

November 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-

From the Interim Pastor and Board Moderator,

With the installation of our new officers last Sunday and the selection process for our new board unfolding this month, November is a busy and important time in the life of our church family. Team chairs will need to choose their teams (committees), and then each team will need to meet with the other teams in their core value group to choose a board representative. We have seven core value groups, and therefore we will have seven board representatives. The core value groups and their constituency are as follows:

1. Relationship: Membership/Fellowship and Pastoral Relations Teams
2. Gifts: Christian Education Team
3. Risks: Trustees and Stewardship Teams
4. Authentic and Genuine: Financial Secretary, Treasurer and Historian
5. Intentional in Service: CWF/CMF/CYF presidents, Social Action/Social Service Team
6. Ministry and Worship: Elders, Deacons, Worship and Tech Support Teams
7. Sharing Our Faith: Good News Team

Due to the size of the **Ministry and Worship Group**, the Elders, Deacons, Worship and Tech Support teams will meet briefly after worship on **Sunday, November 29th** to choose one representative to the Board. **A person may participate in more than one core value group, but may be the selected representative for only one group.** Other core value groups will be selecting their Board Representative in a manner appropriate to the number of teams included. e.g., Authentic and Genuine has 3 members. Please notify me (Jane) as Board Moderator as soon as possible after each Board Representative has been selected, 419-423-0037 or jane_snydr@yahoo.com.

The board will meet for the first time on **Monday, December 14 at 7 p.m.**

If you would like to serve on any particular team, please contact the chairperson listed below:

Team Chairs:

Worship Team- Kathy Brinkman, 419-365-5524

Christian Education Team -Pat Sharninghouse,

419-299-3293

Good News Team - Heather Kretzinger, 419-420-0013

Membership/Fellowship Team - Nancy Peters,

419-293-3179

Social Action/Social Service Team- Co-Chairs, Linda Pitkin, 419-423-0645 and Charlotte Ballard,

419-424-1917

Stewardship Team- Tom Thompson, 419-423-4210

Technical Support Team- Ben Feller, 419-348-8024

Pastoral and Personnel Relations Team- Robin

Kretzinger- 419-420-0013

We also have a number of special events coming up this month. This coming Sunday, November 8, is **Stewardship Sunday**; November 15 we will celebrate **our 125th anniversary** with guests and a special coffee hour; November 22 is **Thanksgiving Sunday** with a “Potluck of Thanks” and “Hanging of the Greens” after worship; and November 29 is the **First Sunday of Advent**. Come join us for these special events. They are posted in the hallway downstairs. This is such a wonderful time of the church year, and the beginning of a new era in the long history of our church family. Don't miss it!

Blessings,

Bob Bowen & Jane Snyder



CHECK THIS OUT

Have you visited our website lately? You can find all the issues of the Lamplighter here as well as other information. Check it out at www.findlayfcc.org



2009 Thanksgiving Offering

In November, congregations throughout the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will be collecting a Thanksgiving Offering. This year's theme is Homecoming. **Homecoming** is a process that starts for Disciples students with your gifts to the 2009 Thanksgiving Offering, benefiting our 17 colleges and universities and 10 seminaries and divinity houses.

At the 2009 General Assembly, several Disciples were interviewed for the Thanksgiving offering and here are some words from their stories.

Aly Gideon who will be a freshman at Chapman University said, "I am attending Chapman because Disciples Financial Aid is making it possible." Your generosity is providing the way for future leaders.

Sven DeJong stated, "I wasn't raised in the church, but at Bethany College I came to an awareness of faith. Today I am so in love with the nostalgic beauty of Bethany College and the tradition of the Campbellites that I've never left." Your generosity brought someone to faith in Jesus Christ.

Minkook Um, a seminary student remarked, "I am empowered to study for ministry. Your gifts to the Thanksgiving Offering make it possible for students like me to attend seminary." Your generosity is training leaders today for the changing face of America.

"Forty years ago when I applied to seminary, I could not afford to attend. W.A. Welsh wrote me and said 'come to Lexington Theological Seminary because through Disciples dollars, my way would be provided,'" shared **Mary Pat Spencer**. Your gifts transform lives well beyond the year in which you give them.

For decades now, Disciples, like you, have been providing resources to further the education of Disciples students at Disciples institutions of Higher Education. The 2009 Thanksgiving Offering provides the way for more Disciples to have that shared experience, with a particular group of people. Please give generously and let us support **OUR Disciples students at OUR schools!**

Do You Want Prayers?

If you have concerns you would like the Taize Prayer Group to pray for, please write them on a slip of paper and place them in either of the boxes marked "Prayer Concerns." One box is on the table across from the office and one box is on the table in the parlor.

Potluck with Thanks November 22, 2009

On November 22nd, the Fellowship Committee is holding a "Potluck With Thanks." This is intended for our Church family to come together for Thanks Giving. Everyone is encouraged to bring a dish to share; tableware will be provided. The potluck will be after church during coffee hour.

Thanks, and hope to see everyone there,

FCC's Fellowship Committee.

After the "Potluck with Thanks," there will be a "Hanging of the Greens" in the sanctuary. Please stay and help us decorate the church for the holidays.

CLOTHE-A-CHILD--2009

Jacobs Primary and Washington Intermediate Schools are continuing their Clothe-A-Child program, which was originally funded by Clothe-A-Child of Ohio, Inc. and donations by the teachers, staff and their families. With the assistance of community businesses and private donations, the number of children participating in the program has been able to increase from just 20 in 2002 to over 85 in 2008. Since Clothe-A-Child's inception, Jacobs and Washington Schools have been able to provide clothing to 500 students during the Holiday Season.

At this time they are asking for monetary donations from community organizations and individuals to help support this program. Donations are tax deductible and need to be received by November 13, 2009. Please make checks payable to Clothe-A-Child of Ohio, Inc. Send to: Clothe-A-Child, P.O. Box 1202, Findlay, OH 45839.

If you have questions about this program contact Charlotte Ballard or Linda Pitkin.

November

BIRTHDAYS

4—Pat Sharninghouse
 7—Gene Weist
 10—Beth Linhart
 12—Ernie Weist
 15—Andy Norris
 25—Phyllis Kennedy
 28—Gabriel Riker

ANNIVERSARIES

26—Larry & Marty Hoover

ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS:

Phyllis Kennedy, Joe & Jessica Forst, Sandy Frantz, Jeanette Watson, Greg Longworth & Evelyn Wilson.

IMMEDIATE PRAYER CONCERNS:

Please pray:

- ◆ For Matt Saldana's family as they mourn his loss.
- ◆ For Deb Brown as she is in the hospital with congestive heart failure.

- ◆ 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.


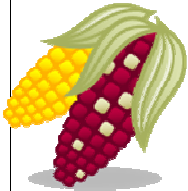
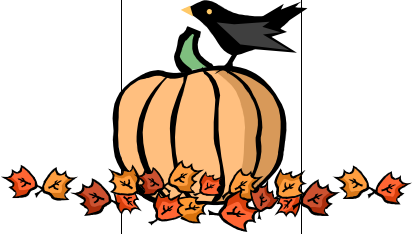


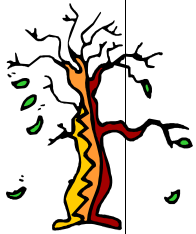
Thank You!

The CFW would like to thank everyone who donated goodies or who bought goodies from their Bake Sale last Sunday, November 1. They made \$101.00 for their projects.



Sundays at FCC for October				
	October 4	October 11	October 18	October 26
Worship	57	65	61	75
Sunday School	16	14	24	31
Sunday School Offering	\$6.00	\$6.00	\$9.00	\$4.00
Loose	\$19.00	\$37.00	\$28.00	\$70.25
Envelopes	\$1506.00	\$982.00	\$926.00	\$651.00
Interest	\$255.00	_____	_____	\$17.50
Other	_____	_____	_____	_____
Total Operating Fund	\$1786.00	\$1,025.00	\$963.00	\$742.75
Other	\$15.00	_____	_____	_____
Total All Funds	\$1801.00	\$1,025.00	\$963.00	\$742.75

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Installation Sunday 9:30 am- Sunday School 10:30 am- Worship	2 11:00 — Bible Study	3 11:00 — Bible Study	4 9:00 am— Taize Prayer Group 10:00 am— Hannah Circle 7:00 pm— Chimes	5 	6	7
8 Stewardship Sunday 9:30 am- Sunday School 10:30 am— Worship	9 11:00 — Bible Study	10 11:00 — Bible Study 6:00 pm — Elders Meeting	11 9:00 Taize Prayer Group 7:00 pm— Choir	12	13 	14
15 125th Anniversary Celebration 9:30 am- Sunday School 10:30 am- Worship 2:30 pm - Fox	16 11:00 — Bible Study 7:00 pm— Membership Team	17 11:00 — Bible Study	18 9:00 am— Taize Prayer Group 7:00 pm— Chimes	19	20 	21
22 9:30 am-Sunday School 10:30 am- Worship "Potluck with Thanks" after Worship "Hanging of the Greens" after Pot- luck	23 11:00 — Bible Study	24 11:00 — Bible Study	25 9:00 am— Taize Prayer Group NO CHOIR OR CHIME PRACTICE	26 HAPPY THANKS- GIVING 	27 	28
29 1st Sunday of Advent 9:30 am- Sunday School 10:30 am- Worship	30 11:00 — Bible Study 6:00 pm— Worship Team	December 1 11:00 — Bible Study	December 2 9:00 am—Taize Prayer 10:00—CWF Christmas Brunch & Meet- ing 7:00 pm— Choir	Dec. 3	Dec. 4 	Dec. 5

SERVING SCHEDULE

November 1

Minister: Rev. Robert Bowen
Children's Sermon: Patty Koehler
Organist: Anna Stembler-Smith
Music Minister: Carrie Norris
Greeters: Nancy Peters, Carole Cleary, John Snyder, Martha Stoner
Nursery: Dale Yoder & Takara Nicholson
Elders: Terry Fancher & Lloyd Smith
Deacons: Barb Brown, Patty Koehler, Deb Kirk
Coffee Hour: Team #5: Barb & Melissa Brown, Patty Koehler
Counter: Andy Koehler & Robin Kretzinger

November 15

Minister: Rev. Robert Bowen
Children's Sermon: Zach Stahl (Penny Sunday)
Organist: Anna Stembler-Smith
Music Minister: Carrie Norris
Greeters: Carole Cleary, Karol Smith, John Snyder, Martha Stoner
Nursery: Linda Pitkin & Zach Stahl
Elders: Linda Pitkin & Barb England
Deacons: Karol Smith, Angie Wagner, Heather Kretzinger
Coffee Hour: Team #7: Carole Cleary, Dale & Pat Yoder
Counter: Andy Koehler & Bill Peters

November 29

Minister: Rev. Robert Bowen
Children's Sermon: Heather Kretzinger
Organist: Anna Stembler-Smith
Music Minister: Carrie Norris
Greeters: Dale Yoder, Kathleen Schaffer, Barb England
Nursery: Sarah Feller & Mary Byal
Elders: Fred Kretzinger & Lloyd Smith
Deacons: Barb Brown, Patty Koehler, Deb Kirk
Coffee Hour: Team #2: Ben & Sarah Feller, Lisa & Tim Wolfe
Counter: Andy Koehler & Karol Smith

November 8

Minister: Rev. Robert Bowen
Children's Sermon: Robin Kretzinger
Organist: Anna Stembler-Smith
Music Minister: Carrie Norris
Greeters: Bill Peters, Dale Yoder, Kathy Schaffer, Ann Kretzinger
Nursery: Sarah Clevidence & Mary Fancher
Elders: Fred Kretzinger & Tom Thompson
Deacons: Sarah Feller, Nancy Peters, Bill Peters
Coffee Hour: Team #6: Angie Wagner, Deb Kirk, Barb England
Counter: Andy Koehler & Karol Smith

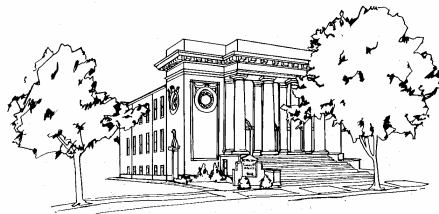
November 22

Minister: Rev. Robert Bowen
Children's Sermon: Heather Kretzinger
Organist: Anna Stembler-Smith
Music Minister: Carrie Norris
Greeters: Nancy Peters, David England, Karol Smith, Barb England
Nursery: Patty & Andy Koehler
Elders: Terry Fancher & Carole Cleary
Deacons: Dale Yoder, Mary Fancher, Heather Kretzinger
Coffee Hour: Team #1: Heather Kretzinger, Kathy Schaffer, Kathy Brinkman
Counter: Andy Koehler & Terry Fancher



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



In the name of Jesus, the Lord, we, as a church say, "Welcome!"

On Sunday, November 15, 2009 the First Christian Church of Findlay, Ohio will be celebrating 125 years of ministry, worship and love! You and your family are cordially invited to join with us on this very important and historical day. We would love to see you on that day. Come and worship with us at 10:30 a.m. and join with us after the service for a time of refreshment and celebration!

In Christ Love, First Christian Church

Please R.S.V.P. to the Church Office (419) 422-5615 or by e-mail to secretary@findlayfcc.org

Transportation will be provided upon request .