

**First Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)  
200 W Third Street  
Mansfield, OH 44902-1287  
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# The Quest

**November, 2025**

## **Leadership Team**

**Rev. David Zerby**  
Interim Minister

**Sandy Stout**  
Church Secretary

**Kathy DeLozier**  
Music Director

**Sandy Stout**  
Chairperson of the Board

**Beth Armstrong**  
Vice-Chairperson of the Board

**Stana Shogren**  
Church Treasurer

**Sue Dyson**  
Finance Secretary

**Dominic Morris**  
Diaconate Chair

**Joe Rice ~ Stacia Scott**  
Co-Chairs of the Elders

**Bill "Scotty" Scott**  
Chair of the Trustees

**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](http://www.firstchristianchurchmansfield.com)***

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

# Pastor's Peace:

The month of November is bookended with two important days of celebration within Sunday worship. On November 2<sup>nd</sup> we will remember and celebrate the lives of church members we have lost over this past year. We hope you will join us for our All Saints Sunday service and light refreshments being served afterwards. And on November 30<sup>th</sup> we will begin the Season of Advent with hopeful expectations of what the new church year will bring forth for our faith community.

I am still processing the amazing experience I shared with other clergy and church musicians at Converging 2025. Both Kathy DeLozier and I were able to hear top notch Christian musical artists in addition to keynote addresses from outstanding authors and faith leaders. The theme this year was Sing Truth: Leadership for Resistance and Resilience. And while there was significant emphasis upon the biblical witness of inclusion, mercy and justice, it was shared in a context that continually called for an openness to being open and present to all, especially for those we find ourselves in disagreement with.

I continue to pray that families, communities and Congregations can embrace a limitless love another as we follow in the ways of Christ. May we join together this coming month to remember and honor the lessons from those who have gone before us. And maybe we be the light bearers of hope, peace, joy and love that is so desperately needed for this fragmented world.



All things with love!

*Pastor David*

## Words of Gratitude

I want to thank the congregation for the generous gift for Clergy Appreciation Month. I feel deeply honored to continue to serve this congregation during your period of transition.

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!!!!



Be Sure to Turn Your  
Clocks Back "Fall Back"  
One (1) Hour before  
going to bed Saturday,  
November 1st

Ed (the truck driver), Stana, Stacia,  
Scotty and Sandy loaded 18 boxes  
of hygiene kits and kid's kits on  
Friday, Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> for Church  
World Service Festival of Sharing





Ronald Eugene "Ronnie" Minard, 84, of Mansfield Ohio, passed away Peacefully on September 14, 2025.

Born on January 11, 1941, Ronnie lived a life filled with deep love for his family, strong faith, and quiet strength. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend whose kindness and warmth touched everyone who knew him. He supported the community, enjoyed supporting Madison High School sporting events, was a member of First Christian Church where he served as a greeter, was an avid Ohio sports team fan, and a lifelong member of the Lions Club.

Ronnie was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Roberta Jean "Bobbie" Minard; his parents Walter and Mary Minard; and his parents-in-law, Charles and Elizabeth Wright. Their memories live on in the stories and hearts of those who loved them.

He is survived by his loving children: Keith and Michelle Minard, Kelley and Randy Renz, and Kerry and Chris Montgomery. He was a proud grandfather to Aaron and Annie Renz, Amberly Renz, Bailey and Johnathan Copenhaver, Amanda and Michael Goss, and Brett and Kristi Minard. His legacy continues through his cherished great-grandchildren: Kendyll Renz, Alex Renz, Jackson Renz, Caden Goss, and Olivia Goss. He is also survived by his brother and sister-in-law Larry and Jan Minard, his sister, Linda Jenkins and his sister-in-law, Becky Stokes.

A celebration of Ronnie's life will be held on Saturday, November 1, 2025, at 11:00 am at First Christian Church, 200 W 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Mansfield OH 44903. All who knew and loved Ronnie are welcome to attend and honor his memory. We would ask those attending to stay after the celebration of life to enjoy a meal with family and friends.

Werner-Gompf Funeral Services, 1106 Park Avenue East, Mansfield, is honored to be assisting the family with arrangements.

## Outreach ~ Thanksgiving

We will be helping Grace Episcopal this Year with the following items:

**Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Kleenex, Shampoo & Bar Soap**

Monetary gifts will go to the Bike Ministry for bicycle locks for the bikes!! If making a monetary gift, please label it "**Bike Ministry**"

Challenge to the Sarah Group, Disciple Men's, Christian Builders!!! Men vs Women

We, the CropHunger Walk, walkers thank each one of you for your wonderful support of each of us this year. Because of your Support, we won the Golden Tenny for collecting the most funds!!!! "Thank You"

**Jane Ann Hoffman**, age 90 of Mansfield died Sunday, October 19, 2025 at OhioHealth Mansfield Hospital.

Jane was born March 31, 1935 in Mansfield to the late Clare and Harriet (Ackerman) Richie. She married Robert Hoffman on October 26<sup>th</sup>, 1956 and he preceded her in death on June 5, 2018.

Jane was a 1953 graduate of Mansfield Senior High School. She was a member of the First Christian Church and enjoyed the fact that she and Bob were the first couple married at the “new church” at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Bowman Street. She was a member of the Lamplighters Class and a member of the church choir. During the COVID pandemic, she learned how to attend services online so she would not miss church. Her hobby was collecting Hummel pieces and other figurines. She was very family oriented and enjoyed being involved in her grandchildren and great-grandchildren’s lives. She loved watching soap operas and didn’t like to be disturbed during them. After Bob’s retirement, they enjoyed spending time eating out and Dairy Queen was her favorite. Even as she was losing her sight, she could tell you how to get to a Dairy Queen.

She is survived by her two sons and daughter: Mark (Deb) Hoffman, Kevin (Diana) Hoffman and Ruth Ann (Derek) Watts, nine grandchildren: Laura (Brett) Kemp, Lindsey (Justine) Collins, Joshua (Kristina) Hoffman, Jordan (Olivia) Hoffman, Michael Hoffman, Victoria (Kevin) Love, Lauren (Logan) Stegman, Hannah Watts and Sarah (Chris) Hesse, nine great-grandchildren and several cousins.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her granddaughter, Alexandra Rife.

A graveside service will be held at a later date in Mansfield Cemetery. Please check back for an updated day and time.

Snyder Funeral Homes is honored to serve Jane’s family and encourage you to share fond memory or message of condolence on her obituary page at [www.SnyderFuneralHomes.com](http://www.SnyderFuneralHomes.com)

## **Disciple Men’s Fellowship:**

The Disciple Men's Fellowship will not be meeting again until April.

Kathy took time from the Converging 2025 Conference to pose with Rev. Allen Harris, Patrice Fatig, Kathy and Marilyn Bolen





## Our New Path Forward

*Who do we call when you need something at FCC of Mansfield? Sandy Stout. Sandy gives from her heart to help us be God's presence. Now Sandy needs us to step up for her. She has been told to prepare to fly out to New Mexico very soon. She has worked hard to prepare for this time and it has come. Let us be God's presence here at FCC so that she can be with her family during this time of transition for Christa to come home under hospice care.*

*Let's pray for and with the family. Pray for safe travel as family gathers. Pray that Sandy be able to say her goodbye's to Christa. Pray for Steve and Allison and Christa's brother, Eric. Pray for their church and the special place Christa held there.*

*We have many balls to juggle to do what Sandy does with joy and an open heart. Don't complain, look for ways to keep things going and especially ask how you can help. We have a new path: OPERATION HELP SANDY. Let's not let her down.*

*Blessings,*

*Jane Stout*

### Operation Christmas Shoebox

***This year the Shoeboxes are needed to be in by November 9th!***



**Operation  
Christmas  
Child**

**See I-Connect  
Calendar for the  
variety of classes  
being offered ~  
Here at FCC  
Friday Classes Nov.  
7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>.  
Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> taking a  
trip to Planktown  
9:30 – 12:00**



**2025 CROPHunger Walk was Sunday, Oct 5<sup>th</sup>**

First Christian Church walkers were Peggy Boddy, Sandy Woosley, Ray Mellick, Teresa Lupton & grandsons, Sue Dyson, Jill Danison, Missy & Dude Parish, Pastor David!!! FCC wins Golden Tenny for most monies collected!!! Together \$3,804.50 has been raised collected (so far) !!



**Well Done!!!**

**FCC had 11 of the 27  
Walkers**



## **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**

**November 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, & 21<sup>st</sup>, I Connect will be here in our Fellowship Hall with Cell Phone teaching at 10 am – 11 am followed by chair exercises at 11 am – 12 noon ~ See sign-up sheet posted on the table in the hallway outside of the Sanctuary**



Outside of our Bowman Street Door we now have an Opioid Rescue Kit. This kit contains items needed should someone be overdosing on an opioid drug. This was donated by Mansfield Family Health Services. We have extra supplies to refill as needed.



May 1<sup>st</sup> thru July 31<sup>st</sup>  
15 Households shopped  
at Kroger and earning a  
\$44.21 donation to the  
church



## COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

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

**Saturday, November 15th**

Set up & preparation begins at 7 am

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

~ Clean up to follow at 10:30 am.

Menu for November will be:

Scrambled Eggs, Toast, 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.*

## FISH FRY 2025

I wish to thank the following men who were a great help in putting on the Fish Fry Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>:

Harold Troupe: It was Harold's idea to have a fish fry and he helped plan the event, supplied and cooked all the fish.

Fred Kohler: Fred helped plan the event, supplied the baked beans and helped with cooking and cleaning up.

Erv Sweat, Dude Parish & Scott Danison: They helped with the cooking, serving and clean up afterwards.

Thank you for your generous donations. After expenses, \$251.00 was given to the Church Budget.

Ray Mellick



Advent Candle: There is a sign-up sheet just inside the front door for you to sign up to do a reading and light one of the Advent Candles: Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>, Dec 7<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> and Christmas Eve, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> (9 pm)

# Calendar Reminders

The Elder's will be having a Worship Service at **Wedgewood** on **Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm** with Music, Worship and Prayer & **The Waterford** on **Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>** at 3:00 pm.

## **Elder's Meeting**

The next Elder's Meeting is Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> via Zoom at 7:00 pm

## **Disciple Men's Fellowship**

Will not meet during the winter  
See you in the Spring

## **Euchre Card Party**

Euchre Card Party, **Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 pm** ~ Please sign up on the Sign-Up on the Table outside of the Sanctuary so we know how many tables to set up ~ Also, bring a snack to share!!

## **Chat & Chew Quilt Club**

We will meet on Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am for a light potluck lunch in Fellowship Hall. Plans are to complete the Christmas projects and have a fabric giveaway. Bring the projects or patterns that could be made while we are on break in January and February. Happy Quilting!

## **Sarah Group**

Sarah Group will meet Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am in Fellowship Hall. Karyl Eckenwiler will have our study following A brief business meeting, followed by lunch prepared by Marilyn Johnson. Lunches are \$5.00.

## **Church Board**

will meet Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm via Zoom ~ Not knowing what the weather will be, we will meet via Zoom during the winter months.

## **Worship & Music**

**Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>**, we will honor: Carol McFarland, Jean McVicar, George Gutchall, Beatrice "Bea" Nedrow, Patricia "Pat" Gulley and Ronald "Ronnie" Minard for all All Saints Sunday Service.

**Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>**: The Worship & Music Committee will stay after our service to decorate for Thanksgiving. If you have anything you would like to donate, we will be happy have the help.

**Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>**: We will be decorating the Nave for Advent after church. We would love to have as much help as possible.

**Poinsettia forms will be \$12.00** again this year and they will be Red. Forms to order will be in our Sunday Bulletins and Please have your **orders in on or before December 14<sup>th</sup>** so the committee can get the proper number ordered. They will be in Sanctuary December 21<sup>st</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.



November

3<sup>rd</sup> Kathy DeLozier  
11<sup>th</sup> Beth Armstrong  
28<sup>th</sup> Missy Parish



**November**

**Anniversary**

**11/09 Greg & Annie Bibler will  
celebrate their 29th  
Anniversary**

*Early December Birthdays:*

*6<sup>th</sup> Kathy Jones*

*Elizabeth Tuel*

*7<sup>th</sup> \*Casey Gillen*

*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*

**Our Advent Books "A Season  
of Peace" will be available the  
second week of November**

### **Elders**

**11/02 Scott Danison**  
**11/09 Laurie Parish**  
**11/16 Ray Mellick (Waterford)**  
**11/23 Missy Parish**  
**11/30 Stacia Scott**

### **Lay Leaders**

*Need a Volunteer*  
**Stacia Scott**  
*Need a Volunteer*  
*Need a Volunteer*  
*Need a Volunteer*

### **GREETERS**

**November, 2025 Front Door:**

**December, 2025: Need a Volunteer**

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

***PREPARING COMMUNION November: Peggy Boddy***

*Preparing Communion December Need a Volunteer*

***November Diaconates: Need 2 Volunteers***

## From Your Church Secretary, Sandy

Hello November!!!



◇ We are through Halloween and gearing up for Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas and then the New Year

□ As you begin to bring Hygiene Kits or the items for them, put them on the table in the lounge and we will then take down into Fellowship to the cupboard until time for the Sarah Group ladies to put them together and pack them away. We hope to be able to have 100 again, as they are much needed and used all around the US and the world.

□ Please continue to check the Sign UP table as we have numerous opportunities for you to sign up ~ for playing Euchre the third Friday of the month, help with Community Breakfast, 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) All these are 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!!!!

□ **URGENT:** 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 December, 2025 Quest deadline will be: Tuesday, November 25th for Committee meetings, Notices, Photos, Articles, etc ~ Quest will be emailed & mailed Wednesday, November 26th

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

### September Numbers

7th	25	Income	\$ 5,617	\$101,865
14th	27	Expense	<u>\$11,781</u>	<u>\$111,766</u>
21st	29	Difference	-6,164	-9,901
28th	<u>66</u>			

147  
(includes visitors & Children) Via  
Zoom, Sanctuary visitors and  
Facebook Viewers



## Scriptures– November, 2025

Nov. 2nd All Saint's Sunday	2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12 Luke 19:1-10
Nov. 9th	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 Luke 20: 27-38
Nov. 16th Pastor David Off	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13 Luke 21:5-19
Nov. 23rd	Colossians 1:11-20 Luke 23:33-43
Nov. 30 <sup>th</sup> First Sunday of Advent	Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:36-44



### Please remember our Prayer Concerns

**The Family of Ron Minard** as Ron passed away Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> and his Celebration of Life will be Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> here at First Christian Church 11 am with lunch to follow in Fellowship Hall;

**The Family of Jane Ann Hoffman** as Jane passed away Sunday evening, October 19<sup>th</sup>; funeral arrangements are pending for a later date;

**The Family of Christa Storch** (Sandy Stout's daughter-in-law) as she passed away, Sunday morning, October 26<sup>th</sup>;

**The Family of Robert "Bob" Glenn** (Kathy DeLozier's brother passed away, Sunday morning, October 26<sup>th</sup>; Funeral is Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 1 pm at Southview Grace Brethren Church, 810 Katherine Ave., Ashland;

**Margaret** (friend of Jane Mellick) had hip replacement surgery, Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> which required more care;

October 18th 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, London & Carley Hamilton, Carolyn Hootman, 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, Betty Zartman, Julie Rogers-Milligan, Lendon Parish Sr, Sherry Bowman, Greg Rogers, Missy Bradley, Beverly Whitaker,

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

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