

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

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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

This year's General Assembly for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will be held in Memphis, Tennessee from July 12-15th. I'm looking forward to once again joining together with fellow Disciples from across the US and Canada. This year's theme is **Beyond** and the key scripture passage is **Ephesians 3:20-21**; *Now to the one who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to the power that is at work within us, to them be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever.* Amen.

Knowing that not everyone will have the availability to travel to Memphis this summer, I will take the next several months to pair six weeks worth of texts related to General Assembly's theme with the lectionary texts for each week. May 4th will be Ephesians 3:20-21. With our welcoming community speaker, Kathy Fetzer-Goodwin on May 11th, I will resume on May 18th with 1 Corinthians 1:25-27. I will be away on vacation May 25th & June 1st. We will finish up the series after we celebrate Pentecost.



Adult Conference 2025 ~ Jesus Still Matters!

Registration is now open to attend this year's Adult Conference being held in Columbus from June 23-June 27th. Our Keynoter this year is Rev. Carl Robinson who will be both morning Bible lecturer and evening Vespers service speaker.

A wide range of daily workshops create for a week full of faith learning opportunities. You can register for the entire week or come and join for a day or two.

Camp Christian Work Day

Do you have some time to help us get Camp Christian ready for summer programming? On Saturday, May 10th, Disciples from across the Region will join forces to help in a variety of ways. What a wonderful way to get back to camp for a day and know you will be part of creating wonderful summer camp memories for children and youth this summer.

Senior Programming Coming in June

We will have more information on Debra Wherry-Bey's I Connect program(s) beginning June 13th in our June Quest.

Pastor David

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 and you will be added!!!!

Patricia Louise Gulley Obituary

Patricia Gulley, 90, of Mansfield, Ohio passed away peacefully on Saturday, April 5, 2025.

She was born in Rushville, Indiana, to the late Roy Alexander and Jeanette Austen Alexander. She was predeceased in her death by her beloved husband, Herbert William Gulley, daughter, Marcia Kay Gulley, three brothers, Russell Alexander, Roland Hubert Alexander I, Roland Hubert Alexander II and one sister, Mariam Cregar. Patricia was a retired, Registered Nurse.



She is survived by her two sons and their spouses, David and Regina Gulley and Richard and Judy Gulley, her four grandchildren Stephen Gulley (Frankie), Lauren Gulley (Princess), Ryan Gulley (Kristen), Jennifer Gulley (Stephanie), five great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews. Graveside service will be conducted at 1:00 pm, April 18th, at the East Hill Cemetery Rushville, IN.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Patricia's honor to the Hospice of the Western Reserve in Medina Ohio or the Ohio Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled.



Peggy Boddy shared this beautiful flower arrangement of red roses and white daisies, Sunday, April 13th, to honor her and Jack's wedding anniversary.



Our New Path Forward

Bob Dylan's tribute to Pope Francis, on his passing today, at age 88, reads: "Pope Francis was a voice of mercy in a time of noise. He walked with humility, spoke with fire and dared to love the unloved. He reminded the world that compassion isn't weakness, and faith doesn't have to shout to be heard. May he rest in the eternal peace he so often preached."

As we experience our Risen Lord during this Easter and beyond, let us remember Pope Francis. We done, good and faithful servant!

May we also find our own voice to keep proclaiming the Great News of Easter!

Christ is Risen! Praise be to God!

With Blessing on our shard path!

Rev. Jane Stout

DISCIPLE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Is planning a Strawberry Festival this year on **Sunday, June 8th**. We know that Ohio Strawberries are the very best in the 1st weeks in June. We will be planning a menu for the lunch following church. We will have a full menu and a sign-up sheet available three weeks before then, so we will know how much food to prepare.



PRAYER GROUP: A Monthly prayer group is forming in our church beginning **Wednesday, May 7th**. All are welcome. We will gather at 12:15 p.m. and will usually conclude by 1:15. Feel free to attend whenever you are available. Rev. Jane Stout will facilitate the group. This will be an excellent opportunity to pray for our church, ourselves, our community and our ongoing prayer concerns. We will meet in the Lounge. Please arrive before 12:00 pm through fellowship hall door & coffee & tea will be available. Feel free to bring a sack lunch and please feel free to join us at Wedgewood at 2:30.



OUTREACH: On Easter morning the bells rang out the Good News! He is Risen! Christ is alive! Thank you to our bell choir for sharing during the service. Our Easter Offering will continue to support the lively and vital ministries of our women's Sarah Group. Thank you to all who contributed to this offering.

In May, our outreach focus will be a tribute to mothers everywhere. We will be sharing in the CWS Blanket Ministry project. This ministry provides blankets for mothers and families around the world. These blankets can be used for shelter, warmth, shade, comfort, and survival for those who need it most. Please consider giving as we share in this Special Mother's Day tribute.

Blessings,

Jane Stout, Outreach Chairperson

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

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

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

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.



I'm grateful for the opportunity to join you at your community breakfasts each month. As a Linkage to Care Intervention Specialist with Third Street Family Health Services, I assist individuals who have tested positive for or are at risk of contracting hepatitis C, HIV, or other sexually transmitted infections. During community outreach, I offer rapid testing for HIV, hepatitis C, and syphilis.



These tests, which involve a simple finger stick, provide accurate results within 10 to 20 minutes.

In addition to testing, I distribute harm reduction tools and educational materials. My outreach kit typically includes items like condoms, naloxone (Narcan™), fentanyl test strips, and informational resources. I can also help schedule appointments with primary care providers and share details about the wide range of services offered by Third Street.

Each month, I'm joined by Kathy Goodwin, our Housing Intervention Specialist. Kathy primarily works with families from Mansfield City Schools, collaborating closely with the S.A.F.E. (Student Achievement through Family Engagement) program. Her focus is on supporting housing-insecure and underserved families in our community, as well as unaccompanied or couch-surfing students.

Among the many responsibilities of my role, community outreach is what I enjoy the most. It's an honor to connect with and support individuals directly in the community. I deeply appreciate this opportunity to do what I love, and I sincerely thank you for making it possible.

Thank you,
Meri McCann
Linkage to Care Intervention Specialist
Third Street Family Health Services



**June 23rd —June 27th
Northwest Christian Church
1340 Fishinger Road
Columbus OH
Jesus Still Matters**

Registration is open by clicking on the QR code below

A SPECIAL DAY IS FAST APPROACHING!

Mother's Day (Sunday, May 11th) a time to remember all the special ladies in your life!



With our flower fund being a little “wilted” there will be a container at the front of the church and paper flowers supplied to write your loved ones name and giver. With these we will make our own flower arrangement. The Quest June will give recognition to all these special people.

Please call Sandy (419-524-4813) if you need a flower filled out for you!



Here is an Opportunity to see Tony Morris dance on Saturday, May 31st at Mansfield Senior High School at 1:30 pm



Preparing Communion



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

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



June 19, 20 and 21

Time to get ready for the Spring Church Rummage Sale

You can begin to clean out your basements, garages, attics, etc and bring them into Fellowship Hall and put your donations on the Stage!!

If you can help with set up & the Sale, please contact Laurie Parish, 567-303-5260!!!

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Our Community Breakfast the 3rd Saturday of each month will be

Saturday, May 17th

Set up & preparation begins at 7 am

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

Clean up to follow at 10:30 am.

Menu for May will be:

Pancakes along with 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.



Please join the family in celebrating Babs Troupe's 90th Birthday with an Open House celebration, Saturday, May 31st from 1:00 to 4:00 pm in First Christian Church Fellowship Hall, 200 West Third Street ~ Parking behind the church.

Easter at First Christian Church 2025



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 on 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 **May 7th, 2:30 pm** with music, worship and prayer.
And **The Waterford**
May 18th, 3:00 pm

Chat & Chew Quilt Club
We will meet **Monday, May 19th at 11:00 am** in Fellowship Hall for lunch and planning our project!!

Men's Disciple Fellowship!
The Men's Fellowship will be meeting the third **Tuesday, May 20th**, at the Amvets on Fourth Street at Noon for lunch. We will be discussing and preparing for the Strawberry Festival after church on June 8th!! All Men Are Welcomed to join us!!!

RESCHEDULED:
Sarah Group will meet Tuesday, May 13th this month only! Study Leader will be Jane Stout & Peggy Boddy will prepare the light lunch ~ Cost for lunch \$5.00.

Euchre Card Party returns Friday, May 16th at 5:00 pm in Fellowship Hall

Please See Dominic Morris or give him a call if you have questions at 419-989-5142 to sign up to be a Deacon &/or Deaconess to Prepare Communion (supplies are provided) and to Pass the Offering Trays each Month

Worship & Music Committee
Please keep our Flower Fund growing!!!

Thank you to all who purchased lilies for Easter. They were lovely, meaningful and really added to our Easter service.

Elder's Meeting
The Elder's will meet **Tuesday, May 6th** via Zoom, 7 pm

Church Board meeting will be held Wednesday, May 14th, in-person, 7 pm



May

BIRTHDAYS
THIS MONTH



3rd Marylyn Bradley
4th Lendon "Dude" Parish
5th Ethan Dudgeon*
8th Laurie Parish
21st Kaitlyn 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.***

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

April Anniversary

05/27 Lendon & Missy Parish will celebrate their 30th Wedding Anniversary

FLOWER FUND

April Showers bring May Flowers but our flower fund is getting a little sad. We have placed a "Flower Fund Bucket" at the back of the Sanctuary where we are hoping it will "rain" a little Change!! Thank you!



(and dollar bills if no loose change)

May Elders:

05/04 Scott Danison
05/11 Jill Danison
05/18 Ray Mellick (Waterford 3 pm)
05/25 Stacia Scott

Lay Leaders

Stana Shogren
Teresa Lupton
Sandy Woosley

Greeters:

May Front Door: Melanie Sweat
June, 2025 Front Door: Nina Holmes
(If unable to Greet ~ Contact Peggy Boddy 419-512-0696)

Preparing Communion May: Dominic Morris

Preparing Communion June: Sandy Stout

Diaconates: Dominic Morris & Hal Johnson

From Your Church Secretary, Sandy

Hello May!!!



- ◇ *April was a beautiful month with the beautiful meaningful Maundy Thursday Service at St John's UCC, our 24 hour prayer and our beautifully decorated Sanctuary and the beautiful Easter Service.*
- ◇ *May is going to be a busy exciting month as we prepare our first floor class rooms for the Aspire Adult Education Programs beginning in July ~*
- ◇ *Friday, June 13th is set to begin our I-Connect program with Debra Wherry-Bey ~ June Quest will have more information ~*
- ◇ *We will Celebrate Mother's Day on Sunday, May 11th as Kathy Goodwin with Family Housing Intervention Specialist joining us as our Second Sunday Speaker ~*
- ◇ *Attn: Community Breakfast workers ~ Please continue to make things easier for the Community Breakfast Shoppers by writing on the white board what supplies that are needed for the next month breakfast. The white board is on the door of the supply room!!!*
- ◇
- ◇ The **June, 2025 Quest deadline** will be: **Tuesday, May 27th** for Committee meetings, Notices, Photos, Articles, etc ~ Quest will be emailed & mailed **Thursday, May 29th!!**

Let whatever you do today be enough

Anonymous



March Numbers

			YTD
2nd		Income: \$ 14,198	\$ 26,672
9th	75	Expenses: \$ <u>13,791</u>	<u>\$ 41,639</u>
16th	32	Difference: \$ 407	\$ -14,967
23rd	53		
30th	<u>92</u>		

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

Sermons & Scriptures– May, 2025

May 4th Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-6
Ephesians 3:20-21

May 11th Fourth Sunday of Easter
Kathy Goodwin, Guest Speaker

Acts 9:36-43
John 10:22-30
Micah 6:8

May 18th Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 11:1-18
John 13:31-35
1 Corinthians 1:25-30

May 25th Sixth Sunday of Easter
“Disciples Together”
Rev. Sharman Hartson

Psalm 67
Acts 16:9-15



Please remember our Prayer Concerns

Sherry Bowman (Barb Kirkpatrick's sister) experiencing serious health concerns;
Peggy Fisher (Joyce Beam's daughter) diagnosed with Stage 4 inoperable cancer;
Christa Storch (Sandy Stout's daughter-in-law) may have additional brain cancer;
Ann Appleby (Jane Stout's sister) is currently hospitalized in a rehab facility for further tests and treatments;

April 19th Community Breakfast Prayer Requests are on the table beside the sign up sheets

“Thank You” to people in the neighborhood in helping to keep the church grounds clean
~ Rick McVicar

Remember those who have ongoing health concerns: Frank Daniell, Darrell Glenn, Theresa Hilbert, Lisa Stout, London & Carley Hamilton, Pat Gulley, Carolyn Hootman, Joe Schultz, Baby Garrett Egler (friend of Laurie Parish), Dale, Sharon Ryan, Michelle Adams (Sandy Woosley's sister-in-law), Robert and Delores Au & Troy and Krista Cramer family; Kennedy Evelyn Scott (great-granddaughter of Bill & Stacia Scott), Terry Hall

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



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