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As children of God, we strive to extend radical hospitality
through worship, mission, faith formation, and community.

VBS 2026 Highlights

by Kim Paul

Each year during the week of Vacation Bible, we take the children and adults who participate on a "Holy Land Adventure". Meaning, we "travel" back in time to a particular Holy Land and meet an important Bible figure. Through elaborate decorations, costuming, role play and imagination, we immerse ourselves in the culture of a particular time and place to better understand the cultural and historical context and the unique perspectives of the people in the stories. In short, we make the bible come alive! And it is lively! The Fellowship Hall is turned into a Marketplace where Shopkeepers share their trade with VBS participants. There are cultural tidbits to be sampled (this year even anchovies were on our Food Court table), the smell of baking bread, the sound of hammers tapping in the Carpentry Shop, beautiful wigs, togas and tunics to enjoy and try on in the Toga shop, leather to touch and work with in the Leathermaking Shop, and so much more! And as the senses feast on all that is offered, the children also meet Shopkeepers who each have their own unique faith perspective and engage them in conversations about their beliefs and questions, allowing the children the opportunity to put their own faith into words. They met Paul and members of the Underground Church and marveled at the courage they showed in living out their faith mission as they continued to gather in community and share the Good News even as they faced persecution.

Throughout the week as I listened in on conversations and watched as our volunteers engaged with the children who gathered, I marveled at how like Paul, we too were living out our faith mission to *love God, love people, and share Christ's Table.* Every night there were examples of how we as a church community extended radical hospitality in order to make sure everyone was included and had a place at the table. Here are a few of the many examples I saw of that throughout the week:

- The kitchen staff made sure that each night there were gluten-free offerings at the Food Court table each night so that everyone could enjoy sampling the tasting treats.
- When a young child on the spectrum was overwhelmed by the sounds of music and singing during Celebration Time, she was provided with noise-canceling headphones so that she could participate in a way that felt safe and comfortable to her.

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- When Paul shared his story of being under house arrest, a child spoke up to say that his parents are in jail. Throughout the week, he was assured through the stories and scripture that those who have done wrong are loved by God and have a place at His table.
- The offering that was collected each night will be used to add special touches to the Habitat for Humanity Playhouse that our church will build in October. When teaching about this project, Ana was intentional in how she talked about homes and houses, knowing that not all children equate the idea of home with feelings of safety, love and belonging. By making space for a reality different from her own, she made a space for children whose experiences are different than hers.

- When a mother needed to drop her child off a half an hour early and pick him up a half an hour late so that she could get to work and back, that child was given a tour of the church, introduced to new friends, engaged in conversation about his interests, and treated like an honored guest, not an inconvenience.
- Offering kindness, patience and grace to a surly teen so that they know that even their resistance to others won't stand in the way of God's love.

In these ways and so many more, Vacation Bible School was an opportunity for us to live into our mission and vision to "Love God, Love People and Share Christ's Table" and "to extend radical hospitality". These are practical ways we share our faith within the community we live in now. Sharing Christ's table isn't just offering a VBS postcard and saying, "you are welcome here". It is saying, "What do you need in order to be here and participate?", listening to the answer, and setting the table appropriately for the unique individual who has been invited by God. Maybe there are headphones next to their place setting, maybe they are treated with grace and kindness when they arrive early and leave late, maybe a cutting remark is answered with kindness. What we know is that each place setting must be set a little differently in order for the guest to be able to sit down. May we as a church community continue to intentionally extend the table and allow each place setting to be different.

OPERATION KID TO KID

by Ana Kehrberg

As mentioned in the previous article, the 2026 VBS curriculum encouraged the kids to imagine themselves in Rome, living with Paul in the early Christian Church. But the Operation Kid to Kid tent is focused on **this** time and place. This space is an opportunity for the children to learn not only that "God's Love is Worth Sharing" but that KIDS can share God's love too.

At the beginning of the week, the children were introduced to Habitat for Humanity and told about how our church will be sponsoring a Habitat playhouse this fall. They were asked to consider what is needed to build a house, or a playhouse in this case, and what turns that house into a **home –** comfortable furniture, fun lighting, artwork, and of course, toys!

Throughout the week, children brought money from home to turn our sponsored playhouse into a fun space for a family. They learned how each quarter or dollar they proudly brought in was multiplied when everyone worked together to contribute what they could to build an impressive final total – over $200!

They were also given the opportunity to help kids without needing to spend money. They were able to color "welcome home" notecards that we will use to stuff a mailbox full of love in the new playhouse. And together, they added their fingerprints to a piece of artwork that will hang in that playhouse.

It was a reminder that "kids can help kids" and can share God's love in so many ways!

INTRODUCING, CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

There is exciting news to share from the FCC-Z preschool room! During Vacation Bible School our preschoolers were introduced to Children's Chapel. Children's Chapel is a precursor to Children Worship and Wonder, and provides an age appropriate space for preschoolers (2-4 years) to worship and prayer (talking with God).

Children's Chapel begins with a greeting, where each child is welcomed with the affirmation, "God loves, name." After singing a couple of familiar songs, Lamby (an adorable stuffed lamb) is passed around the circle. When a child is holding Lamby, it is their turn to share with God and their friends. We close by with a prayer, the song *Jesus Loves Me*, and a blessing for each child.

The children have embraced this sacred time together, and the opportunity to share with God and their friends what is on their minds. We are delighted to announce that the Children's Chapel is being carried into Sunday mornings. When our preschoolers leave the sanctuary following Children's Moment, they will go to the preschool room where they will participate in Children's Chapel. Children's Chapel takes about 15 minutes, so they will still have time to play with their friends before they are picked up at the end of worship.

Rev. Laureen brought this model to us from her ministry experience, and has trained Rylee McCuen, FCC-Z's Children's Ministry Intern, to facilitate Children's Chapel for our preschoolers. We are grateful to our excellent nursery staff for making this ministry possible.

AUGUST WORSHIP

The first two weeks of August will bring our *Be Still and Know* worship series to a close. For the remainder of the month, we will follow the lectionary, focusing on selections from Jesus' ministry in the Gospel of Matthew, as we continue listening for God's word together. *At the end of worship on August 9 and 12, people are invited to take a set of prayer beads home.*

August 2 and 5:
Focus: "Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."
Scriptures: Matthew 6:9-13, Matthew 21:6-9, Psalm 121

August 9 and 12:
Focus: "For yours is the kingdom…"
Scriptures: Matthew 6:9-13, Luke 22:66-71, 1 Chronicles 29:11-12, Ephesians 6:14-18

August 16 and 19:
Focus: What does mercy look like?
Scripture: Psalm 67, Matthew 15:21-28

August 23 and 26:
Focus: Foundations
Scripture: Psalm 124, Matthew 16:13-20

August 30 and September 2:
Focus: Integrity
Scriptures: Matthew 16:21-28; Psalm 26:1-8

September 6 and 9:
Focus: Problem solving
Scriptures: Matthew 18:15-20; Psalm 119:33-40

SUNDAY FUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY FRIENDS-DAY

Mark your calendars—our next Sunday Funday is September 13, and it is also the Sunday we kick off our fall programming! Following worship, everyone is invited to head down the hill to Spangler Memorial Park for lunch, games, and good church-family fun. We'll grill hot dogs and hamburgers. Bring a chair, bring your appetite, and come ready to enjoy time together as we celebrate the start of a new season at FCC-Z. Questions? Contact Heather Near.

The next Wednesday Friends-day returns on Wednesday, September 9! Following 1:00 PM worship, everyone is invited to gather in the multi-purpose room for fellowship, snacks, and games. Please bring a snack to share. Come for worship. Stay for laughter, food, friendship, and fun!

DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY: FAST TRACK

Have you ever wanted to study the whole Bible but wondered how to make it fit into a busy life? Disciple Bible Study: Fast Track is designed to help participants gain a better understanding of God's Word in a way that is meaningful, accessible, and manageable.

Disciple Bible Study has been used in churches all over the world, with more than 3 million people participating. This Fast Track version offers a 24-week journey through the Bible, helping participants grow in faith, deepen their understanding of Scripture, and strengthen their lives as followers of Jesus Christ.

Begins in September. Rev. Laureen will facilitate the gatherings, with two weekly options:

- Wednesdays 2:15-3:45PM, beginning September 16
- Sundays 5:30-7:00PM, beginning September 20

The first 12 weeks will focus on the Old Testament, helping us explore the stories, laws, prophets, poetry, and promises that shape our faith and prepare us to understand the New Testament more fully. The final gatherings for this first 12-week session will be Wednesday, December 2 and Sunday December 6. The second 12 weeks studying the New Testament will begin Wednesday, January 20 and Sunday, January 24 (this will replace our traditional Lenten study).

Studying the Bible is essential to becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ. Whether you are new to Bible study or ready to go deeper, Disciple Fast Track offers a meaningful opportunity to learn, grow, ask questions, and walk through Scripture in community.

The cost for the Old Testament workbook is $20. Click here to register or on the bulletin board at church by August 30. Come be part of the journey! If you have questions, please contact Rev. Laureen.

KINGDOM BUILDERS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

by Anne Blood

August is the final month of the Kingdom Builders Capital Campaign! If you have set up recurring payments, you will want to plan to cancel these after August. As of 6/30/2026 we have an extra $20,260.77. The Board voted to allocate 1/3 of this to update the Multipurpose Room into a conference space with modern technology capabilities. The other 2/3 will go toward the accessibility updates to Spangler Memorial and the planned walking path. We appreciate your support over the last three years!

FCC-Z WALKING PATH

Exciting things are happening around the FCC-Z property! The Board recently approved the creation of a half-mile walking path that will loop around the church grounds and help make better use of the beautiful outdoor space God has entrusted to us.

Every day, people from the community walk our property—some with dogs, others with children, and others with friends. This project is one more way FCC-Z can extend welcome beyond the walls of the church. It is also part of our 5-year vision plan as we seek to extend radical hospitality into the wider community.

The path was designed by Ben Appleby, a member of FCC-Z and owner/operator of Linear Active LLC. Upon the request of the Walking Path Committee, Ben presented the walking path proposal to the Board on May 14, and the Board approved moving forward with the project.

The first phase will begin this fall and will focus on creating greater accessibility for people to reach Spangler Memorial Park. This is an important step toward helping more people enjoy the park, participate in church activities, and move around the property more easily. Funds for the first phase will come from the Kingdom Builders Capital Campaign.

The complete project will take 3–5 years to finish, and there will be volunteer opportunities available along the way. More details will be shared as plans develop.

Members of the Walking Path Committee are Joan Barr, Valencia Clark, Ted Garber, and Rev. Laureen, who serves ex-officio. Valencia Clark is the chairperson. If you would like to serve on the committee or have questions, please contact Valencia.

We give thanks for the generosity that makes projects like this possible and for the gifts of those who help us imagine faithful ways to use our property for ministry, fellowship, and community.

To learn more about Ben Appleby and his trail-building work, visit the article linked here: https://www.zanesvilletimesrecorder.com/story/news/local/2019/12/08/ben-appleby-modern-day-trailblazer/2528803001/

AUGUST OUTREACH UPDATE

Gracious Givers 2026:
In June, we collected many bottles of lotion for kids and adults to donate to Grace Community Cupboard.
Throughout July, we are collecting hygiene products for boys & girls for Avondale Youth Center.
In August, we will collect peanut butter & instant potatoes for Zanesville Community School.

- The Zanesville Community School is a small public alternative high school serving grades 9-12 and is part of the Zanesville City School District.
- It provides a smaller, supportive environment with close work between students and mentors.
- Our donation will help students and their families who may struggle with food insecurity.

Month	Organization	Item Collected
August	Zanesville Community School	Peanut Butter & Instant Potatoes
September	Christ's Table	Non-perishable food

Christ's Table 2026: We serve next on Saturday, September 26th from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Christy McCandlish will coordinate. If you feel called to help, please sign up on the bulletin board or let the Church office know.

Date	Coordinator
Saturday, July 25	Rick Griffin
Saturday, September 26	Christy McCandlish
Saturday, November 28	Tom Sawyers

CHRIST'S TABLE
feeds the hungry children of God.

CROP Walk: Mark your calendars and make your plans now to participate in this year's CROP Walk. September 20, 2:00PM at OU-Zanesville Rogge Pavillion. If you would like to help with the planning, contact Christy McCandlish.

CROP HUNGER WALK BY CWS

Friday, October 9 – Playhouse Build for Habitat for Humanity: On Friday, October 9 from approximately 9-5, we will gather at the Muskingum County Fairgrounds with several other churches and civic organizations to build Playhouses for Habitat for Humanity. This event matches sponsors with low-to moderate-income families with children to build custom playhouses for the family. This event is a great fundraiser for Habitat, a wonderful team-building experience, and at the end of the day, a child will be blessed with a playhouse of their very own. Often, the child and family are present to receive the playhouse at the end of the event. Look for more details on how to sign up soon! No construction experience required – just a willing heart.

VBS Supported Our Habitat for Humanity's Playhouse Build: This summer, our VBS Kid-to-Kid program featured Habitat for Humanity, and specifically, focused on the Playhouse FCC-Z will build on Friday, October 9th. Over the course of the week, VBS kids supported this worthy cause and raised **$204.02** to decorate the Playhouse and buy books, toys, and other accessories. In addition, the children made fingerprint art for the Playhouse recipient and wrote notes of love to stuff a mailbox we will buy for the Playhouse. A special thank you to Ana Kehrberg for designing the tent in the Marketplace and rallying the kids around this exciting project. The recipient will feel the love of our VBS children! What a wonderful partnership!

Rooted and Grounded in Love

Reflections on General Assembly 2026 by Rev. Laureen A. Roe

The inaugural online General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) was a meaningful first step in discovering new ways to be church together. Although technical difficulties—especially on Friday—tested everyone's patience, the Assembly still offered valuable teaching, inspiring worship, and important conversation.

On Friday, I gathered in FCC-Z's multi-purpose room with our delegates, Susan Grubbs, Jason Kehrberg, and Kim Paul, along with Rev. Dawn Remster and others from our congregation. Being together reminded me how important it is to gather with those who share in ministry with me.

The Assembly began with Rev. Dr. Lizette Acosta teaching about covenantal dialogue. She reminded us that an argument is often about being right, while dialogue is about maintaining relationships. True dialogue asks us to listen deeply, prioritize the person rather than the position, seek common ground, and practice humility. One phrase that stayed with me was, "Listening is an act of hospitality."

Technical difficulties caused a lengthy delay on Friday, and our group eventually dispersed. Even so, the day concluded with a powerful message from Rev. Dr. Jonathan Hall, who reminded us that God strengthens us in the fog, that love cannot exist without truth, and that Christ calls us to love the people right in front of us. Watch Friday's sermon.

On Saturday, we gathered again for teaching, worship, and conversation. Rev. Dr. Adam Taylor challenged the church to address the root causes of poverty and reminded us that worship should lead to acts of compassion and justice. Our FCC-Z group also discussed economic justice, the needs within our community, and how we might respond as a church.

The Assembly concluded with worship led by Rev. Dr. Terri Hord Owens. She encouraged Disciples to go outside our familiar patterns, use our holy imagination, and live at the "growing edge"—the place where God renews us and gives us hope for the next step. She called us to go outside, go beyond, and work toward a world where all people can experience the limitless love of God. Watch Saturday's sermon.

The Assembly theme, drawn from Ephesians 3:14–21, invited the church to be "rooted and grounded in love." General Assembly 2026 was not without challenges, but it was a good beginning. It left me wondering: What might happen if the leadership and people of FCC-Z engaged together more intentionally in understanding the needs of one another and of our community? God may already be inviting us toward that growing edge—rooted and grounded in love, and trusting the One who can accomplish far more than we can ask or imagine.

General Assembly Reflections

by Kim Paul, FCC-Z delegate

The new format of the General Assembly allows for online gatherings on the years that we don't gather in person. These additional gatherings allow for educational opportunities and help prepare voting delegates for the important decisions of which they will be a part. I was especially impacted by the guidance we were given on meaningful dialogue. This conversation began with the reminder that as Disciples of Christ we are called to "unity not uniformity" and "community not conversion". This means that as members of this community, we are not in the practice of forcing our perspective on others, but rather in allowing the perspectives of others to make us a more complete whole. This attitude changes the way we listen and respond to one another. I was reminded that when we enter into dialogue it is important to first examine my perception of the other and prioritize who they are as a person, over my assumptions of them. To listen openly, I need to ask myself what assumptions I typically make about people who hold this view, and also consider what life experience might have led them to this position. I also have to do some internal work, identifying for myself why the issue at hand matters to me, what I fear losing if my position is rejected, and the value that I am trying to protect. Understanding my own fears and values allows me to engage others with greater humility. As I listen, it is important that I am trying to understand what value the other person is trying to protect and how that value became so important to them. When I listen while acknowledging the fears and values of both myself and the other person, I make space for humility and open a path for finding common ground. This posture of listening with respect and openness to the possibility that someone's unique life experience has led them to hold values and fears different than my own, is core to our identity as Disciples and key to our commitment to extending radical hospitality and making space at the table for all.

A New Season of Children Worship and Wonder Begins

As a new season of Children Worship and Wonder begins on August 23rd, below are some questions families may have about this important ministry.

What is Children Worship and Wonder?

The CWW room is a special place to be. It is a special place for our youngest children to be with God, talk to God and hear the stories of God. This unique worship, designed specifically to meet the developmental needs of 4-8 year olds, corresponds to the order of worship in the sanctuary, but in a way that is relevant and engaging for young members.

Who is it for and how do I know if my child is ready?

The Children Worship and Wonder room is designed for children as young as four years of age. All children are different, and some are developmentally ready before others. We know that when children turn four, their parents often wonder, "Is my child *really* ready for CWW?" And much to the parents' surprise, the answer is often, "Yes!" The CWW room is designed with young people in mind, and supported by caring adults whose intention each Sunday is to help our children have the best worship experience possible. The worship experience is led by a storyteller, and supported by a Greeter and a Jr. Greeter. So we are ready to help everyone participate fully! If you are unsure of whether or not your child is ready to try CWW, please reach out to Kim. She would be happy to talk with you about some of the signs that your child is developmentally ready to try CWW. We are happy to now have the opportunity to offer a meaningful worship experience for 2-4 year old children in the preschool room called Children's Chapel. Children's Chapel is a precursor to Children Worship and Wonder. If you think your preschooler is not quite ready for CWW, Children's Chapel can help them build their attention span, stamina and listening skills for CWW while engaging them in meaningful worship and faith formation.

Why are there two weeks of orientation?

Children Worship and Wonder is a unique form of worship for children. Children as young as four are able to participate in CWW because we take our time at the beginning of the year teaching them "how to be in such a special place". We spend the first two weeks of the storytelling season learning and practicing the routines of our worship. These orientations will be on August 23rd and September 6th. Please plan to have your child attend both of these sessions as it helps make their worship experience throughout the year more meaningful.

What Next?

Visitors and children are welcome to join us in the CWW room at any time throughout the year. We are always happy to welcome new faces! However, as a new season of storytelling begins, you can help us prepare by filling out this registration form to let us know that you plan for your child to participate in CWW this year. Knowing both the number and ages of children who will be participating in CWW helps determine: the number of rooms needed, the number of volunteers needed, and age-appropriate stories.

CWW Registration Form

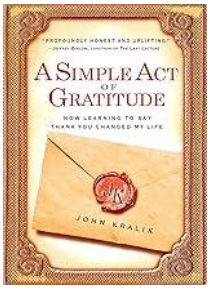
Back to School Blessings, Sunday, August 23rd

The beginning of a new school year can be both an exciting and an anxious time for everyone...children, parents, teachers, and administrators. As a church community we are here to remind you that God is with you in each new beginning and all the days that follow. Children, youth, and school employees are invited to bring their backpacks, bags or laptops to worship on this day and receive a blessing as you prepare for the beginning of a new school year.

Looking Ahead, Sunday, September 13th

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 13th and stay tuned for more details. We will have Sunday School kick-off at 9 am and youth group kick-off will be that afternoon.

Library Book of Interest



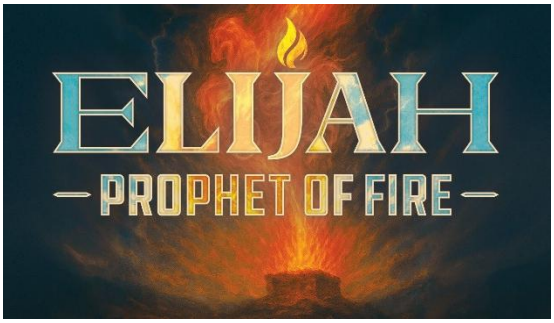
Kralik, John. A Simple Act of Gratitude. Hyperion, 2010. Call # 179 KRA
This memoir by John Kralik is an easy read. He tells his story of a very low point in his life when his law firm was failing and he was struggling with divorce, and he began writing thank you notes. The growth and changes in his life over a fifteen-month period are shared here.

If you would like to donate any items to the library, please contact Ellen Dagneau first.

Young at Heart Lunch

Beginning in September, the Pairs and Spares Sunday School Class invites everyone age 70 and older to join them for lunch at Pizza Cottage at 11:30am on the third Tuesday of each month. This gathering will help revive the "Young at Heart" fellowship that met before COVID. Come enjoy good food and great company!

FCC on the Rod Again- Ohio Star Theater- Elijah: Prophet of Fire



Enjoy a musical and learn more about the prophet Elijah as he stands against King Ahab and Queen Jezebel, the most wicked rulers of Israel. Experience the story of an ordinary man climbing mountains of great faith to become God's prophet of fire. (This production contains water- based fog/haze and strobe effects.)

We have reserved 30 seats for Tuesday September 15th 1:00 PM show. In the past we have eaten lunch together as a group at the Dutch Valley Restaurant (across the parking lot from the Theater) Lunch is not included in the price of the ticket. Please note on the sign -up sheet if you would like to eat at Dutch Valley. We will be meeting at 11:30 AM at the restaurant. Kim Paul has graciously said she is willing to drive the church van. Van can carry 10 passengers. Please note on the sign-up sheet if you would like to ride to the show in the church van.

CWW Training Event at FCC-Z

First Christian Church in Zanesville is privileged to be the host site for Children Worship Wonder and Welcome In-Person Storyteller Training on Saturday, August 22nd. Debbie Walker (Washington Avenue Christian Church in Elyria) will lead the training. This training is offered to everyone in The Christian Church in Ohio and will include participants from Kentucky and West Virginia. This is a unique opportunity for FCC-Z members to receive formal storyteller training without having to travel. Because we are looking to expand the number of storytellers we have, and possibly re-open the Following Jesus Room, the timing is helpful to our ministry. If you feel a gentle nudge and are wondering if this is something you might be interested in or would like register, please reach out to Kim Paul as soon as possible. She would be happy to share more with you about the blessings of Children Worship Wonder and Welcome and storytelling.

Family Ministry When Nobody Has Time

A Family Ministry Webinar sponsored by the Congregational Renewal Team of the Christian Church in Ohio (Disciples of Christ)

Tuesday, September 22, 6:30–8:00 p.m. via Zoom

Family ministry matters—but in today's world, the honest question is often, "Who has the time?" Families are busy. Congregational leaders are stretched. Volunteers are tired. And yet, the call to nurture faith across generations remains both important and possible.

Whether your congregation is working to strengthen an active family ministry, struggling to maintain one, or hoping to create something new, this webinar is for you.

Join Rev. Dr. Olivia Bryan Updegrove—mom, minister, author, and creator of *Faith Tutors*—and Kimberly Paul—mom, educator, and Director of Children and Youth Ministries at FCC-Zanesville—for a practical and encouraging conversation about why family ministry matters and how congregations can faithfully support families today.

Olivia and Kim will share from their training, hands-on ministry experience, and personal perspectives of raising families in today's culture. Together, we will explore how congregations can nurture faith across generations, build meaningful relationships with families, and create ministries that help children, youth, parents, and caregivers grow in faith.

Come be encouraged, inspired, and equipped for the holy work of family ministry. Anyone involved in the FCC-Z family ministries is encouraged to attend. Contact Rev. Laureen or Kim Paul to register.

Ohio Women's Ministries Fall Retreat

August 29th at Camp Christian
Retreat Theme: Together We Are Awesome!
Retreat Leader: Rev. Dr. Christal Williams

The Rev. Dr. Williams currently serves as the Regional Minister of the Christian Church in Indiana. For more information and registration, go to **https://ccinoh.com/mini.../adult/ohio-womens-ministries.aspx**

2026 Christian Church in Ohio Regional Assembly

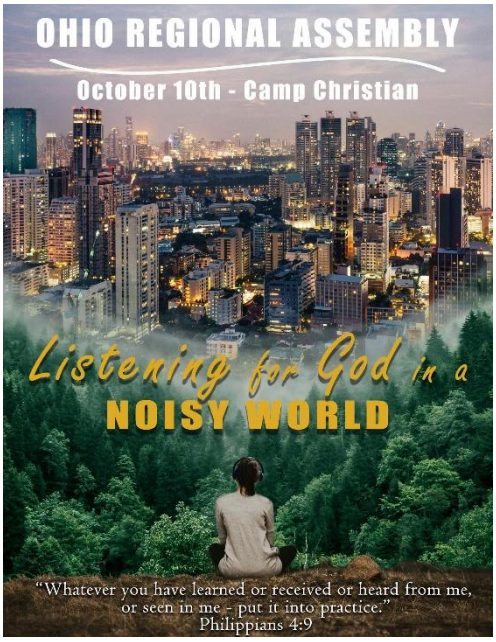
Saturday, October 10th at Camp Christian
Listening For God In A Noisy World: Listen. See. Do.

Plan to join together with Christian Church in Ohio members, friends, and ministry partners for our next Regional Assembly of the Christian Church in Ohio! We will again gather at our Regional Ministry Center at Camp Christian and celebrate the completion of the construction of the new pool, pool house, and picnic pavilion, as well as meet our new staff, thanks to the If Not Now, When? If Not You, Who? financial campaign. Our business session will not only elect our new Regional Church Council and Officers, but vote on changes to our Constitution to move to an every three year Regional Assembly, to match the new cycle of on-site General Assemblies.

There will be Worship, Workshops, a Vender/Exhibition Area, Lunch, and so much more!

To register, please go online to: https://ccinoh.com/regional-calendar.aspx?events=16073...

Our Theme Scripture is from Philippians 4:9 (NLT) "Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you." Throughout the day we will be invited to listen for God in an all-too-noisy world. But we listen so that we can see the work of God being made real amongst us and then go and do the work to which God in Christ calls us to do! Workshops will help develop upon this theme.



Registration is only $25 per person for adults and youth 12 & over; $10 (ages 3-11) – lunch included. Please note: financial assistance is available, just contact the Regional Church Office. Special programming will be offered for children ages 3-11, however parents must register their children ahead of time. We regret but we will not be able to provide a nursery for this event.

For those wishing to be a part of the Exhibition/Vender Market the Cost is $50 per table. Please note that this fee helps us keep the cost of the entire event reasonable for all participants. More information about that, as well as sponsorship opportunities, is available at www.ccinoh.com/.../regional_assembly_exhibitor...

We are also seeking volunteers willing to donate the use of golf carts during Regional Assembly to help those with limited mobility get around Camp Christian. Volunteers would need to transport carts to and from camp and either drive them or designate a trusted driver. If you can help, please contact the Regional Church Office at **ccio@ccinoh.org**.

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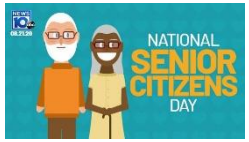
9	**10**	**11** 3pm Needle Workers	**12** 1pm Worship	**13** 7pm Elders' Mtg.	**14**	**15** 9am Climate Lobby Meeting
16	**17** 2pm Pastor's Class	**18** 11:30am Pairs & Spares @Pizza Cottage 2pm Pastor's Class 3pm Needle Workers @Oaks of Bethesda	**19** 1pm Worship 2pm Pastor's Class	**20**	**21** 	**22** 9am CWW Training
23 Back to School Blessings	**24** 12Noon Newsletter Deadline	**25** 10:00am 6:30pm 4H Meeting	**26** Newsletter Publication 1pm Worship	**27**	**28**	**29**
30	**31**					

Sundays:
9:00am Christian Ed Classes
10:00am Worship

2026-27 Schedules

Date	Greeters	Elders		Worship Leaders	Deacons	Pew Crew
		Offering	Communion			
Aug						
2nd	Joan Barr & Jana Fulks	Joan Barr	Mary Arnold	Mary Arnold	Michelle Neal, Jerry Sturtz, Amy Wilson, Jim Wilson, Graisyn Roberts, Valencia Clark, Cortney Jackson	Sandy & Virgil Untied
9th	Denise Baker & Kim Fouch	Larry Paul	Anne Blood	Ellen Dagneau	Michelle Neal, Jerry Sturtz, Amy Wilson, Jim Wilson, Graisyn Roberts, Valencia Clark, Cortney Jackson	Sandy & Virgil Untied
16th	Lori Ward & Kari Ward	Marcia Coleman	Cato Coleman	Kim Fouch	Michelle Neal, Jerry Sturtz, Amy Wilson, Jim Wilson, Graisyn Roberts, Valencia Clark, Cortney Jackson	Sandy & Virgil Untied
23rd	Jason, Ana, & Alex Kehrberg	Lori Buchanan	Susan Grubbs	Philip Hunt	Michelle Neal, Jerry Sturtz, Amy Wilson, Jim Wilson, Graisyn Roberts, Valencia Clark, Cortney Jackson	Sandy & Virgil Untied
30th	Melissa Lichtner & Lori Ryan-Griffin	Jason Kehrberg	Kari Ward	Cato Coleman	Michelle Neal, Jerry Sturtz, Amy Wilson, Jim Wilson, Graisyn Roberts, Valencia Clark, Cortney Jackson	Sandy & Virgil Untied
Sept						
6th	Dave & Betsy Devoll	Cato Coleman	Marcia Coleman	Peggy Moon	Jack Morrow, Kim Dunn, Kevin Dunn, Linda Supplee, Peggy Moon, John Moon, Jen Baker	Jana Fulks
13th	Mike & Amy Whitson	Anne Blood	Joan Barr	Cortney Jackson	Jack Morrow, Kim Dunn, Kevin Dunn, Linda Supplee, Peggy Moon, John Moon, Jen Baker	Jana Fulks
20th	Philip & Rolanda Hunt	Mary Arnold	Larry Paul	Denise Baker	Jack Morrow, Kim Dunn, Kevin Dunn, Linda Supplee, Peggy Moon, John Moon, Jen Baker	Jana Fulks
27th	Virgil & Sandy Untied	Susan Grubbs	Lori Buchanan	Mike Whitson	Jack Morrow, Kim Dunn, Kevin Dunn, Linda Supplee, Peggy Moon, John Moon, Jen Baker	Jana Fulks

Happy Birthday to:

Betsy Devoll	August 2
Vance Baker	August 2
Charlotte Robison	August 6
Leila Hawk	August 7
Pam Palmer	August 9
Jane Worstall	August 9
Molly Roberts	August 9
Bill Hayes	August 11
Erin Remster	August 11
Denise Baker	August 12
Jeanie Sorenson	August 12
Todd Hawk	August 13
Gene Davison *	August 14
David Higgins	August 14
Marna Hyett	August 15
Elouise Lichtner	August 15
Lee McPherson	August 17
Norma Jardine	August 17
David Devoll	August 17
Matthew Sprankle	August 18
Hannah Tonneman	August 18
Jerry Sutherland	August 20
Katie Fineran	August 20
David Desender	August 22
Amy Wilson	August 22
Vonda Moore	August 24
Becky Gaylord	August 25
Nicole Wegner	August 25
Brooke Beight	August 26
Margaret Hayes *	August 27
Cato Coleman	August 27
Bridget Beight	August 27
Darren Wright	August 28
Kian Sawyers	August 28
Talli Jackson	August 30
Susan Grubbs	August 30
Linda Supplee	August 30
Katrina Gray	August 30
Pat Spragg	August 31
Bruce Iden	August 31
Brady Neal	August 31
Kari Ward	August 31

Happy Anniversary to:

Cato & Marcia Coleman	August 1
Melissa & JP Lichtner	August 1
Jason & Ana Kehrberg	August 2
Jim & Judy Robinson	August 8
Ron & Terri Carpenter	August 10
Jerry & Susan Sutherland	August 14
Rod & Jane Richardson	August 17
Brenda & David King	August 18
John & Beverly Dick	August 19
Erin Remster & Ben Appleby	August 27
Kevin & Kim Gaskill	August 29

* Homebound

Special Birthdays this month:

Gene Davison celebrates his 94th birthday on August 14. His address is 1278 Pfeifer Dr. Zanesville, OH 43701

Dave Higgins celebrates his 80th birthday on August 14. His address is 3862 Litho Lane Zanesville, OH 43701

Margaret Hayes celebrates her 92nd birthday on August 27. Her address is Oaks at Bethesda, 2971 Maple Ave., Room #505 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.

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