The Disciple Newsletter



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Pastor's Ponderings

Today as I sit in my office, I am thankful for the quietness of the weather knowing that tomorrow is projected to look very different. One thing you can count on is for the weather to change!

Change surrounds us; it is evident when we look around our current church. While our surroundings and location have changed what remains is what's most important: As a family of faithful Christians, we prayerfully serve and reach out to others with compassion — intentionally sharing the love of God through our actions and words. That is the statement we chose to define who we are and what we do.

During our year in "the wilderness" we took a hiatus from many of our ministries, especially in the area of outreach. Now, we have the space to gather and reignite these important missions. So I ask you...in what will you put your energy? Where will you spend your time? How will we make a difference in the community around us?

Outreach and missions are what makes a church differ from a country club. When we serve others we truly follow in the footsteps of Christ. If we fail to have an active outreach and mission focus we fail to be the church.

As we move toward Lent and Easter let's begin reengaging in outreach to our community and beyond. We can make a difference in the world...but we must take the first step. Let's discover together what new thing God is calling us to do.

In God's Service, Pastor Laurie

6 Week Lenten Study The Grace of Les Misérables

March 3 until April 7 Tuesdays at 12:30 or 7:00 pm

Contact Pastor Laurie for more information.

Easter Lily Order Form

Help decorate our gathering space for Easter.

Dorothy Jones will take your Easter lily order until Sunday, March 22. The cost is \$8.00 per lily. Please include check or cash with the order.

I would like to order		Easter Lilies		
In memory of:				
In honor of:				
From:				
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Amount of check/cash \$ ______

Flowers can be taken home on Easter Sunday

Getting to Know You

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How long have you been coming to FCC:

I imagine my mother stayed home for a few weeks after I was born in 1936



but basically I have been coming to the First Christian Church since then.

Where do you live:

I live on Bryn Mawr St. just a few blocks from our Gladys St. location

Favorite season:

My favorite season is probably Spring, closely followed by summer and fall.

Favorite vacation:

Favorite vacations were our trips to Italy and Germany to visit our daughters whose husbands were stationed there.

Hobbies:

Music could be my hobby. Loved playing the flute in high school, church, and college (KSU Twin Marching Bands). Learned to play the hand chimes and sang in the choir at the church.

Fun fact about you:

When I was 16 years old, my sister and I rode our bicycles to visit an aunt in Akron. Camp Christian and youth group with the Congregation Church were great fun!

Got married and raised four children. That was an experience! They all participated in activities at the church.

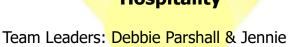
Words of wisdom:

Words of wisdom? Hmm. Just that it is not a perfect world with perfect people. Try not to worry too much but that is what moms do. Blessings to all.





Sprague



What we do: Our main goal is to make everyone feel welcome, both regulars and visitors. We plan special events, arrange potluck fellowship dinners, and schedule the greeters.

How you can participate: You already do by being friendly to our visitors! If you want to help even more, we would love to have help with set up and clean up for our 5th Sunday Potluck Lunches. Talk to Debbie or Jennie, we can put you to work.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

03/01	Margaret Swauger			
03/02	Mary Lou & Robert Vair			
03/02	Laura Hammond			
03/06	Gary Long			
03/06	Kathy Parsons			
03/07	Rich & Carolyn Belvin			
03/07	Mark Stahl			
03/09	Diana Cook			
03/09	Nancy Davis			
03/11	Troy & Carrie Wilcox			
03/11	Jo-Ann Shanabrook			
03/13	Pon & Margaret Swauger			
03/13	Charlie Davis			
03/13	Marlaena Michl			
03/13	Carol Patch			
03/14	Peggy Howard			
03/15	Rosemary Schwinn			
03/16	Vonna Klamut			
03/18	Elaine Wimer			
03/21	John Metzko			
03/22	Nancy Long			
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Serving in March

Worship Leader: Dorothy Jones

Elders:

3/1 Bob Kunst 3/8 Mel Bryte

3/15 Debbie Parshall

3/22 Linda Lauck

3/29 Bob Kunst

Diaconate Serving:

Don Swauger, Larry Frankland, Karen Frankland, Kathy Evans

Communion Prep: Gary Long, Fred James

Greeters: Ken & Debbie Parshall

Sound Tech:

3/1 Jennie Sprague
3/8 Mike Sprague
3/15 Owen Sprague
3/22 Carol Brockelman
3/29 John Metzko

Altar Flower Delivery: Janelle Harold

Snow Days!

Please keep in mind, if Ravenna or Crestwood schools are closed, the church office could be closed as well. Call the church to make sure we are here before you brave the weather.





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Stewardship 12:00	2	Quilters 9:00 Lent Study 12:30 & 7:00	4	5	6	7 Payers Saving
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Elders 12:00		Quilters 9:00 Lent Study 12:30 & 7:00	CWF 10:00			
15	16	Quilters 9:00 Lent Study 12:30 & 7:00	18	19	20 PR*N	21
Worship Team 12:00	23	24 Quilters 9:00 Lent Study 12:30 & 7:00	25	26	27	28
			Jennie out of the office returning 4/7			
5th Sunday Potluck BRING YOUR FAVORITE	30 DISH!	31 Quilters 9:00 Lent Study 12:30 & 7:00			Sunday Sc 9:00 Choir I 10:30 am Wors Office I Tuesday - 9:00 - n	Practice Ship Service <u>Hours</u> - Friday