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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 John Blasé entitled Revelation and Reassurance

Baby-gender reveals in 2019 were dramatic. In July, a video showed a car emitting blue smoke to indicate, "It's a boy!" In September, a crop duster plane in Texas dumped hundreds of gallons of pink water to announce, "It's a girl!" There was another "reveal," though, that uncovered significant things about the world these children will grow up in. At the conclusion of 2019, YouVersion revealed that the most shared, highlighted, and bookmarked verse of the year on its online and mobile Bible app was Philippians 4:6, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God."

That's quite the revelation. People are anxious about many things these days—from the needs of our sons and daughters, to myriad ways family and friends are divided, to natural catastrophes and wars. But in the middle of all these worries, the good news is that many people cling to a verse that says, "Do not be anxious about anything." Furthermore, those same people encourage every situation." The mindset that doesn't ignore but faces life's anxieties is one of "thanksgiving."

The verse that didn't make "verse of the year" but follows it is "And peace of God...will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (V. 7) That's quite the reassurance!

What's are two or three situations you're worried about?

How might reflecting on the ways God's peace has carried you in the past be helpful?

Jesus, some days and weeks and years feel overwhelming.

Thank You for your peace, which guards me yesterday, today, and forever.

Comfort in Mourning:
The Family of Pat Paulus



Healing Prayers:
Marsha Adkins
Kent Clark
Olivia Rode

Continuing Concerns:
*Kathy Daniels
Lorean McCollum
Steve Santo
Pastor Seth Stout
George Winnie
*Dennis Vance
John Young

*Denotes Members



Nursing Home Residents..

The Gardens
*Romaine Boundy
*Betty Hamman

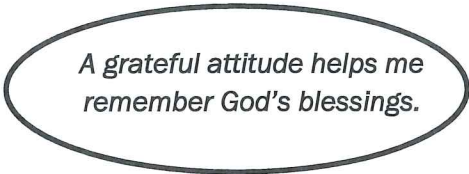
Kingsbury Place*
*Jan White Koch

Van Crest of Payne
*Velma Albert

Military:
Cameron Cramer



5/05 Kelcie Pack
5/06 Haylie Lero
5/11 Angela Bowers
5/13 Shirley Workman
5/16 Susan Knapp
5/16 Jessica McDonald
5/18 Julie Pack
5/23 Mike Mudel
5/25 Aaron Hibbard
5/27 Devon Smith
5/28 Ben Gunderman



SPEAKERS FOR MAY

5/01 Deb Sehmeyer
5/08 Rev. Allen Harris
5/15 Rev. Margo Conner
5/22 Dave McMaster
5/29

First Scripture Selections

5/01 Psalm 30
5/08 Psalm 23
5/15 Psalm 148
5/22 Psalm 67
5/29 Psalm 97



Flowers:

5/01 Spring Blessings
5/08 Charlie & Sue Simpson-In Honor of All Moms
5/15
5/22 Helen & Paul Long
5/29 Virginia Paulus-In Honor of All MY Nieces & Nephews

ATTENDANCE

3/27 54
4/03 49
4/10 59
4/14 44
4/17 74
4/24 58



MAY SERVERS

Elders

Matt Strayer
Jan Commers

Worship Leader

Jan Commers

Greeter

Deb Santo
Angela Bowers

First Scripture Reader

Max Hibbard



Happy Anniversary

5/14 Bruce & Anna Gunderman
5/15 Tammy & Gary Boroff
5/16 Ted & Camie Stallbaum
5/21 Harry & Kelly Ricker
5/30 Greg & Ann Reinhart

In Sympathy

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

Please keep the family and friends of Pat Paulus in your prayers at this difficult time. Pat went to be with the Lord on April 2nd. Services were held at FCC on April 24th.



Thank You

Thanks "So" much for the love everyone has given to me and my family since the passing of my husband, Jerry, who was a great man & veteran.

The prayers, phone calls, cards, and food during these passed couple of weeks is so appreciated.

Joan Tope

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 8th 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

The Outreach Committee has agreed to help with the summer lunch program at LaFountain Park from 11:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. from June 6th to June 10th. If it rains it will be held at the school. If you are able to help, please let me know, it is an easy and fun job. It will also be posted on the bulletin board.

Thank you
Genelta Levos



Pentecost

Pentecost is June 5th.
The Worship committee are asking everyone to bring in geraniums to decorate the sanctuary.



Book Study

The Women Overwhelmed book study will meet May 16th 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 firstccpauling.org

ONLINE



Disciples Women Ministry

Disciples Women's Ministry will meet at 6 p.m. on May 3rd at the Mexican restaurant in Paulding. Kitchen Monitors are needed.

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.

Other 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 please contact the church office.

POTLUCK LUNCH

May 8th there will be a Potluck Lunch held following the service.

Please bring a dish to share.

Reverend Allen V. Harris, Regional Minister, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will be joining us for worship to share his message and baptize the Pastor's class.

Mowing Schedule

There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for mowing the church property. It is for 2 weeks at a time and starts on Mondays. If you would like to sign up but pay someone to mow for you, please indicate that on the sign up sheet.

April 25- May 8th-Matt Strayer
May 9-May 22nd-Charlie Simpson
May 23-June 5th-Gary McClure
June 6th-June 19th-Matt Strayer
June 20th-July 3rd-Genelta Levos
July 4th- July 17-gary McClure
July 18th-July 31st-Genelta Levos
Aug 1st-August 14 th-Gary McClure
August 15th-August 28th-
August 29th-Sept 11th-Clint Reinhart
Sept. 12th-Sept. 25th-Gary McClure
Sept 26-Oct. 9th-
Oct. 10th-Oct. 23-





LILY CROSS BLOOMS

Bandy Family	In Memory of Erwin Bandy, Judel Henricks, Sharon Miller, Dawn & Bruce Henricks and The Boy's
Sharon Cooper	In Honor of My Family In Memory of Rollin & John, Raymond & Mildred Grimes.
Herm Guelde	In Honor of Jean Guelde In Memory of Jean Guelde
Donna Hibbard	In Honor of Joshua, Aaron Hibbard & Families In Memory of Max & Norma Hibbard Sr. and Don & Loretta Stocker.
Dennis & Susan Knapp	In Honor of Mom, our kids & granddaughters, Aunt Dody Fox In Memory of John, Dad, Jerry Knapp, Aunt Dody's Children & Grandchildren
Genelta Levos	In Honor of Family In Memory of Sam
Nana & Papa	In Honor of Cady, Clark, Caia & Carter.
Dee & Denise Renollet	In Honor of Family In Memory of Loved Ones
Matt & Suzy Strayer	In Memory of Pat Paulus
Joan Tope	In Memory of Jerry L. Tope
Jacqueline Walker	In Honor of Family. In Memory of Sidney Walker.



Pastor Search

Pastor Search Committee met on Wednesday April 20th to review the Ministerial Profiles we had received from Rev. Allen Harris. We also consulted (by phone) with Rev. Harris about possible interview questions and he has provided a document to assist us. The committee will be meeting more regularly as we receive more profiles.

Children's Sunday School



Sunday school is every Sunday morning during worship. We have 2 classes, preschool thru 3 rd 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 for May.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
15TH OF EVERY MONTH**

Making up one's mind

When St. Paul was seeking to encourage the church members of Corinth to participate in a church offering, he wrote: "Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly, or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7).

Where the stewardship of giving is concerned, each must make up his mind freely and approach the matter with a cheerful attitude. It is prayer and commitment that lead us to the mindset we should have about the matter.



**Thanks
for Your
Support!**

Monthly Budget Needs

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



COUNTERS

- 5/01 Matt Strayer, Tracy Gunderman, Cindy Grace
- 5/08 Jan Commers, Paul Long, Sandy Bandy
- 5/15 Max Hibbard. Susan Simpson, Charlie Simpson
- 5/22 Nicole Harris, Angela Bowers
- 5/29 Charlie Simpson, Joan Tope, Dan Workman



First Christian Church Fund Summary

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	100 TITHES AND OFFERINGS	102 INITIAL ENVELOPE OFFERING	115 Pass-Through	200 BUILDING/MAI NT.	700 MENS GROUP	Total
03/06/2022	2,335.00	5.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	2,440.00
03/13/2022	1,265.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,265.00
03/20/2022	819.00	0.00	5.00	10.00	30.00	864.00
03/27/2022	1,233.00	0.00	40.00	10.00	0.00	1,283.00
Total	5,652.00	5.00	45.00	120.00	30.00	5,852.00

Susan K. Simpson 4-11-22



Thank You Trustees for the much needed new driveway signs



The fellowship Hall has been painted by the trustees. Thank You for your hard work. It looks great. You may not be aware of all the trustee do to keep the church maintained. Just like home there is always something to do.



We remember

More than 150 years ago, Memorial Day took shape amid the backdrop of the U.S. Civil War. Before it ended, women began decorating the graves of fallen soldiers. In 1868, when May 30 was designated as Decoration Day, loved ones placed flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers alike.

By 1882, Decoration Day became known as Memorial Day, and soldiers who died in other wars were honored too. Over time, it became a day to remember all loved ones who have died — in war and otherwise. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be observed on the last Monday in May. On Memorial Day, we pause to remember people who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country and for our freedom. We also pray for those who continue serving, especially those in harm's way.

God's hands

Exactly a century ago, Irish physician Alexander Irvine published *My Lady of the Chimney Corner*, a book dedicated to his saintly mother. The protagonist, Anna, lives and ministers to others as Irvine's own mother had done.

In the story, Anna visits a neighbor who has just lost a son at sea. After talking for a while, Anna suggests they pray together. With heads bowed, she reaches to place a loving hand on the grieving mother's forehead. Afterward, the woman says, "I think I felt his touch upon my brow," referring to God.

Anna says, "God is everywhere looking for hands to use. Sometimes he takes the hand of a doctor and uses it in healing. Sometimes he takes the hand of a mother to soothe the brow of a fevered child. And sometimes he takes the hand of an old critter like me to bring a bit of help and comfort to a neighbor. But they are all God's hands, and God is everywhere looking for hands to use."

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



WORSHIP: SUNDAYS-10 A.M.

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

May 2022

The last bell performance will be May 8th

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 DWM GATHERING -6 P.M.-FIESTA HABENAROS	4 WORSHIP/ MEMBERSHIP - 6:30 P.M. TRUSTEES-7 P.M.	5 LIFEWISE-FS HALL	6	7 GOSHIA-FS HALL
8 MOTHER'S DAY BAPTISMS POTLUCK	9 BARGAIN BIN-FS HALL	10	11 STEWARDSHIP/ FINANCE-6:30 P.M.	12	13	14 COOK-FS HALL
15 ELDERS-8:30 A.M. MEMORIAL COMM. FOLLOWING WORSHIP	16 BOOK STUDY-6 P.M.	17 BOARD MEETING- 7 P.M.	18	19	20	21 MEN'S GROUP-9 A.M. TOPE-FS HALL
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 MOBLEY-FS HALL
29	30  MEMORIAL DAY <small>HONORING ALL WHO SERVED</small>	31	Following Christ is not easy, but the Spirit always accompanies us.	I  JESUS		

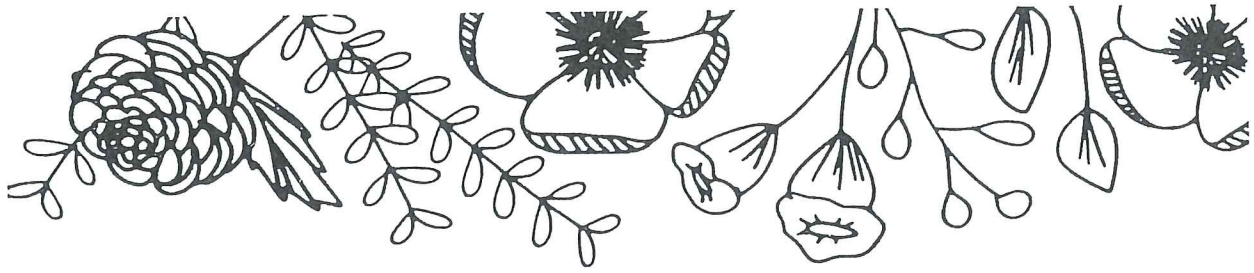
ELDERS: Matt Strayer & Jan Commers
 WORSHIP LEADER: Jan Commers
 1ST SCRIPTURE READER: Max Hibbard
 GREETERS: Deb Santo & Angela Bowers

SPEAKERS:
 May 1th-Deb Sehlmeier
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 May 22nd-Dave McMaster
 May 29th

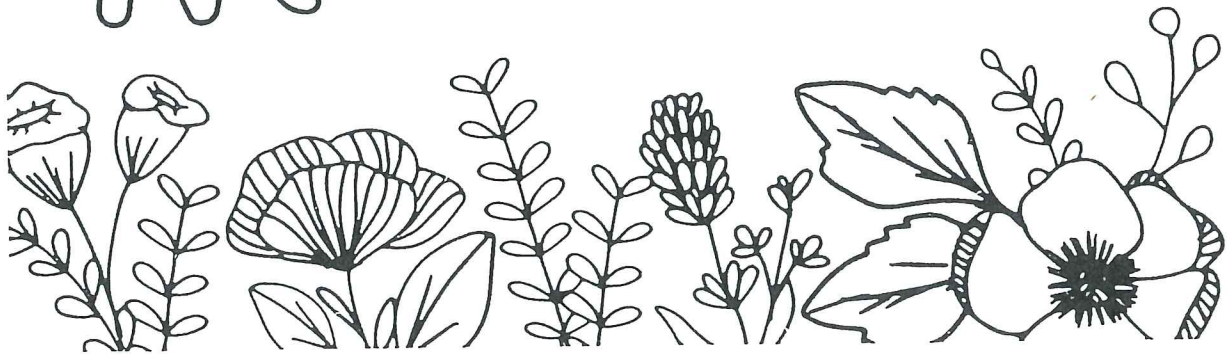
"A mother is she
 who can take
 the place of all
 others but
 whose place no
 one else can
 take."

- Cardinal Mermillo

Color Me
Turn in to the office.



LOVED
Beyond
MEASURE



Egg-cellent bouquet

Transform an egg carton into a Mother's Day keepsake.

What you need:

- Clean cardboard egg carton
- Scissors
- Acrylic paint and paintbrush
- Flat cardboard
- Photo, drawing or note
- Small pom-poms
- Hot glue
- Adult help

What you do:

1. Bend, stretch and cut the carton cups to make 3-D flower shapes. Also cut leaf shapes from the carton top.
2. Paint the flowers and leaves. Let dry.
3. Cut the flat cardboard to a size and shape you desire. Leave a border at least 2 inches larger than your photo, drawing or note.
4. With hot glue, attach the photo, drawing or note to the cardboard.
5. Arrange and glue flowers and leaves around the border. Attach pom-poms for more color and texture.
6. Present the gift to your mom or a special woman in your life.

Our fun-loving God

Whence comes this idea that if what we are doing is fun, it can't be God's will? The God who made giraffes, a baby's fingernails, a puppy's tail, a crooknecked squash, the bob-white's call and a young girl's giggle has a sense of humor. Make no mistake about that.

—Catherine Marshall

PUZZLE

A VALUABLE *command*

God instructs children how to relate to their parents.

Directions: Arrange the words in alphabetical order. Then insert the circled letters in order to complete Exodus 20:12, NIV.



son	mother	father
daughter	honor	home
respect	family	obey
	love	

1. _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
2. _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
3. _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
4. _ _ _ _ _
5. _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
6. _ _ _ _ _ _ _
7. _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
8. _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
9. _ _ _ _ _ _ _
10. _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

_ _ on_ your _ _ ather and _ _ our mo_ h_ r,
so t_ at y_ u may _ _ i_ e l_ ng in t_ e land
the L_ RD _ _ ou_ God i_ givi_ g you.

EXODUS 20:12, NIV

Answer: 1. daughter, 2. family, 3. father, 4. home, 5. honor, 6. love, 7. mother, 8. obey, 9. respect, 10. son; Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

Bible Quiz

When Moses was on the mountain for a long time, who made a golden calf for the people of Israel to worship?

- A. Joshua
- B. Levi
- C. Caleb
- D. Aaron



Answer: D (See Exodus 32:1-6.)