

**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**

www.firstchristianchurchmansfield.com

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

For the past several months we have joined together for Sunday morning worship in our Chapel. It has certainly been nice gathering in air conditioning and sitting closer together as a community. We return to our Sanctuary in September!

The Pastor's Peace

Thank you everyone who helped make things work as well as they have during this period of relocation. And thank you as well to all of you who have understood the reasons behind the change of location and have handled everything with grace and an accommodating spirit.

Shortly after I started as your interim, Jane Mellick shared with me a wonderful resource that explains the biblical witness represented within the beautiful stained glass of the sanctuary. While many of you are likely familiar with this perhaps not all of you are. Upon our return to this special space, I encourage each of us to take a deeper look at these works of art and the stories contained within them.

The Reconciliation Offering is scheduled to be received in most Disciples congregations September 28th and October 5th. Our gifts and support programs and initiatives aimed at dismantling racism. You can visit reconciliationministry.org for more information about this vitally important work and witness of our wider church.

World Community Sunday – October 5th This year we are joining together with St. John's United Church of Christ and Hope Lutheran Church for a time of ecumenical worship and fellowship. The 10:00 am worship service will be held at Hope Lutheran, 2010 Park Ave West, with a light lunch afterwards. And we are very much looking forward to participation from all three congregations for the CROP Walk that will follow at 1:00 pm.

CROP Walk – (also) October 5th After our time of celebration at Hope Lutheran that Sunday morning, I hope many of you will join me early that afternoon and participate in this year's Church World Service's CROP Walk. Last year there were three of us from First Christian Church who walked. How many can we get out to walk this year? All money raised goes to help address food scarcity both locally and globally. Every dollar raised makes a difference! And the larger the number of people walking together the more visible witness to the rest of our Mansfield Community. The days of 'competing' to see which local church can get the most walkers and raise the most money may be in the past. However, the need to raise both awareness and financial support for dealing with hunger has perhaps never been greater. I hope you, your family and your friends will join me this year.

CROP Walk materials can be found at the information table in the hallway outside of the Sanctuary

In all things with love! *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!!!!

Snap Shots from the
Church Picnic at
Marshall Park on
Sunday, August 10th

Thank You Kathy for
all the wonderful
songs and Camp
Songs

It was a perfect day
for a picnic.



Our New Path Forward

As part of search for a new pastor, I offered an opportunity to gather in prayer together each month to pray for each step in the process. In theory, this was a great idea. In practice it was difficult to set a time when people could meet for this important ministry. We tried.

Now it is time to move forward from this non-working great idea and take a new path. I suggest that we take a moment each week to pray God's vision for FCC. To paraphrase the hymn "Be Thou My Vision," I suggest we each lift a prayer for God's Vision for FCC.

Without God's Vision we cannot follow God's new path to be the community we are created to be. Sharing this new path of prayer is open to all who seek God's vision and path for the gathered faith community that is Mansfield First Christian Church.

*Blessings in Christ,
Jane Stout*

Operation Christmas Shoebox

If you are thinking about putting a shoebox or two together, now is a good time to start as many of the items are School Supplies and School Supplies are on Sale as it will soon be time for the kiddos to return to school. The Shoeboxes are usually needed to be completed early November!



Disciple Men's Fellowship: At our last meeting on Aug. 19th, we decided to have a fish fry after church on Sept. 28th. A Sign Up sheet will be posted. Please sign up so we will know how much food to prepare. After costs, we will donate the excess to our church budget.

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:

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)

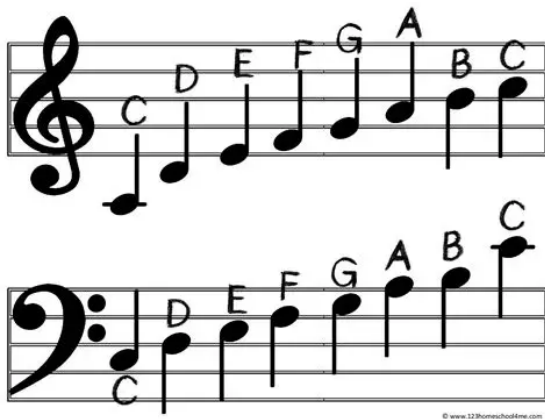
1 Sturdy wide-tooth comb (6" minimum teeth, packaging removed) (August)

1 gallon resealable plastic bag

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

Directory Update:

Sandy Stout no longer has a land line ~ Contact # 419-961-0037



Music Notes from Kathy:

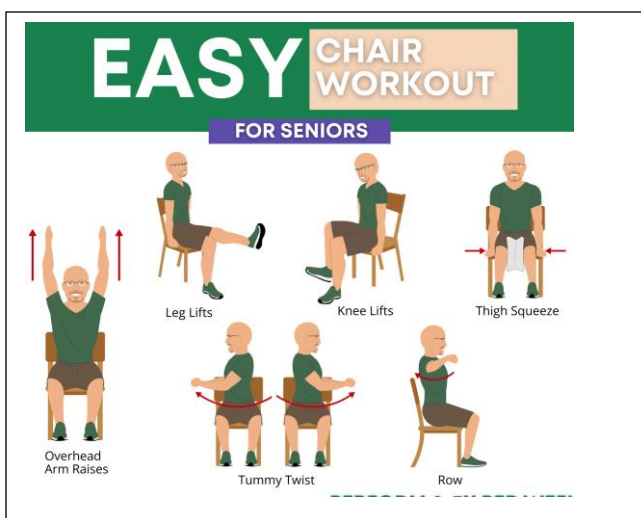
I was singing a song the other day (imagine that!).... “The Party’s Over”... and I realized I could change the words a little: “The summer’s over. It’s time to gather again. It’s time to bring out those bells, Strike up a tune, give praise to the Lord!”

When: Sunday, Sept. 7th, after church

Where: Sanctuary

If you know your right hand from your left hand, and can count to 4, you are qualified to become an official First Christian Church Bell Ringer! All God’s Children got a place in the choir!! Come and have some fun with us making that Joyful Noise!!

Beginning September 12th, I Connect will be here in our Fellowship Hall with Cell Phone teaching at 9 am – 10 am followed by chair exercises at 10 am – 11 am ~ See sign-up sheet posted on the table in the hallway outside of the Sanctuary



As Peggy is organizing our Archives Room, she has found that we have extra yearbooks ~ If you would like one of the old yearbooks, they are on the table in the lounge in front of the kitchenette ~ They go back as far as 1972 and up to the last one done in 2016!!!!



COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Our Community Breakfast the 3rd Saturday
of each month will be
Saturday, September 20th

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

Menu for September will be:

Pancakes along with Sausage Pattie,
Biscuits and Sausage Gravy, bowl of Grits, a bowl of fruit 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.

Thank YOU: A big Thank you to all who were part of my 25th Anniversary celebration. It was a total surprise and I really enjoyed reminiscing with all of you that day. It has been a journey and a blessing being part of this family of believers for 25 years!! Keep on singing and praising the Lord!

God Bless You All!!
Kathy

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 are emailed prior to the meeting

The Elder's will be having a Worship Service at **Wedgewood** on **Wednesday, September 3rd** at **2:30 pm** with music, worship, and prayer & **The Waterford** on **Sunday, September 21st** at **3:00 pm**

Chat & Chew Quilt Club
We will meet on **Monday, September 15th** at **11:00 am** for a potluck lunch in Fellowship Hall. Bring completed sections of our project. Also, bring new projects you can share and any ideas for the holidays.

Elder's Meeting
The next Elder's Meeting is **Tuesday, September 2nd** via **Zoom** at **7:00 pm**

Sarah Group returns **Tuesday, September 2nd** at **10:30 am** in Fellowship Hall ~ **Sandy Stout** will provide the light lunch & then we will all put hygiene kits and/or kids kits and/or period paks and pack them for pick up later in September.

Disciple Men's Fellowship
Will meet **Tuesday, September 16th** at **Noon** at the **Amvets** on **Fourth Street**

Church Board
Will meet **Wednesday, September 10th** at **7:00 pm** in person in the lounge

Euchre Card Party, Friday, September 19th at **5:00 pm** in Fellowship Hall ~ Please sign up on the Sign-Up Sheet on the Table outside of the Sanctuary so we know how many tables and chairs to set up ~ Also, bring a snack to share.

*******ATTN: Christian Builders: It's September and time to come to Sunday School at 9:30 ~ The topic is "The Bible" and how some books were selected and others deleted. *******



2nd Norma Jean Gongwer
Larry Hilbert
Seth Dahlhausen
Teresa Lupton
5th Jean Bowden
13th Melanie Sweat
22nd Brynli Scott
26th Doris Reece

*Early October Birthdays:
8th Zachary Morris*

*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*

September Anniversaries

**09/03 Larry & Betty Zartman
will celebrate their 64th
Anniversary**

**09/04 James & Teresa Lupton
will celebrate their 26th
Anniversary**

**09/16 Hal & Marilyn Johnson
will celebrate their 58th
Anniversary**

Elders

**09/07 Scott Danison
09/14 Jill Danison
09/21 Stacia Scott (Waterford)
09/28 Missy Parish**

Lay Leaders

**Scott Danison
Sandy Stout
Teresa Lupton
Need a Volunteer**

GREETERS

September, 2025 Front Door: Nina Holmes
October, 2025: Need a Volunteer
(if unable to Greet ~ Contact Peggy Boddy 419-512-0696)

PREPARING COMMUNION September: Stana Shogren
Preparing Communion October Need a Volunteer

September Diaconates: Need 2 Volunteers

From Your Church Secretary, Sandy

Hello September!!!



◇ Welcome Autumn on Monday, September 22nd. The trees will be changing and people will be raking them or using a blower to blow them for pick up. We are now back in the Sanctuary for our Sunday worship services. Sunday, September 21st, we will be doing a lot of singing the old gospel songs plus a special Meditation on the Lord's Prayer

□ Please note that the items for the Hygiene Kits for in the future have changed. Also available to do our CWS Kids Kits (which are good to do in late summer when all the schools supplies go on sale or Period Pack: Menstrual Hygiene Kit ~ A list of each of these are on the Sign Up Table for you to have for your convenience of either putting kits together or purchasing some of the items for the Sarah Group ladies to put together and box up for Church World Service Festival of Giving in September.

□ Once again, I cannot stress enough the importance to see the Sign Up Sheets on the Table in the Hallway as you walk down the hall to go into the Sanctuary prior to Worship or on you way out of Worship~ Please stop by and sign up where you best can!!!!

□ **Attn: Community Breakfastworkers ~ 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 October, 2025 Quest deadline will be: Tuesday, September 23rd for Committee meetings, Notices, Photos, Articles, etc ~ Quest will be emailed & mailed Thursday, September 25th

When it is dark enough, you can see the stars. Charles Beard

June Numbers

1st	83	Income	\$26,234	\$83,579
8th	32	Expense	<u>\$10,098</u>	<u>\$76,417</u>
15 th	29	Difference	16,136	7,162
22 nd	54			
29 th	<u>52</u>			

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

Scriptures– September, 2025

Sept. 7th	Philemon 1:1-21 Luke 14:25-53
Sept. 14 th	1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10
Sept. 21st	1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13
Sept. 28th	1 Timothy 6:6-19 Luke 16: 19-31



Please remember our Prayer Concerns

Sherry Bowman (Barb Kirkpatrick's sister) continues her Chemo Treatments;

Greg Rogers had knee replacement surgery;

David Massamore (Jane Stout's brother) had a fall which required some surgery;



August 16th Community Breakfast Prayer Requests are on the table beside the sign-up sheets

Remember those who have ongoing health concerns: Frank Daniell, Darrell Glenn, Theresa Hilbert, Lisa Stout, Beverly Whitaker, London & Carley Hamilton, Carolyn Hootman, Joe Schultz, 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, Heidi Barler-McKenzie, Rantavia, Lisa, Christa Storch, Betty Zartman, Julie Rogers-Milligan, Lendon Parish Sr, Sandy Messick

Those serving in the Armed Services: All current military serving here and/or abroad

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