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August Thanksgiving

"In summer, the song sings itself."

- William Carlos Williams

It seems such a short time ago I was counting the days until springtime, and now I sit working on the August edition of the Z-Disciple. Many of those events that mark the summer--red strawberries, summer camp, the 4th of July parades, Vacation Bible School, have come and been wonderful experiences and now are memories. I've been enjoying sweet corn and ripe tomatoes for a couple weeks now and have tried many new zucchini recipes. Summer is definitely here, and yet my list of things I hoped to do this summer is still quite long. Concerts, hikes and picnics are yet to be enjoyed and yet the start of August reminds me that I should make them a priority before summer slips away. It's easy to find reasons to praise our Creator in the summer time. And it is easy to notice that all creation joins us in giving praise.

The summer season is moving right along whether we are ready or not. So, let's make the most of these days that August brings. Pay attention to the majesty that surrounds us in the mighty oak trees or the fragile spider web and give thanks. Taste the sweet juicy peach, the fragrant raspberries, the crunchy cucumber and the red-hot peppers and give thanks. Each and every day should be a song of praise to our Creator. We are blessed indeed by the gift of summer. And that is reason enough to lift our praise to God.

May blessing abound for you in August.

Dawn





With Sympathy

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

We continue to keep the following families in our prayers

Long time member Madge Myer passed away on July 16th.

Weddings: Emma Kimberly and Doug Welker were married July 24th

Baptisms: Cassandra Mathers, Koben Bowen and Ishaan Bowen were baptized during worship services on July 24th.

New Members: Please welcome Greg and Errin Rhodes and family who recently became members of First Christian Church.

Service of Dedication and Blessing was held on July 11th for Vivienne Lynne and her parents Jared & Arielle Robinson.

August Elders Meeting will be held on Sunday, August 29 at 9:30 a.m. at the church.

All Church Ice Cream Social

Beat the summer heat and plan to join us for an ice cream social on Sunday, August 22nd at 6 p.m. Come enjoy homemade ice cream and a time of fellowship and conversation with your church family in Spangler Memorial. The men of the church are cranking the ice cream and it will be an informal time to reconnect. If you plan to come, sign up on the bulletin board or call the church office to give us a general idea how much ice cream to make. (But if you decide to come at the last minute--that's ok too.) If you can bring a lawn chair, please do. See you on the 22nd.



On July 11th, the congregation honored Ken Jones by making him Deacon Emeritus. Ken has served for decades as a faithful Deacon.

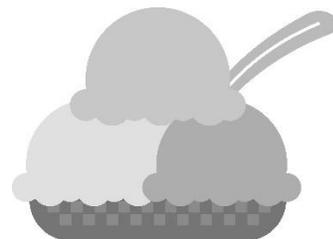
Rummage Sale this Fall?????

Many of you have found some time to sort and clean out over the last year and have asked if we could have a rummage sale at the church this fall. Whether or not we can schedule a rummage sale will be determined by the number of people willing to help make it happen. Susan Grubbs has agreed to help organize it if we get others committed to helping her. If you are interested in helping make a fall rummage sale happen, please sign up on the bulletin board or call the church office. If we get enough volunteers, we can set a date and start to make plans. Thank you.

Pulpit Committee Update

The search has been narrowed to 3 candidates out of 19. We interviewed 2 of the candidates and had four Search Committee meetings in July. Second interviews will be conducted in August. Any committee member will be glad to answer any questions you have.

Cato Coleman, Co-Chairman



Children Worship and Wonder Inviting New Volunteers

As our children's ministry continues to grow and thrive, we continue to seek new volunteers to support our ministries. If you would like to be a part of a ministry that provides our youngest members with a place to worship God, there is a place for you to serve in Children Worship and Wonder. If you would like to know more about the role of a storyteller or greeter in the Children Worship and Wonder room, please contact Kim Paul ([kimdpaul@gmail.com](mailto:kimd paul@gmail.com), (740-221-1305). She would be happy to answer your questions about this ministry and the role of the volunteers who serve in it. Training for new and veteran volunteers will be held on August 18th and 19th at 6 pm. Volunteers will only need to attend one of the training sessions.

Thank You Musicians!

We are grateful for the musicians who enhance our worship services each week. We give thanks for our talented Music Director Susan Davis who coordinates the music for our worship services. Our praise band has faithfully shared their gifts with the 10:30 service the past year whether in drive-in or sanctuary worship. Our thanks to volunteers, Matt McCandlish, Ben Appleby, Tim Remster and Anna Paul. During the month of August, we are blessed to share in the musical gifts of Callie Buchanan, Matthew Baldwin, Heather Near and Mary Arnold. Thank you all!

**Big
Thank
You!**

From Kenny, Margo, and Family

Thank You for our anniversary card, calls, and messages. We appreciate all the prayers, cards, and visits from Dawn and Phillip. Kenny is better but still needs lots of prayers.



A glimpse of grace

“Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat!” (Isaiah 55:1, NIV). I thought of this verse when I read about a seven-acre farm in Atlanta where people can pick fruits and veggies straight off the trees and vines, like a fresh-air produce market but bigger — and all free!

The Food Forest at Browns Mill, located amid a “food desert” in a city where one-fourth of the population experiences food insecurity, offers 2,500 edible and medicinal plants for anyone in need. People take only what they can use, and volunteers harvest extras to distribute in the community. It's one of about 70 free-food forests in the United States. To me, it looks like a glimmer of God's kingdom.

Imagine a world where everyone's basic needs are met: food, clean water, shelter, clothing, health care, education, meaningful work, love — and the fulfillment of assisting and supporting one another. Isaiah envisions this reality coming true. Sometimes, even in our troubled world, we catch a glimpse of God's abundant grace, tangibly lavished on all. Even better, sometimes we're blessed with the privilege of helping it happen.—Heidi Hyland Mann

A New Year of Ministry Begins! Children and Youth- Mark your calendars!

Children Worship and Wonder Volunteer Meeting/Training August 18th and 19th, 6 pm

When our Children Worship and Wonder ministry begins again at the end of August, it will have been almost 17 months since we shared this ministry in person. For that reason, it is important to not only train new volunteers, but also provide a “refresher” for our veteran volunteers. All CWW/FJ volunteers are invited to join us on *either* August 18th or 19th as we prepare ourselves to serve our children through this ministry in the new school year.

Promotion Bibles

August 22nd, 10:30 service

We will mark important milestones with our children by presenting our new kindergarteners and 3rd graders with their promotion bibles. If you have a child going into kindergarten, please be sure to let us know.

Backpack Blessing

August 22nd, 8:30 and 10:30 service

Our hearts rejoice with the hope that this school year will hold more normalcy for our children and youth. Children and youth are invited to bring their backpacks to worship on this day and Pastor Dawn will bless them as they prepare for the beginning of a new school year.

Sunday School Kick-Off

August 29th, 9:30

Sunday School Kick-Off is a perfect day to “jump back in” to an old routine or even start a new routine. On this day we will all meet in the Fellowship Hall, be introduced to our Sunday School teachers and classmates, play some get to know you games and set the stage for a great year together. 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. We also have a number of adult classes for parents. If you need help choosing an adult class, let Kim or Dawn know. They would be happy to connect you to a class.

Children Worship and Wonder Orientation

August 29th, September 5th and 12th, 10:30

We as a church family are blessed to be able to offer a worship experience for our young children 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 these orientation sessions.

Looking Ahead...

September 5th- Chi Rho and CYF Kick-Off

September 19th- Welcome to Worship Begins

The Z-Disciple

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VBS 2020

What a joy it was to share the good news of God's love with fifty children during Vacation Bible School! Each night our church was filled with the happy sounds of children singing, laughing, playing, and crafting. It was our blessing to use all these activities as ways to share Moses's story and the truth that we can trust God because He: is with us, gives us what we need, gives us strength, saves us, and guides us. We are so grateful to the forty-three volunteers who shared their gifts, talents, and resources to make this experience possible for our children. Whether you were here before VBS painting and decorating, during VBS leading and singing, or after cleaning-up, we couldn't have done it without you! And thank you to all of those that made donations for VBS. Indeed, it takes the whole church to provide this experience and it was through the gifts of *everyone* that we were able to express the BIG love of a BIG God to the children who joined us.





Outreach Update

Gracious Givers: Each month in 2021, we are collecting a different item for a local community group. The full calendar is below. Please bring your donations to the Church during normal business hours.

In June we collected 598 granola bars for Bethel Community Center!

In July, we are collecting paper towels for the Zanesville Civic League.

In August, we will collect plastic forks & spoons for Christ's Table.

Month	Item Collected	Recipient
June (June 27)	Granola Bars	Bethel
July (July 25)	Paper Towels	Civic League
August (Aug. 29)	Plastic Forks & Spoons	Christ's Table
September (Sept. 26)	Personal Hygiene Items	Eastside
October (Oct. 31)	Tissues	Naomi House
November (Nov. 28)	Canned Fruit or Peanut Butter or Cereal	Zanesville City Schools
December (Dec. 26)	Paper or Foam Plates	Bethel

Saturday September 25th

Serving at Christ's Table: FCC will serve next at Christ's Table on Saturday, September 25 from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. If you can help, please contact the church office.

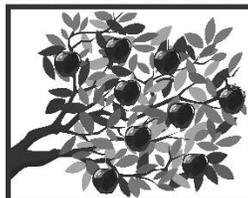
Christ's Table Coordinators Needed: We still need more coordinators for our service at Christ's Table. We serve one Saturday in January, March, May, July, September, & November. Coordinators receive training and are only asked to take a turn coordinating twice per year. If you have any questions or are interested, please contact the church office.

October 23rd

Make a Difference Day: On October 23, Outreach will assist congregants with yard work and light handy-work for Make a Difference Day. If you need assistance, please let the church office know.



AUGUST



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Birthday to:

Janet Burns	August 2
Betsy Devoll	August 2
Trafford Dick	August 5
Charlotte Robison	August 6
Leila Hawk	August 7
Danielle Mathers	August 7
Betty Wagner*	August 7
Molly Roberts	August 9
Jane Worstall	August 9
Barbara Russel*	August 10
Bill Hayes*	August 11
Erin Remster	August 11
Denise Baker	August 12
Todd Hawk	August 13
Gene Davison	August 14
David Higgins	August 14
Marna Hyett	August 15
Elouise Lichtner	August 15
David Devoll	August 17
Norma Jardine	August 17
Lee McPherson	August 17
Marla Hewitt*	August 18
Matthew Sprankle*	August 18
Hannah Tonneman	August 18
Cassandra Mathers	August 19
Daphnie Baker	August 20
Jerry Sutherland	August 20
David Desender	August 22
Henry Gorsky	August 22
Amy Wilson	August 22
Vonda Moore	August 24
Rebecca Gaylord	August 25
Nicole Wegner	August 25
Brooke Beight	August 26
Paul Krause	August 26
Sarah Melick	August 26
Bridget Beight	August 27

Cato Coleman	August 27
Tom Flegge*	August 27
Margaret Hayes	August 27
Brenda King	August 28
Katrina Gray	August 30
Susan Grubbs	August 30
Linda Supplee	August 30
Bruce Iden	August 31
Brady Neal	August 31
Patricia Spragg	August 31
Kari Ward	August 31

Happy Anniversary to:

Cato & Marcia Coleman	August
Melissa & JP Lichtner	August 1
Jason & Ana Kehrberg	August 2
Brianna & Brad Baker	August 7
Bob & Kaye Bednarczuk	August 9
Ron & Terri Carpenter	August 10
Bud & Juanita Krause	August 10
Charlie & Alana Huizenga	August 11
Rod & Jane Richardson	August 17
Kevin & Kim Gaskill	August 29

* Shut In

Special Birthdays this month:

Paul Krause celebrates his 80th birthday. His address is 2970 Licking Rd., 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.



Update for July 27, 2021

Many have said that Week of Compassion is there after the cameras leave, and that is true. Committed to long-term recovery, Week of Compassion walks alongside communities through every stage of disaster recovery. Weeks, months, even years after a major disaster has faded from the headlines, we are still working with our partners to rebuild communities. But sometimes, through your support and the presence of local congregations, we are there before the cameras arrive-- or even when there are no cameras at all. Here are a few events from last month that you may not have heard about on the news, but where our Disciples presence has been felt and is making a difference.

Cameron, West Virginia

Also in late June, the town of Cameron, West Virginia, experienced the worst flash flooding the area has seen in decades. Mudslides caused power outages that lasted several days and affected hundreds of residents. Dozens of homes were damaged in low-lying areas of town. Week of Compassion responded through a local Disciples congregation, providing support for five households in the congregation that experienced damage from the flood.

North Canton, OH

The congregation of Faith United Christian Church in North Canton, OH, serves their neighbors in many ways, including a free clothes closet that they provide as a resource to the community.

But two recent incidents of vandalism led to broken windows and damaged doors, including damage to the area used for the clothes closet.

Week of Compassion provided support to help with repair costs, some of which will not be covered by the church's insurance. This support will help the church restore their facility with stronger materials that will help protect against future damage. As Rev. Chad Anderson has said, the break-ins have actually inspired the congregation to "break out" into the community to love and serve.

Faith United is also one of many Disciples congregations that received a COVID-19 Relief Ministry grant. With support from Week of Compassion, this church is working to feed their neighbors who are in need--many of whom live in public housing across the street from the church.

When neighbors are in need, Disciples congregations are often uniquely positioned to step up and serve. Your support for Week of Compassion provides support and solidarity when churches are meeting immediate needs, making the presence of our wider church stronger where it is needed most--even when it doesn't make the news.