

October 2009

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



## *The Lamplighter*



*"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....*

The month of October promises to be an exciting and eventful time in the life of our congregation. It began with our celebration of World Communion Sunday on October 4 and continues with the Hancock Christian Clearing House's (HCCH) first Historic Church Tour of Findlay, which includes an open house tour of our church and six others as a fundraiser for HCCH on Sunday, October 11. Tickets are still on sale.

On October 25, we will celebrate Baptismal Sunday in worship with the baptism of some of our young people. Don't miss this exciting and inspirational event!

Finally, our fall Stewardship Campaign will begin with small group meetings to which you will all be invited. Our new Stewardship Team will be presenting our current financial situation and discussing personal stewardship commitment.

This is an annual event in most mainline Protestant churches, and it's little wonder. Jesus had a lot to say about wealth and property. Biblical scholars tell us the Gospel of Matthew alone contains 109 references to the subject; Mark contains 57; Luke, 94; and John, 88.

Jesus spoke more about earthly possessions and stewardship than any other topic. He spoke so much about wealth and property because our attitudes toward money and material goods have so much to do with our spiritual

life. Everything that we have comes to us by the grace of God, and our use of our personal resources relates directly to our spiritual health.

So join us in October for inspiration, fellowship, baptism, and stewardship. The month just about covers every aspect of the Christian life.

Blessings,

*Bob*

### **Upcoming Election of New Officers**

We will be holding a brief congregational meeting after Worship on October 18 to elect our new church officers. Our church family has responded well to the work of the Nominating Committee, and we will soon elect new leaders according to our new Constitution and By-Laws.



## **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](http://www.findlayfcc.org)**

## CONSTITUTION PASSED!

Constitution passes – Nominating team formed  
– Elections upcoming

The congregation unanimously passed the new constitution in a church meeting on August 9<sup>th</sup>. The members requested a modification to the board meeting schedule, asking that the board meet every month from its previous 7 month schedule. With the completion of the new constitution, a nominating team was formed, consisting of Tim Wolfe (Chair), Linda Pitkin, Carole Cleary, Ed Foreman, and Zach Stahl. They have been very active in September and are nearly complete in the forming of a ballot of officers.

## New Teams Formed from Constitution!

With the passing of the new constitution on August 9<sup>th</sup>, new teams are forming to meet the church's needs as outlined in that document. Here are the new teams and their associated team leaders:

Christian Education – Pat Sharninghouse

Good News – Heather Kretzinger

Membership/Fellowship – Nancy Peters

Pastoral & Personnel Relations –  
Robin Kretzinger

Social Action – Linda Pitkin

Social Service – Charlotte Ballard

Stewardship – Tom Thompson

Technical – Ben Feller

Worship – Kathy Brinkman

Please consider the ways God is calling you to participate on these teams, and give the leaders a call to share your talents. It really does take all of

us to hold up the work of this church and everyone has something to offer.

## Pastoral Search Committee Report

The Search Committee continues in their efforts to find a new pastor for our church. More interviews with potential candidates have been held. The committee continues to discern who might best meet the needs of our congregation. They ask for our prayers as we work together to seek God's will for First Christian.

## CAN YOU HELP?

The United Way is heading up a Leaf Pick-up project for Findlay on October 24 due to the elimination of city workers who would normally pick up any leaves left at the street. I would like to get a group of people together to help out. Are you interested?

It would be on Saturday – October 24 from 8 am - 4 pm. We can pick a location or neighborhood to work at. Depending on the response, will determine how many blocks we sign up for. We will be bagging leaves for pickup and delivery to the local compost site.

If you have supplies (rakes, blowers, etc.), that would be helpful too! Let me know if you are willing to participate! If you have children, we might be able to arrange for child care at the church if interested. Older children can certainly be helpful!!!

See web site below for more details.

Thanks, Heather

<http://campaign.constantcontact.com/render?v=0012ndadPBmR-JswlhIKAvzt4izQAunfKEeyJ-Lv7znUf76qgh2GNo40uG-mEhRddEYLYUonpu7ySFWE-dajnlglLE-hkod1j8Acnyu0n87-50J994Qbv5ilQ%3D%3D>

# October

## BIRTHDAYS

- 3 – Sandy Scherf
- 5 – Thomas Riker
- 6 – Mel Aldrich
- 6 – Sallie Williams
- 11 – Greg Rayle
- 14 – Carole Cleary
- 18 – Doris Moore
- 21 – Nancy Peters
- 22 – Keaton Kretzinger
- 23 – Linda England
- 23 – Mercedes Williamson



## IMMEDIATE PRAYER CONCERNS:

- ◆ For Colleen Scheaffer’s sister, Doris Talbot who continues to battle cancer.
- ◆ 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.



## ANNIVERSARIES

- 18 – Tom & Mary Thompson
- 23 – Ed & Donna Foreman

## ONGOING PRAYER CONCERNS:




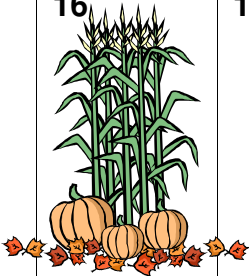



Phyllis Kennedy, Joe & Jessica Forst, Sandy Frantz, Jeanette Watson, Greg Longworth



### Sundays at FCC for September

	September 6	September 13	September 20	September 27
Worship	45	55	62	61
Sunday School		15	12	15
Sunday School Offering	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$3.00
Loose	\$15.00	\$27.00	\$24.00	\$11.00
Envelopes	665.00	\$1,913.00	\$3,484.00	\$591.00
Interest	\$255.00	—	—	\$17.50
Other	\$20.00	—	—	—
Total Operating Fund	\$958.00	\$1,945.00	\$3,513.00	\$622.50
Other	\$15.00	\$50.00	—	—
Total All Funds	\$973.00	\$1,995.00	\$3,513.00	\$622.50

## October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>27</b> 9:30 am- Sunday School 10:30 am- Worship	<b>28</b> 11:00 — Bible Study  6:30 pm— Historical Church Tour Committee	<b>29</b> 11:00 — Bible Study	<b>30</b> 9:00 am— Taize Prayer Group  7:00 pm— Choir	<b>October 1</b>	<b>October 2</b> 	<b>October 3</b>
<b>4 World            Communion            Sunday</b>  9:30 am- Sunday School 10:30 am— Worship	<b>5</b> 11:00 — Bible Study	<b>6</b> 11:00 — Bible Study	<b>7</b> 9:00 Taize Prayer Group  10:00— Hannah Circle 7:00 pm— Chimes	<b>8</b> 	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 
<b>11</b> 9:30 am-Sunday School 10:30 am- Worship  1-5 pm—Historic Church Tour	<b>12</b> 11:00 — Bible Study	<b>13</b> 11:00 — Bible Study  6:00 pm — Elders Meeting	<b>14</b> 9:00 am— Taize Prayer Group  7:00 pm— Choir	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> 	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> 9:30 am-Sunday School 10:30 am- Worship After Worship— Congregational Team Meeting  2:30 pm- Fox Run	<b>19</b> 11:00 — Bible Study  7:00 pm— Membership Team	<b>20</b> 11:00 — Bible Study	<b>21</b> 9:00 am— Taize Prayer Group  7:00 pm— Chimes	<b>22</b> 	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 
<b>25—Baptismal            Sunday</b> 9:30 am-Sunday School 10:30 am- Worship After Worship— Worship Team Meeting	<b>26</b> 11:00 — Bible Study	<b>27</b> 11:00 — Bible Study	<b>28</b> 9:00 am— Taize Prayer Group  7:00 pm— Choir	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 	<b>31</b>

## SERVING SCHEDULE

### October 4

**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:** Jessie Stahl  
**Elders:** Fred Kretzinger & Barb England  
**Deacons:** Barb Brown, Patty Koehler, Deb Kirk  
**Coffee Hour:** Team #1: Heather Kretzinger, Kathy Brinkman, Kathy Schaffer  
**Counter:** Robin Kretzinger & Karol Smith

### October 11

**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:** Mary Byal & Lisa Wolfe  
**Elders:** Carole Cleary & Tom Thompson  
**Deacons:** Sarah Feller, Nancy Peters, Bill Peters  
**Coffee Hour:** Team #2: Ben & Sarah Feller, Tim & Lisa Wolfe  
**Counter:** Robin Kretzinger & Andy Koehler



## SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS

### October 18

**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:** Patty & Andy Koehler  
**Elders:** Kathy Brinkman & Terry Fancher  
**Deacons:** Karol Smith, Angie Wagner, Heather Kretzinger  
**Coffee Hour:** Team #3: Linda Pitkin  
**Counter:** Robin Kretzinger & Bill Peters

### October 25

**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:** Angie Wagner & Jessie Stahl  
**Elders:** Barb England & Robin Kretzinger  
**Deacons:** Dale Yoder, Mary Fancher, Heather Kretzinger  
**Coffee Hour:** Team #4: Bill & Nancy Peters, Karol Smith  
**Counter:** Robin Kretzinger & Terry Fancher

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

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## Choir & Chime Choir News

Do you like to sing? Do you like to make music? Then come join the choir and/or the chime choir!

Choir meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 7:00 pm, and chime choir on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, also at 7:00 pm. ALL ARE WELCOME! You do not have to read music to sing in choir or to play the chimes. The only requirement to be in chimes is that you can count to four!



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## You're Not Alone

Be still and quiet right now, and feel the  
Divine Presence of God in you

Never forget...it's only an illusion that you're all alone in this world and that it's entirely up to you to do everything yourself.

The truth is that *God* created you and is behind everything you do. Everything that happens, *God* is there with you, experiencing it through your life.

You've been given free will - to shape and live your life as you choose, but it was *God* that granted that freedom to you. *God* is there, always available for assistance, and all you need to do is be still and quiet and *God* will be revealed.

Let this truth reveal itself in your life.