for a fun afternoon together. Also thanks to every one who helped with cleanup.

Sharon, Susan, Ursula & Ellen



FLOWERS



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- 7/5/15 Lero's (In Honor of Josh & Carrie's Anniversary and Aden's Birthday)
- 7/12/15 Darla Smith (In Honor of Danielle & Adam's 1st Anniversary)
- 7/19/15 Dee Fraley (In Honor of Daughter)
- 7/26/15 Lero's (In Honor of Reeces's Birthday)

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 7/02 Carrie Lero
- 7/02 Milo Workman
- 7/07 Branden Pease
- 7/08 Zachary Good
- 7/08 Sandra Leslie
- 7/09 Lillie Hibbard
- 7/10 Anna Gunderman
- 7/11 Pat Paulus
- 7/12 Shirley Cramer
- 7/13 Logan Bok
- 7/14 DeLean Dotterer
- 7/14 Aden Lero
- 7/17 Loretta Crawford
- 7/17 Denise Renollet
- 7/18 Kara Thompson
- 7/19 Kelsey Rhodes
- 7/20 Ethan Rhonehouse
- 7/21 Hayden Bok
- 7/22 Danielle Flemens
- 7/22 Ryan Mawer
- 7/23 Michelle Mawer
- 7/26 Eternity Bassler
- 7/31 Bill Baxter
- 7/31 Sheryl Garza

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 7/01 Kevin & Lindsey Frey
- 7/04 Josh & Carrie Lero
- 7/06 Michael & Jennifer Mudel
- 7/08 Roger & Jenifer Nicelley
- 7/10 Dave & Lori Clark
- 7/12 Ben & Katrina Gunderman
- 7/20 Jeff & Kylee Hunt
- 7/30 Gail & Judy Peri
- 7/31 Shawn & Julie Cook



DEADLINE FOR THE
AUGUST DIGEST
JULY 15TH.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

WORSHIP:

DATE:	MEMBERS	VISITORS	NON MEMBERS	CHILDREN	TOTAL
5/24/15	70	1	7	12	91
5/31/15	52	2	6	9	69
6/7/15	71	4	4	12	91
6/14/15	49	2	10	11	72

COUNTERS:

- 7/5/15 John Jelinek, Matt Strayer, Jack Moore
- 7/12/15 Gary McClure, Vicki McClure, Sandra Bandy
- 7/19/15 Max Hibbard, Sue Simpson, Charles Simpson
- 7/26/15 Matt Strayer, Matt Stoller, John Jelinek



First Christian Church Fund Summary May 2015

FINANCIAL FACT:

The organ must be serviced twice a year at a cost of \$550.00 per year.

	TITHES & OFFERINGS	INITIAL ENVEL	PENTECOST	YOUTH GROUP	MENS GROUP	Total
05/03/2015	2,121.00	0.00	55.00	300.00	10.00	2,486.00
05/10/2015	1,373.00	0.00	20.00	0.00	25.00	1,418.00
05/17/2015	1,917.00	5.00	132.00	0.00	0.00	2,054.00
05/24/2015	4,821.70	0.00	203.00	0.00	0.00	5,024.70
05/31/2015	1,601.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,601.00
Total	11,833.70	5.00	410.00	300.00	35.00	12,583.70

Susan K. Simpson
Susan K. Simpson, Financial Secretary

6-2-15
Date



Church Website

The church website is firstccpaulding.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.



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.

Outreach

Outreach will be helping serve lunches in LaFountain Park July 13-17 at 11:15 a.m. All children 1-18 are welcome to eat and play. We need volunteers to help with this program.

We will be adopting the 1st grade again this year. This will be providing school supplies for the children.

Supplies needed are:

8 oz Elmers Glue

Box of 24 Crayola Crayons

Large Eraser 1X2

School Box

#2 Lead pencils

Fiskar Scissors

Kleenex

Book Bags



BIBLE STUDY

The weekly Bible Study group will be taking a break for the summer. Pastor Jeff will still be leading the second Wednesday of the month service at the Gardens.

Please provide the Brand names listed. This is requested by the school teachers. We want all children to feel confident and included as they enter into a new school year.

If you have questions please see Genelta, Vicki or Sue Simpson

Mowing Schedule For the weeks of:

June 28 and July 5-Bill Smith
July 12 and July 19-Diane Bakle
July 26 and August 2 Gerry Fraley
August 9 and August 16- Gary McClure
August 23 and August 30-
Sept. 6 and Sept 13- Clint Reinhart
Sept 20 and Sept. 27-Diane Bakle
Oct 4 and Oct 11-
Oct. 18 and Oct. 25-Gerry Fraley

Thank you

Sunday School Teachers

We still need teachers in August.
If you can help
please sign up on the bulletin board.



Disciples Women's Ministry

The Disciples Women's Ministry met on June 2th. Devotions were given by Cindy Grace.

The Song Books that were ordered for The Gardens were dedicated June 10th at The Gardens. After the dedication a refreshments were served. Many thanks to Virginia and Velma for overseeing this project.

Ladies night out is July 7th. The Group voted to go to the Barn in Archbold. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board for those attending.

Blanket Sunday is July 26th. Sharon Cooper is chairperson of blanket promotions.

A Comforter has been donated for the Women to raffle in the fall. Details will be coming soon for this.

Our next meeting will be August 4th at 10 a.m.





Blanket Sunday July 26th

The Disciples Women promote the church world service blanket program on the last Sunday of July. Please review the enclosed flyer. If you would like to donate to this worthy cause please make our checks out to Church World Service and put them in the collection plate. Thank you so much.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS has been scheduled for Sunday Aug. 2 nd thru Thursday Aug.6th. 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.



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.

White Elephant Gifts

We will be playing Bingo this winter at one of our Wednesday night fellowship meetings. We would like to collect white elephant gifts to give as prizes. What is a white elephant? Something you have that you don't use or want anymore. Maybe it's a book , maybe it's a sit around, maybe it's a toy. Surprises are great! There will be a box in the narthex .



Thanks for all your help.
Pastor Jeff & Denise

The Art of Delegating

God seems to do nothing himself which he can possibly delegate to his creatures. He commands us to do slowly and blunderingly what he could do perfectly and in the twinkling of an eye... Creation seems to be delegation through and through. I suppose this is because God is a giver.

C.S. Lewis, The World's Last Night

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION

AUGUST 2ND -AUGUST 6TH

NAME _____ PARENTS _____

ADDRESS _____

AGE _____ BIRTHDATE _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____

ALLERGIES OR HEALTH CONCERNS _____

Essential Prayer

Prayer is as natural an expression of faith as breathing is of life; and to say a man lives a life of faith and yet lives a prayerless life is every whit as inconsistent and incredible as to say that a man lives without breathing. He that lives a prayerless life lives without God in the world.

How can you expect to dwell with God forever if you so neglect and forsake him here?

Jonathon Edwards

Outdoor Movie Nite

Wednesday July 22nd at 6:30 p.m. we will be having a movie for all ages in the shelter house. Kids will be making their cars for the drive in movie during Sunday School in July. Adults will need to bring their favorite chair. If you would like to help with concessions please contact Denise.



CAMP DATES

June 28-July 4

Chi Rho Camp

Lily Knapp, Haylie Lero, Katie Strayer, Jordan Mudel

July 26- Aug. 1- CYF

Klair Hoover, Suzanne Reinhart, Adrian Daniels, Abbie English, Ethan Rhonhouse, Devon Smith, Logan Mudel

Everyone likes mail!!!!!!!!!!!!

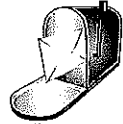
Camp Christian

10335 Maple Dell Red.

Marysville, Ohio 43040

Counselors are Steven Strayer, & Jan Commers

Counselor in Training is Klair Hoover



FELLOWSHIP GATHERING

STARTING IN SEPTEMBER

All ages will be meeting the first Wednesday evening of September. Because of the fall festival we will not meet on the third Wednesday in Sept.

Starting in October we will meet the first and third Wednesday of the month.

Fellowship, Music, Study, Games, Movies and more are being planned.

If you would like to help in the planning or have an idea please see Pastor Jeff or Denise



June 8

To Aug. 13

Except July 3

Hey Kids!! Join Munch for FREE LUNCH and LOTS OF FUN!



All Children Invited
No pre-registration required!

Ages 1-18; over 18 with a disability. Adult must accompany all children age 5 and younger.

Contact Heidi for more information at 419-784-2150, x 1110 or hkween@nocac.org

Northwestern Ohio COMMUNITY ACTION Commission



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La Fountain Park

700 Lincoln Ave.
Paulding

Lunch:

11:30-12:30

(provided by the Paulding County Senior Center)

Activities begin around 12:00

SERVERS—JULY 2015

ELDERS: Max Hibbard (bread)
Ellen Riggerbach (cup)
Genelta Levos (shut-in communion)

DIACONATE (Deacons): * Deb Santo Clint Reinhart
Angela Perchikoff Gerry Fraley
Leah Gunderman Klair Hoover
Jeannine Hoover Dee Fraley

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

WORSHIP LEADER: Ellen Riggerbach

PREPARE COMMUNION: Leah Gunderman & Deb Santo

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

GREETER: Sharon Cooper

SUNDAY SCHOOL: July 5,12,19-Denise Renollet July 26th -Nicole Harris

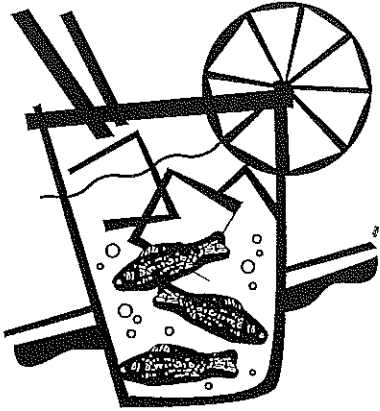
NURSERY: The nursery is available for parents to use during worship.

READ SCRIPTURE: 7/5/2015 Lori Clark- II Samuel 5: 1-5
7/12/2015 Darla Smith-Psalm 24
7/19/2015 Max Hibbard-Psalm 89: 1-5
7/26/2015 Ellen Riggerbach-Psalm 14

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OCEAN WATER

After a busy summer day, relax in the shade with this cool drink.



What you need:

- 3 Tablespoons water
- 3 Tablespoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon coconut extract
- 3 drops blue food coloring
- 24 oz. (2 cans) lemon-lime soda
- Clear cup or glass
- Ice
- Swedish Fish candy

What you do:

1. In a small microwave-safe bowl, combine the water and sugar. Heat for 1 minute. Stir until sugar is dissolved.
2. Pour the mixture into a pitcher. Add coconut extract, food coloring and soda. Stir.
3. Pour into cup. Add ice and fish. Enjoy!

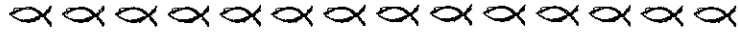


Bring it to Denise for a prize!


PUZZLE


UNDER THE SEA


This summer, consider God's marvelous creation under the sea.





Directions: Write the animal names on the blanks. Then use the circled letters (they may not be in the right order) to create a new word from Psalm 148:7, NIV. Finally, match the words to their numbered blanks below.


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PSALM 148:7, NIV

Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures. Psalm 148:7, NIV

Answers: lobster > Lord, sea horse > earth, hermit crab > great, stingray > praise, jellyfish > you, downfish > from, sea star > creatures

Do the puzzle, bible quiz or color the butterfly!

Bible Quiz

Which two spies urged the Israelites to move into Canaan, opposing the other 10 who were afraid? (Hint: We know one of the two willing spies by the new name Moses gave him.)



- A. Shaphat and Igal
- B. Hoshea and Caleb
- C. Gaddi and Gaddiel
- D. Shammua and Nahbi

Answer: B (See Numbers 13:6, 8, 16, 30; 14:6-8.)