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

FCC-Z Responds to Flooding

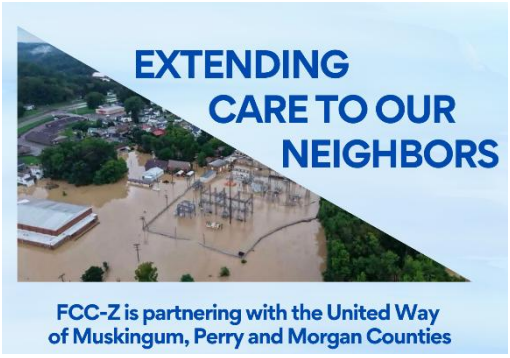
In response to the flooding in Muskingum and Perry counties, FCC-Z has partnered with the United Way of Muskingum, Perry and Morgan Counties, working with Katie Grubbs, Community Impact Manager, to support relief efforts.

Our fellowship hall became a drop-off location for cleaning supplies, bottled water, diapers, baby wipes, non-perishable food, and other needed items. The following week, several FCC-Z volunteers helped United Way collect supplies from various drop-off locations and deliver them to Perry County. Our Pastor's Class participants also helped load the truck—putting faith into action in a very practical way.

This week, volunteers will go to the Perry County Health Department to help pack relief boxes for those affected by the floods. United Way will continue to share volunteer opportunities, and we will pass along that information as we receive it.

Monetary gifts may be made through FCC-Z by marking your offering "Local Outreach - Flood Relief." These funds will go directly to United Way's Disaster Relief and Recovery Funds. Click here to give online.

Four households within our congregation were affected by the second wave of flooding, all with significant water in their basements. We give thanks that they are managing okay, and we continue to hold them, and all those affected by the floods, in prayer.



UNITED WAY
Muskingum, Perry,
and Morgan Counties

WHEN EVERYTHING IS MOVING

by Rev. Laureen A. Roe

There are seasons in the life of the church when things feel quiet and contemplative. And then there are seasons when God seems to say, "Everybody hold on—we're moving!" This feels like one of those seasons.

There is so much life moving through FCC-Z. We are welcoming children more fully into worship through Welcome to Worship, the Blessing of Inclusion, Children Worship and Wonder, and Children's Chapel. We are covering them in prayer with our Back to School Blessings. Lillian and Logan (pictured on right) are preparing for baptism, surrounded by a congregation bringing water from our own lives to mingle in the baptismal waters. Soon, we will begin new season of Bible study together.

Our faith is also moving beyond the church walls. When floodwaters devastated parts of Roseville and Crooksville, you responded with water, food, cleaning supplies, financial gifts, prayers, and offers to help. It was a beautiful reminder that prayer and action belong together. It makes my heart smile acknowledging that sometimes the Holy Spirit looks remarkably like people carrying cases of water and other supplies through Door 3.

There has been plenty of movement around our property, too—and not always the kind we planned! It started in the spring when the main AEP electrical junction box lost a leg. Then, over the summer, a playground tree lost a branch in the storms, the nursery/preschool roof developed a large leak, lightning struck my office (all is well—I was just a little tingly for a bit), a 60-year-old breaker failed and caused some very strange electrical happenings throughout the building, phone lines stopped working, and the air conditioning in the fellowship hall decided to become unpredictable. Through it all, staff, volunteers, and trusted contractors stepped in to diagnose problems, make repairs, and keep things moving.

And now there is movement around our property that we are actually excited about! This fall, work will begin with the addition of ADA-accessible pathways to Spangler Memorial Park, the first step in developing our new walking path. It is another way we can extend hospitality to the many neighbors who already walk our grounds with friends, children, and dogs. Apparently the dogs understood radical hospitality before the rest of us did.

This has also been a season of deep grief for many in our congregation and community. In times like these, one of the most important ministries we share is simply caring for one another—making the phone call, sending the card, offering a meal, sitting quietly beside someone, and remembering that grief does not follow a schedule. May we continue to be gentle with one another and generous with our presence.

Through all this activity, I keep returning to the prayer that shaped our summer together: "Be still and know that I am God."

Being still does not mean nothing is happening. Stillness helps us notice what God is doing in the midst of everything that is happening. We do not need to do *everything.* We simply need to listen closely enough to recognize the next faithful thing God is asking us to do.

As we move into a busy fall, may we keep listening for God beneath the noise. May we notice where compassion is needed, where hospitality can be extended, and where someone simply needs us to show up. God is already at work. Our invitation is to listen, trust, and join in.

Blessings,

Laureen☺

SEPTEMBER WORSHIP

Extending radical hospitality through worship

In September, our worship will follow the lectionary texts of Gospel of Matthew as Jesus teaches us about life together in the kingdom of God. These scriptures invite us to think honestly about how we solve problems, practice forgiveness, understand fairness, and live with integrity. As we move into the rhythms of fall, we will listen for God's wisdom in our relationships, our choices, and our shared life as a faith community.

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

September 13 and 16:
Focus: Forgiveness
Scriptures: Matthew 18:21-35; Psalm 114

September 20 and 23:
Focus: "The last will be first, and the first will be last."
Scriptures: Psalm 145:1-8; Matthew 20:1-16

September 27 and 30:
Focus: Integrity
Scriptures: Matthew 21:23-32; Psalm 25:1-9

SUNDAY FUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY FRIENDS-DAY

Extending radical hospitality through community

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!

2026-27 PLANNING CALENDAR

The FCC-Z 2026-27 Planning Calendar is now available. There are a few hard copies on the table in the narthex. It is also available on our website.

SEPTEMBER OUTREACH UPDATE

Extending radical hospitality through mission

Gracious Givers 2026:

- In July, through your generosity, we collected 463 hygiene items for boys & girls at Avondale Youth Center.
- In August, we are collecting peanut butter & instant potatoes for Zanesville Community School.
- In September, we will collect non-perishable food items for Christ's Table.

CHRIST'S TABLE
feeds the hungry children of God.

About Christ's Table:
Although our church has long served at Christ's Table and many are familiar with their mission – a reminder of the significance:
"Since the pandemic, we have seen our numbers increase every year. In 2024, we served 109,415 meals. There was an even larger increase in 2025, with 115,845 meals served. As of the end of May, we have served 46,348 meals in 2026. This amazing community of ours has supported us every step of the way. We truly thank all of you from the bottom of our hearts! We hope that support will continue on!"

Month	Organization	Item Collected
September	Christ's Table	Non-perishable food
October	Bethel Community Center	Toilet Paper & Paper Towels

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.

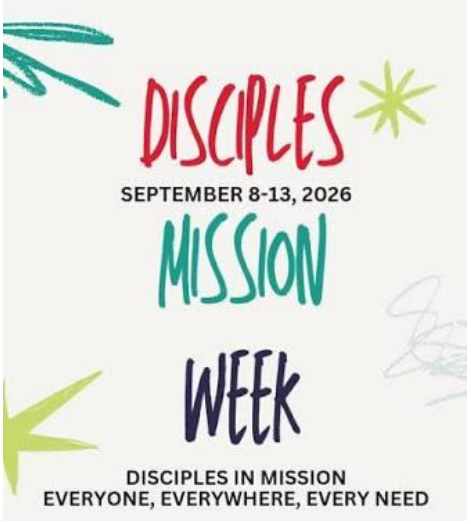
Date	Coordinator
Saturday, September 26	Christy McCandlish
Saturday, November 28	Tom Sawyers

Flood Relief: As many of you know, many in our community have recently experienced loss from the devastating August floods. We collected non-perishable food items, water, and cleaning supplies, and on August 19, several people helped deliver them to those in need. Thank you for your support. On August 24, a group served in Roseville helping with the United Way's efforts with flood relief.

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 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. Our church sponsors the cost of the materials and provides volunteers, and at the end of the day, a child will be blessed with a playhouse of their very own. No construction experience required – just a willing heart. Sign up on the bulletin board and help bless a local family and have fun doing it!

In the coming weeks, we will learn more about the child recipient of our Playhouse. Once we know the child's interests, favorite colors, etc., we will ask for help purchasing items to decorate the Playhouse, toys, books, etc. Stay tuned for more details on that, but in the meantime – you can sign up to help with the build!

DISCIPLES MISSION WEEK



DHM (Disciples Home Missions) is providing compelling and educational webinars for congregations on issues impacting our communities, including Food Insecurity, Housing Insecurity, Healthcare Inequities, and Disability Equity. Through the HUB, these webinars offer education and awareness to help congregations turn compassion into action. Webinars will take place Tuesday through Friday evenings at 7:30 PM ET during Disciples Mission Week (September 8-13). Each gathering is designed to deepen understanding and fuel the church's mission to serve.

Our FCC-Z Outreach Ministry Team is participating in the nightly webinars as we continue learning how to respond faithfully to the needs around us. Those participating include Katie Grubbs, Susan Grubbs, and Rev. Laureen for Food Insecurity; Christy McCandlish for Healthcare Equity; and Anne Blood and Kris Hawk for Housing Insecurity. To participate, contact the church office or register for webinars here: https://disciplesmissionhub.org/register-for-dmw-2026/

During Disciples Mission Week, we also celebrate FCC-Z's ongoing flood relief efforts as a tangible mission response. Through donations, volunteering, relief supplies, and support for those affected by flooding in our surrounding communities, FCC-Z is putting compassion into action in real and meaningful ways.

CROP HUNGER WALK – SEPTEMBER 20

FCC-Z is invited to participate in this year's CROP Hunger Walk on September 20, 2PM at OUZ. This is a meaningful opportunity to walk together for a cause that truly makes a difference—helping neighbors near and far who are facing hunger, poverty, and crisis.

Why do we walk? Because hunger is real, and so is our call to respond with compassion. Twenty-five percent of the funds raised through the CROP Hunger Walk stay right here in Zanesville to support Christ's Table. The remaining funds support Church World Service, helping communities around the world with clean water, food security, and disaster relief.

Every step matters. Every gift matters. Every walker helps make hope more visible. Sign up on the church bulletin board to be a part of FCC-Z's team. To volunteer to help with event day details or questions, contact Christy McCandlish.

SEPTEMBER CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Extending radical hospitality through faith formation

Sunday School Kick-Off

All Sunday School classes (adults and children) are invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, September 13th to celebrate Sunday School Kick-Off with ice cream sundaes! Sundaes will be served at 9:00 and at 9:20 we will send everyone back to their classrooms with a special blessing for the new year. Please join us as we celebrate the opportunity to nurture our faith within the support of a loving and faithful community.

Youth Group

Our Chi Rho (6th-8th) and CYF (9th-12th) Youth Group meet every Sunday from 4-5:30. If you have never come to a youth group meeting before, we hope you will join us on September 6th! As we gather in Christ's name we are supported, encouraged, and rejuvenated to face the week ahead and all the challenges it brings. Just come in door #5, we will be in the first room on your right. And as always, you are welcome to bring a friend!

Would you like to provide a meal for the youth?

Each weekly youth group meeting has a designated focus of either service, fellowship, or study. "Dinner and Table Talk" meetings begin with dinner and then turn to the study of scripture around the dinner table. The advantage to this format is that it gives us an extended period of time to dig deeper into scripture and further our understanding. Below is the list of dates for the fall. If you are willing to provide dinner for a group of 10-12 people on one of the following dates, please contact Kim Paul or sign up on the bulletin board. Simple, easy to serve meals are preferred.

September 27th
October 11th
November 22nd
December 6th

A Note About our Safe Sanctuary 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 Safe Sanctuary 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 Safe Sanctuary Policy training and completed a background check.

Care for our College Students

It is our tradition to send our college students a care package in October around the time of mid-terms. It is our way of reminding them that their church community is holding them in prayer even when they are away. This year we are going to try something different that our students may enjoy even more and will help make shipping more affordable.

Gift Card Collection for our College Students

We will be collecting gift cards in the amount of $5 for anywhere you think a college student might enjoy. Some examples include: Chipotle, Raising Canes, Taco Bell, Dunkin Donuts, Starbucks and WalMart. These are just a few examples of businesses that can be found in most college towns and are frequented by students. You may think of others! The gift cards will be collected during the month of September and mailed to our 15 college students in October along with our words of encouragement.

Attention families of college students: please make sure that the church office has your college student's updated address so that they can receive an envelope of fun!

BAPTISM SUNDAY

September 6

On Sunday, September 6, we will celebrate the baptisms of Lillian and Logan Appleby during worship. This will be a joyful and sacred day in the life of our congregation as we surround them with prayer, love, and the promise of Christian community.

You are invited to take a water vial from the narthex (or a container you have at home), fill it with water from somewhere meaningful in your life, and bring it with you to worship on September 6. Together, we will add our water to the baptismal waters as a sign of our own baptisms, our unity in Christ, and our shared life in the community of faith.

Come ready to celebrate God's grace, the gift of baptism, and the beautiful reminder that we belong to Christ and to one another.

Regional Assembly of the Christian Church in Ohio

Plan to join with Christian Church in Ohio members, friends, and ministry partners for the next Regional Assembly of the Christian Church in Ohio at Camp Christian.

This gathering will be a special time to celebrate the completion of the new pool, pool house, and picnic pavilion, made possible through the If Not Now, When? If Not You, Who? financial campaign. We will also have the opportunity to meet new Regional Church staff, worship together, attend workshops, visit the vendor/exhibition area, share lunch, and enjoy time in fellowship with Disciples from across Ohio.

During the business session, the Regional Church will elect new Regional Church Council members and officers. FCC-Z's own Jason Kehrberg has been nominated to serve as Regional Church Council Vice-Moderator. The Assembly will also vote on proposed changes to the Constitution to move Regional Assembly to an every-three-year cycle, matching the new cycle of on-site General Assemblies.

Our theme scripture is Philippians 4:9:

"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. We listen so that we can see God's work being made real among us and then go and do the work to which God in Christ calls us. Workshops will help us explore and live into this theme.

Rev. Laureen is serving on the Regional Assembly Planning Committee, helping shape this meaningful day for our Regional Church. Rev. Laureen and Kim Paul will also be leading the children's programming during the Assembly.

Registration is $25 per person for adults and youth ages 12 and over and $10 for children ages 3–11. Lunch is included. Financial assistance is available by contacting the FCC-Z office. Special programming will be offered for children ages 3–11, but children must be registered ahead of time. Please note that nursery care will not be available for this event. Contact the church office or click here to register.

Listening For God - And Responding With Care

The theme of this year's Regional Assembly is "Listening for God in a Noisy World." As we gather to worship, learn, and listen together, we will also have an opportunity to respond to what we hear by assembling Personal Hygiene Kits for people affected by disasters.

The Disaster Response Team invites congregations throughout the Christian Church in Ohio to collect and bring—or send—the supplies needed for these kits. Regional Assembly participants will then be invited to assemble the kits on October 10. In a world filled with noise, suffering, and uncertainty, this simple act of service can become one way we listen for God's

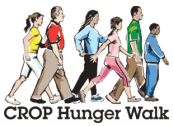
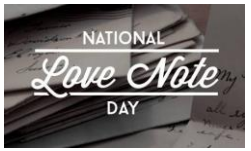
Check the bulletin and social media for list of items FCC-Z is collecting.

Click HERE for a PDF with all of the details for this important Outreach Project.

2026-27 Schedules

Date	Greeters	Elders		Worship Leaders	Deacons	Pew Crew
		Offering	Communion			
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	Susan Grubbs	Jack Morrow, Kim Dunn, Kevin Dunn, Linda Supplee, Peggy Moon, John Moon, Jen Baker	Jana Fulks
Oct						
4th	Denise Baker & Norma Jardine	Marcia Coleman	Cato Coleman	Marcia Coleman	Cortney Jackson, Taylor Jackson, Tom Sawyer, Jessica Sawyer, Graisyn Roberts, Georgia Robinson, Kim Fouch	Vickie Wheeler & Fritzi Gibson
11th	Jason, Ana, & Alex Kehrberg	Joan Barr	Lori Ryan-Griffin	Amy Wilson	Cortney Jackson, Taylor Jackson, Tom Sawyer, Jessica Sawyer, Graisyn Roberts, Georgia Robinson, Kim Fouch	Vickie Wheeler & Fritzi Gibson
18th	Suzann & Tim Wilson	Heather Near	Anne Blood	Valencia Clark	Cortney Jackson, Taylor Jackson, Tom Sawyer, Jessica Sawyer, Graisyn Roberts, Georgia Robinson, Kim Fouch	Vickie Wheeler & Fritzi Gibson
25th	Joan Barr & Jana Fulks	Larry Paul	Kari Ward	Lori Ryan-Griffin	Cortney Jackson, Taylor Jackson, Tom Sawyer, Jessica Sawyer, Graisyn Roberts, Georgia Robinson, Kim Fouch	Vickie Wheeler & Fritzi Gibson
Nov						
1st	Denise Baker & Kim Fouch	Kari Ward	Mary Arnold	Kari Ward	Susie Mercer, Maddie Murphy, Josh Murphy, Pam Wallace, Bryan Near, Valencia Clark, Kim Dunn	Dave & Betsy Devoll
8th	Lori Ward & Kari Ward	Jason Kehrberg	Joan Barr	Peggy Moon	Susie Mercer, Maddie Murphy, Josh Murphy, Pam Wallace, Bryan Near, Valencia Clark, Kim Dunn	Dave & Betsy Devoll
15th	Jason, Ana, & Alex Kehrberg	Marcia Coleman	Cato Coleman	Lori Ward	Susie Mercer, Maddie Murphy, Josh Murphy, Pam Wallace, Bryan Near, Valencia Clark, Kim Dunn	Dave & Betsy Devoll
22nd	Melissa Lichtner & Lori Ryan-Griffin	Anne Blood	Susan Grubbs	Mary Arnold	Susie Mercer, Maddie Murphy, Josh Murphy, Pam Wallace, Bryan Near, Valencia Clark, Kim Dunn	Dave & Betsy Devoll
29th	Dave & Betsy Devoll	Lori Ryan-Griffin	Larry Paul	Ellen Dagneau	Susie Mercer, Maddie Murphy, Josh Murphy, Pam Wallace, Bryan Near, Valencia Clark, Kim Dunn	Dave & Betsy Devoll

SEPTEMBER

Sun	*Mon*	*Tue*	*Wed*	*Thu*	*Fri*	*Sat*
Hispanic Heritage Month		**1** 3pm Worship Committee 7pm	**2** 1pm Worship 6:30pm Pre-school staff meeting	**3** Property Committee 6pm	**4** **Disciples Fellowship Retreat**	**5**
6	**7** Labor Day Office Closed	**8** 3pm	**9** 1pm Worship 2pm Wednesday Friends-day	**10** Board Meeting 7-8pm	**11**	**12** Stand Up To Cancer Day
13	**14**	**15** Trip to Ohio Star Theatre 11:30am Pairs n Spares lunch 3pm Needleworkers	**16** 1pm Worship 2:15pm Disciple Bible Study	**17**	**18**	**19** 9am Climate Lobby Meeting 8:30am Men's Breakfast
20 Crop Walk 	**21**	**22** 3pm	**23** 1pm Worship 2:15pm Disciple Bible Study	**24**	**25**	**26** 
27	**28** 12Noon Newsletter Deadline	**29** 3pm Family Ministry Zoom 6:30pm	**30** Newsletter Publication 1pm Worship 2:15pm Disciple Bible Study			

Sundays:

9:00am	Christian Ed Classes
10:00am	Worship
4:00pm	Youth Group (begins September 13)
5:30pm	Disciple Bible Study (begins September 20)

September

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Happy Birthday to:

Debra Mohler	September 2
Tanya Sturtz	September 2
James McCandlish	September 3
James Lear	September 4
Carol Sarbaugh	September 4
Roger Davis	September 4
Vicki Wheeler	September 5
Bill Cochran	September 5
Marilyn Thorn	September 7*
Pam Wallace	September 8
Randy Roberts	September 9
Perry Smith	September 12
Jody Baker	September 12
Rick Griffin	September 12
Mark Legats	September 12
Phil Wilson	September 13
Olivia Denton	September 13
Tristan Faehnel	September 13
Kim Paul	September 17
Bo Michael Beight	September 18
Scott Barr	September 20
Matthew Baldwin	September 20
Charlotte McGuire	September 22
Jonathan Devoll	September 22
Joyce Haddox	September 23
Kyndall Stephens	September 23
Paige Morrow	September 25
Susan Sutherland	September 25
Carl Coleman	September 27
Kevin Gaskill	September 28
Anna Paul	September 28
Susan Frye	September 29
Michael Legats	September 30

Happy Anniversary to:

Adam Jones & Shaye Wensyel-Jones	September 1
Ashley & Allen Harris	September 6
Kevin & Kim Dunn	September 9
Brian & Katrina Buchanan	September 12
Lori & Ed Ward	September 15
Jane & Bob Worstall	September 23
Jim & Amy Wilson	September 28

* Homebound

Special Birthdays this month:

Marilyn Thorn celebrates her 92nd birthday on September 7. Please send cards to Marilyn at 6520 Swing-a-Long Lane, Nashport, OH 43830.

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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