



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ)
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WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 A.M.

Coffee & Conversation 9:00 a.m



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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.



THOUGHTS FROM THE ELDERS

A devotion by Keila Ochoa entitled Look and Be Quiet

Look and Be Quiet

In the song “Look at Him,” Mexican composer Ruben Sotelo describes Jesus at the cross. He invites us to look at Jesus and be quiet, because there is really nothing to say before the type of love Jesus demonstrated at the cross. By faith we can imagine the scene described in the Gospels. We can imagine the cross and the blood, the nails, and the pain.

When Jesus breathed His last, those who “had gathered to witness this sight...beat their breast and went away”(Luke 23:48). Others “stood at a distance, watching these things”(v.49) They looked and were quiet. Only one spoke, a centurion, who said, “Surely this was a righteous man” (v. 47).

Songs and poems have been written to describe this great love. Many years before, Jeremiah wrote about Jerusalem’s pain after its devastation. “Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?” (Lamentations1:12). He was asking people to look and see; he thought there was no greater suffering than Jerusalem’s. However, has there been any suffering like Jesus’s suffering?

All of us are passing by the road of the cross. Will we look and see His love? This Easter, when words and poems are not enough to express our gratitude and describe God’s love, let us take a moment to ponder Jesus’s death; and in the quietness of our hearts, may we whisper to Him our deepest devotion.

Dear Jesus, as I look at Your cross, I have no words to express my gratitude for Your perfect sacrifice. But I thank You for Your love.

Comfort in Mourning:
 The Family of Jean Guelde
 The Family of John Peeper
 The Family of Bonnie Beamer
 The Family of Jerry Tope



Healing Prayers:

Marsha Adkins
 Diane Bakle
 Kylie Castelli
 Margaret Cox
 Lois Kromer
 Reyna Sanchez & Tori, Trea, & Richie
 Tim Santo
 *Chris Walker



Continuing Concerns:

*Kathy Daniels
 Lorean McCollum
 *Pat Paulus
 Steve Santo
 Pastor Seth Stout
 George Winnie
 *Dennis Vance
 John Young



SPEAKERS FOR APRIL

4/03 Steve Heilshorn
 4/10 Eileen Kochensparger
 4/17 Pastor DeWayne Richardson
 4/24 Sandy Bandy

First Scripture Selections

4/03 Psalm 126
 4/10 Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
 4/17 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
 4/24 Psalm 118:14-29

Flowers:

4/03 Charlie & Sue Simpson-In Honor of our Anniversary
 4/10 Max & Donna Hibbard-In Honor of Don & Loretta Stocker
 4/17 Max & Donna Hibbard-In Honor of Donna's Birthday
 4/24 Corey & Nicole Harris

ATTENDANCE

2/27 37
 3/02 Ash wed 22
 3/06 42
 3/13 44
 3/20 42



Nursing Home Residents..

The Gardens

*Romaine Boundy
 *Betty Hamman

Kingsbury Place*

*Jan White Koch

Van Crest of Payne

*Velma Albert

Military:

Cameron Cramer



Happy Anniversary

4/08 Charlie & Sue Simpson
 4/14 Brian & Gina Vance

APRIL SERVERS

Elders

Larry Grace
 Paul Long

Worship Leader

Deb Santo

Greeter

Denise Renollet

First Scripture Reader

Leah Gunderman



4/01 Matt Strayer
 4/07 Mick Coak
 4/09 Lori Clark
 4/09 Brett Mawer
 4/12 Tony Garza
 4/12 Leah Gunderman
 4/16 Donna Hibbard
 4/18 Destyne Carlisle
 4/18 Tucker Stoller
 4/19 Tabrina Vance
 4/23 Melissa Leslie
 4/24 Gina Vance
 4/25 Ross Myers
 4/25 Ann Reinhart
 4/25 Darla Smith
 4/26 Elise Laney
 4/26 Nicki Smith
 4/27 Julie Cook
 4/29 Kyle Harris
 4/30 Addyson Hormann
 4/30 Grayson Thompson
 4/30 Scarlett Thompson

In Sympathy

Please keep the families of Jean Guelde, John Peeper, Bonnie Beamer and Jerry Tope in your prayers at this difficult time. May they find peace in their time of sorrow.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Matthew 5:4

Thank You

Thank you for all the prayers while the Doctor's decide on what kind of surgery I need. I just have to lean on God for answers.

May God Bless
 Marsha Adkins



Palm Sunday Service
April 10th-10 a.m.



Maundy Thursday Service

April 14th 7 p.m.

Join us for a dramatic presentation of children's book The Three Trees.

Community Good Friday Service

April 15th—12 noon

The Paulding Nazarene Church
210 Dooley Dr., Paulding, Oh

Stations of the Cross/Silent Meditation

April 16th-10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The church will be open for the community to view a narration of the final hours in the life of Jesus Christ on earth. Or you may wish to pray in silence.



Community Sunrise Easter Service

April 17th, 7 a.m.

St. Paul Lutheran Church
601 Flat Rock Dr., Paulding, Oh

First Christian Church Easter Service

April 17th, 10 a.m.

Spring Flowers

Spring flowers to decorate the sanctuary for Easter may be brought to the church by April 10th. Please have your name on them so you can take them after Easter.



LILY CROSS

It has been a tradition for many years for people to have a lily bloom placed on the lily cross in honor or in memory of loved ones for a donation. This years donations will be sent to the Paulding Dog Kennel. We do love our animals and they operate mainly on donations. Please fill out the form below and return it to the office.

LILY BLOOM FORM

NAME _____

IN HONOR OF _____

IN MEMORY OF _____

DEADLINE TO TURN IN FORMS IS APRIL 10TH

Baptism/Membership Class

A Baptism /Membership class is being held at this time for those who wish to become members of First Christian Church. Baptism will be held on May 9th during worship.

Graduating Seniors



If you are graduating from high school or college, please contact the church office. We would like to recognize all the graduates at an upcoming Sunday Service.

Outreach



We have done well collecting plastic caps for the County Park revitalization project. This was the first bunch we took in. A second bag also went in and we are still collecting. Thanks for your help.



Book Study

The Women Overwhelmed book study will meet April 25th at 6 p.m. We read together and discuss the chapter as it pertains to our lives. This author sees life with lots of humor. We love new people so feel free to come. If you have questions, contact Denise.

New Website



Our new website is up. We are still working and learning. Please take a look at firstccpaulding.org



Disciples Women Ministry

Disciples Women's Ministry next regular meeting will be April 5th at 10 a.m.

Kitchen Monitors are needed.

The funeral committee for this year is Helen Long, Lori Clark and Denise Renollet. Dining Room and other workers for dinners will be called as needed. If you are available to assist at dinners please contact One of these members of the committee and you will be added to the call list for workers. We are asking for donations to replenish the funeral dinner supplies. If you would like to donate there will be a container in the narthex. Thank you.

The Egg Basket Ministry for the food pantry needs people to sign up to get the eggs and deliver them to the food pantry. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Thank you to those who donated and worked at the Lenten Lunch. It was very well attended. Thank you Helen Long for chairing & Paul Long for your message at the Luncheon.

Others activities and fundraisers will be decided on a month to month basis depending on availability of help.

If you have a suggestion for meetings, activities of fundraisers



Trustees

The trustees have been working hard to repaint the fellowship hall. Their work and dedication is very much appreciated. Going forward no tape or command strips are to be placed on the walls.

A mowing sign up sheet will be up shortly. This is a stewardship opportunity for anyone to help at the church.

Men's Group



The Disciples Men's Group Meets the third Saturday of the month at 9 a.m. All Men of the church are invited for devotions and fellowship. Last month we had a group of 9 men for breakfast. This group continues to grow.



Ohio Region Summer Program 2022 Schedule

- Disciples Fellowship Retreat Friday, May 27 – Sunday, May 29
- Grandparents Camp Thursday, June 9 – Saturday June 11
- Chi Rho Camp #1 Sunday, June 12 – Saturday, June 18
- CYF Week # 1 Sunday, June 19 – Saturday June 25
- Otter Camp Sunday, June 26 – Saturday, July 2
- Adult Conference Monday, June 27 – Friday, July 1
- Ribbit Camp Wednesday, July 6 – Saturday July 9
- Chi Rho Camp #2 Sunday, July 10 – Saturday, July 16
- CYF Week # 2 Sunday, July 17 – Saturday, July 23
- Advance Conference Sunday, July 24 – Sunday, July 31
- Disciples Fellowship Retreat Friday, September 2 – Sunday, September 4

Children's Sunday School



Sunday school is every Sunday morning during worship. We have 2 classes, preschool thru 3rd grade and 4th grade thru 8th grade.

If you are able to teach a Sunday please sign up on the bulletin board. We need teachers into April & May.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
15TH OF EVERY MONTH**

Monthly Budget Needs

In order to meet our monthly budget needs We need an offering of \$10270.42 per month.



COUNTERS

- 4/03 Matt Strayer, Tracy Gunderman, Cindy Grace
- 4/10 Jan Commers, Paul Long, Sandy Bandy
- 4/17 Max Hibbard, Susan Simpson, Charlie Simpson
- 4/24 Nicole Harris, Angela Bowers

Thank You

The members of First Christian Church (Disciple of Christ), Mayfield, Kentucky, gratefully acknowledge your generous gift. Your gift will assist our congregation in rebuilding our ministry

Beth Scarbroup
Co-Chairmen of the Board FCC



Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

*First Christian Church
Fund Summary*

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	100 TITHES AND OFFERINGS	102 INITIAL ENVELOPE OFFERING	103 WEEK OF COMPASSION	109 GIDEONS	114 LOVE OFFERINGS/C OLLECTION	200 BUILDING/MAI NT.	700 MENS GROUP	Total
02/06/2022	2,093.00	0.00	10.00	0.00	100.00	5.00	0.00	2,208.00
02/13/2022	1,550.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	15.00	0.00	1,615.00
02/20/2022	668.00	20.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	55.00	793.00
02/27/2022	5,885.00	0.00	210.00	61.00	0.00	40.00	0.00	6,196.00
Total	10,196.00	20.00	320.00	61.00	100.00	60.00	55.00	10,812.00

Tracy Gunderman

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



WORSHIP: SUNDAYS-10 A.M.

OFFICE HOURS: TUES-THURS-8 a.m.-12 p.m.

April 2022



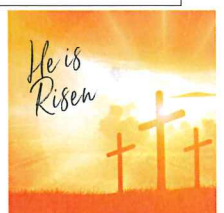
Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Jesus, may I follow you throughout Holy Week with its complicated emotions, for you promise to meet me at the empty tomb.

HAND BELL PRACTICE EVERY SUNDAY FOLLOWING WORSHIP 			ALL LENTEN LUNCHESES ARE HELD AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH		APRIL 1 FOLK'S DAY	2
3 SING INTO SPRING-4:30 P.M.	4	5 DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MEETING-10 A.M.	6 LENTEN LUNCH-NOON WORSHIP/ MEMBERSHIP- 6:30 P.M. TRUSTEES-7P.M.	7	8	9
10 PALM SUNDAY 	11	12	13 STEWARDSHIP/ FINANCE MEETING-6:30 P.M.	14 MAUNDY THURSDAY-7 P.M. 	15 COMMUNITY GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE- NAZARENE CH NOON	16 MEN'S GROUP MEETING-9 A.M. STATIONS OF THE CROSS/ SILENT MEDI-TATION-10 A.M.- 3 P.M.
17 EASTER SUNRISE SER- LUTHERAN CH- 7 A.M. ELDERS MEET- ING-8:30 A.M.	18	19 BOARD MEETING-7 P.M.	20	21	22	23
24	25 BOOK STUDY- 6:00 P.M. 	26	27	28	29	30

ELDERS: Larry Grace & Paul Long
WORSHIP LEADER: Deb Santo
1ST SCRIPTURE READER: Leah Gunderman
GREETERS: Denise Renollet

SPEAKERS:
 April 3- Steve Heilshorn
 April 10-Eileen Kochensparger
 April 17-Pastor DeWayne Richardson
 April 24- Sandy Bandy



"We are each a God-carrier and a sanctuary of the Holy Spirit."

Archbishop Desmond Tutu

HOLY WEEK i-spy

Create this craft to share the events of Holy Week with a younger sibling or friend.



What you need:

- Clear bottle or jar with lid
- White rice
- Small items that symbolize Holy Week events

What you do:

1. Pour rice into bottle or jar so it's about two-thirds full.
2. Add the small items. Ideas: leaf, donkey, cup, towel square, praying hands, coin, bird, nails, thorn, cross, dice, stick, lamb, stone, white fabric.
3. Fasten the lid. Then shake and turn the bottle to "spy" each item.

Gratitude, all year long

It's not Thanksgiving time. But what if we made a point to practice gratitude all year long?

In her book *Grateful*, theologian Diana Butler Bass writes: "As human beings, we possess an intuitive awareness that we depend on others to survive. We are safer and happier when we care for each other in community, when we do things for each other. ... How we live together in and with gratitude makes all the difference in the world. Indeed, living gratefully makes the world different."

PUZZLE

Resurrection refresher

All four gospels confirm Jesus' resurrection, and each one offers important details.

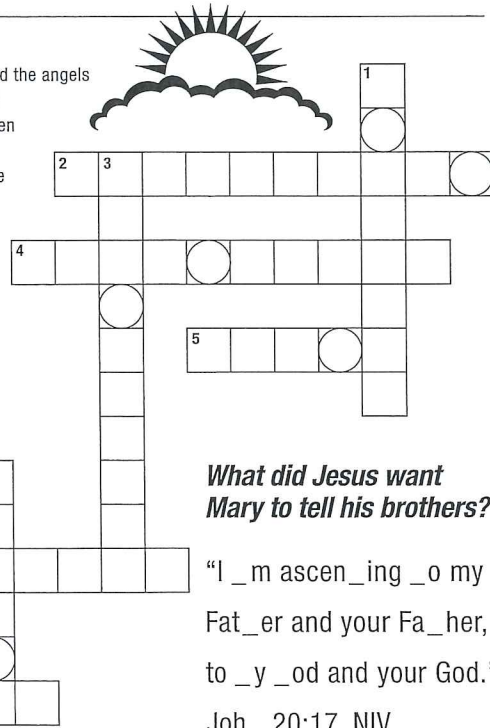
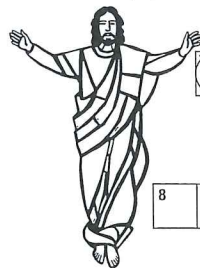
Directions: Complete the crossword. Then insert the circled letters (in order of the clue numbers) to complete John 20:17 below.

ACROSS

2. The women did this when they heard the angels talk about Jesus' death. (Luke 24:8)
4. The women at the tomb did this when they saw Jesus. (Matthew 28:9)
5. The man in Jesus' empty tomb wore this color robe. (Mark 16:5)
7. Jesus instructed his brothers to go here. (Matthew 28:10)
8. Peter saw strips of this in the tomb. (Luke 24:12)

DOWN

1. At first, Mary thought Jesus was this person. (John 20:15)
3. As an angel came from heaven, this happened. (Matthew 28:2)
6. She went with Mary to anoint Jesus' body. (Mark 16:1)



What did Jesus want Mary to tell his brothers?

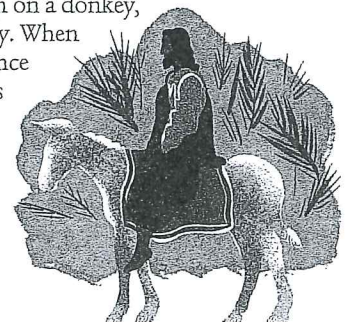
"I _ m ascen _ ing _ o my
Fat _ er and your Fa _ her,
to _ y _ od and your God."
Joh _ 20:17, NIV

Answer: ACROSS 2. remembered, 4. worshipped, 5. white, 7. Galilee, 8. linen; DOWN 1. gardener, 3. earthquake, 6. Salome, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God." John 20:17, NIV

Bible Quiz

As Jesus entered Jerusalem on a donkey, crowds praised him loudly. When Pharisees told him to silence the people, what did Jesus say would shout if his followers didn't?

- A. Stones
- B. Palm branches
- C. Trees
- D. Hillsides



Answer: A (See Luke 19:40.)

Why Christ calls us to worship

Easter services are usually well attended, but what about other weeks? What draws you to worship on an “average” Sunday, and what might Jesus have in store for people in the pews?

Consider this from Pastor Charles Aaron: “Did we come to church this morning thinking it was a safe thing to do? Did we come with some expectation of receiving a blessing, a bit of comfort, but no real challenge? Did we think about the possibility that encountering Jesus would rearrange our lives, explode our priorities, cause us to give more than we ever expected? Did we think we could get a little something from Jesus, a dose of grace to help us through the week? Did we come for the fellowship, the music, the spiritual boost? No one can argue with those reasons.”

He continues: “The risen Christ, however, may have had other plans for this worship service. Christ may want to come under our skins and transform us. Christ may see through us so that something we have well hidden comes to the surface. Christ may kick out from under us the things we use to prop ourselves up but that we don’t really need. Are we ready for that? Did we bargain on that when we walked through the door today?”

—from *The Wired Word*

Life and light



Easter is the assurance that no matter how hopeless and dark things appear, God is alive and actively working. Our heavenly Father births life out of death, transforms brokenness into wholeness and shines light into darkness.

In the words of the poet Christian Wiman (from *Every Riven Thing*):

When the time’s toxins

have seeped into every cell ...

somehow a seed of belief sprouts ...

tugged upward by light ...



God's Love Endures *Forever*

Psalm 118

A special day offering of Disciples Mission Fund
Sunday April 10 and 17, 2022

- ▶ Your gift to the Easter Offering reveals God's enduring love in the world through:
 - Developing Disciples
 - Forming new faith communities
 - Spiritual care for those in prison
 - Connecting with ministry partners around the world
 - Serving God's people in need

- ▶ Find digital resources
 - Promotional videos
 - Social media graphics
 - Power Point slides for worship and online
 - Call to Worship, Communion Meditation and other liturgical resources
 - Communion Meditation video



supporting general ministries of the
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)



SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2022

**Sing into
Spring**
COMMUNITY
CONCERT

**A musical celebration to benefit
Caring & Sharing Food Pantry Building Fund**

DESSERT BAR 4:30 PM • CONCERT 6:00 PM
ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH
601 FLATROCK DRIVE • PAULDING, OHIO

Featuring music from:

- **Community Choir • Paulding High Jazz Band**
 - **Paulding High School Quartets • Local soloists**
 - **St. Paul Lutheran & First Christian Hand Bell Choirs**
- AND MORE!**

Free-will offerings will be matched by anonymous donor!

Make checks out to Caring & Sharing Food Pantry Building Fund

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