



**FIRST CHRISTAIN CHURCH**  
(Disciples of Christ)  
1233 Emerald Rd.  
Paulding, Ohio 45879

# DISCIPLE DIGEST

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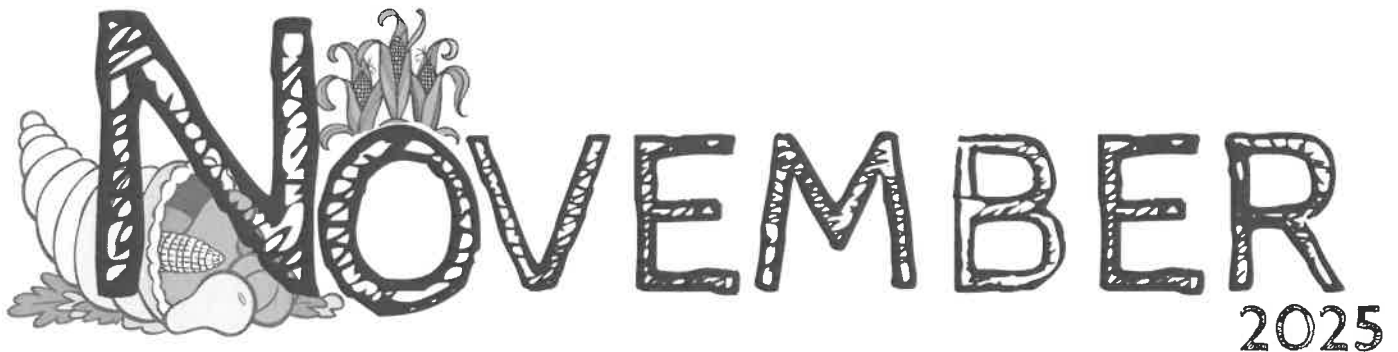
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*Coffee & Conversation 9:00 a.m.*

*Worship 10:00 a.m.*

*Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m.*

*Childrens Sunday School during worship*



# DISCIPLE DIGEST

## First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)



NOVEMBER 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

***“Let us live in awe of the LORD our God, for He gives us rain each spring and fall, assuring us of a harvest when the time is right.” Jeremiah 5:24***

We can choose to see the beautiful leaves blanketing the earth as dead and useless, or we can see them as partaking in the beautiful circle of life, a catalyst for new growth, giving nourishment back to the soil in preparation for Spring. This is all part of God's good plan, too. But what if a tree became fearful of change? What if it shook a branch at God and refused to release its grip? If the tree got its way, not only would its cycle of life be broken, but the weight of newly fallen snow would snap its branches in two. The tree instinctively knows it needs to release to receive. The bottom line is this - Creation trusts its Maker. What might you need to release in this season of life so you can receive God's good plan for you? Harmful habits? Leaning on your own understanding like I sometimes do? The clutter in your soul? Fear? Stinky attitudes? Toxic relationships? Or maybe you need to release your grip on an over-packed schedule so you can return to your first love (God)? When the Lord calls us to rest, it isn't always because we just went through a tough season. This rest could be to conserve our energy, in preparation for what is up ahead. If your opportunity to rest and re-charge is right now, will you overlook it and miss out on what the Lord wants to deposit into you? I pray you and your family will enjoy a blessed season of heightened gratitude and a harvest of blessings that can only come from God.

***Peace,***

***Pastor Ric***

**Comfort in Mourning:**  
The family of Sam Smith

**Healing Prayers:**  
Dan Bulau  
Marvin Henricks  
Marilyn Wells

**Continuing Concerns:**  
Tony Buchman  
Dave Foltz  
Elizabeth Miller  
\*Charlie Simpson  
Hollie Simpson  
\*Denotes Members

**Nursing Home Residents..**

**The Gardens**  
\*Romaine Boundy  
Rich English

**Van Crest of Payne**  
Lorean McCollum  
Veronica "Ronnie" Kromer

**Military:**  
Cameron Cramer  
Miranda E. Iler  
Morgan R. Iler



11/03 Dan Workman  
11/05 Zoey Hibbard  
11/06 Jodi Perl  
11/07 Denny 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

### First Scriptures

11/02 Psalm 149  
11/09 Job 19: 23-27  
11/16 Isaiah 12: 1-6  
11/23 Jeremiah 23: 1-6  
11/30 Psalm 122



November 2<sup>nd</sup> during worship we will be recognizing the saints who have gone since November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024

### Sermons

*If you would like to hear a specific sermon a 2nd time they are available on our website at [firstccpaulding.org](http://firstccpaulding.org) or our facebook page.*

### Flowers For Worship:

11/02 Herm Guelde-In Memory of Jean  
11/09 In Honor of our Veterans  
11/16  
11/23 Happy Thanksgiving  
11/30 Don Brockhaus-In Honor of JoAnn

### November Servers

**Elders:** Tracy Gunderman & Sue Simpson  
**Worship Leader:** Suzy Strayer  
**First Scripture:** Tracy Gunderman  
**Greeters:** Charlie & Sue Simpson



November 9<sup>th</sup> during worship we will be honoring our veterans. There will be a display in the narthex the month of November. Please bring in your pictures and memorabilia.

### ATTENDANCE

	Total	Member	Non Member	Child	Visitor	Online
09/28	65	44	8	13	0	128
10/05	104	55	21	24	4	189
10/12	58	33	9	14	2	167
10/19	66	41	9	14	2	152



**From the Elders**  
**A devotion by Lisa M. Samra entitled**  
**Gratitude To God**

Canada and the island of Saint Lucia celebrate a Thanksgiving holiday in October. Liberia sets aside a day for giving thanks at the beginning of November, while the United States and Australia mark the annual holiday at the end of the month. Other countries, including the United Kingdom, Brazil, Rwanda, and the Philippines, have unofficial days to foster gratitude.

There's something powerful about a nation collectively expressing gratitude. It's a picture we see when King David assembled the nation of Israel to give thanks to God for His presence, protection, and promises. The celebration marked the return of the "ark of God" ( 1 Chronicles 16: 1). The people rejoiced that the ark, a symbol of God's presence with them, was in Jerusalem. As David led Israel in praise, he reminded them of God's protection as the nation conquered the land of Canann (VV. 18-22) and celebrated His faithfulness to fulfill His promises (v. 15).

If you celebrate a Thanksgiving holiday with friends and family, consider making it a gratitude gathering and reflecting together on the ways you've experienced God's presence, protection, and promises over the past year. Whether or not you live in a country that officially celebrates Thanksgiving, each of us can take time to "give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever" (v. 34)

**How have you experienced God's presence, protection, or promises? How can you express gratitude?**

*Dear God, please cultivate within me a spirit of gratitude as I remember all You've done.*

**THANK YOU!**

As always, the generosity of this congregation amazes me. Thank you all so much for the very generous gift for Pastor Appreciation. It is such a blessing to be your pastor, but I hope you know that your ongoing care and love for me is deeply appreciated. Thank you!

Pastor Ric

**Congregational meeting**

November 16<sup>th</sup> our annual congregational meeting will be held following worship. This meeting is to vote on the officers and budget for the 2026 year. All members of the church are encouraged to attend.



***Hanging of Greens***

*November 23<sup>rd</sup>*

*We will be decorating the sanctuary for the Advent Season following worship. Everyone is invited to help. We will be ordering pizza for lunch after the decorating is complete.*



## Disciples Women

The Women continue to meet the first Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m. All women are invited to attend. The annual chicken pie/steak meal will be November 13<sup>th</sup>, serving from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

There is a sign sheet for workers and donations and a church bank for monetary donations to purchase meat. Thank you for your continued support.

### Outreach

We are planning to collect mittens and gloves for the Christmas tree along with adopting 3 families. We will also be providing Christmas dinner for the families. The gift tags will be on the tree, you take a tag, buy and wrap the gift, place the tag on the outside of the package and return it under the tree. If you know of someone in need please contact us so we can help.



Outreach Committee

Genelta, Vicki and Sue Simpson

### Thank You

We want to thank ALL of our church family for the encouragement and prayers during Charlie's battle with esophageal cancer. Although the battle will likely never be over, and he has had a few hurdles along the way, we have had recent tests that show the treatments are helping, it has decreased the tumor and so far keeping the cancer repressed!! Charlie will need to continue taking chemotherapy and immunotherapy for an unknown extended time. We have faith in our doctors, nurses, and medical staff and thank all of them for their dedication and hard work. We also hold dear our faith in God and his strength to keep us moving forward in this battle.

God Bless,  
Charlie & Sue Simpson

## DISCIPLES MEN'S GROUP



The Men's group meets the third Saturday of the month at 9:00 a.m. All men of the church are invited to come. Thank you to everyone who attended the picnic. We have a great time.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL



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

Children's Bell Choir is meeting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month following children's moment.

The Sunday School class for Adults meets every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

### Christmas Program

A Christmas Program is being planned. All ages of young people are invited to sign up on the bulletin board.

They are also inviting adults or adult groups to participate. Please sign up on the bulletin board. Questions should be referred to Kara Thompson.

### Thank you

To our church family thank you for the support and all of the love we have been shown-during the benefit and all along this journey. We appreciate each of you so much.

The Smith Family

### Thank you

Thank you for supporting the CWS Blanket Program! We are grateful to have you as Partners in mission and ministry!

Your \$440.00 gift will help to provide a tangible sign of God's love to people when they need it most.  
*Tiffany*





## Caring and Sharing Food Pantry

One way you can help us do what we do: donate food. Here's a list of items that are very low in our warehouse.

🍞 Baking mixes for bread, cookies, muffins, cakes, etc.

🧂 Baking ingredients like small-sized oil, crisco, sugar, flour and more

🧄 Condiments

🥔 Potatoes -- raw or instant, canned, bagged or boxed

🥫 Canned tuna

🍎 Canned fruit

🥕 Garden produce

Drop off donations 9 am to noon Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. Please ring the donations door doorbell on the north side of the building.

Alternative drop off time can be arranged by contacting us in advance. DO NOT leave donations outside.

Thanks for helping us help neighbors!

## COUNTERS

11/02 Matt Strayer, Tracy Gunderman, Cindy Grace

11/09 Jan Commers, Paul Long, Sandy Bandy

11/16 Max Hibbard. Corey Harris, Clint Reinhart

11/23 Nicole Harris, Angela Bowers, Gary McClure

11/30 Bruce Gunderman, Joan Tope, Dan Workman

### Contact information changes

Does the office have your current phone number or address? What about your birthdate? If not, please turn your correct info into the office.



### 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 [firstcccpaulding.org](http://firstcccpaulding.org) webpage. Your donations make continuing our ministry possible. Thank You!

### Special Dates for November 2025

- All Saints' Day, *November 1, 2025*
- Daylight saving time ends, *November 2, 2025*
- Veterans Day, *November 11, 2025*
- Christ the King Sunday, *November 23, 2025*
- Thanksgiving Day, *November 27, 2025*
- First Sunday of Advent, *November 30, 2025*

### First Christian Church Fund Summary

	100 TITHES AND OFFERINGS	108 RECONCILIATION	118 Elavon Tithes/Offerings	200 BUILDING/MAINT.	700 MENS GROUP	Total
09/06/2025	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
09/07/2025	2,460.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,460.00
09/09/2025	14.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.96
09/12/2025	0.00	0.00	350.00	0.00	0.00	350.00
09/13/2025	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
09/14/2025	1,482.00	0.00	0.00	10.00	0.00	1,492.00
09/21/2025	1,197.00	0.00	65.00	0.00	90.00	1,352.00
09/28/2025	1,105.00	50.00	270.00	0.00	0.00	1,425.00
Total	6,258.96	50.00	785.00	10.00	90.00	7,193.96

*Tracy Gunderman*

# FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH



ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL-9 A.M.

WORSHIP: SUNDAYS-10 A.M.

CHILDRENS SUNDAY SCHOOL FOLLOWING  
CHILDRENS MOMENT

BELL CHOIR EVERY SUNDAY FOLLOWING  
WORSHIP

PASTORS HOURS: TUES-THUS. 8 A.M. 12 P.M.

SECRETARY OFFICE HOURS: TUES.-FRIDAY 8 A.M.-12 P.M.



## NOVEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						BEAMER -FS HALL
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
ALL SAINTS DAY	3	DISCIPLES WOMEN 10 A.M.	BIBLE STUDY- 6:30 P TRUSTEES-7P		7	8
9	10	11	BIBLE STUDY- 6:30 P Finance-6:30 p	CHICKEN PIE/STEAK- 4:30-6:30P CRAFTS/BAKE SALE 9 A-6:30P	14	MEN'S GROUP- 9 A.M.
16	17	18	BIBLE STUDY- 6:30 P	20	21	22
CONGRE GATION MEETING		BOARD MEETING- 7P	19			
HANGING OF THE GREENS	24	25	26	27	28	29
FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT	1	2	3	4	5	6

### NOVEMBER SERMONS



11/02 – Is There Anything Breakable in Here?  
Ephesians 1: 11-23

11/09 – The Road Doesn't Stop Here, Luke 20: 27-38

11/16 – Good News-Bad News, Luke 21: 5-19

11/23-As Smart as a Thief, Luke 23: 23-43

11/30-Our Small Backyard, Matthew 26: 36-44

### SERVERS:

ELDERS: Tracy Gunderman & Sue Simpson

WORSHIP LEADER: Suzy Strayer

FIRST SCRIPTURE: Tracy Gunderman

GREETER: Charlie & Sue Simpson

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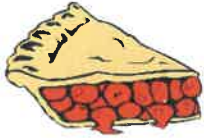
**1233 Emerald Rd.**

**Paulding, Ohio**

## **CHICKEN PIE & STEAK SUPPER**

**NOVEMBER 13TH**

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



**FREE WILL DONATION**

**Carry outs available**



## **CRAFT & BAKE SALE**

**November 13<sup>th</sup>**



**9:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.**



**Please use main entrance**

**Baked Goods -Crafts**



## FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

On October 5th, the Paulding First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) held a 25th Anniversary event at the church, located on 1233 Emerald Road in Paulding. The current church building construction was completed in October of 2000, and the congregation moved from the old church at the corner of N. Williams and Caroline Streets to the new location. Pictured are Virginia Paulus and Jack Moore opening a time capsule from the cornerstone of the old church. Inside the capsule were several well-preserved documents from November of 1906. Attendees enjoyed a special worship service and a catered lunch along with a historical presentation from over the past 25 years.





ITEMS FROM THE  
1906 TIME CAPSULE



Officers of Jr. C. E. Society  
 Mrs. Nellie C. Wheeler Supt  
 Hazel Gant President  
 Sarah Clark Vice Pres  
 Lorna Lynn Secy  
 Floyd Barnes Treasurer  
 Margaret Dye Librarian  
 Ols Reed Librarian

Officers of C. E. M.  
 Mrs. Nellie C. Wheeler Pres  
 Mrs. Florence Myers Vice Pres  
 Mrs. Nancy Doolittle Secy & Treas  
 Officers of Ladies Aid Society  
 Mrs. Alta Lawrence Pres  
 Mrs. Edith Doolittle Secy  
 Mrs. Mary Hammett Treas  
 Chairman of the Dinner Mrs. Edith Doolittle  
 " 2 1/2 - Mrs. Edith Doolittle  
 " 3 1/2 - Mrs. Edith Doolittle  
 " 4 1/2 - Mrs. Edith Doolittle

Officers of Christian Endeavor Society  
 Charles Wheeler Pres  
 Clifford Morris Vice Pres  
 Caddie Cramer Secy  
 Log Doolittle Treas  
 Mrs. Edith Doolittle C. Secy over





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## APPROPRIATE CEREMONIES

**In Laying Corner Stone for New Christian Church, Sunday, November 4, 1906.**

Next Lord's Day will be of special interest to Paulding and community. The corner stone of the new Church of Christ will be formally laid at 2:30 p. m. The pastor, Rev. J. P. Myers, will be in charge, assisted by all the pastors of Paulding. A corner stone laying is not a frequent occurrence. It is something in which you are interested and which you want to see. A most cordial invitation is extended to the public.

**Horse Ran Away.**  
A little excitement was created Monday afternoon on East Jackson street by a runaway horse. Mrs. Wiles and Mrs. Troyer of Jackson township were driving into town today some shopping and when passing the

never, and asserted that...  
The Rooster Crowed Again.  
An omen of what is coming next Tuesday occurred last Sunday, which was a repetition of an incident just prior to election a year ago. A fine large dominick rooster marched across the court yard to a point beneath the window of the sheriff's office and gave forth a last, exultant crow. When the rooster crowed in front of the Auditor's office last year you know what happened. The rooster is not only a proud, gamey, handsome bird, but he is also some times somewhat of a prophet.

**Died**  
at 1:30 Laura Clara daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Duckwall, aged 11 days. The funeral today at 3 o'clock from

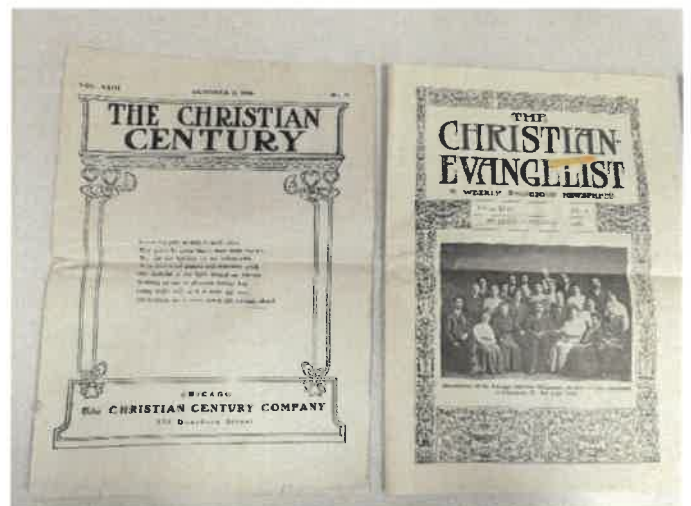
**Corner Stone Laying.**  
Next Lord's Day will be of more than ordinary interest to Paulding and community. The formal laying of the corner stone of the new Christian church will take place at 2:30 P. M. The pastor, Rev. J. P. Myers, will be in charge, assisted by all the pastors of the place. This is a matter in which the whole community is interested. A corner stone is an uncommon occurrence and you want to see it. A most cordial invitation is extended to the public.

**A Fine Breeding**  
Joseph Uphillgrove went to Wooster last purchased a fine perch from Bell Brothers, the importers and breeders. The animal is one of His weight was 25 The price was \$2500.

**Oyster Supper**  
An oyster supper will be given at the Paulding Grange, Friday evening, Nov. 3. The benefit of the fund will be given to the parish music. Every



PAPERWEIGHT FEATURING THE  
CHRISTIAN CHURCH AND PASTOR  
CHARLES DARCIE





THERE ARE ALSO A NOVEMBER 1906 PAULDING PROGRESS, A PAULDING DEMOCRAT AND A PAULDING REPUBLICAN COMPLETE NEWSPAPERS AND A 6 PAGES LETTER EXPLAINING THE PROCESS OF THE CORNER STONE. AND A FOUR PAGE OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE THESE PLEASE COME TO THE OFFICE.



WE WERE BLESSED TO HAVE THE CHILDREN SINGING AND PLAYING THE BELLS ALONG WITH A SPECIAL SONG BY THE ADULTS. AND THAT IS TIM REMSTER SINGING WITH THEM.

IT WAS SO NICE TO HAVE PASTOR DAWN REMSTER READ SCRIPTURE.

PASTOR RIC LEAD A WONDERFUL SERVICE THAT CAN BE VIEWED AT [FIRSTCCPAULDING.ORG](http://FIRSTCCPAULDING.ORG).





WONDERFUL FOOD, FELLOWSHIP AND  
LOTS OF STORIES FILLED THE  
FELLOWSHIP HALL FOLLOWING  
WORSHIP.

TRULY A GREAT CELEBRATION



Write the words below in alphabetical order inside the squares. Then read down the second column of letters to complete the hidden phrase below.

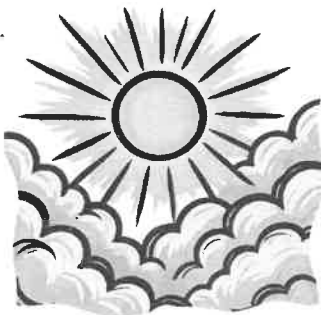
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James 1:17 reminds us about the source of every blessing. According to this verse, how is God described?

- A. The one who changes like shifting shadows
- B. The giver of wisdom to the faithful
- C. The Father of heavenly lights who does not change
- D. The one who rewards those who are generous



Thankful  
girl

Celebrate the season of gratitude by creating a colorful Thankful decoration.

### What you need:

- Construction paper in a variety of fall colors
- Pencil, marker, or crayons
- Yarn, ribbon, or raffia
- Scissors
- Hole punch
- Spray bottle filled with water
- Real leaves (Optional)
- Wooden or plastic beads, cereal with holes (Cheerios, Froot Loops, etc.), or any dried pasta with a hole (Optional)



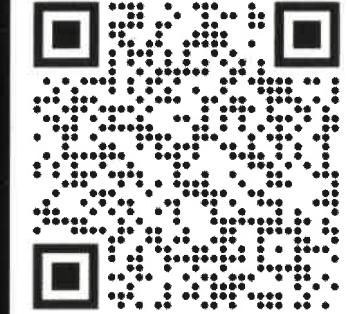
### What you do:

1. Draw or trace leaf shapes onto construction paper.
2. Lay the paper flat and spray with water until the paper is completely wet.
3. Crumple the wet paper into balls.
4. Open the paper and let the sheets dry flat.
5. When dry, cut out each leaf.
6. On each leaf, write the name of one person or thing you're thankful for.
7. Punch a hole in each leaf.
8. Lace the leaves, beads, cereal, and pasta onto the yarn, ribbon, or raffia.
9. Tie the ends and hang your garland.

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 (NIV)

# THANKSGIVING SPECIAL OFFERING



SUPPORTING  
HIGHER EDUCATION

*Bringing Students and Resources Together*

## *Thanksgiving Offering*

For over **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.**

**DONATE HERE!**

## *Thank You!*



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

