



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
(Disciples of Christ)  
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# DISCIPLE DIGEST

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*Coffee & Conversation 9:00 a.m.*  
*Sunday School for Adults 9:00 a.m.*  
*Worship 10:00 a.m.*  
*Childrens Sunday School during worship*

## NOVEMBER 2024

GIVE  
thanks  
TO THE  
Lord;  
FOR HE IS GOOD.  
PSALM 107:1, NIV

# DISCIPLE DIGEST

## First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)



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### **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.*



### **PASTOR'S PAGE**

Time flies. It's November and we ready ourselves for the holidays, as we transition from fall to winter and from Thanksgiving to Advent and Christmas. This particular time of year, really seems to arrive quickly and pass quickly. Thanksgiving comes first, as we plan the traditional Thanksgiving feast, invite our families to join us and open our homes. Is that what Thanksgiving is all about? Is that it? A full belly, family and football? Shouldn't Thanksgiving have more meaning than that? Shouldn't it also be a daily practice all year long? Thanksgiving goes hand-in-hand with giving thanks, doesn't it? We fall short of the expectations of God on a daily basis, we all do, that's just life and the way it works. But the area we fail the most in, is in being a thankful people. Thankfulness needs to be a constant in our lives, but we tend to think we earned all the gifts and blessings that come our way in life.

Do you have a nice home; a good job; a nice car; food on the table; the means to take vacations? If you do, like most of us, you attribute that to a good work ethic or a good education, that caused you to "earn" those things. In reality, these are all gifts from God and we should be thankful for these gifts. We may bow our heads at mealtime and maybe some other time during the day, but it needs to be more than that. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, reads in part, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you". This is where we need to be, isn't it? As the holidays approach, there will be demands on our time, we will be running all over as slaves to our schedules, but at the same time, we will be surrounded by love and blessings from those we love the most.

So, this holiday season, I want to encourage you to notice the blessings that surround you, see the gifts that God continually gives and understand...you didn't earn any of this. These are precious gifts, given to you by a God who knows you and who loves you. Give thanks and be blessed.

In Thanksgiving for You,  
**Pastor Ric**

**Comfort in Mourning:**  
The Family of Nancy Burditt

**Healing Prayers:**  
Joan Luginbuhl  
Steve Santo

**Continuing Concerns:**  
Deb Bashore  
Dave Foltz  
Jerry Price  
Nursing Homes  
Our World  
\*Denotes Members



**Nursing Home Residents..**

**The Gardens**  
\*Romaine Boundy  
\*Sandy Leslie  
\*John Jelinek

**Van Crest of Payne**  
Lorean McCollum  
\*Ursula Riley

**Fountain Park-Bryan, Oh**  
\*Wanda Rohlf

**Military:**  
Cameron Cramer



**Happy Birthday**

- 11/03 Dan Workman
- 11/05 Zoey Hibbard
- 11/06 Jodi Perl
- 11/07 Dennis Knapp
- 11/11 Roger Nicelley
- 11/11 Bill Smith
- 11/12 Preslee Cline
- 11/12 Denise Smith
- 11/18 Dawn Carlisle
- 11/19 Tracy Gunderman
- 11/21 Jenifer Nicelley
- 11/22 Shawn Santo
- 11/24 Joe Nicelley
- 11/24 Haleigh Stallbaum
- 11/25 Nicholas Clippinger
- 11/25 Matt Hormann
- 11/28 Jason Bandy

**All Saints Sunday**

November 3rd we will be honoring the Saints during worship.

**NOVEMBER SERVERS**

**Elders :**  
**Tracy Gunderman**  
**Sue Simpson**

**Worship Leader:**  
**Suzy Strayer**

**Greeter:**  
**Charlie & Sue Simpson**

**First Scripture Reader:**  
**Tracy Gunderman**

**NOVEMBER FIRST SCRIPTURES**

- 11/03 Psalm 146
- 11/10 Psalm 127
- 11/17 Psalm 16
- 11/24 Psalm 93

"Prayer is nothing else than being on terms of friendship with God."

—Teresa of Avila

**Flowers For Worship:**

- 11/03
- 11/10 Herm Guelde-In Memory of Jean
- 11/17
- 11/24 Don Brockhaus-In Honor of Joann



**Honoring Veterans**

We will be having a display to honor our Veterans during the month of November. Please bring in your pictures and if you have questions please contact Leah.



**Hanging of the Greens**

November 24th

We will be preparing the sanctuary for Advent following worship. Everyone is invited to participate. Pizza following the decorating.



**ATTENDANCE**

	Total	Member	Non Member	Child	Visitor	Online
09/29	63	37	13	13	0	54
10/06	64	45	7	12	0	65
10/13	52	30	6	15	4	205
10/20	74	45	9	18	2	240

Sermons available to view on [firstccpauld.org](http://firstccpauld.org) or our facebook page.

## From the Elders

A devotion by Sheridan Voysey entitled

### Psalm 72 Leaders

In July 2022, Britain's prime minister was forced to step down after what many felt were lapses in integrity (the newly appointed prime minister stepped down just months later). The event was triggered when the county's health minister attended an annual parliamentary prayer breakfast, felt convicted about the need for integrity in public life, and resigned. When other ministers resigned too, the prime minister realized he had to leave. It was a remarkable moment, originating from a peaceful prayer meeting.

Believers in Jesus are called to pray for their political leaders (1 Timothy 2: 1-2), and Psalm 72 is a good guide for doing so, being both a ruler's job description and a prayer to help them achieve it. It describes the ideal leader as a person of justice and integrity (vv. 1-2), who defends the vulnerable (v. 4), serves the needy (vv. 12-13), and stands against oppression (v.4) Their time in office is so refreshing, it's like "showers watering the earth" (v 6), bringing prosperity to the land (vv.3, 7, 16). While only the Messiah can perfectly fulfill such a role (v. 11), what better standard of leadership could be aimed for?

The health of a country is governed by the integrity of its office-bearers. Let's seek "Psalm 72 leaders" for our nations and help them to embody the qualities found in this psalm by praying it for them.

#### **What qualities do you look for in a leader?**

#### **How can you pray more often for your local and nations leaders?**

*Father, please empower our leaders to be people of justice, integrity, and goodness.*



### **Sunday School**

The Children's Sunday School Program is going very well. We will be dividing the class into 2 groups. **Volunteers to help with this ministry are needed.**

The Children's Bell Choir is going great. The kids love it.



The Adult Sunday School class starts at 9:00 a.m.

Everyone is welcome.

### **Looking toward the New Year**

Does the church have the correct contact information for you? Would you like to be on the call prayer chain or receive emails concerning prayer request?

Turn your info into the office. Thank you.



### **Children's Christmas Program**

November 3rd at 5:00 p.m.. -6:30 p.m. we will begin our first practice. Everyone is invited to participate. If you have questions, please contact Kara Thompson or Carrie Lero.

### **CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE**

A committee to update the current constitution is being formed. If you would like to be a part of this group, please let Suzy Strayer know. They will begin meeting in the new year.

### **DISCIPLES MEN'S GROUP**

The next meeting will be November 16th. See you at 9:00 a.m.





## DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRY

**Our next meeting is November 5th at 10 a.m.**

We have prayer shawls available if you know of someone who would benefit from the comfort of one.

Chicken Pie, scalloped Chicken and Steak Supper will be help November 14th from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Susan Knapp will be chairing this event.

The Women's Ecumenical potluck and program will be held on December 5th from 6-8 p.m. Mark your calendars now.

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### Caring and Sharing Food Pantry

Items needed are baking items (flour, sugar, oil, cake, mixes, etc.) condiments



**Thanks for Your Support!**

### Monthly Budget Needs

In order to meet our monthly budget needs We need an offering of \$10814.67 per month.

### COUNTERS

- 11/03 Matt Strayer, Tracy Gunderman, Cindy Grace
- 11/10 Jan Commers, Paul Long, Sandy Bandy
- 11/17 Max Hibbard. Susan Simpson, Charlie Simpson
- 11/24 Nicole Harris, Angela Bowers, Gary McClure



## OUTREACH

We will be adopting 4 families for the Christmas tree this year. We will have cards on the tree, you will pick a card, buy the gift, after wrapping you will put the card on the outside of the package and put it under the tree. We appreciate your support of this ministry.

We are giving a gas card to a family who has had lots of medical travel for treatment of a child with leukemia.

We purchased \$200.00 worth of supplies for the hurricane victims.

We are donating \$500.00 to the Community Health Professionals for the Hospice program.

Genelta Levos  
Chair

The Annual Congregation Meeting will be held on November 17th.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS THE 15TH OF THE MONTH**



### First Christian Church Fund Summary

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	100 TITHES AND OFFERINGS	200 BUILDING/MAI NT.	700 MENS GROUP	Total
09/01/2024	2,182.00	25.00	40.00	2,247.00
09/08/2024	3,112.27	100.00	0.00	3,212.27
09/15/2024	1,359.00	30.00	0.00	1,389.00
09/22/2024	767.20	0.00	0.00	767.20
09/29/2024	1,247.00	10.00	0.00	1,257.00
Total	8,667.47	165.00	40.00	8,872.47



*Tracy Gunderman 10-2-2024*

# FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL STARTS AT 9:00 A.M.

WORSHIP: SUNDAYS-10 A.M.

CHILDRENS SUNDAY SCHOOL FOLLOWING

CHILDRENS MOMENT

BELL CHOIR FOLLOWING WORSHIP EVERY SUNDAY

PASTORS HOURS: TUES-THUS. 8 a.m. 12 p.m.

SECRETARY OFFICE HOURS: TUES.-FRIDAY 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

# November 2024



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS FALLS BACK ON THE 3RD					1	2
 3	4	5	6	7	8	9
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY  CHRISTMAS PLAY PRACTICE 5-6:30 P.M.		DISCIPLES WOMENS MINISTRY-10 A.M.  ELECTION DAY	WOR/MEM/TECH -6:30 P.M.			
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
VETERANS SUNDAY	PASTORAL RELATIONS-6:30 P.M.		STEWARDSHIP/ FINANCE-6:30 P.M.	CHICKEN PIE SUPPER-4:30-6:30 P.M.		MEN'S GROUP- 9:00 A.M.
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
ELDERS MEETING- 8:30 A.M.  CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FOLLOW- ING WORSHIP		BOARD MEETING -7 P.M.				
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
HANGING OF THE GREENS FOLLOW- ING WORSHIP				THANKSGIVING DAY 		

ELDERS: Tracy Gunderman & Sue Simpson

WORSHIP LEADER: Suzy Strayer

1ST SCRIPTURE READER: Tracy Gunderman

GREETERS: Charlie & Sue Simpson

11/03 Sermon: "The Word is Love" Scripture: Mark 12: 28-34

11/10 Sermon: "Jesus Speaks to You", Scripture: Mark 12: 35-40

11/17 Sermon: "Stay Ready", Scripture: Mark 13: 1-8

11/24 Sermon: "Who is Your King", Scripture: John 18: 33-37





# CHICKEN PIE SUPPER

NOVEMBER 14th

4:30 P.M.-6:30 P.M.

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1233 EMERALD ROAD, PAULDING, OHIO 45879

SERVING: CHICKEN PIE, SCALLOPED  
CHICKEN OR STEAK

MASHED POTATOES AND GRAVY

GREEN BEANS, COLESLAW, CRANBERRY  
SAUCE

DESSERTS AND DRINKS

PUBLIC WELCOME

CARRY OUTS AVAILABLE

FREEWILL DONATION

## Chili Cook off/ Bingo Night

What a great turn out for this fun night.



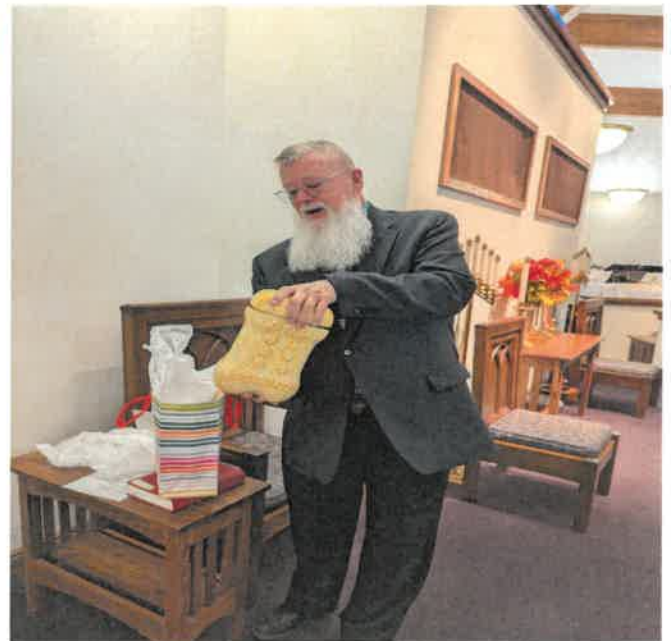
Our First place Chili winner was our caller Pastor Ric with his Pizza Chili.

Tying for second were Kathy Daniels and Ann Reinhart.

Make sure to ask each one to see their chili pepper socks.

### Pastor Appreciation

Pastor Ric has two corgi's Max and Perry. We wanted them to know how much they are also appreciated.





## THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who donated, worked and came and supported the Fall Meal. The profit of \$692.05 will go to the building maintenance fund. We enjoyed fellowship as we worked and Pastor Ric did a great job cooking those brats.

Thanks again,  
*Lori Clark, Denise, Matt & Suzy*

### Pastor Ric's Pizza Chili

#### Ingredients

2 pounds ground beef  
1 pound bulk Italian sausage  
1 large onion, chopped  
2 bell peppers, chopped  
4 garlic cloves, minced  
1 jar (16 ounces) salsa  
2 cans (16 ounces) kidney beans, rinsed and

drained

1 can (12 ounces) pizza sauce  
1 package (8 ounces) sliced pepperoni, quartered  
1 cup water  
2 teaspoons chili powder  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon pepper

3 cups shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese

on the side

#### Directions

In a skillet cook the beef, sausage, onion, green pepper and garlic over medium heat until meat is no longer pink; drain. Transfer to crockpot, stir in the salsa, beans, pizza sauce, pepperoni, water, chili powder, salt and pepper. Cook 2 hours on high. Reduce heat; and simmer on low or



Thank you Kathy for sharing this song with us during worship.

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Trent and Lydia do a great job with the candles for worship

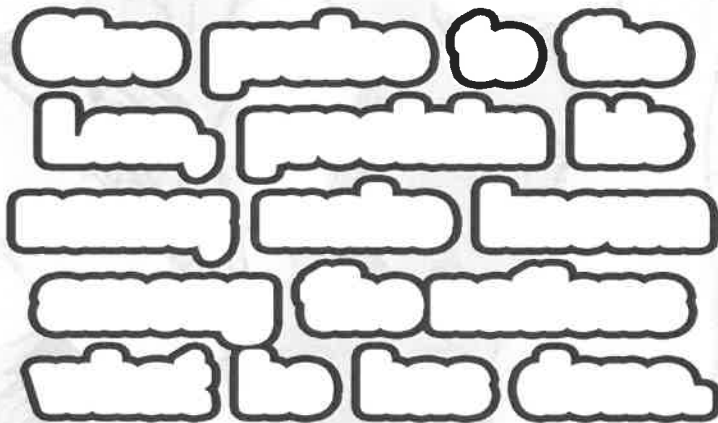


# Puzzle!

Discover a psalm of thanks from David by matching the words in the list to the shapes below.

## WORD LIST

nations proclaim the what to make done Give name among Lord known the he praise has his



1 Chronicles 16:8, NIV

# GOD ROCKS!



Make decorative stones as reminders of God's many great attributes.

## What you need:

- Flat, smooth stones
- Printed, decorative napkins
- Paintbrush
- Clear-drying craft glue
- Scissors
- Permanent marker

## What you do:

1. Unfold the napkin, carefully separating the printed side from the solid side.
2. Brush a thin layer of glue atop a stone. Lay the napkin (printed side up) on the glue and press down. Paint more glue over the napkin. Let dry.
3. Turn the stone over and paint more glue on the back. Wrap the napkin edges around the stone, trimming as needed. Paint more glue over the napkin. Let dry.
4. On the stone, write an attribute of God (loving, wise, powerful, merciful, etc.).
5. Repeat with more stones. Use them as gifts, paperweights, table decorations, etc.



Answer: Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. 1 Chronicles 16:8, NIV

## Bible Quiz

Shortly after the birth of the church at Pentecost, which apostle(s) taught an Ethiopian official about Jesus and then baptized him?

- A. Philip
- B. Peter and Andrew
- C. James
- D. Paul and Silas



Answer: A (See Acts 8:26-40.)

# Thanksgiving Offering

For **130 years**, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has made a commitment to nurturing and supporting higher education through the general ministry of HELM (Higher Education & Leadership Ministries), formerly the Division of Higher Education. Through relationships with the **15 Colleges/Universities and 7 Seminaries/Divinity Houses** connected to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), HELM is able to continue its mission of developing and nurturing Christian leaders who are transforming church, society and world.

Every November the Church dedicates its General Offering to support these institutions. The collection goes straight to the institutions and enables them to offer scholarships, expand programs, and offer assistance through faith-based services. Support through this annual offering is a critical part of our ongoing collaborative work between the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and higher education.

**Please consider a generous donation as we come together to help make a difference in the lives of thousands of students, giving them a strong foundation to build upon as they prepare to go out and do great things in the world.**

## *Thank You!*



For more information about HELM and a list of the institutions we support, please visit [helmdisciples.org](http://helmdisciples.org).

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