

# DISCIPLE DIGEST

## First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

SEPTEMBER 2015

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### ***MISSION OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH***

***The mission of<sup>s</sup> 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.*



## Job description for a Christian

As a follower of Jesus, you'll share his love and gospel with everyone. Kindness and humility are vital as you speak about your hope in him. To battle evil, you'll receive a complete set of armor. Use it to defend against attacks by a prowling lion or the temptation to place self above others.

Preferred qualifications:

Complete surrender to God

A desire to follow his commandments

A servant heart

Courage to face fiery furnaces or shipwrecks

Everyone's welcome, and training and support are provided. Though you can expect persecution and adversity, the rewards are life-changing-and eternal!

Mary Ann Sundbly



# PRAYER REQUESTS:



- \*Robert Miller
- \*Bill Baxter
- \*Amanda Boroff
- \*Rick DeGood
- \*Paul Eiserle
- Lucas Edwards
- Kim Armstrong
- Deb Belk
- Terry Guelde
- Zane Daniels
- Terry Veninga
- David Riggerbach

- Charles & Gleema Baxter
- Jackie Wagner
- Cari Sue Wilson
- The family of Herbert Haney
- The family of Judy Wren
- The family of Rocksanna Daniels
- The family of Scott Fredrickson
- The family of Judel Henricks

**Military:**  
Sarah Yoder

\* Denotes FCC members

Dear Velma, Genelta and Paulding Friends,

Thank you for the beautiful cards and the messages. I pictured each one as I heard from you by your personal little notes.

I wish I could have been with you in Archbold so I could have had a personal chat with each and everyone of you. I miss you all. I still consider First Christian my Church.

I remember fondly my 90th party. Had lodging accommodations been available in or near Paulding we would have been with you again-because it's "Back Home" to me.

The party was more than I could have hoped for. It went by all too fast. I couldn't visit with each loved one as long as I would have loved to do. It was all awesome. Wish you all could have been with us.

I'm fine-no aches or pains to even mention. I am so blessed in every way.

I love getting the church letter-read it over and over. Best wishes for everyone of you.



Hugs to you,  
DeLean Dotterer

## Thank You

Thank you for the cards of sympathy for the Fraley Family on Judy Wrens death. You are so kind.

God Bless  
Gerry & Dee

## Nursing Home Residents..

- \*Aletha Kadesch (Gardens)
- \*Georgiana Wilson (Manor House)
- \*John Peeper Jr. (Gardens)
- \*Helen Gunderman-
- (St. Anne's Retirement Comm. Apt. 26)
- \*Bob Unger (Hickory Creek Nursing Home)
- Our homebound

## In Sympathy

We would like to express our sympathy to the following families who have lost loved ones this past month.

The family of Judy Wren. She is the sister of Gerry Fraley.

The family of Herbert Haney. He is the brother of Leah Gunderman.

The family of Rocksanne Daniels. She is the sister of Joan Tope.

The family of Judel Henricks. Judel is the sister of Sandy Bandy.

The family of Scott Fredrickson.

Please keep these families in your prayers as they go through this difficult time.



*Friends,*

*Jeff and I thank you very much for the beautiful wind chimes and the money. The chimes are already hanging on our deck. We will continue to pray for all of you on your journey. God's blessings to you,*

*Jeff and Nelda*



# FLOWERS



## SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



**First Christian Church**  
**(Disciples of Christ)**

- 9/6/2015 Tammy Boroff (In Honor of Mom & Dad's Anniversary)
- 9/13/2015 Velma Albert (In Memory Of Forre)
- 9/20/2015 Delmar Schwab (In Memory of Karen Schwab)
- 9/27/2015 Dee & Denise Renollet (In Honor of 35th Anniversary)

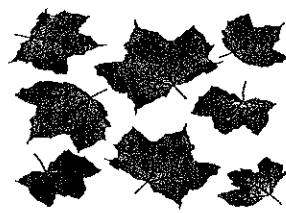
- 9/01 Jim Ellis
- 9/02 Josiah Dohm
- 9/04 Kathy Daniels
- 9/04 Brian Lipp
- 9/08 Kyle Mawer
- 9/08 Gabrielle Stallbaum
- 9/09 Scott Fellers
- 9/11 Jennifer Workman
- 9/15 Katelyn Laney
- 9/15 Amber Simpson
- 9/17 Miranda Dermon
- 9/17 Brian Knapp
- 9/18 Dennis Meyer
- 9/22 Ursula Riley
- 9/24 Stella Bandy
- 9/24 Clint Vance
- 9/24 Corbin Vance
- 9/25 Joshua Hibbard
- 9/26 Jennifer Aden
- 9/26 Madeline Clippinger
- 9/26 Elliott Gunderman
- 9/26 Jessica Moore
- 9/28 Harry Ricker
- 9/26 Briggs Stoller
- 9/26 Bristyl Stoller
- 9/30 Sharon Cooper
- 9/30 John Jelinek
- 9/30 Nate Reinhart

Encourage one another and build each other up.  
1 Thessalonians 5:11

## SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 9/21 Todd & Erika Pease
- 9/25 Lindsey & Matt Hormann
- 9/25 Leslie & Brent Townley
- 9/27 Dee & Denise Renollet
- 9/28 Matt & Suzy Strayer

*Happy Anniversary*



DEADLINE FOR THE  
OCTOBER DIGEST  
SEPTEMBER 15TH.

## WORSHIP ATTENDANCE



### WORSHIP:

DATE:	MEMBERS	VISITORS	NON MEMBERS	CHILDREN	TOTAL
7/26/15	61	4	5	13	83
8/2/15	54	0	2	11	68
8/9/15	60	5	7	19	91
8/16/15	57	16	3	2	78

## COUNTERS:



- 9/6/15 John Jelinek, Matt Strayer, Jack Moore
- 9/13/15 Gary McClure, Vicki McClure, Saundra Bandy
- 9/20/15 Max Hibbard, Sue Simpson, Charles Simpson
- 9/27/15 Matt Strayer, Matt Stoller, John Jelinek

NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS DAY September 13.  
REMEMBER TO HUG A GRANDPARENT!!!!



First Christian Church  
Fund Summary  
JULY  
2015

DATES	TITHES & OFFERINGS	CWS-BLANKETS	FALL FESTIVAL	SIGN FUND	MENS GROUP	Total
07/05/2015	2,240.00	40.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,280.00
07/12/2015	2,025.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,025.25
07/19/2015	1,815.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,820.00
07/26/2015	2,049.00	210.00	0.00	0.00	20.00	2,279.00
07/31/2015	0.00	0.00	59.00	7,255.00	0.00	7,314.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,129.25</b>	<b>255.00</b>	<b>59.00</b>	<b>7,255.00</b>	<b>20.00</b>	<b>15,718.25</b>

### NOTES:

Fall Festival donations were from pig donations/collections  
Sign Fund is a new fund established as a specific use fund. These funds are to be used to purchase a new outdoor sign for the church. Funds of \$5,255.00 were transferred from the Memorial Fund checking acct. to this fund with additional Sign Fund money as donations from individuals.

*Susan K. Simpson*  
Susan K. Simpson Financial Secretary

8-10-15  
Date

## SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT

The Pastor Search Committee met with our Regional Minister, Dr. Edwards, on Wednesday Aug 19. He will be working closely with us to answer our questions and provide names for us to consider. He also explained the Interim process and informed us that a trained Interim Pastor could help us with our search as well as provide for the needs of the congregation. He gave us some names and said we could have an Interim in place in a few weeks. The Search Committee will be gathering input from the congregation in the weeks to come, and we look forward to your comments as well. Please be in prayer for the Search Committee and the First Christian Church as we seek to find the Pastor God is preparing to lead us.



Paul Long

## Thank You

Thank you to all those who helped with Vacation Bible School. What a great week on Mount Everest. The VBS offering will provide 40 bibles for children in Thailand.



## JOYS

Aydenn Ryan Good was born on August 18th to Zach Good and Brittany Eileen.  
Grandparents are Brenda Mathy and Rocky Good.  
Great grandparents are Leah Gunderman.  
Congratulations to everyone on the new addition.

## Thank You

Dear Church Family,

Thank You so much for the scholarships. They are very much appreciated.

Klair Hoover



## Disciples Women's Ministry

The Disciples women met on August 4th at 10 a.m. The meeting was opened with our opening prayer and devotions were given by Suzy Strayer.

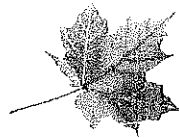
The song books were dedicated at the Gardens. Everyone had a good time.

Blanket Sunday was July 26th. Sharon Cooper presented the blanket promotion during worship. We raised \$430.00 for Church World Service Blankets.

The women discussed getting their aprons embroidered.

The nominating committee is hard at work for next year. There was discussion on future projects. Next meeting will be September 1st at 10 a.m.

Secretary,  
Leah Gunderman



## Fall Festival

Fall Festival will be here before we know it. Sign up sheets for workers and food donations are in the narthex we still need items and workers.

Please sign up where you can. The fellowship and fun of the festival is a part of our ministry as well a big fund raiser for the building maintenance fund.



## Mowing Schedule For the weeks of:

August 23 and August 30-Corey Harris  
Sept. 6 and Sept 13- Clint Reinhart  
Sept 20 and Sept. 27-Diane Bakle  
Oct 4 and Oct 11- Genelta Levos  
Oct. 18 and Oct. 25-Gerry Fraley

## FELLOWSHIP GATHERING

**SEPTEMBER 2nd, 6:30 p.m.**

*Everyone is invited to our kick off.*

*Pizza, & Scavenger Hunt*

*Please sign up on the bulletin board or call the office if you are coming. We will need to have some idea of the number coming for pizza.*



## Future Fellowship Wednesday Dates

October 7th-Adult Study Groups, Children's music and crafts, Youth activities

October 21--Halloween Party

November 4-Adult Study Groups, Children's music and crafts, Youth activities

November 18-White Elephant Bingo

December 9th-Movie Night

## Outreach Report

Thank you for the support of the school supplies. We purchased \$317.00 more to complete the 25 book bags. We also donated \$100.00 to Randell Smith children's education fund, ministerial association we gave \$150.00 and \$100.00 to Hospice.

Thanks & God Bless  
Chair-Genelta Levos

## Bell Choir



Bell Choir will be starting on September 13th following worship. Any one who would like to ring bells is invited to come. If you have questions please see Donna Hibbard.

## White Elephant Gifts

We will be playing Bingo on November 18th at 6:30 p.m. at our Wednesday night fellowship meeting. 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. We have currently collected quite a few items but most are for kids.



*If you have things that could be used for adults it would be great.*

*There is be a box in the narthex .*

Thanks for all your help.  
Denise

## MEMORIAL TEAM

The Memorial Team receives donations in Memory of loved ones.

The donations are used by the team to purchase items for the church.

We have two projects we are saving toward.

We would like to purchase a nativity set for the front of the church.

The other project is a sign fund. The sign would be an activity sign in front of the church to let everyone know what is happening and when. The cost of this type of sign is very expensive. We currently have assembled a Sign Committee to research different types of signs. Through the generously of loved ones the fund has accumulated \$7415.00. Expected cost is around \$15000.00.

If you would like to donate to the sign fund it would be greatly appreciate.

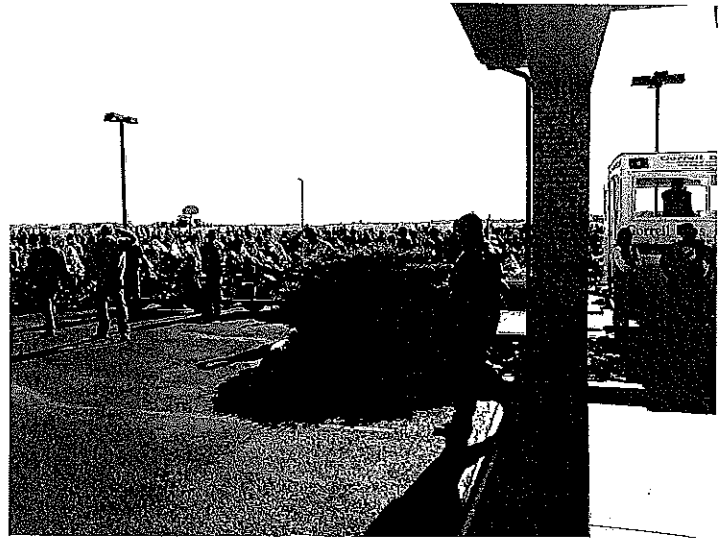
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## Blood Drive

The American Red Cross will be holding a blood drive at the Pldg United Methodist Church on Thurs Sept. 3rd from 11:30 a.m. -5:30 p.m.

**Help  
save  
lives**





**AUGUST 1 ST—500 MOTORCYCLES MET AT THE CHURCH FOR  
THE RANDALL SMITH MEMORIAL**



**BIRTHDAY GIRL!**  
90th Birthday

**Christian Education Meeting**

The Christian Education Committee will meet Tuesday September 1st at 6:30 p.m. All members are encouraged to be there as well as anyone who interested in the Christian Ed Program

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunday School for the fall is starting in September. If you would like to help provide this ministry for the children please sign up to teach. We need everyone's help to make this program a success.



**Pastor Search Team**

- Jan Commers-Co Chair
- Paul Long-Co-Chair
- Clint Reinhart
- Josh Lero
- Ursula Riley
- Matt Strayer
- Kelly Ricker

**SPEAKERS FOR  
SEPTEMBER**

- Sept. 6—Paul Long
- Sept. 13 - Grant Harder
- Sept. 20 -Wendy Taylor
- Sept. 27- Camp Sunday

**YOUTH GROUPS**

September 2-Fellowship  
Gathering-6:30 p.m.

Sunday September 13  
All Youth Groups Meet- 1 p.m.  
Parents please attend this meeting to organize for the year.

**SERVERS—SEPTEMBER 2015**

**ELDERS:**

Charlie Simpson (bread)  
Sue Simpson (cup)  
Ellen Riggerbach (shut-in communion)

**DIACONATE (Deacons):**

\* Kelly Ricker Helen Long  
Cindy Grace Devon Smith  
Larry Grace Harry Ricker  
Susan Knapp Josh Lero

\*Please contact Kelly if you are not able to serve.  
Deacons please sit in the back two pews to serve communion. Thank You.

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Suzy Strayer

**PREPARE COMMUNION:** Suzy Strayer

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

**GREETER:** Jack & Marie Moore

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:**

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

**READ SCRIPTURE:** 9/6/2015 Jan Commers-Psalm 139: 1-6 & 13-18  
9/13/2015 Bruce Gunderman-Psalm 14  
9/20/2015 Tracy Gunderman-Psalm 79: 1-9  
9/27/2015 Darla Smith- Psalm 91: 1-6 & 14-16

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SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES  
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Each of us is a minister of First Christian Church! Vital ministries provided here could not happen without all of us sharing our talents and time. Please give prayerful thought to how you would like to serve your church in the coming year. Complete this form and place it in the basket provided in the narthex, this morning, or drop it off in the church office. Thank you for serving in the name of Jesus our Lord.

- Greeter/Usher Sundays
- Prepare/Cleanup Communion one month.  
Preferred month \_\_\_\_\_
- Worship Leader one month per year
- Read Scripture on a given Sunday
- Serve as Nursery Attendant 3/4 times/yr,
- Teach Children's Sunday School  
during Worship 1 Or 2 mos. per yr.  
Preferred Month (s) \_\_\_\_\_
- Be a VBS Helper \_\_\_\_\_ or teacher \_\_\_\_\_
- Help w/special programs (i.e. Children's  
Christmas Musical, costumes, sets, etc.)
- Help assemble Digest & other mailings  
as necessary.
- Learn to operate sound system and help  
out when needed
- Sanctuary care: Fill candles &  
straighten sanctuary

MUSIC

- Be part of ADULT choir
- BE Part of adult BELL choir
- Play a musical instrument  
What instrument \_\_\_\_\_
- Be director of children's BELL Choir
- Would you direct a children's choir?

CARE MINISTRIES

- Provide transportation for elderly.  
(Medical appointments, church,  
grocery shopping)
- Sit with elderly a few hours to  
relieve their caretakers

BE ON A TEAM

- CHRISTIAN DEVELOPMENT TEAM - help plan the Christian Education program for our  
congregation (SundaySchool, Youth Programs, VBS, etc.)
- STEWARDSHIP/FINANCE TEAM - financial planning of the congregation (church budget,  
special offerings, special needs, promote stewardship)
- WORSHIP/MEMBERSHIP/EVANGELISM TEAM - helps with planning worship services, special  
music, flowers, help w/baptisms, nurture & support members, win people to Christ,  
promote special events.
- MEMORIAL TEAM - receive memorial gifts, maintain records, purchase memorials as  
designated.
- OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM - lift up the mission and outreach of the church through  
communication and special outreach projects.
- TRUSTEES/PROPERTY TEAM -maintain physical structure and grounds of the church

Special skills and interest I Have that might benefit First Christian Church:

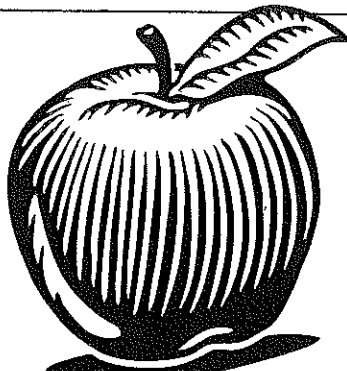
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Be sure to sign your name and give phone number. If there are things you want to do as a couple, so indicate this on the form. Thank you.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NO. \_\_\_\_\_





# AFTER-SCHOOL SNACK

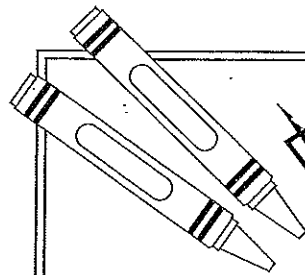
Enjoy this healthy apple snack after a busy day of learning.

### What you need:

- Apple
- Apple corer (optional)
- Peanut butter (or other spread)
- Pecan pieces
- Shredded coconut
- Chocolate chips

### What you do:

1. If you have an apple corer, remove the core. Then slice apple into thin rings. (If you don't have a corer, slice into rings first and then remove the core.)
2. Spread peanut butter across one side of each ring.
3. Sprinkle with pecans, coconut and chocolate chips.
4. Enjoy with a glass of milk!





# PUZZLE

## STAY NOURISHED

Eating nutritious foods such as apples helps keep our bodies healthy. But Proverbs tells us about other important sources of "nourishment."


*Directions: Use the words in the apples to complete Proverbs 3:7-9, NIV.*





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This will bring  to your 

and nourishment to  bones.

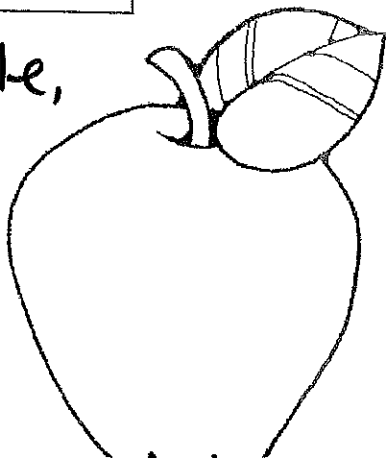
 the LORD  your wealth,

with the firstfruits of  your .

PROVERBS 3:7-9, NIV

Answer: Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones. Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops.

Do the puzzle,  
quiz or  
color the  
apple!  
Bring it to  
win a  
PRIZE!



## Bible Quiz

When Jesus was on his way to heal a young girl, who touched his clothing, and why?

- A. The girl's father, to urge Jesus to hurry.
- B. A boy; he was in awe of Jesus and just wanted to meet him.
- C. Many people; they couldn't help it because it was so crowded.
- D. A woman in the crowd; she hoped that doing so would heal her.

