



FIRST CHRISTAIN CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ)
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DISCIPLE DIGEST

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
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Coffee & Conversation 9:00 a.m.

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Childrens Sunday School during worship



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JUNE 2025

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

We are coming into the heart of summer. The days are longer and hot. The sun washes everything in glowing light. Gardens of vegetables and flowers are growing high and colorful. The pavement is blisteringly hot, and it feels good to wear sandals and wiggle our toes. It is truly becoming the definition of summertime right now.

A few years ago, I was walking along a sidewalk when I noticed that a tomato plant had somehow started to grow in the crack of the cement. It was sprawling along the edge with several small, green tomatoes. I couldn't believe that this plant had been able to take root, grow, and thrive in the midst of the hot, steamy sidewalk and was even producing. I watched over it the next few weeks as more grew from its branches and ripened into lovely red tomatoes. I picked some ripe tomatoes to share with friends and family. When I would explain where the tomato was growing, everyone was always amazed. There is beauty in the world right around us, and sometimes we don't even realize it. Walking down the street there are signs of God's creation growing at our feet.

Whether we are in the city or the country, the suburbs or the farm, God's creation envelopes us every day. The heart of summer is a wonderful time to experience the Creator. We feel the summer sun, the heat, and remember how God created "the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night." We see and smell the deep green vegetation around us and know that God has provided all we need. We hear the twitter of birds and feel ourselves surrounded by all creatures great and small. We feel the cool water of the pool, the lake, the hose, or the stream and know that God has washed us in living waters.

Let's be sure to take time to praise God for creating the world and give thanks that we are part of that creation. We see, hear, smell, touch, and taste the wonders of nature. Thank God for giving us the beauty that surrounds us today and always.

Have a great summer!

Peace,

Pastor Ric

Comfort in Mourning:

The Family of Wanda Rohlf
The Family of Ursula Riley
The Archbold & Barton Families

Healing Prayers:

Gigi
Rosalie McClure
Hollie Simpson
Linda Watson

Continuing Concerns:

Dave Foltz
Tim Pennington
*Charlie Simpson
Susan Sitton
Sam Smith
Our World
*Denotes Members

FIRST SCRIPTURES

6/01 Psalm 97
6/08 Genesis 11: 1-9
6/15 Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31
6/22 Isaiah 65: 1-9
6/29 Psalm 16

Sermons

If you would like to hear a specific sermon a 2nd time they are available on our website at firstcccpaulding.org or our facebook page.

Flowers For Worship:

6/01
6/08 Herm Guelde-In Memory of Jean
6/15
6/22
6/29



ATTENDANCE

	Total	Member	Non Member	Child	Visitor	Online
4/27	62	37	8	14	3	
5/04	67	38	6	17	5	
5/11	79	44	12	19	4	208
5/18	70	39	12	15	4	152



Nursing Home Residents..

The Gardens

*Romaine Boundy
*Sandy Leslie

Van Crest of Payne

Lorean McCollum

Military:

Cameron Cramer
Miranda E. Iler
Morgan R. Iler

In Sympathy

Please keep the family of Wanda Rohlf in your prayers, Wanda joined the Lord on May 2nd. Services were held May 10th.

Also the family of Ursula Riley who went to be with the Lord on May 10th.

Services for Ursula were held May 24th.
May these families find comfort in the Lord.

JUNE SERVERS

Elders :

Gary McClure
Sue Simpson

Worship Leader:

Matt Strayer

Greeters:

Kenny & Marsha Adkins

First Scripture Reader:

Larry Grace



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

6/01 Lucas Grace
6/02 Emily Thielbar
6/03 Jolene Smith
6/04 Gail Stoller
6/07 Clark Aden
6/09 Dave Clark
6/12 Caia Cook
6/12 Grace Laney
6/13 Dee Fraley
6/14 Angie Coak
6/17 Nicole Harris
6/18 Stella Bandy
6/18 Julie Knapp
6/18 Lindsay Metzger
6/19 Lisa Cline
6/24 Mike Workman
6/28 Bonnie Sherland
6/29 Gerald Fraley
6/30 Larry Grace



6/01 Don & Marilyn Stevenson
6/02 Cory & Olivia Mendez
6/11 Lisa & Pete Cline
6/13 Brett & Michelle Mawer
6/21 Gerry & Dee Fraley

Pentecost Sunday

Please wear **red** on Pentecost Sunday, June 8th.
If you would like to bring a geranium to decorate the sanctuary please have it to the church by June 5th.

Pentecost Potluck

We will be having a potluck following worship. Please bring a dish to share. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin so that we can be sure to have a variety. We have cake ordered to celebrate the churches birthday. Be sure to join the fun.



From the Elders

A devotion by Erika Bentsen

My horse hates his blanket. Pinned ears, stomping feet, a pop at me with his nose, Jack makes it clear that, although he is in his upper twenties, he is not cowardly. Normally an easygoing horse, blanketing him is one of the few activities in which I have to halter him. "Can't you see I'm trying to help you?" I tell him. Fortunately, there are usually only a few days a year in which I need to give him extra protection from the weather.

Jack had already shed out his winter coat when a late-season storm hit. Temperatures dropped into the teens with high winds and relentless snow that hurt when it skin. I brought grain out to give Jack a boost of warmth. Snow was caked over his back and left side. He was shivering. This time, he didn't stomp when I hauled out his blanket. I rubbed the snow off his back and draped the blanket over him. I could almost hear him sigh, "Aaaah!"

I admonish him, but Jack is exactly like me. I tell myself I'm tough. I don't need help. I can handle anything. I can, that is, until the storm comes. Then I want God's protection. Then I embrace the security and help I've been too willful, foolish, and independent to accept. Just like I wish Jack would let me help him before the storm gets bad, I need to allow God to help me before I get in over my head-which means, every day.

Father God, thank You for loving me even when I am too foolish to see when You are wrapping me in protection.



Congratulations

Angela & Brian Bowers welcomed Rowan Anthony on May 2nd. Rowan weighed 7 lbs 13 oz. and was 22 inches long. Grandparents are Tony and Deb Santo and Chris & Pam Bowers. May the Lord bless this family with health, happiness and love.



Wedding

Many blessings to Suzanne Laney & Payton Weller who were married May 10th at the church. May your future be filled with God's love, joy and peace.



2025 Graduates

Kynzi Knapp graduated from Paulding High School on May 18th. She plans on working and then getting in to a school for Cosmetology with a Makeup program. She is the daughter of Brian & Julie Knapp. Granddaughter of Denny & Susan Knapp and Great granddaughter of Sharon Cooper.

Haylie Lero graduated May 3rd in the 125th graduating class of Bluffton University with a Bachelor's of Arts in Pretherapy & Exercise Physical Science. She moved to Marion VA to further her studies at Emory & Henry University for her Doctorate of Physical Therapy in the Class of 2028. She is the daughter of Josh & Carrie Lero.

Braxton Ricker graduated on May 7th and will now be fulfilling his 2 years of work at BF Goodrich, after which he decides to make his career there of more on. Braxton is now an Industrial Electrician. He is the son of Harry & Kelly Ricker.



DISCIPLES MEN'S GROUP

The Disciples Men will be meeting June 21st at 9 a.m.



SUNDAY SCHOOL

The children continue to meet following children's moment during worship. The children's

bells will not practice this summer.

Help is needed with the children's program. Please contact Suzy Strayer if you can assist her.

The class for adults will be not meeting for the summer.

Mowing Schedule

May 26-June 8-Gary McClure

June 9- June 22-Sam Smith

June 23-July 6-

July 7- July 20-Gary McClure

July 21- August 3-Todd Pease

August 4- August 17-

August 18- August 31-Gary McClure

Sept 1- Sept 14

Sept 15- Sept 28-Gary McClure

Sept 29-Oct. 12-Mick Coak

Oct 13- Oct 26-Gary McClure

Mowing is going well. Please sign up for a two week spot to help keep the church property looking good. If you are not able to mow but would like to help by paying for someone to mow for you, please sign your name and let Corey know. Thank You. Your help is much appreciated.



GRADUATION CELEBRATION

For

Kynzi Marie Knapp

Class of 2025

Paulding High School & Vantage Career Center

Saturday June 28th 1-5 p.m.

Paulding Eagles

"Every problem has a soft spot. If it is too big for us, we can take it to God. No problem is too big for God."

—Brother Andrew

THANK YOU

I am so thankful for this wonderful congregation. A heartfelt thank you for the meals delivered by so many, the gentlemen who have kept up the yard at the parsonage, and for all the prayers and well wishes, before and after my recent surgery. All is progressing well, just days left in the sling and physical therapy has begun. Thank you again, and God bless you!

Pastor Ric

SUMMER MUSIC

If you would like to provide special music during a worship service this summer please sign up on the bulletin board. All questions



Parsonage

You may be aware of the recent plumbing issue at the parsonage. It was an "oh my how can this happen situation". It was fixed immediately but costly. Well because of a recent storm the electrical box was badly damaged. Burnt, and we are lucky the house did not catch fire, however it has been fixed. God is watching over us. The bills for these repairs is substantial, if you would like to donate to the building maintenance fund to help out it would be greatly appreciated.

Church Property Use

There have been several inquiries recently on building use. I've included the building use and kitchen guidelines for the church in this newsletter. These forms are given to all renters of the building but are also the building rules for any use of the church. God has blessed us with this wonderful building and the board has set guidelines to insure we keep our property as well maintained as we can. If you have questions, please contact the trustees or the office.



DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRY

We continue to meet the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at the church. All women of the church are invited to attend the meetings.

We are still collecting items for the care tote bags that are given to comfort people in times of health issues or stress. There is a bag in the narthex. Thank you for support the ministries chosen by the women's group.

Prayer Shawls are available in the office for anyone who is in need of comfort.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS THE 15TH OF THE MONTH



**Thanks
for Your
Support!**

Monthly Budget Needs

In order to meet our monthly budget needs We need an offering of \$11263.75 per month.

COUNTERS

6/01 Matt Strayer, Tracy Gunderman, Cindy Grace

6/08 Jan Commers, Paul Long, Sandy Bandy

6/15 Max Hibbard. Corey Harris, Clint Reinhart

6/22 Nicole Harris, Angela Bowers, Gary McClure

6/29 Corey Harris, Joan Tope, Dan Workman

First Christian Church Fund Summary

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OUTREACH

Caring and Sharing Food Pantry

Thank you for your continued donations to the food pantry. The box is in the narthex for any donations. They are currently in need of canned veggies other than green beans, baking supplies and tomato products (sauce & diced),

LET'S CONTINUE WITH MAKE THIS MONTH BRING A CANNED FOOD EVERY SUNDAY MONTH.

They also need 46-64 oz clean clear plastic bottles and egg cartons.

QR Code Donation

The QR code has made it convenient for donations to the church to be made.

This is working very well. It is always available on the facebook page and the firstccpauling.org webpage. Your donations make continuing our ministry possible. Thank You!



	100 TITHES AND OFFERINGS	104 SPECIAL HOLIDAY-EAS TER	118 Elavon Tithes/Offering s	200 BUILDING/MAI NT.	300 YOUTH GROUP	901 DISCIPLE MISSION FIN 4%	Total
04/04/2025	0.00	0.00	275.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	275.00
04/06/2025	3,408.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	3,418.00
04/09/2025	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
04/12/2025	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
04/13/2025	1,557.00	70.00	0.00	10.00	0.00	0.00	1,637.00
04/20/2025	1,397.00	110.00	65.00	0.00	151.00	0.00	1,723.00
04/22/2025	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
04/27/2025	1,631.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,681.00
04/28/2025	0.00	0.00	220.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	220.00
Total	7,993.00	180.00	810.00	20.00	151.00	0.00	9,154.00

Tracy Gunderman

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



WORSHIP: SUNDAYS-10 A.M.
CHILDRENS SUNDAY SCHOOL FOLLOWING
CHILDRENS MOMENT

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

June 2025



Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2	3 DISCIPLES WOMENS MEETING-10 A.M.	4 TRUSTEES-7 P.M.	5	6	7 VANCE-FS HALL
8 PENTECOST POTLUCK FOLLOWING WORSHIP	9	10	11 STEWARDSHIP/ FINANCE-6:30 P.M.	12	13	14
15 FATHER'S DAY ELDERS-8:30 A.M.	16	17 BOARD MEET- ING-7 P.M.	18	19	20	21 MEN'S GROUP- 9 .AM.
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

ELDERS: Gary McClure & Sue Simpson
WORSHIP LEADER: Matt Strayer
1ST SCRIPTURE READER: Larry Grace
GREETERS: Kenny & Marsha Adkins

6/01 SERMON: Nothing to Fear, SCRIPTURE: John 17: 20-26
6/08 SERMON: "Power, Vision & Presence", SCRIPTURE: Acts 2: 1-21
6/15 SERMON: "God Waits", SCRIPTURE: Romans 5: 1-5
6/22 SERMON: "Your Life Matters" SCRIPTURE: Galatians 3: 23-39
6/29 SERMON: "Filled with Peace" SCRIPTURE: Galatians 5: 13-25

BUILDING USE GUIDELINES

The Official Board of the First Christian Church has been designated as the officials responsible for the use of the church facilities. The church has adopted the following GUIDELINES to assure the best possible use of the building & facilities.

ALL FEES ARE PAYABLE IN ADVANCE. Make payment to the First Christian Church.

Applications for use approval shall be in writing and given to the church secretary. Applications are not a guarantee of use until approved by the Official Board and/or Trustees.

1. No smoking permitted on church property, No alcoholic beverages on church premises.
2. No games of chance (gambling) shall be permitted on church property.
3. Do not paint or attach any signs, displays, or materials to the building or grounds unless on a bulletin board.
4. Do Not use tape on walls, floors, doors or cabinetry.
5. Groups using the church must meet all local and state fire regulations.
6. Groups using the church shall confine their activities to the area designated on use agreement.
7. Groups using the church shall NOT use tacks, nails, staples, scotch tape, past, glue, paint or other materials which might damage or deface property of equipment, including pews.
8. The custodian fee will be applied for all weddings.
9. The sponsoring groups using the building assumes full responsibility for all who enter the premises attracted by the activity.
10. Any loss, damage or theft of supplies or equipment will be charged to the applicant.
11. All activities involving the use of the church shall be placed on the official church calendar in the office with the secretary.
12. The sanctuary is a place of worship and no program shall occur which is not consistent with this purpose.
13. All youth groups, high school age or younger, must have at least one responsible adult supervisor present at all times.
14. Chairs, tables, or other church property available for use off church premises only for church events.
15. Intended use of BURNING CANDLES must be approved prior to event.
16. A member of the church familiar with the kitchen equipment must be present to use kitchen equipment.
17. Sound techs must be present for use of the Sound System.
18. Thermostats are not to be adjusted.
19. Organ not to be used by other than church organist unless otherwise approved.
20. Permission to change any of these rules must be approved by the Board in writing.

The applicant agrees to be responsible for observing the above rules and regulations and to assume full responsibility and liability for personal injury, death in case of accident, loss or damage to personal property that may occur when these facilities are being used.

Groups, committees, etc. within the church will designate a person to be responsible for a door key and such person shall be familiar with special lock & lighting systems.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT _____

(Return form to the Church Office)

KITCHEN GUIDELINES

A church member must be present for use of kitchen equipment. Pick up an Activity Request Form from the church office. Applications for approval shall be in writing and given to the church secretary along with the deposit and the building use fee set by the trustees. Applications are not a guarantee of use until approved by the Official Board.

1. NO KITCHEN ITEMS LEAVE THE CHURCH WITHOUT PERMISSION FROM THE Disciples Women's Ministry.
2. All laundry, used from any events, will be put in a designated basket in the kitchen.
3. No food can be left in the refrigerator after a function.
4. No dirty dishes should be left in the sink or dishwasher.
5. All items must be put away in proper places.
6. Counters and appliances must be left clean.
7. Floor is to be swept and mopped if necessary.
8. All trash generated from your event must be taken to the trash bin in the parking lot. New trash liners must be put in trash containers. They are kept under the sink.
9. You must have permission from the DWM to use the dishes, glasses and tablecloths
10. Coffee makers must be cleaned and unplugged after use.
11. Anything broken or stained must be replaced by the group that sponsored the event.
12. Your deposit will be returned following your event if the kitchen and or fellowship hall is left in satisfactory condition.

Caring & Sharing

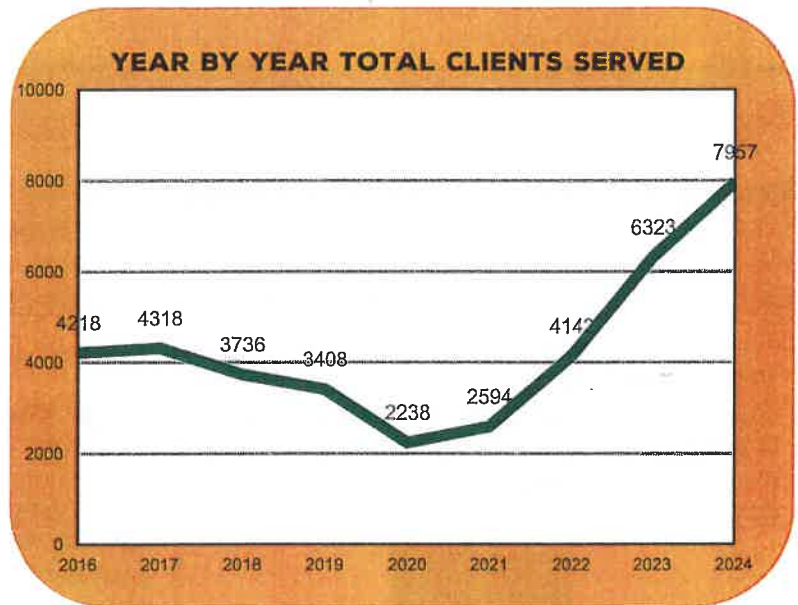
FOOD PANTRY

The mission of the Caring & Sharing Food Pantry is to engage the local giving community and volunteers to help us serve our neighbors and work against food insecurity in Paulding County.

The Caring & Sharing Food Pantry operates a choice pantry, which allows each client to choose from the food we have available. They can visit two times per month, and we provide three days of food for the members of their household each visit.

2024 HIGHLIGHTS

- The pantry moved into a new, 3,800 square foot building at 318 N. Walnut Street in Paulding.
- We purchased and installed a walk-in freezer.
- The number of clients who visited the pantry grew 300% since 2021.
- We served 7,957 people, or 2,919 households.
 - 83% of the households came once a month or less, although they can visit twice per month.
 - We welcomed 167 new households and did not receive visits from 33 households we served in 2023.
- The pantry received 152,000 pounds of food and personal hygiene items in 2024.
 - 30% of food we provide is donated, 30% is from other food programs and 40% is purchased.
- Caring & Sharing is run by 2 part-time staff members and 100 volunteers.



Did You Know?

1. According to Feeding American, 13.6% of Paulding County neighbors struggle with food insecurity.
2. 47% of the students in our county qualify for free or reduced lunches, based on school data.

FOR INFORMATION

info@caresharepantry.org

419.399.9562

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318 N. Walnut Street
Paulding, OH 45879

The Caring & Sharing Food Pantry, located at 318 N. Walnut Street in Paulding is a not-for-profit organization as defined under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. It operates solely based on food and financial donations from our community and with the support of Feeding American and West Ohio Food Bank, of which we are a member.



HOW YOU CAN HELP

Donate Money

Donations will be used by the pantry to fund operations, including the purchase of food. If you want your financial donation to be used for a specific purpose, include a note with your donation or email legacy@caresharepantry.org.

Send a check to
the Caring &
Sharing Food
Pantry

Send to
P.O. Box 391
Paulding, OH 45879

Contribute through PayPal.

PayPal does not charge you or the
pantry for this service. at

www.paypal.com/US/fundraiser/charity/1579805

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Participate in Special Partnerships

SimpleGive Partnership with Defiance Meijer. The pantry has been offered this fundraising opportunity 2-3 times per year. Over the last two years, we have received more than \$18,000 through the program. The most recent campaign ended March 29, and the results aren't known yet. The pantry uses all SimpleGive proceeds to buy food from Meijer at wholesale prices.

Walmart Round Up

Roundup for the Caring & Sharing Food Pantry at Walmart.com when you buy online or through the app. **Scan the QR** code to sign in to your account and choose C&S as your charity.



Kroger Community Rewards Program

If you have a Kroger Rewards Card, sign up for Community Rewards and make us your charity. Kroger will make donations quarterly at no cost to you! **Scan the QR** code and log in to your account or create one. Go to "My Accounts" then "Community Rewards." Choose Caring & Sharing Food Pantry or JQ541. Click enroll.



Donate Food

Donate items in person

Go to the
Donations door
on the north side
of the building

Deliver to
318 N. Walnut Street
Paulding, OH 45879

Shop the Amazon WishList

Click the QR code to shop,
using our list. Your donation
will be delivered right to us!

Amazon WishList



Volunteer

Give your time and talents!

The pantry is always looking for people to help. We need assistance in the market and the warehouse operations as well as with the various committees that support the pantry. Let us know you are interested and we will help you find a way to help. Email volunteer@caresharepantry.org

Puzzle!

A FATHER'S INSTRUCTION

Although babies don't come with instructions, God tells parents how to raise their children.

Directions: Fill in the blanks with letters, using the number grid to find the correct coordinates. The first number goes across, the second one goes down.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	a	L	d	i	j	g	r
2	m	b	o	k	h	u	s
3	e	n	c	x	t	p	f

2,2 7,1 4,1 2,3 6,1 5,3 5,2 1,3 1,2
 6,2 6,3 4,1 2,3 5,3 5,2 1,3
 5,3 7,1 1,1 4,1 2,3 4,1 2,3 6,1 1,1 2,3 3,1
 4,1 2,3 7,2 5,3 7,1 6,2 3,3 5,3 4,1 3,2 2,3
 3,2 7,3 5,3 5,2 1,3 2,1 3,2 7,1 3,1

Ephesians 6:4, NIV

IN MY FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS

Make this keepsake to express love for your dad or another special man this Father's Day.

What you need:

- White construction paper (11" x 13" sheet)
- Pencil
- Black permanent marker
- Crayons or paint

What you do:

1. In the center of the paper, trace your foot in pencil. Darken the outline with marker.
2. Color or paint the footprint. Let it dry.
3. Trace your father's foot (same side) on top of your footprint (with yours in the middle of his).
4. Color or paint his footprint. Let it dry.
5. Sign your names and the date at the bottom.



Bible Quiz



Who said to the prophet Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD?"

- A. Reuben, for selling Joseph into slavery
- B. Jacob, for deceiving Isaac and stealing his brother's birthright
- C. Rahab, a prostitute
- D. David, considered Israel's greatest king



Answer: D (See 2 Samuel 12:13.)