

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

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Co-Chairs of the Elders

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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

www.firstchristianchurchmansfield.com

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

Hummingbirds returned to our feeders on April 20th, and Orioles showed up three days later. There was great excitement in our household in welcoming back these colorful birds or, in the case of our cats, watching all the aviation activity just on the other side of the window. And so, Spring has officially arrived.



The changing of the seasons is exciting for me. There is always something new to observe or experience. For example, 'Hey, that flower wasn't growing there last summer.' Or 'More squirrels are in the trees this year'. Or 'Opossums don't seem to be digging up the lawn as much.' Change is the way of life. Change is healthy.



I know that First Christian is now going through challenges and changes that will continue over the next few years. I know that you all are up to the task. God is on the move here. God is casting a vision of what it means to be a holy community. It is vital that each of us catch a bit of the Holy Spirit and shine the light of Christ into those who still dwell in the darkness of despair, hopelessness and sin.

Keep growing in body, faith and spirit. Whatever you do, do it in the name of our Savior Jesus. Give glory to God always. You will find how blest you are by being a blessing. So, be on the lookout for hummingbirds and grosbeaks and orioles and honey bees and other creatures as the weather warms. They each are a sign of God's presence in and relationship with the world. They are signs of God's love for you.

Soaring blessings
Pastor Greg

Thanks to all the men that helped with planning & serving the Eclipse Meal ~ We also want to thank all who attended and contributed to the donations. We collected \$554 which went towards the Trustee Fund!!!



The table is set



Moon Pies and White Cloud Cookies



Beverages



Preparing Communion

Please see the new sign up sheet posted to sign up to Prepare Communion each Sunday ~ Grapes and crackers are provided ~

Please see **Dominic Morris** for any questions.



Sarah Group Ladies are presenting “**A Spring Pentecost/Birthday Bash Lunch**”, **May 19th** after church ~ We will be accepting a free will offering to cover the cost of the meal. Any amount collected over cost of the meal will be given to the Trustee’s Fund.

Remember: Wear your Red!!!!



THE MENU:

Baked Chicken, Company Potatoes, Variety of Salads, a Dessert plus beverages

If You have not already done so, please sign up on the sign up sheet posted in the foyer, so we will know how much food to prepare!!!

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Our Community Breakfast the 3rd Saturday of each month will be **Saturday, May 18th**

Set up & preparation begins at 7 am
Serving will be from **8:30 to 10:00 am** ~
Clean up to follow by 10:30 am.

Menu for May will be:

Pancakes, Sausage Pattie, Biscuits and 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.

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

Beginning in February you may bring in completed kits or the items listed below:

1 hand towel (measuring 15"x28" or 16"x32") (February)

1 washcloth (March)

1 wide-tooth comb (removed from Package) (April)

- ◆ *Must be Sturdy with at least 6 inches of teeth*
- ◆ *No Pocket Combs or Picks*
- ◆ *Rattail & Combs without handles are acceptable*



1 finger nail or toe nail clipper (removed from Package) (May)

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

1 toothbrush in original packaging (July)

10 standard size Band-Aids (August)

If you make the kits yourself, **DO NOT add toothpaste.** Seal all items in a one-gallon plastic bag with a zipper closure.

Springtime in the PrayGround



Sunday, May 5, 2024 Worship 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 and you will be added!!!!



In honor of Mother's Day, we will be collecting funds for Blankets for Church World Service. You will have a flier and envelope in your bulletins May 5th and May 12th. **All Checks for blanket donation should be made payable to CWS!!**

There is a fleece blanket (shown) which is water-repellant, durable, warm, soft, doesn't add bulk, for warmer climates.

There is a wool blanket which is also water-repellant, flame-retardant, durable, warm and for frigid temps and extreme weather.

Both blankets can be used in a variety of ways beside just keeping warm. They can be used for carrying their belongings, they can provide a shelter just to mention a few.



The blankets go very well with the CWS Hygiene Kits !

The Lord has blessed us with Spring, warmer temperatures and occasional rain. Three of the ingredients needed for a garden.



I volunteer to be the gardener for a First Christian Church garden in the 4 raised beds in our back yard, with donated seeds, plants, and prayers to grow nourishing items for our congregation and neighbors.



Planting will be done May 18th thru June 1st. So please bring any starter plants or seeds that you would like to share with others, that you do not have room to grow at your home.

Thank you for participating in the FCC Garden!

Teresa Lupton

Music Noted from Kathy:

On August 8, 2012 our church voted to not spend any more money to maintain our organ. At that time, we were spending over \$1000/year on tuning and maintenance. We also did not have an organist, and the chances of finding one were very slim. Then....along came Ron Bower! What a blessing. And his mechanical ability, along with his musicality brought our neglected organ back to life. Over the years, the organ has limped along, and Ron has been a much needed crutch to the that organ music flowing. But it's time to do some tuning. Something that needs a professional organ tuner above and beyond Ron's expertise. We are planning to do that sometime in September or October.



The church has okayed the expense. Would you like to help out with this expense? Now is the time to take advantage of the opportunity to off-set some of the cost. Please pray, listen to the Spirit's call and keep the organ music praising the Lord!

ATTN: Bell Choir

The bells are practicing again after a much needed rest following Easter. We plan on playing Mother's Day and Father's Day plus maybe one other Sunday before our summer vacation. Gotta Keep the Ding-a-Lings ringing! Praise the Lord!

Calendar Reminders

All Church Activities/Meetings & Worship happening will continue via Zoom or Church Worship in Person in the Sanctuary

Each Worship Service Zoom invite will be mailed in the mid-week or the next month Quest Newsletter for those calling in on the phone lines & emailed on Thursday for those connecting via Computer

Church is open for worshipping Sunday mornings, using the Front Door
Zoom meeting/worship invites will be emailed prior to the meeting

The Elder's will be having a Worship Service at **Wedgewood on Wednesday, May 1st, 2 pm** with music, worship and prayer.
And **The Waterford on Sunday, May 19th, 3 pm**

Chat & Chew Quilt Club

Will meet this month:

Monday, May 20th, 11:00 am for a light lunch ~ Bring Money & Ticket Stubs for Quilt Raffle. Also, bring your projects to share & ideas for Christmas bags

Men's Disciple Fellowship!

The Men's Fellowship next meeting will be **Tuesday, May 21st, 12 Noon** at the Amvets on Fourth Street ~ All men are welcome to join us!!!

EUCHRE PLAYERS:

Euchre Card Parties **FRIDAY, May 17th**
5:00 PM

See Dominic Morris to sign up to be a Deacon &/or Deaconess to Prepare Communion and the Pass the Offering Trays each Month
Sign Up Sheet is posted in the hallway at the Front Door

Sarah Group Sarah Group will meeting on **Tuesday, May 7th, 10:30 am** Our Study Leader will be Kathy DeLozier and Lunch will be prepared by Jane Mellick & Peggy Boddy! We will have announcements, our study and finalize "Birthday Bash" to fund the Trustee Fund.

Worship & Music Committee

Thank you to everyone who signed up and helped us complete the 24 Hour Prayer Chain. It was a great success! Pentecost is May 19th and there will be a luncheon put on by the Sarah Group and we will honor the high school and college graduates. ***Please remember that Pentecost is the birthday celebration for the Church and to wear red. Red is for our Celebration!!***

Elder's Meeting

The Elder's will meet **Tuesday, May 7th, 7 pm** via Zoom.

Church Board meeting will be held
Wednesday, May 8th., via Zoom, 7 pm



May Anniversaries

05/17 Russ & Carol Reed will celebrate their 61st Wedding Anniversary

05/27 Lendon "Dude" & Missy Parish will celebrate their 29th Wedding Anniversary

- 3rd Marylyn Bradley
- 4th Lendon "Dude" Parish
- 5th Ethan Dudgeon*
- 8th Laurie Parish
- 21st Katie Morris
- 23rd Roger Eckenwiler
- 25th Noah Danison
- 26th Jill Danison

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. We truly appreciate your support.



Happy 30th Ordination Anniversary to Rev. Jane Stout, May 22, 1994

Early June Birthdays:
1st Barbara Troupe
 Barbara Kirkpatrick
2nd Darren Tuel

May Elders:

- 05/05 Missy Parish
- 05/12 Scott Danison
- 05/19 Mary Tuel
- 05/26 Stacia Scott

Lay Leaders

- Missy Parish
- Jane Stout
- Stana Shogren
- Stacia Scott

Greeters:

May Front Door: Barb Kirkpatrick
June, 2024 Front Door: need a volunteer

(If unable to Greet ~ Contact Peggy Boddy 419-512-0696)

From Your Church Secretary, Sandy

Hello May, 2024!!!



- ◇ *May Flowers are blooming!!! The tulips are blooming in front of our sign and the trees are in full bloom in the PrayGround and the Apple Trees*
- ◇ *The Search and Call Committee continues to receive candidates and the committee is evaluating them.*
- ◇ *Remember to check the various Sign Up Sheets posted in the foyer at the front door!!! Check out the sign up sheet for the Sarah Group Ladies will be presenting a "Spring Birthday Bash Dinner" Sunday, May 19th following worship.*
- ◇ *Also, this is the month to bring in Nail Clippers or Toe Nail Clippers for the Hygiene Kits for Church World Service or bring in completed kits!!!*

The **June, 2024 Quest deadline** will be: **Tuesday, May 28th** for Committee meetings, Notices, Photos, Articles, etc ~ Quest will be emailed & mailed **Thursday, May 30th!!!!**

Trust in the Redeemer's strength . . . Exercise what faith you have, and by and by He shall rise upon you with healing beneath His wings. Go from faith to faith and you will receive blessing upon blessing.

Charles H. Spurgeon



March Numbers

			YTD
3rd	58	Income: \$ 22,094	\$ 49,210
10th	57	Expenses: \$ <u>13,532</u>	<u>\$ 37,178</u>
17th	54	Difference: \$ 8,562	\$ 12,032
24th	78		
31st	<u>72</u>		

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

Sermons & Scriptures– May, 2024

May 5th	“Lessons”	1 John 5:1-6 John 15:7-12
May 12th	“Mother’s teachings”	1 John 5:9-13 John 17:11-13
May 19th	“On the Street Corner”	John 15:26-27, 16:13-15 Acts 2:1-21
May 26th	“Whispers in Creation”	Psalm 29 John 3:1-7



Please remember our Prayer Concerns

The Family of Clif Potter (Pastor Greg & Annie’s neighbor) passed away April 25th;
Barb Rettig having some serious health issues;
Frank Daniell currently hospitalized at OhioHealth Shelby, Room 209;
Mike Callahan (friend of Beth Armstrong) has Parkinson’s disease; surgery April 22nd;
Brian Morris (friend of Harry & Beth Armstrong) diagnosed with advanced cancer;
Peggie Beighley (cousin to Teresa Lupton) is home healing from emergency Appendix surgery;

Remember those who have ongoing health concerns: Darrell Glenn, Mike Gibson, Theresa Hilbert, Jean McVicar, Nancy Grogg, Carl Weber, Christa Storch, Carol McFarland, Lisa Stout, London & Carley Hamilton, Pat Gulley, Bea Nedrow (Jackie Steels Mother) is back at Mansfield Place on Middle-Bellville Road, Baby Garrett Egler, (friend of Laurie Parish) was born Nov. 30th at 23 weeks and is now up to 8 lb.; Jenny Rolf (Stacia Scott’s Niece), JoAnn Barlow, Carolyn Hootman, Joe Schultz, John Rine

Those serving in the Armed Services: Nick Bowman, Army; All current military serving here and/or abroad



Please forward prayer concerns & updates to Pastor Greg &/or Sandy