

# *The Z-Disciple*

**SEPTEMBER 2018**

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## **The Days In-Between**

I was visiting with Jim Hughes on one of the very hot and humid days we have experienced recently, and he pointed out to me the buckeye tree leaves that were scattered across the lawn. He said the squirrels had been biting the nuts off the tree and what he heard growing up was that 90 days after the squirrels start gathering their nuts, we will have the first frost. Summer seemed to speed by quickly and school has begun and no doubt before you know it we will be gearing up for those cold, blustery days that will surely come our way even before we can quite get our mind around it.

That's why it is a comfort to know that the God we worship is the God of all the season; summer, autumn, winter, spring and all the days in between. We can count on God to be with us in all the seasons of our lives as well; childhood, adulthood, old age and all the days in between. There is never a time of the year or a time in our lives when we are outside of God's love and care. And that continually gives me hope as we find ourselves, thorough no effort on our part, moving from one season to the next.

This fall we have many worship and education experiences that can help us grow in faith and fellowship. Join us, as together we worship the God of all seasons.

Shalom,

*Dawn*



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## **Congratulations!**

Charlotte Rae Robison, daughter of Jared & Arielle Robison, was born August 6<sup>th</sup>. Lucy is her big sister.

**October Elders Meeting** will be held on Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. at the church. Mark your calendars now.

## **Living a Generous Life**

Beginning on the 30<sup>th</sup> of this month and going through Consecration Sunday on October 21 we will be celebrating a churchwide stewardship program called “Defying Gravity.” During this series we’ll examine the generous life—what it is and why it can be hard to experience. The good news is that Jesus offers us a way to “defy gravity” and break free from the culture of more. Join us for this sermon series and hear what the Bible and others say about how to experience a generous life.

## **Study Opportunity**

We will also hold a weekday study on the topic of living a generous life on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. September 25, October 2, 9 & 16. All are welcome to join the discussion about the generosity of discipleship. Please let us know you are planning to attend by signing up on the bulletin board or calling the church office so we can order the material.

## **Attention Elders and Deacons—You are invited...**

Church Leaders Workshop for our Region will be held at Central Christian Church, Wooster, Saturday, September 22, 2018, from 9 am – 3 pm. Our featured speaker is Rev. John M. Richardson, Interim Regional Minister. Rev Richardson will be speaking to us about 'Boundaries & Limitations'. Please let Dawn or Penny know if you plan to attend so we can let the host church know.

**THE REGIONAL ASSEMBLY  
OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN OHIO  
WILL BE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6TH  
FROM 10AM UNTIL 4PM  
AT GENDER ROAD CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
5336 GENDER ROAD  
CANAL WINCHESTER, OH**

## **Regional Assembly Resolution Discussion— September 23rd**

The Regional Assembly will be asked to act on a resolution concerning the structure and function of the Christian Church in Ohio. If you would like to learn more about this resolution, join the discussion that will be held on Sunday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 a.m. in the chapel. All are welcome.

## **Coins for Camp**

As our children and youth have returned from a week at Camp Christian this summer they have asked us to join churches across our region save loose change that will then go to help with the maintenance and upkeep of Camp Christian. We will collect coins for camp between now and the Regional Assembly in October. There is a plastic jug in the church hallway to collect coins. Thanks for your help with this special offering.

**Men’s Breakfast:** All men of the church are invited for breakfast on Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. at church. Come enjoy food, prayer and fellowship.

## **Men’s Fall Retreat**

**Ohio Disciples Men  
Fall Retreat 2018**  
Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>  
9 am – 4 pm  
Camp Christian  
Camp Work Day  
\$10 for Lunch

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## Thank You Musicians

Thank you to all who provided Special Music for our worship services this summer while our Chancel Choir took a break. Your many gifts were a blessing to us all! Those who shared their musical gifts with us this summer include: Callie Buchanan, Lori Hittle, Matthew Baldwin, Heather Near, Anna Paul, Kris Hawk, Mary Arnold, the Youth Praise Band, Tim Remster, John Grubbs, and the Women's Chorus

## Fair Trade Coffee Project

For the past few years, we have made fair trade coffee available to our members through the Disciple Coffee Project. Not only does the purchase help small farmers worldwide by purchasing their crops for a fair price, but each purchase made supports the ministry of Week of Compassion. Thank you for your support of the Disciple Coffee Project. You can purchase coffee in the church office.



## Thank You from Karen Huy

Little did I know the journey I was starting on two weeks ago. After a long hospitalization and two surgeries, I am finally home. I'm facing a long recuperation time along with some life changes, but God is with me leading the way. And all of you, my dear church family, are there too. I feel the love and prayers of each of you and can't thank you enough. My beautiful prayer shawl that you all prayed over is more priceless to me than you will ever know. Thank you again and may God bless each one of you.



## Christ's Table 10 Years of serving

The next time to volunteer at Christ's Table will be Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. If you have never volunteered at Christ's Table, give it a try! The sign-up sheet is located on the main hallway bulletin board.

## 2018 CROP WALK

The 2018 CROP Walk will be held Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. Sign up on the hallway bulletin board. Material will be available soon.

## Food Collection

Eastside Community Ministry appreciates all food donations; however, they have a special need for cereal, spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit, peanut butter jelly, tuna and pork & beans. We are thankful for your generosity and continued support of this important ministry, feeding God's people.

## Loads of Love

On August 21<sup>st</sup>, First Christian Church provided 17 needy families with 61 loads of laundry. Thank you to Lori Buchanan who organizes and supervises this project which is supported by your gifts to Outreach ministry.

## The role of a lifetime

We grow up when we see our life and our role from God's perspective; when we thank God for the role he has assigned us and begin to see our cup as a gift instead of a cross; when each morning we ask, "God, how can I glorify you today in my given role?"

—Linda Dillow, *Calm My Anxious Heart*

## A NEW YEAR OF MINISTRY FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH!

For more information about all our ministries, visit our webpage at  
<http://www.zvillefcc.com>.

### **Sunday Mornings**

August 26th, September 9th, 16th, 30th, 10:30

Welcome to Worship

Welcome to Worship, led by Jane Cooper, is a 4 week-program for our 3rd through 5th graders. Welcome to Worship is a time for children to learn about the worship that takes place in the sanctuary of our church. During this time together, children will talk about and practice the many ways they will participate in the worship service.

September 9th, 9:30

Sunday School Kick-Off

Sunday School classes are offered for all ages (including adults) every Sunday at 9:30. These classes are led by loving and dedicated teachers. By participating in Sunday School classes your child will learn the stories of the bible, how to use the bible, and how the word of God can guide them through their daily life. Join us on kick-off Sunday as the children and youth reconnect with their Sunday School teachers, enjoy a breakfast treat and participate in a scavenger hunt. The children will meet in the chapel for a video and singing before heading to their classrooms with their teachers.

September 9th, 16th, 23rd 10:30

Children Worship and Wonder, Orientation

We as a church family are blessed to be able to offer a worship experience for our children between the ages of three and eight years old that is meaningful to them. In the Children Worship and Wonder room our children are given a sacred time and place where they can be with God, hear the stories of God, talk to God, and listen to God. This form of worship is unique so as we prepare for a new season of worship, there will be three "Getting Ready to Be with God" sessions to orient the children to the worship center. Even if your child has participated in CWW before, it is important that they begin the year with this orientation session.

September 30th, 10:30

Service of inclusion

Our 3rd-5th graders will carry "their light" into the Sanctuary and be welcomed into Sanctuary Worship with a Service of Inclusion.

### **Youth Groups**

Chi Rho and CYF (6th-12th Grade)  
Sunday, September 9th, 4-8 pm  
Kick-Off at Harkness Fellowship Farm

Come with us to Harkness Fellowship Farm! Kickoff the new year with a trip to a beautiful facility near Fultonham for frisbee golf, hiking, games, worship and food! We will meet at the church at 4 pm and return at 8 pm. **Please RSVP by September 5th.**

JC and Kingdom Kids (K-5th Graders)  
Saturday, September 22nd, 11-12:30  
Christ's Table

Children and their parents are invited to help us serve at Christ's Table. Children will be given tasks such as putting sandwiches, sides or desserts on the tray, rolling silverware, stocking items on the food pantry or assembling "breakfast in a bag" packets. **Please RSVP by September 12th.**

#### A Note About our Child Protection Policy

We celebrate that our church has made a commitment to be intentional about protecting the safety of our children and volunteers. A copy of our Child Protection Plan is available in the literature rack outside of the church office. As a part of this plan all Children and Youth Ministry Volunteers have attended a Child Protection Policy training and completed a background check. If we do not already have a Christian Education Form on file for your child, or if there have been any changes to your contact information or your child's medical information, please pick one up from the literature rack outside the office. Completed forms can be turned into Kim Paul.

**"Realizing our Vision for Our Children"  
Light A Candle for Children  
September 24th**

This month we all have an opportunity to join in prayer for the children of our church, community and world. Light a Candle for Children is a way for faith communities to focus, pray and advocate for children and important issues relating to their world. This devotion will begin on Monday, September 24th. Participation is easy. Daily devotions can be found on the, *Light A Candle for Children Prayer Vigil* Facebook Page as well as the website, <http://lightacandle.blogspot.com/>. Please join us in prayer and commit your heart to lifting up our children.

### **Children Worship and Wonder Greeter Training**

There will be a training for CWW Greeters on Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. Greeters are extremely important to the atmosphere and functioning of the worship center. Greeters help with the care of children during worship so that all children may fully participate in worship. If you have questions about being a CWW Greeter or would like to participate in the Greeter Training, please see Kim Paul

### **Will heaven be boring?**

As a youngster, I imagined heaven as a big, dim room with thick carpet and worried that filling an *eternity* of days would be boring. I never dreamed anyone shared that concern until I read Sam Storms' words: "Heaven is not one grand, momentary flash of excitement followed by an eternity of boredom" (*One Thing*).

So, what *is* heaven like? Scripture offers only a few intriguing glimpses: Ezekiel's vision of four fiery creatures and the hem of God's garment gleaming in rainbow light; Jesus' parable of the rich man and Lazarus, depicting heaven within shouting distance of Hades; Jesus' mention of many rooms in his Father's house; Stephen seeing Jesus at God's right hand; John of Patmos' view of the new Jerusalem, descending from God.

We can't know exactly what heaven looks like — or how we'll fill all our "free time"! (Doubtless, worship around God's throne will be a big and joyous part.) But we know there will be no hunger, thirst, tears, death or pain (see Revelation 7, 21 and 22). All peoples and languages will be included, with healing for all nations. "There will be a new episode of divine grace every day!" Storms writes. Most importantly, Jesus will be there — the Lamb of God, our Shepherd, sheltering us with his presence. For now, that's *all* we need to know.

—Heidi Mann

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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
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<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <i>Labor Day</i>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 1:30 pm Quilters 7 pm Choir Practice	<b>6</b> 7 pm Property Committee	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 8 am Men's Breakfast
<b>9</b> Welcome to Worship Sunday School Kick off Youth Groups	<b>10</b> 6 pm Worship & Wonder Greeter Training	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 1:30 pm Quilters 7 pm Choir Practice	<b>13</b> 7 pm Board Meeting	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Men's Fall Retreat
<b>16</b> Welcome to Worship	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 6:30 pm Bible Study	<b>19</b> 1:30 pm Quilters 7 pm Choir Practice	<b>20</b> 7 pm Worship Committee	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Church Leaders Workshop 11 am JC Kingdom Kids 10 am Christ's Table
<b>23</b> Welcome to Worship	<b>24</b> Light a Candle for Children begins	<b>25</b> 6:30 pm Bible Study	<b>26</b> 1:30 pm Quilters 7 pm Choir Practice	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> Service of Inclusion for Welcome to Worship						

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## Acolytes

### September 2

8:30 Lydia Huy  
10:30 Samuel Wegner  
Reece Neal

### September 9

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

### September 16

8:30 Lydia Huy  
10:30 Kenton Casey  
Reece Neal

### September 23

8:30 Lydia Huy  
10:30 Samuel Wegner  
Sydney Allen

### September 30

8:30 Lydia Huy  
10:30 Brooke Beight  
Sadee McCuen

### October 7

8:30 Lydia Huy  
10:30 Graisyn Roberts  
Parker Roberts

## Jr. Deacons

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

## Greeters

### September 2

8:30 Ken & Sandy Jones  
10:30 Adam Jones  
Barb Cornell

### September 9

8:30 John & Susan Grubbs  
10:30 Jerry & Tanya Sturtz

### September 16

8:30 Celia Miller  
Sandy McFarland  
10:30 Lori Hittle  
Deborah Granberg

### September 23

8:30 Mark & Shonda Delbert  
10:30 Dick & Trish Church

### September 30

8:30 Virgil & Sandy Untied  
10:30 Jane & Rod Richardson

## Communion Preparer

Jana Fulks

## Deacons

Trish Church	Jared Robison
Valencia Clark	Tanya Sturtz
Christi Desender	Lisa Tice
Lexi Desender	Matt Tice
Ed Henderson	Kari Ward
Marianne Henderson	Lori Ward
Jared Moon	John Wheeler
	Vicki Wheeler

## Elders

### September 2

8:30 Ellen Dagneau  
Bill Factor  
10:30 Bill Anderson  
Dick Church

### September 9

8:30 Penny Higgins  
Dave Higgins  
10:30 Brady Neal  
Mary Arnold

### September 16

8:30 Cato Coleman  
Susan Frye  
10:30 Beth Fineran  
John Moon

### September 23

8:30 Jill Bednarczuk  
Heather Near  
10:30 Randy Roberts  
Molly Roberts

### September 30

8:30 Marcia Coleman  
Ellen Dagneau  
10:30 Lori Buchanan  
Bill Anderson

## Welcoming Team

8:30 Henry & Judy Gorsky  
Rebecca & William Cooper  
10:30 Bud & Juanita Krause  
Lori Hittle  
Deborah Granberg

## Worship Leaders

### September 2

8:30 Sandy Grizzard  
10:30 Heather Near

### September 9

8:30 Lee McPherson  
10:30 Kari Ward

### September 16

8:30 John Grubbs  
10:30 Georgia Robison

### September 23

8:30 Dave Desender  
10:30 Dick Church

### September 30

8:30 Lee McPherson  
10:30 Bud Krause

## Lectors

### September 2

10:30 Alaina Paul

### September 9

10:30 Matthew Baldwin

### September 16

10:30 Chloe Buchanan

### September 23

10:30 Callie Buchanan

### September 30

10:30 Trey Wilson



### *Happy Birthday to:*

Joe Burns	September 1
Nolan Kimberly	September 1
Tanya Sturtz	September 2
Harry West	September 3
Joe Davis	September 4
Dick Lear	September 4
Carol Sarbaugh	September 4
Vicki Wheeler	September 5
Marilyn Thorn	September 7
Carolina Casey	September 9
Randy Roberts	September 9
Jody Baker	September 12
Rick Griffin	September 12
Olivia Allen	September 13
Toby Supplee	September 14
Kim Paul	September 17
Bo Beight	September 18
Connie Hardcastle	September 18
Sondra Allen	September 20
Scott Barr	September 20
Jonathan Devoll	September 22
Aaron Kehl	September 22
Charlotte McGuire	September 22
Joyce Haddox	September 23
Kyndall Stephens	September 23
Beckie Howard	September 24
Richard Barr	September 26
Carl Coleman	September 27
Phil Phillips	September 27
Cody Ward	September 27
Kevin Gaskill	September 28
Alana Huizenga	September 28
Anna Paul	September 28
Susan Frye	September 29

### *Happy Anniversary to:*

Judie & Jeff Snyder	September 1
Kevin & Kimberlee Dunn	September 9
Lori & Ed Ward	September 15
Don & Madge Myer	September 22
Cody & Renee Ward	September 23
Jane & Bob Worstall	September 23
Jim & Amy Wilson	September 28

### *Special Events this month:*

Joyce Haddox celebrates her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. Here address is 3125 E. Winding Way

Don & Madge Myer celebrate their 72<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary. Their address is 4212 Northpoint Dr. #103.

### *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.

## **Wealth is worthless**

It is said that for money you can have everything, but you cannot. You can buy food, but not appetite; medicine, but not health; knowledge but not wisdom; glitter, but not beauty; fun, but not joy; acquaintances, but not friends; servants, but not faithfulness; leisure, but not peace. You can have the husk of everything for money, but not the kernel.

—Arne Garborg



### **CWS Update: How This Mom Saved Her Family from Disaster**

Pich Khorn, 53, and her husband, Dom Soy, 54, live in a small house in Slarlak village in western Cambodia. They have two teenage sons, a widowed daughter and an infant grandchild who live with them. Khorn rents land from a neighbor to grow rice for her family's daily needs.

Floods hit their village in October 2013 and destroyed the family's rice paddy. Immediately, the disaster forced their oldest son and the daughter to seek work outside Cambodia. Their younger son had to drop out of school to help his parents get by by doing household chores while they went out to earn money as day laborers.

CWS prioritized working with the Khorn and Soy family together with our strong network of partners in the region: Rural Development Association, DanChurchAid and the European Commission's Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection department.

In July 2014, Khorn met with CWS recovery team members to decide the most productive way to use a small cash grant. Khorn joined with community members who were also receiving grants and together they brainstormed on how best she could spend the funds. Khorn decided to spend her grant in part for rice and basic food to feed her family. She bought green mustard and string bean seeds and gardening tools to grow the vegetables. Soon, there was food both for the family to eat and also to earn a small income.

After a few months, Khorn combined her vegetable sales earnings and her husband's day labor wage savings to start a small grocery shop. Soy helps his wife run the store and works in the garden plot and no longer has to go too far from Slarlak for daily wage labor. Khorn is gradually growing her business by responding to requests for products from other villages.

The couple's success means that both their son and daughter have been able to come home and help run the grocery shop as it keeps expanding. The family no longer worries about food shortages as before. Khorn has gained self-confidence and has become more optimistic about the future and is now active in village matters.

When visiting with CWS team members, Khorn expressed her thanks to everyone involved in helping her and her family recover after the floods. It is a point of pride and hope for the CWS Cambodia team that Khorn had the strength and courage in the face of disaster to organize her family to rebuild and reunite. Now her family is financially secure and more able to withstand future natural disasters in the region, which are inevitably to come.

That is something all CWS supporters can take pride in.

**Your gifts to Week of Compassion and your support of our upcoming CROP Walk on October 14<sup>th</sup> help families like the Khorn and Soy families facing difficult times. Thank you!**

