

The Z-Disciple

NOVEMBER 2018

First Christian Church

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All Good Gifts

All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above.

So thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.

Stephen Schwartz

Last Sunday evening we gathered together as a church family for our Consecration Sunday Celebration dinner. It was a wonderful evening; sharing food (including home-baked pies), fellowship, good music and celebrating the blessings and joys of community. Events like that don't just happen by accident but through the hard work of those who planned and scheduled, decorated, baked and served. The joy that accompanied each gift made the evening a feast to savor.

Afterwards, as some of us were cleaning up, someone said to me, "I like to think of this meal each year as Thanksgiving Dinner with our church family". You know, she was right. It was a Thanksgiving meal for the whole family and we have much for which to be thankful. Blessings abound in the love, freedom and grace we have through Jesus Christ and in our family of faith that rejoices with us. We are blessed indeed.

Many of us will also have the blessing of sharing another Thanksgiving meal with family and friends later this month as our country sets aside a national day of thanks. Blessings abound. So in this season of Thanksgiving, let us find ways to be grateful for those gifts that often go unnoticed. Let us pay attention to those small, yet beautiful, moments that make our lives full and rich and meaningful. Let us gather together for worship, study, sharing with one another and rejoicing in all good gifts. And then let us thank the Lord for all his love.

Happy Thanksgiving!



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

Marcia Coleman's brother, Charles Sowers, died October 3rd in OR.

Betty Barr's sister, Elaine Thompson, died October 14th in AL.

Congratulations!

Adalyn Rose Thomas, daughter of Amber & Peter Thomas, was born October 6th.

New Member

We welcome Shaquala Tillery and her daughter, Brielle Spring, to First Christian Church. Shaquala was baptized October 28th.

Fair Trade Items Make Great Gifts

You can help small farmers around the globe by purchasing fair trade coffee, tea, cocoa, chocolate and olive oil available here at the church. Not only to you get a great product at a fair price, but you help the growers earn a living wage. In addition, a percentage of each item purchased through the Disciple Coffee Project goes directly to Week of Compassion.

During the weeks leading up to Thanksgiving and Christmas we will fully stock our supplies of coffee, tea, chocolate, snacks and olive oil. (We have coffee and tea year-round.) Stop by the Fair-Trade Table and check it out.

Fair Trade gift bags will also be available this year with proceeds helping fund the CYF UN Seminar.

College Care Packages Sent

We mailed 17 care packages to our college students the end of October. Thank you for your donations that made it possible.

Upcoming Dates:

- All Saints Sunday is held November 4th.
- We will honor the veterans of our congregation on Sunday, November 11th
- Sunday, November 18th is Thanksgiving Sunday
- Tuesday, November 20th Northside Community Thanksgiving Service and we are hosts this year.

Community Thanksgiving Celebration:

The Northside Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on Tuesday, November 20th at 7:00 p.m. Our congregation is hosting the service this year. All are invited to join us as we worship together as a community.

Cookies needed. As host of the community Thanksgiving service we want to welcome our guests with warm hospitality following the service. If you would like to provide cookies for the reception or can help serve at the reception, please sign up on the bulletin board.

The Church office will be closed for Thanksgiving November 22nd & 23rd.

Looking Ahead to Next Month:

Sunday, December 2nd: First Sunday of Advent

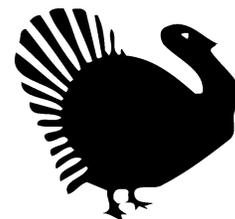
December 16th: Blue Christmas Service 3:00 p.m.

December 24th: Christmas Eve Services:

Family Service at 5:00 p.m.

Candlelight Communion service at 10:00 p.m.

December 30th: Regular worship services will be held at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m.



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Defying Gravity... Consecration Sunday on October 21st was a great day of celebrating God's love and blessing that unites us in love for each other. Thank you to the planners, moment for mission sharers, decorators, callers, servers and all who helped in any way to make the day extra special. You are a blessing as together we can defy gravity!

Timothy Fund

A *Timothy* is someone raised in the church who hears the call to ministry and responds through education and training in preparation to be a pastor. The Timothy Fund of our church was established many years ago to help with the cost of a seminary education for our members. It is administrated by our Outreach Committee.

Although gifts to this fund can be made at any time, each year during the month of November, we highlight this fund as a special offering. Donations given to the Timothy Fund will be used to fund the *Herbert R. Hicks Scholarship Fund of First Christian Church* at Lexington Theological Seminary and to assist someone who feels a call to ministry with their education. Our Timothy Fund most recently assisted Aaron Phillips, with the cost of his education at MTSO. Thank you for your help in assisting with quality education for the future leaders of the church.

Advent Retreat for Women: "A Christmas Circle." This retreat will be held Saturday, December 8th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Herald B. Monroe Lodge, Camp Christian. It will be a time of prayer, reflection, & conversation led by Rev. Margot Connor & Wendy Taylor. Registration information is available in the church office.

Board Meeting Announcement

The next Board meeting will be held Thursday, November 8th.

Men's News

Reminder: The District 10/11 Men's Rally will be hosted by Newark Central Christian Church on November 4th at 3 p.m.

Men's Breakfast: All men of the church are invited for breakfast on Saturday, November 17th at 8:00 a.m. at church. Come enjoy food, prayer and fellowship.

Coins for Camp Report

Thank you to all who boosted the children's Coins for Camp Offering with your coins last month. Our congregation collected \$620 in coins that were taken to the Regional Assembly on October 6th. Total for coin offerings received at the Regional Assembly was \$19,347.30. There was also a matching grant of up to \$10,000 given for Coins for Camp making the coin offering total \$29,347.30 going to pay off the Camp Christian Mortgage. Thank you all!

Do you pay your bills online?

First Christian Church invites you to enjoy the convenience and comfort of the Electronic Funds Transfer giving option. The reasons for automatic bank drafting are clearly advantageous:

- *It is easy: Complete a form that is available in the church office

- *It is economical: No cost to you or the church

- *It is disciplined: Set the frequency of automated check yourself

- *It is regular: Choose weekly, bi-monthly or monthly contribution

Forms are available in the church office.



VETERANS DAY

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POINSETTIAS



The Table and Beyond: Lavish Hospitality in the Bible

We began this Bible study in the spring and will follow up with part 2 of this study for four weeks this fall. All are welcome to join us Sunday evenings, November 4, 11 & 18th at 6:00 p.m. Join us!

It's time to order Christmas poinsettias! We will place our order with Timber Run Gardens and the cost remains \$7.50 each for a plant in a 6 1/2 inch pot with foil. Checks are made payable to First Christian Church and the order submitted to the church office.

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

I would like to order _____ poinsettia(s)

Red: ____ White ____ Pink ____ Jingle Bell ____

In Memory of:

In Honor of:

Given By:

My check is in the amount of
\$ _____

I am enclosing \$ _____ cash

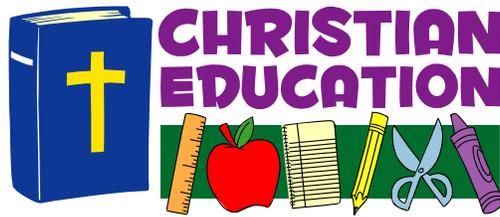
The genius of generosity



Kansas pastor Jack Wellman has been credited with the insight that “there is a certain genius in generosity.” He explains that when we open our hands — figuratively speaking — to allow something to pass through our fingers, rather than holding it with tightly clenched fists, God can give us new blessings.

“God cannot pour more into hands that are already clinging tightly to what they hold,” says Wellman. Whether material goods or time, ideas or talents, money or energy, the gifts God has given us so generously are to be shared just as freely with others. With our hands continually open to receive, give and receive again, God’s genius cycle of generosity goes on and on.

“A single grateful thought toward heaven is the most complete prayer.”
Gotthold Lessing



Sweet Frog Fundraiser

The youth are hosting a fundraiser at Sweet Frog on Sunday, November 4th from 1-5 pm. Our youth will receive 25% of all purchases made during these hours for their mission trip. Treat yourself and support our youth!

Chili Lunch and Fall Celebration

The youth have put a new twist on their annual chili lunch! This year, the parents are cooking the chili and the youth are making fall inspired items to go with it. Join us on November 11th at 11:30 for a bowl of chili and a variety of offerings that highlight the best tastes of fall. The youth have been split into four teams and each team is whipping up a fall inspired item to please your taste buds. You can taste them all and then vote for your favorite with your monetary donation. All proceeds will benefit the youth summer mission trip.



A Red-Letter Christmas

When we look around, we see that the Christmas season is filled with many colors that bring us back to why we celebrate. The gold in the ringing church bells reminds us of the angels announcing Jesus' arrival. The green in the wreaths brings us to the hillside where the shepherds watched their flock on Christmas night. Finally, the red in the stripes of candy canes leads us toward the words in the Bible that Jesus spoke and the sacrifice He made to give us eternal life.

There are narration parts available and great music including new arrangements of familiar songs as well.

We will be presenting this musical on Monday, December 24 during the 5:00 p.m. Service.

All rehearsals will be in the chapel during the Sunday School time, beginning on Sunday, November 25. We will have a dress rehearsal on Sunday, December 23 following the 10:30 AM worship service.

Musical CDs will be available with the lyric sheets and scripts.

For more information please contact Susan Davis.

Advent Workshop

Everyone is invited to join us on December 2nd at 5 pm for the Advent Workshop. We will share a light dinner and celebrate the beginning of Advent with your church family making crafts and singing Christmas carols! This is a yearly tradition in our church family that we all eagerly anticipate. There will be crafts appropriate for all ages. Gather your family and join us as we prepare our hearts for the journey to Bethlehem.

What's Happening in Youth Groups?

CROP Walk

Our Chi Rho and CYF Youth and JC and Kingdom Kids helped make up FCC's group of 22 walkers that walked to address hunger issues in our community and around the world on October 14th. Our church raised \$1,909.50 and the Muskingum County total for the event was \$11,650.71. Our walkers, shown in the picture below, were: Kris, Miranda, and Carly Geis; Sydney Allen, Larry, Kim, and Alaina Paul; Zoey Coakwell, Mary Arnold, Heather, Isabelle, and Brian Near; Kinsley Brailer, Ada Lorenz, and Caroline Pinson.



JC and Kingdom Kids (K-5th grade)

On November 26th the JC and Kingdom Kids will be taking a special field trip to Missionary Maintenance Services. Missionary Maintenance Services, which is located in Coshocton, OH, is a first-class airplane maintenance and training organization that has global impact on our world. Our children will get to see the mechanics at work on the airplanes and learn about this unique ministry that makes it possible for missionary organizations all over the world to receive the supplies they need to do their work. It's a fascinating ministry with a huge impact. We will leave the church at 1 pm and return at 4 pm. RSVP to Kim Paul by November 12th to participate.

Chi Rho (6-8) and CYF (9-12)

October has been full of activity for this group of teens. In addition to our regular meetings, the youth have also walked in the Crop Walk and served at the church Consecration Dinner. At the time this article is being typed they are also gearing up for their annual Halloween Mystery Party. This year's theme for the party is 1950's Greaser.

In November the youth are looking forward some friendly competition at the annual Chili Lunch. Since the proceeds benefit the summer mission trip, everyone's a winner!



CROP Walk Update

We had a great turnout for CROP Walk! Twenty-two of us walked, we raised over \$1,900! Twenty five percent of monies raised will stay in our area supporting local food banks, pantries, and other hunger-fighting initiatives. Thanks to the walkers and the walk sponsors.

Klothes for Kids

You may have noticed tables of new clothes in the main hallway a couple of weeks ago. Your outreach dollars helped to buy 119 items of clothing for Zanesville Preschool School students. The school maintains an inventory of basic necessity clothing for use in emergencies. Thanks for supporting this outreach ministry.

Christ's Table

As you count the many blessings that you have this Thanksgiving season consider being a blessing to someone less fortunate. You can do this by giving a few hours of your Saturday helping at Christ's Table. We will be serving at Christ's Table, Saturday, November 24th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The sign-up sheet is on the main hallway bulletin board.

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.

Loads of Love

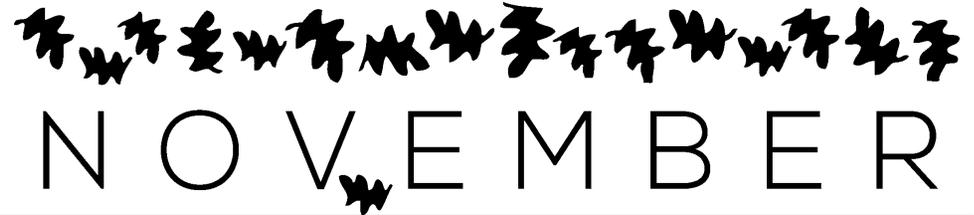
Many thanks to those who have donated liquid detergent and fabric softener for use during the Loads for Love event. On October 23rd, we washed 67 loads of laundry.

Thanks to all who baked cookies for the SOUPER Bowl!

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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
				1 7 pm Property	2	3
4 <i>All Saints Day</i> 1-5 pm Sweet Frog Fundraiser 4:30 pm Youth Praise Band 6 pm Bible Study Youth Groups	5	6	7	8 7 pm Board Meeting	9	10
11 11:30 am Chili Cook Off 6 pm Bible Study Youth Groups	12	13	14	15	16	17 8 am Men's Breakfast
18 4:30 pm Youth Praise Band 6 pm Bible Study Youth Groups	19	20 7 pm Community Thanksgiving Service	21	22 Happy Thanksgiving	23 Church Office Closed	24 10 am Christ's Table
25 9:30 am Children's Christmas Rehearsal 4:30 pm Youth Praise Band	26	27	28	29	30	

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Acolytes

November 4, 2018

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

November 11, 2018

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

November 18, 2018

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

November 25, 2018

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

December 2, 2018

8:30 Lydia Huy
10:30 Tillman & Leila Hawk

Jr. Deacons

Justin Allen Jacob Devoll
Sydney Allen Jacob Hittle
Matthew Baldwin Rylee McCuen
Gauge Brailer Anna Paul
Callie Buchanan Austin Perry
Chloe Buchanan Trey Wilson

Greeters

November 4, 2018

8:30 Cato & Marcia Coleman
10:30 Earl & Gayla Smith

November 11, 2018

8:30 Margaret Hayes
Melanie Mast
10:30 Wanda Boughton
Pam Wallace

November 18, 2018

8:30 Bill & Yvonne Factor
10:30 Phil & Kathy Short

November 25, 2018

8:30 Ken & Sandy Jones
10:30 Jerry & Tanya Sturtz

Communion Preparers

The Griffin Family

Deacons

Scott Barr Susan Grubbs
Bob Bednarczuk Jim McPherson
Jana Fulks Lee McPherson
Mike Frye Martha Pettry
Judy Gorsky Jill Smith
Sandy Grizzard Jerry Sutherland
Lori Griffin Susan Sutherland
Rick Griffin

Elders

November 4, 2018

8:30 Susan Frye
Lori Buchanan
10:30 Brady Neal
Bill Anderson

November 11, 2018

8:30 Penny Higgins
Dave Higgins
10:30 Dick Church
Heather Near

November 18, 2018

8:30 Marcia Coleman
Cato Coleman
10:30 Beth Fineran
Lori Buchanan

November 25, 2018

8:30 Ellen Dagneau
Jill Bednarczuk
10:30 Randy Roberts
Molly Roberts

Welcoming Team

8:30 Sandy & Kenny Jones
Jim & Lee McPherson
10:30 Jane & Rod Richardson
Mike & Amy Whitson

Worship Leaders

November 4, 2018

8:30 Sandy Jones
Joan Barr

10:30

November 11, 2018

8:30 Bill Factor
10:30 Valencia Clark

November 18, 2018

8:30 Yvonne Factor
10:30 Mike Whitson

November 25, 2018

8:30 Sandy Grizzard
10:30 Heather Near

Lectors

November 4, 2018

10:30 Chloe Buchanan

November 11, 2018

10:30 Callie Buchanan

November 18, 2018

10:30 Trey Wilson

November 25, 2018

10:30 Larry Paul

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Happy Birthday to:

Bertha Glosser	November 1
Amber McLaughlin	November 1
Cooper Milner	November 1
Mirem Rose Buzza	November 2
Isabelle Near	November 2
Dawn Remster	November 3
Peggy Gordon	November 4
Cheryl Beight	November 5
Kay Fox	November 6
Lynne Leasure	November 6
Jim McPherson	November 6
Barbara Agin	November 10
Sandy McGee	November 10
Barbara Phillips	November 10
Jonathan Perry	November 15
Coulton Waite	November 15
Robert Wise	November 15
Carson Milner	November 18
Jared Robison	November 20
Brooklyn Moon	November 22
Deidra Allen	November 23
Jean Denton	November 23
Logan Baker	November 28
Chloe Buchanan	November 28
Charlie Huizenga	November 28
Carolyn Scott	November 28
Karen Barnett	November 29
Beth Fineran	November 29
Moses Ihinger	November 29
Sandy Jones	November 30
Michael Robinson	November 30

Happy Anniversary to:

Cindy & Jeff Baker	November 3
Jim & Beth Fineran	November 3
David & Betsy Devoll	November 19

Special Events this month:

Kay Fox celebrates her 80th birthday. Her address is 325 Winding Way, 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.

Self-care for the sake of others

In light of Matthew 22:39, where Jesus says we should love our neighbors as ourselves, Rozella Haydée White writes: "I believe that we are called to love ourselves so that we can love our neighbor. I believe that loving God leads to loving self. When we love self, we practice how we are called to love others. Then when we love others, we love the incarnate God. And this cycle continues, leading us deeper into love with the One who is love."

Unfortunately, many Christians have been taught that loving oneself is, well, selfish. But White understands self-care not as being self-serving but as recognizing oneself as a holy, beloved dwelling place for God.

She asks, "What if God has been inviting you not just to rest but to remember that you are first called to love God and love yourself? What if living out the commandments in that order gives you boundless energy to love others?"

