

**First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
200 W Third Street
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The Quest

April, 2026

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**Worship Time: 10:30 am
Adult Sunday School: 9:30 am
Youth & Young Adults: 10:30
am**

www.firstchristianchurchmansfield.com

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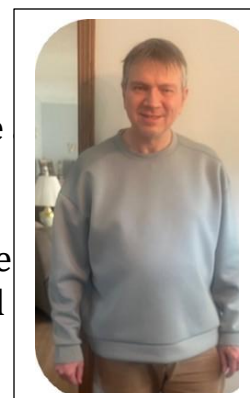
Dear Congregation,

I would like to inform you about the Church, our ministry and where we are right now. As you all know our finances are decreasing and because we want to keep our congregation worshipping together as long as we can, we have made some decisions.

We decided to replace Pastor Greg with a part time settled minister. We have such a wonderful Board and Elders and we felt that we would like someone on Sundays and possibly a few hours during the week. Our Elders and other Church members have been doing a fantastic job in providing us with excellent coverage. The Search and Call committee was formed and we are working with the region. Rev. Harris has told me many times there is just no one out there looking for part time ministry and the few that are out there want full time work and salary.

Rev. Faith Proietti met with Sandy and gave her some ideas on where we could search for a pastor. Along with her ideas, Beth, Laurie and Sandy S created a flyer and emailed it to the Ashland Theological Seminary and the Methodist Seminary in Delaware. Rev. Harris also posted it on the DOC/UCC website. We asked for someone on Sundays and possibly a few hours during the week if needed.

We finally received a phone call from Pastor Nick Zuercher in Orrville. Pastor Nick was interviewed by the Search and Call Committee presented to the Elders and the Board. He has been in contact with our regional pastor, Rev. Harris. Rev. Harris has had conversations with Pastor Nick, done a background check and given him information on the Disciples Church. Pastor Nick has passed all the interviews, background check, and Rev. Harris stated "All this leads me to believe it is good to move forward with Pastor Nick as your final candidate for Pastor."



Nick, as he likes to be called, grew up in Loudonville, Ohio and lived in Mansfield for a couple of years. He received his Pastoral Leadership from Dallas Theological Seminary in Dallas, Texas and received a Master of Theology and graduated Cum Laude. He also has received a BS and double major in Finance and Accounting from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio and graduated Magna Cum Laude. His preaching style is expository preaching. This means he preaches from the Bible. He has pastored 4 other Churches. He got married in 2023 to his wife, Carol. This is a first-time marriage for both of them. Carol and Pastor Nick came to our Church one Sunday and I know some of you met him. He loves to travel and has been to every continent except Antarctica. He says beyond this he enjoys time with his wife. He's easy to talk to. After his first interview here at Church, one member of the committee said they loved his prayers. I hope you will welcome him when he preaches April 12th. If anyone has any questions feel free to call or ask.

Beth Armstrong, Search & Call Committee Chairperson

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

Our Community Breakfast the 3rd Saturday of each month will be **Saturday, April 18th**

Set up & preparation begins at 7 am
Serving **8:30 to 10:00 am**
~ Clean up to follow by 10:30 am.



Menu for February will be:

Scrambled Eggs. Toast, Sausage Pattie, Biscuits and Homemade Sausage Gravy, bowl of Grits, and choice of a bowl of cereal plus a glass of orange juice and coffee or hot chocolate

Please sign up and come help at this rewarding ministry.



Perhaps you sent a lovely card, Or sat quietly in a chair; Perhaps you sent beautiful flowers, If so, we saw them there. Perhaps you sent or spoke kind words. As any friend could say; Perhaps you were not there at all, Just thought of us that day, Whatever you did to console the hearts, We thank you so much, whatever the part.

Larry Zartman

I-Connect Classes:

Intro to Cell Phone Uses 11 – 12 Noon

Computer Classes 12:00 – 1 p.m.

Low Impact Chair Exercises 1 p.m. – 2 pm

At Oasis of Love Church, 190 Chester Ave., just off of Bowman Street (1st street on right past Harker on Right)

New Class Day and Dates

Wednesdays, April 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and the 29th



Outreach ~ April

Two New Outreach Projects are being planned ~

*1) We will be collecting gently used Pots, Pans, Dishes, Kitchen Utensils, along with bath items such as towels, washcloths and some bedding items!! **See attached/enclosed flier for items needed** ~ Also asking if anyone crochets, knits or quilts to make a few pot holder or dish rags!!! This ministry is working hand in hand with Grace Episcopal Church and their Food Pantry Give Away and will begin the 1st Thursday in May.*

*2) We will be collecting Laundry Soaps, Drier Sheets which are being planned with the help & guidance of I-Connect for our Community Breakfast people to be able to go to a laundromat!!
More Information to Come*

Also, remember the Hygiene Kits ~ This month we are collecting Bath Size Bars of Soap in original packaging ~ if bringing in items for Sarah Group to put together in September please put them on the Table in the Lounge!!!!

All Sunday Worship Services Zoom Call-In Invite Numbers:

312-626-6799 or 929-205-6099

Meeting ID: 281 630 1855

Passcode: 334189

For those wishing to call in, please know that you can dial either of the phone numbers listed above and when prompted, key in the **Meeting ID** and then again when prompted, key in the **Passcode** and then you will be connected.

You may talk and we will hear you; we just won't be able to see your smiling face(s)!!! We are set that the Phone numbers along with the Meeting ID and Passcode remain the same for each invite.

Those who have email, receive email invites each Thursday via Email ~ If you would like to join via email, send your email address to: Mansfield1stcc1833@gmail.com and you will be added!!!!

Directory UPDATE: (Please Update your Directory)

Sylvia Moritz

22 Drummond Street

Butler OH 44822

Phone: 419-688-4009



Thank you, Scott Danison for stepping in on Sunday, March 8th when Pastor Nick Zuercher was ill and could not be here.

Jill and Scott then finished the service with doing the Communion Table invitation & the mediation and prayer along with the words of institution, the invitation to our offering, the prayer prayer and the Benediction.



We, First Christian Church, are truly blessed with wonderful Elders !!!!

Nelson shared his harmonica talent Sunday, March 22nd with “Morning Has Broken”!!



In his spare time, Nelson is busy working on and rebuilding bicycles ~ Preparing for a May give-a-way at the Police Dept day of teaching bicycle safety.



I would like to thank all who welcomed me back to worship at FCC for the first time since January. Although I still have difficulty with eating following my oral surgery. It was good to participate in worship again. I have worked with physical therapy to regain strength in my legs and hope to be in both Sunday School and Church on Palm Sunday. Sunday took its toll on my back, so I took Monday as my day of rest. I anticipate this will become my new pattern for at least the near future. I appreciate those who have reached out. I especially lift up Stacia and Robin Myers who brought me communion and thank you for the many cards as they lifted my spirits. Thank you to Sandy Stout who has helped me through this process from beginning to end. I will be facing several more rounds of dental extractions between now and summer. I appreciate your prayers. I'm not great with dentists.

Blessings and Peace,
Jane Stout

Calendar Reminders

Chat & Chew Quilt Club

We will meet **Monday, April 20th** at 11:00 for a Potluck Lunch. If you found any fabric for our next project, please bring it to share. And we all look forward to our Share and Show projects from home.

Elder's Meeting

The next Elder's Meeting is **Tuesday, March 3rd** via Zoom at 7 pm

Euchre Card Party

No Euchre Parties until April

Disciple Men's Fellowship

Men's Fellowship will start their monthly meeting again for this summer. We will meet at noon at the Amvets on W Fourth Street on **Tuesday, April 14th**. We are Making plans for the meetings for this summer and what projects we may want to have. All Men are Invited to Attend.

Sarah Group

Sarah Group returns **Tuesday, April 7** with Stacia Scott providing the lesson, Stana Shogren providing the lunch following our Business meeting. Lunches are \$5.00

Church Board

Will meet Wednesday, **March 11th** at **7:00** pm via Zoom.

Worship & Music

Thank you for your Easter Flower Orders. This year along with the Easter Lily's we will have some beautiful Tulips and Daffodils to grace our Nave in front of the Bell Choir.



Maundy Thursday, April 2nd ~ We have been invited to Hope Lutheran Church to join with them and St. John's UCC for a meal at 6 p.m. and then attend the Maundy Thursday Service at 7 p.m. We are to bring a dessert to share ~ Sign Up prior to March 30th ~ Hope Lutheran is all on one floor ~ If plan to attend and do not get to church to sign up ~ Call Church Office (419-524-4813) and Sandy will add you to the list.

UPDATED/REVISED: Hygiene Kits ~

We are collecting Hygiene Kits for Church World Service

*Beginning in January or sooner you may bring in completed kits or the items listed below:
Please Note, Items have changed from in the past:*

1 washcloth (January)

1 fingernail or toenail clipper (removed from Package) (Feb)

1 toothbrush in original package (March)

1 Bath size bar of soap in original package (April)

1 Travel-size deodorant (3.4 oz. or less, non-aerosol) (May)

1 Travel-size lotion (3.4 oz. or less, fragrance-free, NEW Only) May)

1 Travel-size shampoo (3.4 oz. or less, NEW Only) (June)

1 Travel-size toothpaste (3.4 oz. or less, expiration date of 1 year) (July)

1 Sturdy wide-tooth comb (6" minimum teeth, packaging removed) (August)

1 gallon resealable plastic bag

Sarah Group Ladies will put together any non-completed items at their September meeting.



**We have a
cupboard in
fellowship hall
(behind the
curtain) to store
the kits and
various supplies as
they come in.**

**If you're interested in putting the kid's kits together, please pick
up a copy of the supplies for it on the sign- up table**



April



- 2nd Sandy Woosley
- 5th Andrew Parish
- 15th Jane Stout
- 19th Peggy Boddy
- 23rd Kasey Gillen
- 29th Karyl Eckenwiler

No April Anniversaries

Early May, 2026 Birthdays:
 3rd Marylyn Bradley
 4th Dude Parish
 5th Ethan Dudgeon*
 The Outreach Committee is happy to Wish each of You a very Happy Birthday and to say "Thank You" for your contribution to the Birthday Fund which helps with the cost of our monthly Community Breakfast



We will be having Candidate, Pastor Nick Zuercher preach on Sunday, April 12th and following the service, the Congregation will take a vote to either accept or not accept Pastor Zuercher as our next part-time settled minister.

Elders

- 04/05 Sandy Stout**
- 04/12 Missy Parish**
- 04/19 Stacia Scott**
- 04/26 Laurie Parish**

Lay Leaders

- Peggy Boddy**
- Stana Shogren**

GREETERS

April, 2026:

May 2026: Need a Volunteer

(if unable to Greet ~ Contact Harold Troupe 419-468-2440)

PREPARING COMMUNION April ~ Teresa Lupton:

Preparing Communion May, 2026 Need a Volunteer

April Diaconates: Need 2 Volunteers



From Your Church Secretary, Sandy

Howdy, Welcome April,

- March sure has been a busy Weather Month!!! Hopefully April will be better!!!!
- Please be collecting Hygiene Kits or the items for them as they are much needed.
- Please see the flier attached that we are collecting gently used pots, pans, plates, glasses, cups, silverware., toasters, small crock pots (No Large Appliances) or miscellaneous items for the bath or bedding ~ We plan to begin this Ministry with Grace Episcopal on the 1st Thursday, in May Items go in Class Room 2 on lower level;
- The 2026 Sign-Up Sheets are on the table outside the Sanctuary ~ *help with Community Breakfast, serve as a Greeter, Serve as a Lay Leader, Help prepare Communion, serve as a Diaconate, sign up for the I-Connect Use of Smart/Cell Phones, Computer Classes &/or the Chair Exercises* (invite a friend to come) ~ Please stop by and sign up where you best can!!!!
- **IMPORTANT:** Community Breakfast Workers ~ Please see the new check list or inventory listing for the Community Breakfast Shoppers by writing on the sheets ~ They are set up for the months we have Eggs, the months we have French Toast and the months we have Pancakes!!! They are located on the inside door of the Pantry!!

The May, 2026 Quest deadline will be: Tuesday, April 28th for Committee meetings, Notices, Photos, Articles, etc ~ Quest will be emailed & mailed Thursday, April 30th!!

Don't allow a negative point of view to dull your sparkle and your love of life

~ Lisa J Morris

February Numbers

1 st 27	Month	Year-to-date	
8 th 27	Income:	\$ 5,683	\$ 9,967
15 th 21	Expense	<u>\$13,302</u>	<u>\$ 26,975</u>
22 nd 25	Difference	\$-7,619	\$-17,008
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(attendance includes Visitors, Children, those joining via Zoom & in the Sanctuary plus Facebook viewers)

Scriptures- April, 2026

Apr. 5th "Sir, If you carried him away,
tell me where you have put him."

Guest Minister, Pastor Tim Brown
Easter Sunday

John 20:1-18

Apr. 12th "The Destructive Power of the Tongue

Candidate Minister, Pastor Nick Zuercher James 3:1-12
Second Sunday after Easter

Apr. 19th

Guest Speakers: Nick & MacKenzie Danison
Third Sunday after Easter

Apr. 26th

Guest Speaker, Pastor Jim Bains John 11:1-45
Fourth Sunday after Easter

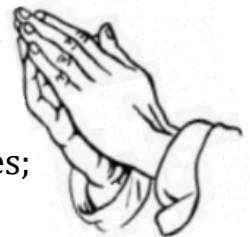


Please remember our Prayer Concerns

Brian Dion (Shawna Laird's husband) going through some serious illness during Feb.;
Crus Baker (grandson of Harold & Babs Troupe) was in a bad auto accident & is in a
rehab facility in Dublin; Cards can be mailed to Jim & Connie Baker &
they will take them to Cruz;

Sylvia Moritz is home from her hospital stay;

Jackie Steele is experiencing some health issues with her neck & eyes;



March Community Breakfast Prayer Requests are on the
table in the hallway outside of the Sanctuary beside the
sign-up sheets

Remember those who have ongoing health concerns: Frank Daniell, Darrell
Glenn, Lisa Stout, London & Carley Hamilton, Baby Garrett Egler (friend of Laurie
Parish), Sharon Ryan, Robert and Delores Au & Troy and Krista Cramer family;
Marylyn Bradley, Terry Hall, Rantavia, Lisa, Julie Rogers-Milligan, Missy Bradley,
Beverly Whitaker, Janet Hess (Sandy Stout's sister); Heidi Barler-McKenzie;
Theresa Hilbert; Jane Stout; Kathy (a friend of Beth Armstrong's)

All those serving in the Armed Services currently military serving here and/or abroad

**Please forward prayer concerns & updates to Sandy or Stacia Scott, Elder
Chairperson**