

# *The Z-Disciple*

**MAY 2018**

First Christian Church

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## **A Prayer for Mothers:**

God our Creator, we pray:

for new mothers, coming to terms with new responsibility ;

for expectant mothers, wondering and waiting;

for those who are tired, stressed or depressed;

for those who struggle to balance the tasks of work and family;

for those who are unable to feed their children due to poverty;

for those whose children have physical, mental or emotional disabilities;

for those who have children they do not want;

for those who raise children on their own;

for those who have lost a child;

for those who care for the children of others;

for those whose children have left home;

and for those whose desire to be a mother has not been fulfilled.

Bless all mothers, that their love may be deep and tender,

and that they may lead their children to know and do what is good,

living not for themselves alone, but for God and for others. Amen.

Anonymous

## **“Say Cheese” and Celebrate Christian Family Week**

On Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate *Christian Family Week* and you will have the opportunity to get your picture taken as a family, couple, single (you decide). Pictures will be taken by our church members and everyone who participates will receive a 5 x 7 print. We will be snapping pictures before and after both worship services and during the Sunday School hour in our narthex and/or outside in the courtyard (weather permitting). Bring your loved ones to worship that morning and then take a minute to get your picture taken together. Our membership committee will be hosting a hospitality hour that morning so you can enjoy a snack before or after your picture. See you there.



*In Our Thoughts  
and Prayers*

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the families to have recently lost loved ones.

Clarice Barnett, mother of Karen Barnett, died on April 19<sup>th</sup>.

Kenny Pyles died on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Barbara Flegge's brother, Pat Lawler, died this week.

### **Birth Announcements**

Elisha James Gray, son of Stacey & Andrew Gray, was born March 29<sup>th</sup>. Beth & Jim Fineran are his proud grandparents.

Harper Lou Moon was born April 11<sup>th</sup>. She is the daughter of Ryan and Emily Moon, granddaughter of John and Peggy Moon, and great granddaughter of Barbara Myers.

### **All Daughter Banquet held May 6th**

Thank you to Den Huy, Cato Coleman and Kaye Bednarczuk and their teams of men who will cook and serve the All Daughters Banquet on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Our thanks to Kim Fouch and the Seekers Class who helped with the planning. We look forward to an evening of great food, fun and fellowship. You must have reservations made no later than April 29<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children.

### **Rummage Sale Results**

Thank you to all who sorted, marked, helped, donated or shopped at our Rummage Sale that was held on April 28<sup>th</sup>. We do not yet have the results of the sale but it would not have been possible without the great help. Proceeds will go toward replacing the hallway carpeting at the church. Thanks to Penny Higgins and Susan Grubbs for chairing this project. Thank you!!!

### **Congregational Meeting Date Set**

We will hold our annual congregational meeting to elect a slate of officers to serve as Board Leadership, Elders, Deacons and Trustee for the coming term. You are all encouraged to join us on Sunday June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall for this important meeting.

### **Men's Breakfast**

All Men are invited to join the men of the church for breakfast each month on the third Saturday of the month. The next one will be May 19<sup>th</sup> here at First Christian. Come enjoy food, prayer and fellowship.

### **Happy Anniversary First Christian Church!**

May marks the 148<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Zanesville, Ohio. During this long history, our congregation has touched many lives with the Good News of Jesus Christ. We remember and praise God for the many faithful servants who in years past have helped make us what we are and for those faithful servant who continue to provide leadership, vision and service today and into the future. On our 148<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we praise God for the blessings we have known through the ministry of First Christian Church.

### **Community Garden Getting Ready for Planting**

It's not too late to sign up for a spot in our community garden. Those who would like to have a small vegetable plot in our raised bed church garden can plant and harvest their own veggies this summer. We will have a spring garden clean up on Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> 12:30-3:00 p.m. at the garden behind the church. If you have questions check with Charles Huizenga at [chuck.huizenga@gmail.com](mailto:chuck.huizenga@gmail.com). or 740-255-1877. All are welcome to join us.

### **Thank You from Janet Spragg**

Somehow, just saying "thank you" doesn't seem like enough. But I hope you know how much your thoughtfulness has meant to me. With special thanks for the prayer blanket.

Memorial  
DAY



May 28

### What's Happening in Youth Groups?

**The JC and Kingdom Kids** are celebrating the end of the year together with a trip to Chuck E. Cheese's on May 25th! All kindergarten-5th graders are invited to attend. See Kim Paul or Lori Buchanan for more information. RSVPs are required by May 9th.

**Chi Rho and CYF Youth** had a team building lock-in in preparation for the Mission Trip in April. Their guest speaker, Kuwan Mayle, shared his own life story with the youth. Kuwan celebrated his 14th birthday while living in the Salvation Army. He told about the impact this organization had on he and his family. When Kuwan's family was able to move out of the Salvation Army, Kuwan continued to return as a teen volunteer. The Salvation Army has been a part of his life ever since. He has served in the army and as a school resource office. He just recently returned to the Zanesville area and is working for the Salvation Army. Kuwan, whose single mother died when she was just 40, says to him "home" is at the Salvation Army. Kuwan and his sister are both honor graduates of Zanesville High School. His sister is now a pre-med student. Kuwan helped us understand what kind of circumstances can bring people to the Salvation Army and how it can help them turn their life around. His story and encouragement will help us be more sensitive to those we meet when we serve. After sharing his story, Kuwan stuck around and helped us pack 52 Blessing Bags to take with us on the mission trip. We will share these bags with those in need that we meet during the week. **Thank you to everyone who generously donated items for the Blessing Bags!** These bags will no doubt be a gift to those that receive them. Every bag includes: a new pair of wool socks, a tuna or chicken salad kit, a pudding cup, a fruit cup, box of raisins, 4 packages of sandwich crackers, 3 Slim Jims, Chapstick, large band-aids and mints!



As a part of the lock-in, the youth also enjoyed working together in teams in an "Escape Room" challenge. Each team worked together to find clues that were hidden in the rooms they were "locked" in. Once they found all of the clues (which was NOT an easy task) they had to figure out how the clues went together and solve multiple puzzles to "escape". This was a delightfully challenging activity! Our youth put their intelligence and skills to work and everyone escaped unharmed!

We spent a good portion of the evening discussing how we would share God's love on our mission trip. Our evening concluded with campfire pudgy pies and a devotion under the night sky. The mission trip leaders are looking forward to taking an amazing group of youth to Milwaukee, WI to serve and grow in faith.



Last week the youth served right in our own front yard, so to speak. They did the first weeding of the church flower beds!

### Support the Youth Summer Mission Trip



The quilters have finished another beautiful quilt and donated it to the youth to benefit their mission trip. The quilt is hanging near the elevator on the sanctuary level. Be sure to check it out and purchase your raffle tickets. **Raffle tickets can be purchased in the office during the week as well as on Sundays from now until the All Daughter Banquet. Tickets are 1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5.** The winner of the quilt will be drawn at the All Daughter's Banquet on May 6th. The youth are very appreciative of Karen Huy, who donated the top, and Judy Gorsky, Sheila Raisbeck, and Beth and Rita Fineran who faithfully arrive every Wednesday to quilt.

### Mixed Bag Designs Sale

Thank you to everyone who ordered a reusable grocery bag on Earth Day. Our youth earned 50% of the order you placed on Earth Day. Mixed Bag Designs offers a large variety of bags, accessories and items for your kitchen and home. All of the bags are made from recycled material. They debut new products every season and their sale page is updated frequently. Orders can be placed online throughout the year and our youth will earn 40% of your online order. When ordering online, just be sure to use our fundraiser id number: 660075 and enter Kim Paul as the teacher name. If you have questions about placing an order, please see Kim Paul or Lori Buchanan.

**Fundraiser at Russo's Pizza-** You are invited to eat at Russo's pizza on May 16th between 7 and 10 pm and support our youth summer mission trip. Just mention First Christian Church when you pay and 20% of your purchase will support our youth!

### Christian Education

#### Summer at Camp Christian

Registration forms and fees were due to Kim Paul by April 22nd in order to turn them in for Early Bird Registration. However, regular registration is still open. If your child would like to go to any of the camp opportunities at Camp Christian this summer, please contact Kim Paul (221-1305, kimdpaul@gmail.com) for more information. Anyone who would like information about the Disciples Fellowship Retreat (sometimes known as "Family Camp"), held on Memorial Day Weekend can see Kim Paul.

#### Graduation Breakfast

We will be honoring all of our graduates on Sunday, May 27th in our morning worship services. Also that morning a breakfast for the graduates and their families will be hosted by the X-Generation class. We look forward to celebrating this important milestone together as a church family. If you have a family member graduating from high school or college this spring, please call the church office and let us know so that we can send them an invitation to the breakfast.

#### Promotion Sunday and Sunday School Teacher Appreciation

Parents, please mark your calendars for Sunday, June 3rd. On that day the Sunday School classes will celebrate all that they have learned together this year and promote the kindergarten, 3rd, 6th, and 9th graders on to the next class. Our celebration will begin in the chapel with presentations by each class and conclude in the Multi-Purpose room with a special breakfast treat! We will also honor our Sunday School teachers and show our appreciation for the faithfulness to the ministry of our children. You are invited to bring a note of our appreciation for your Sunday School teacher on this day.



## **Vacation Bible School , July 16th-20th.**

Participants and Volunteers

**REGISTER NOW**

by following the registration link on the VBS page of our church website

(<http://www.zvillefcc.com/children-and-youth/vacation-bible-school/>)

or by visiting this web address

<https://vbspro.events/p/events/9b1309>

### **Vacation Bible School....Calling All Volunteers!**

There are many ways to be an important part of the Vacation Bible School Ministry. There are still openings for Tribe Leaders, Shopkeepers, and a Palace Playground Leader. **Tribe Leaders** help guide a small group of children through the VBS experience. These adults really get to know the children in their group, build relationships, and experience all of the fun of VBS. **Shopkeepers** guide small groups in making easy hands-on craft projects. Shopkeeper Helpers are an extra set of hands to help kids with the crafts. The **Palace Playground Leader** leads groups of children in fun games on the playground.

Extra hands are also appreciated at the registration table, particularly on the first night. If you would like to be a smiling face that helps welcome the children to our church, this is the place for you.

If you are interested in helping in any of these ways you can sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office. If you have questions, please contact Co-Directors Kim Paul (740-221-1305, [kimpaul@gmail.com](mailto:kimpaul@gmail.com)) or Kari Ward (740-297-3960, [kariw2016@gmail.com](mailto:kariw2016@gmail.com)).

**Decorating Help Needed** If you would like to be a part of our VBS Decorating Committee, sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office. Parties will be planned during both morning and evening hours to accommodate the schedules of all those that would like to help. **You do not need to be artistic to be a big help to this committee.** If you can cut, paste, trace and color between the lines, then you have the skills required to help! Once a committee has been formed, decorating parties will be scheduled. Questions can be directed to our Decoration Coordinator, Marcia Coleman (740-624-7116, [ccolema3@columbus.rr.com](mailto:ccolema3@columbus.rr.com)).



### **Habitat for Humanity**

Habitat for Humanity may have work to be done in May on the latest Habitat project on Mead Street. Watch future church bulletins for details!

### **Food Collection**

As you do your weekly grocery shopping consider buying an extra can or two of soup to place in our grocery cart located next to the elevator. Food donations are given to the Eastside Community Ministry Pantry. We are thankful for your generosity and continued support of this important ministry, feeding God's people.

### **Bethel Community Center**

Thanks to all who help support the Bethel Community Snack program for the 2017-2018 school year. Your generosity in giving is a blessing to our church and the children served by Bethel.

### **Christ's Table**

Be the hands and feet of Christ this month by helping feed God's people! It is a great way witness to the love of Christ for others. We will be serving at Christ's Table, Saturday May 26th from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The sign-up sheet is located in the main hallway bulletin board.

### **Christian Church in Ohio Update**

Christian Church in Ohio is our Regional Church body and is made up of the Disciple congregations in Ohio. We have been made aware over the last several months that our Region is dealing with some financial challenges to maintaining ministry as it has been. Task forces have been working diligently to determine causes and move us toward a solution, but those things all take time. It boils down to the fact that the cost of maintaining regional ministry, is more than the regional church is receiving in gifts from the congregations in Ohio. Some staff changes have been necessary and some of the Regional programming has been affected. You can be assured that outreach funds from our congregation have been directed toward Regional and General Church ministries are being directed to the areas of ministry to which they are designated.

Camp Christian is one of the important regional ministries that we love and count on here at First Christian Church and the camp season is gearing up to start the beginning of June. There was a necessary increase made to camp fees this summer but the increase will not cover everything. To make it possible to assist with purchasing supplies for the summer season at Camp Christian, we are receiving a Love offering during the month of May that will go toward our summer camping program this year. Those wishing to share a LOVE offering gift can place it in the baskets at the back of the sanctuary or simply mark your gift LOVE offering. Checks can be made payable to First Christian Church. Many of us have been blessed by the ministry of Camp Christian over the years and would like to pass on these blessings to our children and youth today. Thank you for your generosity.

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Weekly Worship:

Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 am

Sunday School 9:30 am

Wednesday 1:00 pm



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 1:30 pm Quilters 7 pm Choir practice	<b>3</b> 7 pm Property	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 5 pm All Daughter Banquet	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 1:30 pm Quilters 7 pm Choir practice	<b>10</b> 7 pm Board Meeting	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 2:30 pm Kati Delbert/Dana Kimble wedding
<b>13</b> <i>Mother's Day</i>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 1:30 pm Quilters 7 pm Choir practice 7-10 Youth fundraiser at Russo's	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 8 am Men's Breakfast at church
<b>20</b> <i>Pentecost</i> Promotion Sunday Teacher Appreciation	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 1:30 pm Quilters	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 10 am Christ's Table
<b>27</b> Graduate Breakfast	<b>28</b> <i>Memorial Day</i> Church office closed	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 1:30 pm Quilters	<b>31</b>		

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## **Acolytes**

**May 6, 2018**

8:30 Lydia Huy  
10:30 Aubrey Miracle  
Chloe Buchanan

**May 13, 2018**

8:30 Lydia Huy  
10:30 Kenton Casey  
Leila Hawk

**May 20, 2018**

8:30 Lydia Huy  
10:30 Parker Roberts  
Gaige Brailer

**May 27, 2018**

8:30 Lydia Huy  
10:30 Carolyn Geis  
Jacob Hittle

**June 3, 2018**

8:30 Lydia Huy  
10:30 Alaina Paul  
Sydney Allen

## **Jr. Deacons**

Justin Allen  
Olivia Allen  
Callie Buchanan  
Jacob Devoll  
Nolan Kimberly  
Anna Paul  
Austin Perry  
Trey Wilson  
Mady Wilson  
Izabella Yerian

## **Greeters**

**May 6, 2018**

8:30 Mike & Susan Frye  
10:30 Mary Arnold  
Heather Near

**May 13, 2018**

8:30 Rebecca & William Cooper  
10:30 Kay Newlon  
Barb Cornell

**May 20, 2018**

8:30 Henry & Judy Gorsky  
10:30 Phil & Kathy Short

**May 27, 2018**

8:30 Sandy McFarland  
Sally Denning  
10:30 Jane & Rod Richardson

## **Communion Preparer**

Norma Jardine

## **Deacons**

Jana Fulks	Lee McPherson
Mike Frye	Susie Mercer
Judy Gorsky	Judy Newsom
Deborah Granberg	Martha Pettry
Mel Granberg	Rod Richardson
Sandy Grizzard	Jerry Sutherland
Lori Hittle	Susan Sutherland
Sue Kimberly	

## **Elders**

**May 6, 2018**

8:30 Sue Frye  
Dave Higgins  
10:30 Amy Wilson  
Jim Wilson

**May 13, 2018**

8:30 Cato Coleman  
Marcia Coleman  
10:30 Brady Neal  
Bill Anderson

**May 20, 2018**

8:30 Penny Higgins  
John Grubbs  
10:30 Dick Church  
Heather Near

**May 27, 2018**

8:30 Bill Factor  
Randy Roberts  
10:30 Jerry Sturtz  
Dale Newlon

## **Welcoming Team**

8:30 Margaret Hayes  
Pat James  
Sand & Kenny Jones  
10:30 Betsy & David Devoll  
Barb Rinkes  
Nancy Morrow

## **Worship Leaders**

**May 6, 2018**

8:30 Bill Factor  
10:30 Joan Barr

**May 13, 2018**

8:30 Susan Grubbs  
10:30 Valencia Clark

**May 20, 2018**

8:30 Yvonne Factor  
10:30 Mike Whitson

**May 27, 2018**

8:30 Sandy Grizzard  
10:30 Kari Ward

## **Lectors**

**May 6, 2018**

10:30 Larry Paul

**May 13, 2018**

10:30 Anna Paul

**May 20, 2018**

10:30 Alaina Paul

**May 27, 2018**

10:30 Mady Wilson



## **Happy Belated Birthday to:**

Thelma Stahl turned 99 on April 13

## **Happy Birthday to:**

Edgar Fuller	May 1
Cyndi Glass	May 1
Terry Clark	May 2
Michael Frye	May 3
Karen Huy	May 4
Madeline Wilson	May 5
Hanna Hagan	May 6
Joanne McIntyre	May 6
Kolten Gaskill	May 8
Joanna Lewis	May 9
Jim Robinson	May 10
Mary Arnold	May 13
Elsie McPherson	May 13
Kelly Wright	May 13
Kenneth Cooper	May 14
Sally Smitley	May 14
Judy Newsom	May 18
Rolanda Hunt	May 19
Pam Lear	May 19
Jim Wilson	May 19
Bill Factor	May 20
Kenny Pyles	May 21
Ida Cooper	May 23
Georgia Huy	May 23
Jerry Sturtz	May 23
Janice Fox	May 24
Madge Myer	May 24
Amy Whitson	May 24
Mason Baldwin	May 25
Valencia Clark	May 25
Jim Fineran	May 26
Sharon Lattimer	May 26
Kris Hawk	May 28
Jerry Miller	May 30
Karl Kuehn	May 31

## **Happy Anniversary to:**

Martha & Chuck Pettry	May 5
Michael & Fritz Gibson	May 12
Michael & Susan Frye	May 20
Henry & Judy Gorsky	May 23
Lowell & Michelle Body	May 25
Kenneth & Sandy Jones	May 25
John & JoAnn Van Gilder	May 27
Tom & Barbara Flegge	May 28
Tim & Suzann Wilson	May 29

## **Special Events this month:**

Joanna Lewis celebrates her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Her address is 1348 Coopermill Rd., Zanesville, OH 43701.

Sally Smitley turns 80 on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Her address is 3235 N. Willow Dr., Zanesville, OH 43701

Elsie McPherson celebrates her 99<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 13. Her address is 1575 Bowers Lane Apt B5, Zanesville, OH 43701

Ida Cooper turns 94 on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Her address is 2565 Pinkerton Lane, Zanesville, OH 43701

Madge Myer celebrates her 94<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Her address is 4212 Northpointe Dr., #103, Zanesville, OH 43701

## **Your Special Day**

We typically list special birthdays as 80, 85, 90, and each year thereafter. We list anniversaries at 50, 60, 70, etc. However, we are happy to share your special day whenever it is; just let us know.