

August 2009

The Lamplighter



First Christian Church
620 N. Main St.
Findlay, OH 45840



"You are the light of the world...no one after lighting a lamp puts it under a bushel basket...let your light shine before others..."

Matthew 5:14-16, NRSV

From the Interim Pastor....

"Those Scales Again"

In Acts 9:1-19, it is interesting to note how intimately Paul's conversion to Christianity is related to a way of seeing. Blinded by a vision, he eventually recovers his sight and is filled with the Holy Spirit simultaneously. "And immediately," say the Scriptures, "it seemed that scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight" (Acts 9:18, NEB).

For Paul, prophecy attains its highest expression as edification, not a prediction of the future. Like the great Old Testament prophets before him, Paul prophesies to show us what's happening in the here and now, to teach us what God is doing (and to remind us of what we're doing or failing to do), to demonstrate to us how and why God intervenes in the course of human history.

Every prophet has a vision. Every prophecy is preceded by a vision. If prophecy is edification, then vision is enlightenment. Vision, then, ceases to be confined to some future scenario, some fantasy of tomorrow. It becomes much more than that. Vision is understanding, learning, illumination, seeing as a child sees for the first time, the true nature and purpose, meaning and significance of the only thing in the world that really makes any differ-

ence at all, of fundamental reality—it is the experience of God.

Paul has a vision. He sees something. And it changes the way he sees everything else, the way he thinks and feels, what he does. It turns his life around.

Paul has a prophecy, a proclamation. He has something to tell us about the way things really are, about the Way. It is within each of us, and all around us, and through us in the world. And if we don't see it, it's not because it isn't there. It's because we don't believe.....because we don't see.....those scales again.

- Bob



AFTER CHURCH LUNCH AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL August 2, 2009

The CFW will be sponsoring a lunch and ice cream social after Worship on August 2nd. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy a time of friendship, fun and food!



Thank You

Pastoral Search Committee Report

I want to thank everyone for your prayers, cards, phone calls and concern shown to me following my surgery. I am doing well and will be further along in my recovery as the weeks go by. Again, Thank You!

- Mary Thompson

The Search Committee has interviewed, by phone, two candidates for pastor of our church. Another candidate will be interviewed Tuesday, August 4. We are making progress and have faith that God will lead us to the candidate that will best fit us and our needs at First Christian.

- Kathy Brinkman

HISTORICAL CHURCH TOUR

The Historical Church Tour Committee met July 20 and designed a plan to guide visitors through the main part of our building. We discussed features of interest about the building to be shared by greeters along the way. A flyer is being prepared with information about our Disciple heritage and history of FCC to be given to each visitor. A banner advertising the Historical Church Tour will soon be on display at the front of our church, and tickets will be going on sale August 3. The tour, which will take place on Sunday, October 11 from 1 p.m.- 5 p.m., is a fundraiser for the Hancock Christian Clearing House.

If you would like to be a part of the planning for this fun event **please** attend our next meeting Monday, August 10 at 6:30 p.m. .

Constitution Committee Update

The Constitution has been handed out and feedback is being discussed with members of the congregation. The current schedule calls for a vote on August 9. If adopted, the constitution will become effective immediately with a nominating committee to be formed and nominations for offices acquired. The goal is to still have a new board and leadership in place by early September.

LOCK-IN for Youth August 22, 2009

The Lock-in date has been changed to August 22nd. This will be held for all youth who are in 6th grade or above. Friends are welcome to come also. Mark your Calendar and watch the bulletin for more details.



Youth Sunday August 23, 2009

Youth Sunday has been changed from August 10th to August 23rd. The youth will do all the parts of the service that day (I think they are letting Pastor Bob keep his part though!) Please come and join our youth as they share this special day with us.

August

BIRTHDAYS

- 3 – Heather Kretzinger
- 3 – Margaret Truman
- 3 – Pat Riker
- 8 – Terry Fancher
- 10 – Karol Smith
- 10 – Greg Longworth
- 12 – David England
- 17 – Marilyn Hobbs
- 28 – Laura Clevidence
- 20 – Jan Aldrich
- 24 – Tim Wolfe



ANNIVERSARIES

- 4 – Gene & Erma Weist
- 5 – Fred & Ann Kretzinger
- 9 – Andre & Colleen Hawks
- 14 – Ben & Sarah Feller
- 15 – Allen & Pat Sharninghouse
- 19 – Marilyn & Lenny Hobbs

ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS:

Phyllis Kennedy, Joe & Jessica Forst, Sandy Frantz, Jerry Riker, Jeanette Watson, Greg Longworth

IMMEDIATE PRAYER CONCERNS:

- ◆ For Harriet Rammel’s family and friends as they grieve her loss.
- ◆ For Naomi Kirk (Ron’s Mother) and her family as she struggles with her illness.
- ◆ For Nancy Collert (Heather’s Mom), as she recovers from her recent hospital stay.
- ◆ For all of us as we discern where God is leading us as a congregation of the Disciples of Christ Church.
- ◆ For the Pastoral Search Committee as they proceed in their efforts to locate a new pastor for our church.
- ◆ For the Building Committee as they continue to discern how best to use our church building.
- ◆ For those who are alone and lonely, that their hearts may find peace and joy in their relationship with God.
- ◆ For all our service men and women who are defending our safety here and abroad.

Sundays at FCC for July				
	July 5	July 12	July 19	July 26
Worship	45	44	59	52
Sunday School	?	?	13	15
Sunday School Offering	\$2.00	\$3.00	\$4.00	\$4.00
Loose	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$91.00	\$30.00
Envelopes	\$827.00	\$473.00	\$1384.00	\$710.00
Interest	\$255.00	—	—	\$24.27
Other	\$10.00	—	\$45.00	\$10.00
Total Operating Fund	\$1099.00	\$481.00	\$1,524.00	\$748.27
Other	—	\$60.00-	—	—
Total All Funds	\$1099.00	\$541.00	\$1,524.00	\$748.27

August 2009

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
July 26 9:30 am-Sunday School 10:30 am-Worship	July 27 No Bible Study 10:00—CWF Workday	July 28 No Bible Study	July 29 9:00 am—Taize Prayer Group	July 30	July 31	August 1
2 9:30 am-Sunday School 10:30 am—Worship	3 11:00 Bible Study	4 11:00 Bible Study	5 9:00 Taize Prayer Group 10:00—Hannah Circle	6	7	8
9 9:30 am-Sunday School 10:30 am-Worship	10 11:00 Bible Study 6:30 pm—Historical Church Tour Committee	11 11:00 Bible Study 6:00 pm Elders Meeting	12 9:00 am—Taize Prayer Group	13	14	15
16 9:30 am-Sunday School 10:30 am-Worship 2:30 pm- Fox Run	17 11:00 Bible Study	18 11:00 Bible Study	19 9:00 am—Taize Prayer Group	20	21	22
23/30 9:30 am—Sunday School 10:30 am—Worship	24/31 11:00 Bible Study	18 11:00 Bible Study	26 9:00 am—Taize Prayer Group	27	28	29

SERVING SCHEDULE

August 2

Minister: Rev. Robert Bowen
Children's Sermon: Patty Koehler
Organist: Anna Stembler-Smith
Music Minister: Carrie Norris
Special Music: Jane Snyder
Greeters: Nancy Peters, Carole Cleary, John Snyder, Martha Stoner
Nursery: Linda Pitkin & Zach Stahl
Elders: Lloyd Smith & Fred Kretzinger
Deacons: Barb Brown, Patty Koehler, Deb Kirk
Coffee Hour—Team #6, Angie Wagner, Deb Kirk & Barb England
Counter: Bill Peters & Robin Kretzinger

August 16

Minister: Rev. Robert Bowen
Children's Sermon: Zach Stahl (Penny Sunday)
Organist: Anna Stembler-Smith
Music Minister: Carrie Norris
Special Music: Melissa Brown & Patty Koehler
Greeters: Carole Cleary, Karol Smith, John Snyder, Martha Stoner
Nursery: Sarah Feller & Mary Byal
Elders: Barb England & Linda Pitkin
Deacons: Karol Smith, Angie Wagner, Heather Kretzinger
Coffee Hour: Team #1: Heather Kretzinger, Kathy Schaffer, Kathy Brinkman
Counter: Bill Peters & Karol Smith

August 30

Minister: Rev. Robert Bowen
Children's Sermon: Kid's Sing
Organist: Anna Stembler-Smith
Music Minister: Carrie Norris
Greeters: Dale Yoder, Kathleen Schaffer, Barb England
Nursery: Angie Wagner & Jessie Beltz
Elders: Tiffany Brunson & Carole Cleary
Deacons: Barb Brown, Patty Koehler, Deb Kirk
Coffee Hour: Team #3: Linda Pitkin & Tiffany Brunson
Counter: Bill Peters & Karol Smith

August 9

Minister: Rev. Robert Bowen
Children's Sermon: Patty Koehler
Organist: Anna Stembler-Smith
Music Minister: Carrie Norris
Greeters: Bill Peters, Dale Yoder, Kathy Schaffer, Ann Kretzinger
Nursery: Patty & Andy Koehler
Elders: Kathy Brinkman & Terry Fancher
Deacons: Sarah Feller, Nancy Peters, Bill Peters
Coffee Hour: Team #7 Carole Cleary & Dale & Pat Yoder
Counter: Bill Peters & Andy Koehler

August 23

Minister: Rev. Robert Bowen
Children's Sermon:
Organist: Anna Stembler-Smith
Music Minister: Carrie Norris
Greeters: Nancy Peters, David England, Karol Smith, Barb England
Nursery: Jennie Williamson & Jessie Stahl
Elders: Tom Thompson & Robin Kretzinger
Deacons: Dale Yoder, Mary Fancher, Heather Kretzinger
Coffee Hour: Team #2: Ben & Sarah Feller, Tim & Lisa Wolfe
Counter: Bill Peters & Terry Fancher

Serve the Lord



With Gladness!

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Sunday Schedule
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Worship Service
Followed by Fellowship-Coffee Hour

Italian Pasta Dinner Fundraiser

Tuesday, August 18, 2009

5:00—7:00 pm

First Presbyterian Church



\$8.00 for adults; \$4.00 for children under 10

Tickets available at the door and
HCCH office and volunteers

Food provided by Olive Garden

Spaghetti w/sauce, salad, breadsticks, drink & dessert
Dine in or carry out

All proceeds benefit the
Hancock Christian Clearing House

If you are interested in buying a ticket, contact Linda Pitkin.



Thank you to all my Church family for their love and support during Harriet's illness. A special thank you to Pastor Bob and all those who were able to come for a wonderful celebration of life.

- Charlotte Ballard

ANNOUNCEMENTS At Worship

If anyone would like to have an announcement as part of the slide show during the worship service, please e-mail Carrie Norris at spiritoso-prano@hotmail.com, or call Diana at the Office (419-422-5615). It will then both be in the bulletin and in the slide show.