

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

October, 2024

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Co-Chairs of the Elders
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Fred Kohler
& Stacia Scott
Co-Chair of the Finance Committee



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

Romans 1:11-12: "For I am longing to see you so that I may share with you some spiritual gift to strengthen you— or rather so that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine."

The Pastor's Peace

This month we have two special occasions taking place during our Sunday morning worship service. While I certainly appreciate seeing everyone on every Sunday you are able to join us, I strongly encourage you to be with us as we welcome some special guests on October 20 & October 27.

On October 20th we will be blessed with the presence of our Regional Minister, Rev. Allen Harris. He will be sharing the morning message that day as well as bestowing a special recognition to Rev. Greg Bibler for his recent retirement.

On October 27th we will be joined by the congregation of St John's UCC. A great day of praise and worship will most certainly take place as we welcome these neighbors of ours. Rev. Faith Proietti, will be preaching and I will be sharing an extended Table Meditation. This comes on the heels of our combined Disciples Regional Assembly / UCC Annual Gathering that was held in Columbus in September.

And yes.....we will join together for a fellowship meal after both of these special gatherings. I hope you will make every effort to join us for these Sunday mornings.

In echoing the theme of our Regional Assembly, let us continue to seek ways of strengthening our faithful witness to the world around us by ***Being the Community of Christ Together***:

In all things with love,

Rev. David Zerby

Saturday's Community Breakfast Entertainment



Rick McVicar, Zack, Charlie and Rylie entertained our breakfast guests

First Sunday conversations begin this month

On the first Sunday of each month Pastor David invites you to join him and other members of our faith community for some engaging conversations. We will meet in the Chapel at both 9:30am and again after worship. We will be basing our conversation time on a format from Disciples Mission Fund,

"Imagine a World With More"

October 6 - Imagine a World with More Civil Conversation

November 3 - Imagine a World with More Compassion

December 1 - Imagine a World with More Hope

January 5 - Imagine a World with More Community

February 2 - Imagine a World with More Justice

March 2 - Imagine a World with More Beauty

April 6 - Imagine a World with More Resurrection



Rev. Allen V. Harris, our Regional Minister will visit First Christian Church, Mansfield on Sunday, October 20th to bring us the message of the week and to present Retired Rev. Greg Bibler with his Christian Church Honored Minister's pin!
Sarah Group Ladies will prepare and serve a soups and sandwiches lunch following the service.

We will Welcome Rev. Faith Proietti and the Congregation from St. John's United Church of Christ Sunday, October 27th when we share ministry. Pastor Faith will present the message and the Disciple Men's Fellowship will provide a lunch for all in fellowship hall following the service.





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.

First English Lutheran Church Antiphonal Organ Fundraiser

Please mark your calendar for **Sunday, October 6th at 4:00 pm** as Scott Berry leads us through a benefit concert. The concert will feature FEL magnificent organ, as well as Damian Boyd's band "Redemption Jass Band". A mixture of instruments and musical styles will be presented.

Open seating in the Sanctuary

St John's United Church of Christ

Mark your calendars for the "moving sale" November 7th, 8th and 9th from 9 am to 5 pm at 68 Park Ave East

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Our Community Breakfast the 3rd Saturday of each month will be **Saturday, October 19th**

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 October will be:
Scrambled Eggs & Toast 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.

First Christian Tee Shirts

How wonderful we can have tee-shirts to wear at our Community Breakfast or any other special event. The gray tees have a red chalice with First Christian Church printed on the front for a cost of \$20.00. If you want Mansfield, Ohio added, the cost is \$22.00. The choice of sizes range from small to 4X. It's not too late to place your order. Money can be given to Ray or Jane Mellick.



PRAYGROUND SIGNS



Operation Shoebox 2024



Yes, it's time to start thinking, purchasing items and packing the Christmas Shoeboxes.

The shoeboxes will be need to be here at church by mid-November.

Need Ideas: We have listings on the table in the Library/Lounge area.

We have Boy/Girl ages 2-4;

Boy/Girl ages 5-9 and

Boy/Girl ages 10-14.

Need a shoebox, we have some extras here at church. See Sandy



Sunday, October 6, 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!!!!



CROP Hunger Walk, 2024 Sunday, October 13th at 1:30 pm

**Route: Begin at Point of Grace/5-way light,
down Park West to South Park
and back on Marion Ave to Point of Grace**

To donate in support of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) team go to:

**<https://events.crophungerwalk.org/cropwalks/event/mansfieldoh>
Find First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) page**

25% of the funds raised return to Mansfield for hunger-related ministries

Donations are accepted on-line or check made out to '**Church World Service/CROP**'



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, October 2nd, 2 pm** with music, worship and prayer.
And **The Waterford** on **Sunday, October 20th, 3 pm**

Chat & Chew Quilt Club

Will meet this month:
Monday, October 21st at 11:00 am to share our Christmas projects and new projects. And of course, we chat and enjoy lunch.

Men's Disciple Fellowship!

The Men's Fellowship next meeting will be **Tuesday, October 15th**, 12 Noon at the Amvets on Fourth Street ~ We will finish planning for the meal after service, Oct. 27th

EUCHRE PLAYERS: Euchre Card Parties **FRIDAY, October 18th, 5 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

Sarah Group: Tuesday morning, **October 1st, 10:30 am** in Fellowship Hall. Stephanie Rice will have the lesson and Marilyn Johnson will be fixing the light lunch. \$5.00 for lunch and all Ladies are Welcome!!!!

Worship & Music Committee

World Communion Sunday, October 6th

Next Committee Meeting will be October 13th immediately following worship service
November 3rd will be All Saint's Sunday and we will honor those who has passed away this past year.

Elder's Meeting

The Elder's will meet **Tuesday, October 1st, 7 pm** via Zoom.

Church Board meeting will be held Wednesday, October 9th, via Zoom, 7 pm



October

BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH



- 1st Patricia "Pat" Gulley
- 8th Zachary Morris
- 19th Beverly Whitaker
- 25th Rick McVicar
- 28th Sylvia Moritz
- 31st Larry Zartman
- Kathy Shambre

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 November Birthdays:
3rd Kathy DeLozier
8th Cody Baker

11/09/1961
Greg & Annie Bibler will celebrate their 28th Wedding Anniversary



Volunteer(s) Needed:

Attend the Godsfield Meetings, which meet Quarterly at various churches at 10 am—11 am

Represent FCC at The Salvation Events ~ next event is October 30th, 7 am for Annual Civic Breakfast ~ See Sandy for more information

RUMMAGE SALE, 2024: *I am happy to say we made \$838.00 on the rummage sale. A very Big THANK YOU to all of those who helped—donating, setting up, pricing, cashiering and cleaning up! You are the best & I appreciate all of you. We have had 3 Rummage Sales and this one was the best of all. We donated some items, packed some away to give us a start for a sale next year or that could be used for emergencies until that time. Thank you again, Blessings, Laurie Parish*

October Elders:

- 10/06 Missy Parish (World Communion Sunday)
- 10/13 Scott Danison
- 10/20 Mary Tuel (Waterford 3 pm)
- 10/27 Jill Danison

Lay Leaders

- Stana Shogren
- Barb Kirkpatrick
- Stacia Scott

Greeters:

October Front Door: Melanie Sweat
November Front Door: Need a Volunteer

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

Preparing Communion October: Peggy Boddy

Diaconates October: Sandy Stout & need a Volunteer

(To help prepare Communion or serve as Diaconate ~ Contact Dom Morris 419-989-5142)

From Your Church Secretary, Sandy

Hello October, 2024!!!



- ◇ Here we are into Fall, celebrating World Communion Sunday, October 6th, Crop Walk on October 13th, Regional Minister, Rev. Allen Harris visits us on October 20th. At that time, he will present Greg Bibler with his Christian Church Honored Minister's pin and St John's United Church of Christ will join us for a blended service on October 27th
- ◇ Please sign up sheet to possibly order God's Creation Calendar for 2025 ~ We need to be able to order 1 full box of 25 ~ Cost remains at just \$7.00 each ~ These make great gifts that can be used all year!!!!
- ◇ *Attn: Community Breakfast workers ~ Let's 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 **November, 2024 Quest deadline** will be: **Tuesday, October 29th** for Committee meetings, Notices, Photos, Articles, etc ~ Quest will be emailed & mailed **Thursday, October 31st!!!!**

A champion is someone who gets up even when he can't !!

Anonymous



August Numbers

			YTD
4th	139	Income: \$	7,246 \$ 94,053
11th	26	Expenses: \$	<u>10,420</u> \$ <u>85,156</u>
18th	103	Difference: \$	- 3,174 \$ 8,897
25th	<u>91</u>		

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

Sermons & Scriptures– October, 2024

Oct. 6th	“That’s just childish” World Communion Sunday	Psalm 26 Mark 10:13-16
Oct. 13th	“Firsts and Finals” Crop Hunger Walk	Psalm 22:1-15 Mark 10:17-31
Oct. 20th	Rev. Allen V. Harris Guest Minister	Psalm 104:1-9,24-35c Mark 10:35-45
Oct. 27th	Rev. Faith Proietti Guest Minister Combined Service w/St John’s UCC	Psalm 34:1-8 Mark 10:46-52



Please remember our Prayer Concerns

Rose Howard (grandmother of Amanda Stout, Jane Stout’s daughter-in-law) as Rose’s husband, Walter passed away over the week-end. He was 92;

Robert & Delores Au (requested by Beth Armstrong) lost their entire home and belongs in a house explosion on Sept. 13th. At the same time, **Troy and Krista Cramer family** would also appreciate your prayers as Krsita & Troy were in the house when it exploded. Krista passed away & Troy is currently at OSU Wexner Medical Center with critical injuries;

Linda Marsh Miller had Reverse Shoulder Surgery Sept. 11th & is doing therapy;

Donna Love Furr (Laurie Parish Friend) currently in OhioHealth w/colon & stomach cancer; soon to be transferred to Shelby Hospital for Therapy;

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

Remember those who have ongoing health concerns: Darrell Glenn, Theresa Hilbert, Jean McVicar, Carl Weber, Carol McFarland, Lisa Stout, London & Carley Hamilton, Pat Gulley, Bea Nedrow (Jackie Steels Mother), JoAnn Barlow, Carolyn Hootman, Joe Schultz, Christa Storch, Baby Garrett Egler (friend of Laurie Parish), Roxanne, Dale, Sharon Ryan , Frank Daniell, Jared Luna, Michelle Adams (Sandy Woosley’s sister-in-law), David Massamore Jane Stout’s brother)



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