

**First Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
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**Worship Time: 10:30 am
Adult Sunday School: 9:30 am
Youth & Young Adults: 10:30
am**

www.firstchristianchurchmansfield.com

Check the website any day to look at the Newsletter, the Mid-Week-Updates, the Church Calendar and so much more

This year **World Communion Sunday** will take place on October 5. This is a celebration observed by many Protestant denominations, taking place on the first Sunday of every October, that promotes Christian unity and ecumenical cooperation.

The Pastor's Peace

The tradition was begun in 1933 by Hugh Thomson Kerr who ministered in the Shadyside Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. It was then adopted throughout the Presbyterian Church (USA) in 1936 and subsequently spread to other denominations. In 1940, the Federal Council of Churches (now the National Council of Churches), led by Jesse Moren Bader, endorsed World Communion Sunday and began to promote it to Christian churches worldwide.

We find ourselves in 2025 celebrating ecumenical partnership with two local congregations. This year we will worship together with St. John's United Church of Christ and Hope Lutheran Church. The worship service will begin at 10:00 AM AT 2010 Park Avenue West and will consist of leadership from all three congregations. Following the service, we will join together for a shared meal in Hope's fellowship hall.

At 1:00 pm members from all three churches will join with more Richland County neighbors to participate in this year's CROP Walk. The walk will begin and end at the Jericho Wall and we will be making our fellowship hall and restrooms available to those who are part of this event.

I truly hope you will join us for both the combined worship service at Hope Lutheran as well as the CROP Walk this year. I am grateful that in 1933 someone had the vision to bring denominations together to recognize that we find unity at the Lord's Table. Since then there have been wonderful ecumenical endeavors to show that we hold much more in common with one another than the differences we allow to divide us from each other.

Our tradition as the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) began with a desire to gather together God's people, to seek unity as a polar star, and to welcome all to God's Table. May we faithful Disciples here in Mansfield continue on with that noble and very needed mission today.

In all things with love!

Pastor David

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: Mansfield1stcc18 33@gmail.com and you will be added!!!!

**Check out
the Bulletin
Boards**



Sunday, October 5th we will worship with our friends at Hope Lutheran Church, located at 2010 Park Ave. West (next to Discount Drug Mart) at 10 am. Parking available in front and back



Our New Path Forward

As summer transitions into fall I find myself thinking about change. Some change brings excitement, some concern, some changes require discernment. Joyce Rupp shares in her book "Out of the Ordinary" a Prayer for Discernment: I share in part what speaks to me as my reflection this month.

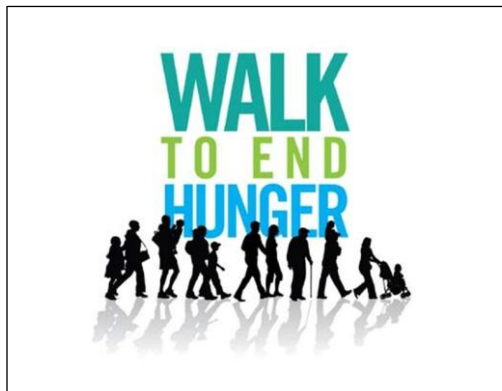
Spirit of Guidance, I see before me numerous choices and a decision to be made. There is division in my heart. Sometimes I want none of what I find. Sometimes I want it all. Sometimes I want to give up making decisions and wish the future would go away. Grant me the peace to choose freely, without being attached to the outcome. I trust that you will be with me as I make my decisions, prayerfully and with faith.

Blessings,

Jane Stout

Operation Christmas Shoebox

If you are thinking about putting a shoebox or two together, now is a good time to start as many of the items are School Supplies and School Supplies are on Sale as it will soon be time for the kiddos to return to school. The Shoeboxes are usually needed to be completed early November!



2025 CROPHunger Walk is Sunday, October 5th beginning at the Jericho Wall at 1 pm walking 2 miles around downtown and ending back at the Jericho Wall.

Walkers include Peggy Boddy, Sandy Woosley, Ray Mellick, Teresa Lupton & grandsons, Sue Dyson, Jill Danison/Missy Parish, Pastor David

Bring all monies collected at that time ~
all Checks should be payable to
CWS/CROP

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:

1 washcloth (January)

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

1 toothbrush in original packaging (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)

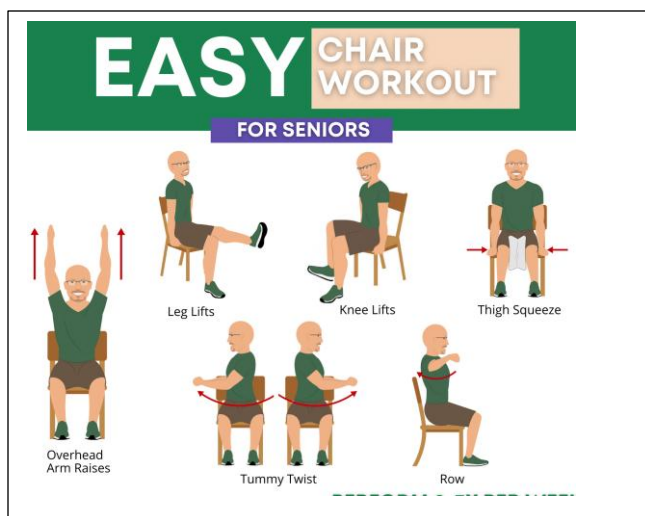
1 gallon resealable plastic bag

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



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

October 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st, I Connect will be here in our Fellowship Hall with Cell Phone teaching at 10 am – 11 am followed by chair exercises at 11 am – 12 noon ~ See sign-up sheet posted on the table in the hallway outside of the Sanctuary



As Peggy is organizing our Archives Room, she has found that we have extra yearbooks ~ If you would like one of the old yearbooks, they are on the table in the lounge in front of the kitchenette ~ They go back as far as 1972 and up to the last one done in 2016!!!! She has also found several souvenir church plates, hangers plus some old mugs



COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

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

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

Menu for October will be:

Scrambled Eggs with Toast, Sausage Pattie,
Biscuits and Sausage Gravy, bowl of Grits, a bowl of fruit 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.



Again, Peggy has found these items in the Archives room and neither has any documentation on what they are for or who made them. Can you help identify either or both of these items?



The all red item is a bag and the second item is a beautiful quilt. If you can provide any info on either or both, please contact Peggy Boddy at 419-512-0696

Calendar Reminders

All Church Activities/Meetings & Worship happening will continue via Zoom or Church Worship in Person in the Sanctuary

Each Worship Service Zoom invite will be mailed in the mid-week or the next month Quest Newsletter for those calling in on the phone lines & emailed on Thursday for those connecting via Computer

Church is open for worshipping on Sunday mornings, using the Front Door

Zoom meeting/worship invites are emailed prior to the meeting

The Elder's will be having a Worship Service at **Wedgewood** on **Wednesday, October 1st** at **2:30 pm** with music, worship, and prayer & **The Waterford** on **Sunday, October 19th** at **3:00 pm**

Chat & Chew Quilt Club
We will meet on **Monday, October 20th** at **11:00 am** for a potluck lunch in Fellowship Hall. Bring any completed parts of our Christmas projects. You can also bring ideas and your projects to share.

Elder's Meeting
The next Elder's Meeting is **Tuesday, October 7th** via **Zoom** at **7:00 pm**

Sarah Group is back and meets **Tuesday, October 7th** at **10:30 am** in Fellowship Hall ~ **Stephanie Rice** will have our study following a brief business meeting, followed by lunch prepared by **Peggy Boddy**. Lunches are **\$5.00**.

Disciple Men's Fellowship
Will meet **Tuesday, October 21st** at **12 Noon** at the **Amvets** on **Fourth Street**

Church Board
Will meet **Wednesday, October 8th** at **7:00 pm** via **Zoom**

Euchre Card Party, Friday, October 17th at **5:00 pm** in Fellowship Hall ~ Please sign up on the Sign-Up Sheet on the Table outside of the Sanctuary so we know how many tables and chairs to set up ~ Also, bring a snack to share.

*******ATTN: Christian Builders** are having wonderful conversations on "The Bible" and how some books were selected and others deleted. They meet at **9:30** in the Chapel *********

Worship and Music Committee to Meet **Sunday, October 12th** following **Worship Service** in the **Lounge**



October

8th Zachary Morris
19th Beverly Whitaker
25th Rick McVicar
28th Sylvia Moritz
31st Larry Zartman
Kathy Shambre

*Early November Birthdays:
3rd Kathy DeLozier*

*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*



October Anniversaries

10/05 Roger & Karyl
Eckenwiler will celebrate their
57th Anniversary

10/08 Nick & Mackenzie
Danison will celebrate their
3rd Anniversary

10/28 Dominic & Jennifer
Morris will celebrate their 25th
Anniversary

Elders

10/05 Worship at Hope Lutheran 10 am World Communion Sunday
10/12 Missy Parish
10/19 Ray Mellick (Waterford)
10/26 Jill Danison

Lay Leaders

Karyl Eckenwiler
Teresa Lupton
Need a Volunteer

GREETERS

October, 2025 Front Door:

November, 2025: Need a Volunteer
(if unable to Greet ~ Contact Peggy Boddy 419-512-0696)

PREPARING COMMUNION October: Ray & Jane Mellick
Preparing Communion November Need a Volunteer

October Diaconates: Need 2 Volunteers

From Your Church Secretary, Sandy

Hello October!!!



◇ Here we are into October already ~ Soon, if not already, many will be raking leaves or some blow them with a super duper blower. Many have Halloween display's out in their yards and soon Christmas items will be in the stores!!! Oops they skipped Thanksgiving!!!

□ You did terrific with the Hygiene Kits: We had 50 of the old style and 50 of the new style along with 9 kid's kit bags!!!! "Thank YOU" This coming year we will be concentrating on the hygiene kits as they are most useful with the many disasters.

□ Check the Sign UP table as we have numerous opportunities for you to sign up ~ Perhaps you are in need of a new 2026 God's Creation Calendar or are you interested playing Euchre the third Friday of the month, help with Community Breakfast, help prepare Communion, serve as a Diaconate, sign up for the I-Connect Use of Smart/Cell Phones &/or the Chair Exercises (invite a friend to come) All these are on the Table in the Hallway as you walk down the hall to go into the Sanctuary prior to Worship or on you way out of Worship~ Please stop by and sign up where you best can!!!!

□ **Attn: Community Breakfastworkers ~ Please continue to make things easier for the Community Breakfast Shoppers by writing on the white board what supplies that are needed for the next month breakfast. The white board is on the door of the supply room!!!**

The November, 2025 Quest deadline will be: Tuesday, October 28th for Committee meetings, Notices, Photos, Articles, etc ~ Quest will be emailed & mailed Thursday, October 30th

When it is dark enough, you can see the stars. Charles Beard

August Numbers

1st	83	Income	\$ 5,730	\$96,249
8th	32	Expense	<u>\$11,741</u>	<u>\$99,985</u>
15th	29	Difference	-6,011	-3,736
22nd	54			
29th	<u>52</u>			
	260			

(includes visitors & Children) Via
Zoom, Sanctuary visitors and
Facebook Viewers

Scriptures– October, 2025

Oct. 5th	2 Timothy 1:1-4 Luke 17:5-10	Worship Service at Hope Lutheran World Communion Sunday
Oct. 12th	2 Timothy 2:8-15 Luke 17: 11-19	
Oct. 19th	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 Luke 18:1-8	
Oct. 26th	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18: 9-14	

Please remember our Prayer Concerns

The Family of Ron Minard as Ron passed away Sept. 14th and his Celebration of Life will be Saturday, November 1st here at First Christian Church 11 am with lunch to follow in Fellowship Hall;

Jane Ann Hoffman is currently at Liberty Nursing Facility, Room 131;

Beverly Whitaker is currently at OhioHealth Shelby Hospital, Room 312;

Christa Storch (Sandy Stout's daughter-in-law) is in the hospital with Pneumonia;

September 20th Community Breakfast Prayer Requests are on the table beside the sign-up sheets



Remember those who have ongoing health concerns: Frank Daniell, Darrell Glenn, Theresa Hilbert, Lisa Stout, London & Carley Hamilton, Carolyn Hootman, Baby Garrett Egler (friend of Laurie Parish), Sharon Ryan, Robert and Delores Au & Troy and Krista Cramer family; Marylyn Bradley, Kennedy Evelyn Scott (great-granddaughter of Bill & Stacia Scott), Terry Hall, Weston Montgomery, Heidi Barler-McKenzie, Rantavia, Lisa, Betty Zartman, Julie Rogers-Milligan, Lendon Parish Sr, Sandy Messick, Sherry Bowman, Greg Rogers,

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

Please forward prayer concerns & updates to Pastor David &/or Sandy