

First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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News and Events Around
Your Church



Mission Statement:

We celebrate the Good News of Jesus Christ by witnessing, loving, growing, and serving from our doorsteps "to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

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There is a common notion in linguistics that the languages a people speak directly affects and reflects their culture. One example that I often hear that speaks to this are the supposed multitude of words that the Inuit peoples have for the word "snow". While this is a fallacy (there is no single Inuit language, nor would there be that many words for snow even if those languages were combined), the vocabulary of a culture is still immensely important to the way we live our daily lives. Our oral and written languages give voice to our shared history, our individual experience, and the reality in which we dwell. One of the shortcomings of our English vocabulary is with our lack of varied concepts of time. The English language has one word for the perception of time which usually expresses the concept of a linear progressive time. If it was two o'clock an hour ago it must be three o'clock now. The moment that was experienced five minutes ago will never be possible to experience again, except in memory. With this concept of time, we tame it into something measurable; something that we are able to anticipate and something that we are able to watch as it pass us by.

This concept of time in Greek is known as χρόνος (chronos). In Greek, chronos is used to designate the measurement of intervals of time or by extension the concept of progressive measurable time. However the Greeks also had another name for time, something that Christians borrowed to speak toward another application of time. This concept varied from measurable time, or from chronological, sequential time. Rather it is a concept that speaks of the right time, the opportune moment. Their word for this idea is καιρός (kairos). While Chronos might be designated as common time, the unavoidable march of the clock, Kairos could not be measured by a clock, nor could it be measured at all. There would be no possibility to designate what time kairos might be because kairos is the supreme moment, the time in between measureable, even a moment of indeterminable time in which the extraordinary can happen.

During our Sunday Worship services, we strive to seek a time that moves into kairos time. Though chronos time dictates that we must start at 10 am and the sensibilities of the congregation dictate that we must end somewhere near an hour after that, we are not in worship simply to experience the progression of chronos time. Instead we seek to find a moment that transcends measureable time, a moment that might last a few seconds or that might last the full hour. We seek a kairos moment, an opportune moment, that approaches the Divine.

Likewise, this summer, where we measure hours by glasses of lemonade and days by lightning bugs and life slows down just a bit, I urge you not to quit seeking those kairos moments in life and in your faith journey. In a Christ focused church, to stop seeking that opportune time is to stop seeking growth. There is a unique temptation in summer to enjoy chronos time by watching it trickle away, but instead daily seek out that kairos time, that moment with the Divine, that supreme moment. With chronos time the summer will soon be fading into fall, but by seeking kairos time our moments with God will indeed move toward timelessness.

Pastor Chris



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
FCC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
SUN., AUGUST 6 – THURS., AUGUST 10
5:30-8:30 P.M.

Youth entering Kindergarten - 6th Grade

COME ONE, COME ALL! No skill required. We would like to encourage anybody to help with decorating, learning stories, learning music, even to come and discuss how Vacation Bible School is going to go. We will continue meeting on these dates - come as often for as long as you would like: we will meet from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m. on **Monday July 10th, Wednesday July 19th, Wednesday July 26th**, and the week between July 31st and August 5th to be announced for all last minute details. Any questions see Shelly Pressell or Jenn Jornigan. **Volunteers and donations are needed!** See posting on bulletin board by the parlor. **Register your child/children either with the church office (330.652.5839); Shelly Pressell (330.306.5710) or Trishia Bassett (330.509.9549).**



'THE SHACK' BOOK CLUB continues at 7 p.m. in the parlor on the Tuesday evenings of July 11, July 25 and will conclude on August 1.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE collected 102 pieces of underwear for distribution through Niles Community Services. Thank you to those who helped with this project.

DISCIPLE WOMEN'S JAIL MINISTRY TEAM will be conducting worship services on the Mondays of July 10 and July 24 at 6:45 p.m. at the Trumbull County Jail.

KNOTTY GIRL QUILTERS will enjoy lunch at Giorgio's Restaurant on Wed., July 5 at 11:45 a.m. and will quilt at the church from 1 to 4 p.m. on the lower level.

FCC VOLUNTEERS will serve a dinner **Tuesday, July 25** from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Rescue Mission of the Mahoning Valley, 962 Martin Luther King Blvd. in Youngstown, coordinated by Becky Carpenter. Desserts need to be to the church **before 11:30 a.m.** using buzzer and door closest to the library parking lot.

LYDIA CIRCLE IS SELLING COOKIES for graduations/weddings. If anyone is interested, please call Beverly McCloskey (330.538.9994) or Martha Hellam (330.856.5768).

CYF GROUP MISSION TRIP – CYF youth Rea Gaugler-Beuter, Alexis Gaugler-Carroll, Kyra Franklin and Hayden Miller along with CYF advisor Stacy Gaugler and Don Trunick (serving as male chaparone) participated in a week long 'Week of Hope' community service project in Cincinnati recently.

JULY BIRTHDAYS:

July 4 Shelly Pressell	July 11 Garnett McKinney	July 19 Ethan Karr	July 29 Patricia Gerke
July 10 Sue Alexi	July 13 John Heston	July 19 Becky Neuman	July 30 Ginny Hughes
July 10 Judy Becker	July 13 Shannon Kellerman	July 23 David Moore	
July 10 Cherie Prox	July 15 Marlene Garcar	July 24 Richard Livi	
July 10 Aeryal Marsteller	July 18 Tom Gombos	July 26 Melissa Karr	



Church Camp

CHURCH CAMP UPDATE: McKayla Jornigan, Seth Jornigan and Colin Poling attended Chi Rho Camp the week of June 4 through 10. Cheyanne Franklin and Aeryal Marsteller will attend Chi Rho Camp the week of July 23-29.

Andrew Blose, Roni Jornigan and Gregg Marsteller, Jr. enjoyed Otter Junior Camp June 18 through June 24.

Rea Gaugler-Beuter, Alexis Gaugler-Carroll and Ethan Karr are attending CYF Conference this week through July 1st; Kyra Franklin will attend CYF Conference July 16-22.

The Deacons Cabin Fundraiser project raised \$524.04 towards the church's portion for these campers (includes \$57 in memorials designated for campers). Thank you to everyone who participated. An additional \$1,113.05 given to our church by Cub Scout Pack 143 in appreciation for the use of our facility over the years was designated and used toward the church portion for our youth campers this summer.

PLEASE REMEMBER to keep your email address current with the church office so that we can communicate most effectively.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER ITEMS is **Mon., July 24** by 11:30 a.m.

JULY NEWSNOTES **Pentecost Special Offering** total received was \$142 **Ohio Women's Ministry Blanket Offering** for Church World Service total received was \$225 **Elders** will meet this Sun., July 2 following worship in the library **Disciples Men** will meet this Sun., July 2 at 8 a.m. at Perkins **Stewardship** and **Finance** will **NOT** meet in July and August **TMH Psych Unit Worship Services** will be held Sunday, July 9 and Sunday, July 30 at 2 p.m. **Ohio Women's Ministry** (OWM) is collecting **pork and beans** for Niles Community Services during the month of July. Donations may be placed in the cabinet in the main hallway Newly elected Lydia Circle officers for 2017-2018 are: President – **Georgianne Walters**; Vice President – **Carol Pecchio**; Secretary – **Sandy Pressell**; Treasurer – **Shirley Latimer**; and Sunshine – **Becky Brothers** **Stacy Gaugler** wishes to thank Lydia Circle and everyone who helped with Rea's graduation party Best wishes to **Mel** and **Georgianne Walters** as they celebrate their 53rd Wedding Anniversary on July 25th



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