

**First Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)  
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# The Quest

**March, 2026**

## **Leadership Team**

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**& Stacia Scott**

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**Worship Time: 10:30 am  
Adult Sunday School: 9:30 am  
Youth & Young Adults: 10:30  
am**

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Check the website any day to look at the Newsletter, the Mid-Week-Updates, the Church Calendar and so much more

**About Pastor Tim Brown:** Pastor Brown will be joining us during Lent:

Pastor Tim Brown recently retired after 25 years of ordained ministry within the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). He began his ministry as an Associate Pastor at First Christian Church in Ashland while completing his Master's degree at Ashland Theological Seminary. He went on to serve nine years as Senior Pastor at First Christian Church in Massillon, nearly three years at Disciples Christian Church in Boardman, and thirteen years as Pastor of Bailey Road Christian Church in Cuyahoga Falls, retiring from that congregation in May, 2025.



Pastor Tim's greatest joys in ministry are pastoral care, leadership, and preaching/teaching. For the past six years, he has also served as chaplain with National Church Residences and began working full-time in that role in May, 2025.

Tim and his wife Cindy have been married for 38 years and have four grown children living in Michigan, Columbus, and two still at home. He was a music major in college and continues to sing and play guitar. He also holds a Master's Degree in Rehabilitation Counseling and a Master of Divinity.

Pastor Tim: "I am grateful to join you in worship as we journey together toward Easter. This season is the most profound and joy-filled celebration Of our faith – yet it also invites us into moments of difficulty, introspection, sorrow, and deep reflection. It will be my honor to walk with you through each of these emotions so that, together, we may once again celebrate the resurrection of Christ with renewed hearts set on experiencing Jesus each day of our live."

We are very pleased to have Pastor Tim Brown with us during this Lent journey.

## COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Our Community Breakfast the 3rd Saturday of each month will be **Saturday, March 21st**

Set up & preparation begins at 7 am

Serving **8:30 to 10:00 am**

~ Clean up to follow by 10:30 am.



Menu for February will be:

French Toats, Sausage Pattie, Biscuits and Homemade Sausage Gravy, bowl of Grits, and choice of a bowl of cereal plus a glass of orange juice and coffee or hot chocolate

*Please sign up and come help at this rewarding ministry.*



*Dear Church Family, My sincere "Thank You" for all the beautiful cards, text messages, messages on Facebook, phone calls for my 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday!! You made it very special!!!*

*Sandy Stout*

### **I-Connect Classes:**

**Intro to Cell Phone Uses 11 – 12 Noon**

**Computer Classes 12:00 – 1 p.m.**

**Low Impact Chair Exercises 1 p.m. – 2 pm**

**At Oasis of Love Church, 190 Chester Ave., just off of Bowman Street (1<sup>st</sup> street on right past Harker on Right)**

**New Class Day and Dates**

**Wednesdays, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, and the 25<sup>th</sup>**



**Betty Jane Zartman**  
**March 22, 1940 – February 20, 2026**

Betty J. Zartman, age 85 of Mansfield, passed away peacefully on Friday, February 20, 2026, at OhioHealth Mansfield Hospital. She was born on March 22, 1940, in Shelby to the late Charles and Mae (Stauffer) Shaffner, and she married the love of her life, Larry R. Zartman, in 1961.

Betty loved her family dearly. Her family looked forward to coming home for the holiday homecooked meals, games, and cards. Those events were so meaningful and enjoyed by all.

She was a member of First Christian Church, where she served as Elder, Diaconate, Greeter, Birthday Card Project Coordinator, and helped serve monthly breakfasts.

She was a 1958 graduate of Union Local High School. After high school, she had a 33-year career as Administrative Assistant for the family-owned Mansfield Screw Machine Products, Inc, in Lexington, Ohio.

After retirement, Betty traveled to Switzerland, Austria, France, Italy, and several states, including cruises to Alaska, the Hawaiian Islands, and the Caribbean Islands. She and Larry enjoyed traveling to Johns Island to visit their son Ron.

Betty was an advisor for the Lexington Super Stars 4-H Club, and she coached a Lexington Little League softball team. She bowled on leagues at Park Lanes, Village Lanes, and Lex Lanes. She also played golf on leagues at Little Apple Golf Course in Bellville.

She enjoyed playing euchre and pinochle with several friends.

She and Larry rode their bikes on the Richland-Mansfield Bicycle Trail for several years and exercised and worked out at the Mansfield YMCA.

She was preceded in death by her parents Charles and Mae Shaffner, her sister Nancy Basting, and her brother Merle Shaffner.

She is survived by her husband of 64 years Larry; her children Linda Zartman, Beverly Gibboney, and Ron Zartman; her grandchildren Ian Neruda, Katie (Jared) Hunt, and Grant Gibboney; and her great-grandson Austin Michael Hunt.

Betty was laid to rest on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, at 10:00 am at Mansfield Memorial Park, where a graveside service took place.



### **Outreach ~ March**

***Two New Outreach Projects are being planned ~***

***1) We will be collecting gently used Pots, Pans, Dishes, Kitchen Utensils, along with bath items such as towels, washcloths and some bedding items!! More Information to Come***

***2) We will be collecting Laundry Soaps, Drier Sheets which are being planned with the help & guidance of I-Connect for our Community Breakfast people to be able to go to a laundromat!! More Information to Come***

**Also, remember the Hygiene Kits ~ This month we are collecting toothbrushes in original packaging ~ if bringing in items for Sarah Group to put together in September please put them on the Table in the Lounge!!!!**

## **All Sunday Worship Services Zoom Call-In Invite Numbers:**

**312-626-6799 or 929-205-6099**

**Meeting ID: 281 630 1855**

**Passcode: 334189**

For those wishing to call in, please know that you can dial either of the phone numbers listed above and when prompted, key in the **Meeting ID** and then again when prompted, key in the **Passcode** and then you will be connected.

You may talk and we will hear you; we just won't be able to see your smiling face(s)!!! We are set that the Phone numbers along with the Meeting ID and Passcode remain the same for each invite.

Those who have email, receive email invites each Thursday via Email ~ If you would like to join via email, send your email address to: [Mansfield1stcc1833@gmail.com](mailto:Mansfield1stcc1833@gmail.com) and you will be added!!!!

## **Directory UPDATE:** (Please Update your Directory)

**Barb Rettig**

**Ashford Assisted Living  
Facility**

**1131 Deliquia Drive, Unit 318**

**Cincinnati OH 45230**

**Phone: 513-406-6968**



Thank you, Jill Danison for inviting Greg Mead as our guest speaker, Sunday, Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Mead enlightened us on all the variety of activities happening at the Friendly House. Friendly House is geared for Children being children and having time to play getting away from watching TV, or being on their cell phones or tablets. Friendly House is open for children when Mansfield City Schools are closed due to the bad weather which we they have had plenty of this winter, so far. The children get fed meals and snacks during the day.

## Calendar Reminders

### Chat & Chew Quilt Club

Snow, snow, go away for our meeting  
On **Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>** at 11:00 am  
Bring any projects to share and a food item  
For our Potluck Lunch.

### Disciple Men's Fellowship

We will not meet during the winter months  
See you in April!!

### Elder's Meeting

The next Elder's Meeting is **Tuesday,  
March 3<sup>rd</sup>** via Zoom at 7 pm

### Sarah Group

Sarah Group returns **Tuesday, March 3**, with  
Marilyn Johnson providing the lesson, Stacia  
Scott providing the lunch following our  
Business meeting

### Euchre Card Party

No Euchre Parties until April

### Church Board

Will meet Wednesday, **March 11<sup>th</sup>**  
at **7:00** pm via Zoom.

### Worship & Music

See the enclosed Easter Flower Order form ~ This year you may order  
an Easter lily or a pot of Tulips in Red, Yellow &/or Purple along with a  
pot of Daffodils ~ Please get your orders in as soon as possible as we  
need to place our order on March 9<sup>th</sup>

**Christian Builders Adult Sunday School continue their  
study entitled "The Twelve Disciples." Come at 9:30 and  
learn why our church is also called "Disciples of Christ."**



*Spring Forward*  
DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

***Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> turn your clocks  
forward one hour before going to bed  
~ as Daylight Savings time begins  
Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 3 am;***

## **UPDATED/REVISED:** Hygiene Kits ~

### We are collecting Hygiene Kits for Church World Service

*Beginning in January or sooner you may bring in completed kits or the items listed below:  
Please Note, Items have changed from in the past:*

1 washcloth (January)

1 fingernail or toenail clipper (removed from Package) (Feb)

***1 toothbrush in original packaging (March)***

1 Bath size bar of soap in original package (April)

1 Travel-size deodorant (3.4 oz. or less, non-aerosol) (May)

1 Travel-size lotion (3.4 oz. or less, fragrance-free, NEW Only) May)

1 Travel-size shampoo (3.4 oz. or less, NEW Only) (June)

1 Travel-size toothpaste (3.4 oz. or less, expiration date of 1 year) (July)

1 Sturdy wide-tooth comb (6" minimum teeth, packaging removed) (August)

1 gallon resealable plastic bag

Sarah Group Ladies will put together any non-completed items at their September meeting.



**We have a  
cupboard in  
fellowship hall  
(behind the  
curtain) to  
store the kits  
and various  
supplies as they  
come in.**

**If you're interested in putting the kid's kits together, please pick  
up a copy of the supplies for it on the sign- up table**



March

- 8<sup>th</sup> Ray Mellick
- 16<sup>th</sup> Gordon Grogg
- 20<sup>th</sup> Diane Rice
- 27<sup>th</sup> Greg Rogers
- 29<sup>th</sup> Harold Troupe



March

*03/31 Darrell & Bonnie Glenn will celebrate their 53rd Wedding Anniversary*

*Early April, 2026 Birthdays:  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Sandy Woosley  
 5<sup>th</sup> Andrew Parish  
 The Outreach Committee is happy to Wish each of You a very Happy Birthday and to say "Thank You" for your contribution to the Birthday Fund which helps with the cost of our monthly Community Breakfast*



Nov. 1, 2025 thru  
 January 31, 2026  
 17 Households shopped at Kroger and earning a \$45.76 donation to the church

<p><b>Elders</b></p> <p><b>03/01 Stacia Scott</b>  <b>03/08 Jill &amp; Scott Danison</b>  <b>03/15 Sandy Stout</b>  <b>03/22 Stacia Scott</b>  <b>03/29 Laurie Parish</b></p>	<p><b>Lay Leaders</b></p> <p><b>Sandy Stout</b>  <b>Peggy Boddy</b>  <b>Scott Danison</b></p>
<p><b>GREETERS</b>  <b>March, 2026:</b>          April, 2026: Need a Volunteer  <i>(if unable to Greet ~ Contact Harold Troupe 419-468-2440)</i></p>	
<p><b>PREPARING COMMUNION March ~ Sandy Stout:</b>  <i>Preparing Communion April, 2026 Need a Volunteer</i></p>	
<p><b>March Diaconates: Need 2 Volunteers</b></p>	

## From Your Church Secretary, Sandy

Hello March!!!



- What is it they say: “March in like Lamb, out like a Lion”? or is it the other way: “In like a Lion, out like a Lamb?” Remember: Saturday night, March 7<sup>th</sup> before going to bed, turn your Clock up 1 hour ~ Spring Forward!!!!
- Please be collecting Hygiene Kits or the items for them as they are much needed.
- Please watch for the new Outreach Project coming in Late March/Early April. If you are doing Spring Cleaning and need to get rid of gently used pots, pans, plates, glasses, cups, silverware or miscellaneous items for the bath or bedding ~ these will then go to people setting up homes. More Info to Come!!!
- The new 2026 Sign-Up Sheets are on the table outside the Sanctuary ~ help with Community Breakfast, Serve as a Greeter, Serve as a Lay Leader, Help prepare Communion, serve as a Diaconate, sign up for the I-Connect Use of Smart/Cell Phones &/or the Chair Exercises (invite a friend to come) ~ Please stop by and sign up where you best can!!!!
- **IMPORTANT:** [Community Breakfast Workers](#) ~ Please see the new check list or inventory list for the Community Breakfast Shoppers by writing on the sheets ~ They are set up for the months we have Eggs, the months we have French Toast and the months we have Pancakes!!! They are located on the inside door of the Pantry!!

The April 2026 Quest deadline will be: Tuesday, March 24th for Committee meetings, Notices, Photos, Articles, etc ~ Quest will be emailed & mailed Thursday, March 26th!

*Never mistake motion for action.* Ernest Hemingway

### January Numbers

4th	26	Income	\$ 4,284	\$ 4,284
11th	24	Expense	\$ <u>13,673</u>	\$ <u>13,673</u>
18th	26	Difference	\$ -9,389	\$ -9,389
25 <sup>th</sup>	<u>00</u>			
	78			

(includes visitors & Children) Via  
Zoom, & Sanctuary visitors &  
Facebook Viewers

## Scriptures– March, 2026

Mar. 1st How Can you Ask Me for a Drink? Psalm 95:1-3,6-7  
Guest Minister, Pastor Tim Brown John 4:1-15  
Second Sunday of Lent

Mar. 8<sup>th</sup> The Destructive Power of the Tongue Psalm 37:1-4  
Guest Minister, Pastor Nick Zuecher James 3:1-12  
Third Sunday of Lent

Mar. 15<sup>th</sup> Who sinned that this man was born blind?  
Pastor Tim Brown John 9:1-41  
Fourth Sunday of Lent

Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup> “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind  
have kept this man from dying?”  
Pastor Tim Brown John 11:1-45  
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Mar. 29<sup>th</sup> “Who is this man?”  
Pastor Tim Brown Matthew 21:1-11  
Palm Sunday



### Please remember our Prayer Concerns

**Brian Dion** (Shawna Laird’s husband) going through some serious illness during Feb.;  
**Barb Rettig** currently in Cincinnati Assisted Living Facility along with her cat;  
**Sally Rogers**, multiple health issues;



February Community Breakfast Prayer Requests are on the table in the hallway outside of the Nave beside the sign-up sheets

Remember those who have ongoing health concerns: Frank Daniell, Darrell Glenn, Lisa Stout, London & Carley Hamilton, Baby Garrett Egler (friend of Laurie Parish), Sharon Ryan, Robert and Delores Au & Troy and Krista Cramer family; Marylyn Bradley, Kennedy Evelyn Scott (great-granddaughter of Bill & Stacia Scott), Terry Hall, Weston Montgomery, Rantavia, Lisa, Julie Rogers-Milligan, Missy Bradley, Beverly Whitaker, Janet Hess (Sandy Stout’s sister); Heidi Barler-McKenzie; Theresa Hilbert; Jane Stout; Kathy (a friend of Beth Armstrong’s)

All those serving in the Armed Services currently military serving here and/or abroad

***Please forward prayer concerns & updates to Sandy or Stacia Scott, Elder Chairperson***