



FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ)
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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.



GREETINGS With PEACE AND GREAT JOY, CHURCH!

Many of you might be wondering who is DRJ? So, I thought this little bio might help. While I hardly can include it all here, suffice it to say, when you see me, stop to chat a bit and ask me something you would like to know. In the meantime, here is a wee bit of info:

In terms of my professional career, I began working as a HR Director and Affirmative Action Officer for Good Year after receiving a BA in Communication. This position provided legal insight and ethical grounding in numerous multicultural and environmental settings. It did not do much for my Spiritual life, so I volunteered as a prison Chaplain after completing an MDiv and served as a Prison Liaison for about ten years. Later, I received a double master's in Social Psychology at NCSU and CPE (clinical pastoral education) from Duke and Drew Universities. I was blessed for receiving the Georgia Harkness and William Blair Scholar Awards for social justice during that time. My Ph.D., by the way, is in psychology and I was able to teach doctoral students for about 17 years while developing professional writing and training skills for three states: PA, OH, and TN.

Apart from this busy life, I have a wonderful family. My children are grown but we remain close. Tanya (the eldest) is a paralegal that also provides investigative service work. The youngest, Joshua, is a Christian musician and he also serves as an MRI Specialist in the hospital. In his spare time, he teaches drums to young children, particularly *troubled kids*, and is considering the ministry as a life-long profession.

I have six grandchildren, Skye and Scott, Canyon and Rider, and Victoria and Benjamin. Skye recently married – okay I am NOT old!! Still, I can hardly believe that. J

Personally, I balance work and family with the arts, believing humor is the medicine for life and art helps to see the beauty of God in remarkable ways. In fact, I love preaching and teaching as well as writing! In fact, my first book is a lot about humor. It is entitled, *Life after Hell: Reflections of a Bag Lady*. The one I am currently working on, *The Truth about Prisons: Demystifying the Prison-Industrial Complex*, should be released in about two or three years. When I am not writing or painting, I love taking a few trips around a ballroom dance floor or walk my cute little Worker Dog, Angelo. The first painting is a waterfall I saw with purple mountains...made me think of America the Beautiful, so I painted it.



Angelo is in the second photo and the little guy in front. He can hold his own, though!

THOUGHTS FROM THE ELDERS

Here is a devotion from Arthur Jackson entitled Just Ask!

JUST ASK!

The gleeful shouts arising from our basement came from my wife, Shirley. For hours she'd wrestled with a newsletter project, and she was ready to be done with it. In her anxiety and uncertainty about how to move forward, she prayed for God's help. She also reached out to Facebook friends and soon the project was completed-a team effort.

While a newsletter project is a little thing life, small (and not so small) things can bring about worry or anxiousness. Perhaps you're a parent walking through the stages of childrearing for the first time; a student facing newfound academic challenges; a person grieving the loss of a loved one; or someone experiencing a home, work or ministry challenge. Sometimes we're needlessly on edge because we don't ask God for help (James 4:6)

Paul pointed the followers of Jesus in Philippi and us to our first line of defense in times of need: " Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God" (Philippians 4:6) When life gets complicated, we need reminders like the one from the hymn "What a Friend We Have in Jesus".

Oh What peace we often forfeit,
Oh what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in Prayer.

And perhaps in our asking God for help, He'll lead us to ask people who can assist us.

Arthur Jackson

**What situations challenge you that you can bring God in prayer?
Why do you hesitate to ask Him or others for help?**

Dear God, forgive me for not bringing my burdens to You in prayer. Help me to reach out to others and ask for help too.

Comfort in Mourning:



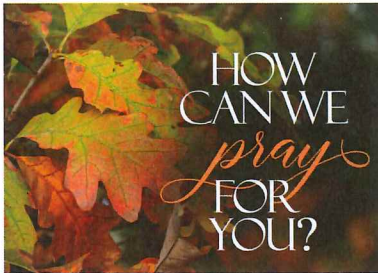
Healing Prayers:

Frank Bandy
Joan Biery
Don & Joann Barkhouser
Marsha Brune
Megan Bulau
Kylee Narvell
Scott Spraque
Harry Thomas
Sue Thompson
Kenny Wolfrum



Continuing Concerns:

Thaniel Bulau
Dave Foltz
Veronica Kromer
*Helen & Paul Long
Kenny Santo
Nursing Homes
Ukraine



First Scripture Selections

10/02 Psalm 137
10/09 Psalm 66: 1-12
10/16 Psalm 119 97-104
10/23 Psalm 68

Nursing Home Residents..

The Gardens

*Romaine Boundy
*Betty Hamman

Kingsbury Place*

*Jan White Koch

Van Crest of Payne

*Velma Albert
* Helen Long

Military:

Cameron Cramer

OCTOBER SERVERS

Elders

Bruce Gunderman
Jan Commers

Worship Leader

Sharon Cooper

Greeter

Paul Long

First Scripture Reader

Matt Strayer



10/01 Kenny Adkins
10/01 Gabriel Reinhart
10/02 Chris Hoover
10/02 Joan Tope
10/03 Deb Santo
10/04 Dorrean Vance
10/04 Waldean Webber
10/05 Penny Clippinger
10/08 Megan Monnier
10/08 Derick Vance
10/10 Linda Kadesch
10/10 Ryan Nicelley
10/12 Adrian Daniels
10/14 Samantha Cramer
10/16 Dee Renollet
10/17 Sarah Knapp
10/20 Dan Smith
10/25 Gary Kadesch
10/29 Lily Knapp
10/29 Marilyn Stevenson
10/30 Charles Simpson

Happy Anniversary

10/09 Brian & Julie Knapp
10/10 Roland & Betty Ganger
10/10 Chris & Jeannine Hoover
10/10 Chris & Barbara Walker
10/13 Amanda & Brent Harris
10/16 Tony & Deb Santo
10/23 Shane & Julie Pack
10/24 Brian & Angela Bowers
10/28 Corey & Nicole Harris

Baby Blessings



Mara Kay was born on Sept. 13th to Steven and Darcie Strayer. She weighed 7 lbs 15 oz. and was 21.5 inches long. Grandparents are Matt & Suzy Strayer, Her Aunt is Katie. Her Great Grandparents are Gus & Kay Heringhaus.

Bristol Leora was born Sept 16 to Seth & Nicki Smith. She weighed 7 lbs. 14 oz. and was 21 in long. Her Grandparents are Tracy Gunderman & Ron Gunderman, Her Great Grandmother is Jacque Walker. She is welcomed home by sisters Jolene and Charlotte.

Congratulations from your church family.

"If you feel like you're losing everything, remember that trees lose their leaves every year and they still stand tall and wait for better days to come."

—Unknown

Flowers For Worship:

10/02 Virginia Paulus-In Memory of "Bud" & Sons
10/09 Jacque Walker—In honor of family
10/16
10/23 Dan & Shirley Workman-In Memory of Paul, In Honor of Shane & Julie Pack family
10/30 Corey & Nicole Harris-In Honor of Our Anniversary

ATTENDANCE

8/28 40
9/04 56
9/11 49
9/18 37





Disciples Women Ministry

Disciples Women's Ministry will meet October 4th at 6 p.m. We will be having pizza before the meeting, so please sign up on the bulletin board if you are attending. All women of the church are invited to attend

We are continuing to provide eggs for the food pantry.

The Church World Service Blanket Ministry was again supported very well, we were able to send \$452.83 for blankets. Thank you for continuing to help with this long time tradition.

District 1 Men's Rally

Sunday, October 30th
Gathering/Fellowship 3 p.m.
Worship & Speaker 4 p.m.

First Christian Church, Wauseon-129 E. Elm St.
Wauseon, Ohio 43567

Rev. Allen V. Harris, regional Pastor & President,
Christian Church in Ohio, is our speaker for the rally.



Coats for Kids 2022

Monday, October 10th
9 a.m. to noon

Paulding County Senior Center. If your child is in need of a new winter coat and is a Paulding Co. resident please attend registration on Oct. 10th at the Senior Center, 410 E. Jackson St., Paulding.

Please bring proof of residency as well as your child's social security card or birth certificate.

COFFEE & CONVERSATION



Every Sunday morning we are having coffee & conversation in the fellowship hall at 9:00 a.m.

Please join us for Christian fellowship.

You're made for faith



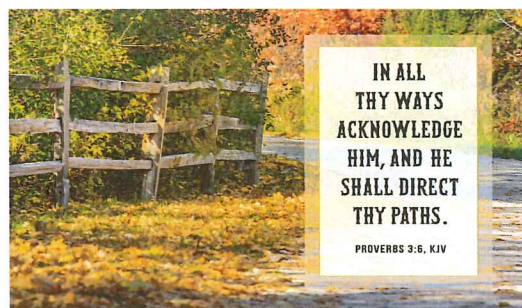
Contrary to popular opinion, faith and doubt aren't opposites. Instead, "doubt is a way station en route to faith," writes J. Ellsworth Kalas. "I can't imagine getting to faith at a grand level that raises the hair on your arms without passing through doubt to get there."

Switching metaphors, Kalas explains, "Faith is an edifice in which some of the grandest parts are the various stones and mortar of doubt." Christians need not worry about doubt, which is "the stuff that goes into the building of faith."

The *real* enemy of faith is unbelief, but it's not a fair fight, says Kalas. Because humans "are made for faith ... unbelief is always an intruder, always working against what is magnificently native to us."

Be-attitudes

- Be understanding of your enemies.**
- Be loyal to your friends.**
- Be strong enough to face the world each day.**
- Be weak enough to know you cannot do everything alone.**
- Be generous to those who need your help.**
- Be frugal with what you need for yourself.**
- Be wise enough to know that you do not know everything.**
- Be open enough to believe in miracles.**
- Be willing to share your joys.**
- Be eager to share the sorrows of others.**
- Be a leader when you see a path others have missed.**
- Be a follower when you are shrouded by uncertainty.**
- Be the first to congratulate an opponent who succeeds.**
- Be the last to criticize a colleague who fails.**
- Be loving to those who love you.**
- Be loving to those who don't love you; they may change.**



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PROVERBS 3:6, XIV



FLAT ROCK FALL FESTIVAL

Another wonderful Flat Rock Fall Festival is over. Thank you for all the donations and the monetary support. A special thank you to those who came and worked. This takes a huge amount of man power that starts on Wednesday night to set up and does not end until everything is cleaned and put away on Sunday evening. Several people worked everyday and it is very much appreciated. Income at the festival was \$5295.25. Expenses were 1925.16. We paid \$337.01 plus a \$25.00 electric fee to flat rock festival committee. Net Profit at the festival was \$3008.08. Donations at the church were \$1395.00 for the building maintenance fund. We were able to increase the building maintenance fund by \$4403.08 because of this event.



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

- 10/02 Matt Strayer, Tracy Gunderman, Cindy Grace
- 10/09 Jan Commers, Paul Long, Sandy Bandy
- 10/16 Max Hibbard. Susan Simpson, Charlie Simpson
- 10/23 Nicole Harris, Angela Bowers
- 10/30 Charlie Simpson, Joan Tope, Dan Workman



Accounting Funds

The church board established a New Roof Fund in June of 2019. It continues to accept donations as it slowly grows. Just like home the church needs replacements from time to time.

In April of this year the church board also established a technology fund. This fund is to upgrade anything from sound, lighting or computers. The world of tech moves quickly.

If you would like to contribute to either of these funds please use the envelopes in the pews or make a note on your donation.

Thank you

Building Maintenance Fund

The Fall Festival benefits this fund. It is becoming increasingly difficult to get workers for the festival and it is becoming difficult for a few people to work all 3 days plus set up and tear down. We know the fellowship is important but this is a huge amount of work. Thinking about options, if 15 members donate \$6.41 a week to this fund it amounts to \$96.15 a week. \$96.15 times 52 weeks is \$4999.80.

Denise & Lori

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.	201 FALL FESTIVAL	700 MENS GROUP	Total
08/07/2022	2,503.00	15.00	0.00	0.00	2,518.00
08/14/2022	830.00	25.00	175.00	0.00	1,030.00
08/18/2022	10,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,000.00
08/21/2022	1,600.00	0.00	0.00	25.00	1,625.00
08/28/2022	1,052.00	130.00	0.00	0.00	1,182.00
Total	15,985.00	170.00	175.00	25.00	16,355.00

Susan K. Simpson

9/2/22

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH






WORSHIP: SUNDAYS-10 A.M.

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

October 2022



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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2	3	4 Disciples Women's Meeting-6 p.m.	5 Worship/ Membership – 6:30 p.m. Trustees-7 p.m.	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 Stewardship/ Finance-6:30 p.m.	13	14	15 Men's Group-9 a.m.
16 Elders-8:30 a.m.	17	18 Board Meeting- 7	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

REV. DR. SANDRA JENKINS WAS CALLED BY FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH ON SEPT. 4TH IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO CONTACT HER THE CELL PHONE NUMBER IS 814-403-8659. No text messages please. Her visitation calendar is available in the narthex , you may sign up for a time that is convenient.

ELDERS: Bruce Gunderman & Jan Commers
 WORSHIP LEADER: Sharon Cooper
 1ST SCRIPTURE READER: Matt Strayer
 GREETERS: Paul Long

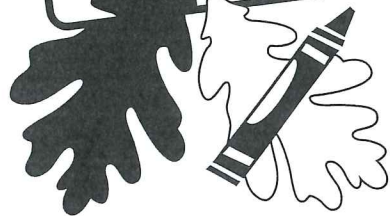


Mowing Schedule

No Mowers
 Sept 26-Oct. 9th-
 Oct. 10th-Oct. 23-



Revealing >>> the <<< invisible



Create some invisible art and then reveal the seasonal design.

What you need:

- Leaves
- White paper
- White crayon (label removed)
- Watercolor paints
- Water
- Paintbrush



What you do:

1. Gather leaves of different shapes and sizes. On a table, arrange them flat without overlaps. Set the paper over them.
2. Hold the crayon sideways and use the long edge to color over the leaves. You'll make an invisible rubbing of them.
3. Then paint over the paper with watercolors. The areas with crayon will resist the paint and reveal the hidden leaf designs.

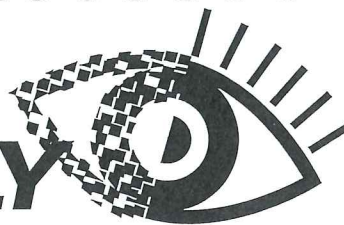
Marked by grace

Hymn writer Augustus Toplady, who penned the classic 18th-century hymn "Rock of Ages," also wrote these words:

My name from the palms of his hands
Eternity will not erase
Imprest on his heart it remains
In marks of indelible grace.

PUZZLE

SEEING CLEARLY



God's character is evident through what he made.

Directions: Hold up the puzzle to a mirror. Then write the backward words correctly to complete Romans 1:20, NIV.

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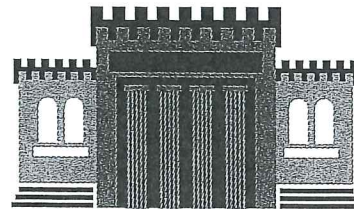
WITHOUT EXCUSE. 2NAMOR 1:20, NIV

Answer: creation, invisible, eternal, divine, clearly, understood, people, Romans

Bible Quiz

Which king allowed — even encouraged — the Judean exiles to return to Jerusalem and rebuild the temple?

- A. Cyrus of Persia
- B. Tiglath-pileser of Assyria
- C. Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon
- D. Hiram of Tyre



Answer: A (See Ezra 1:1-4.)