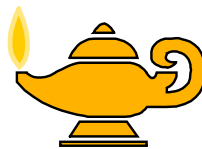


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The Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)

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..."

July
2014

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To you wonderful folks of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Findlay,

Since the beginning of 2014, several of our church families – and their extended families – have experienced deaths of loved ones, including the Scheib, Littler, Smith, Aldrich, Dietsch, and LaRoche families. In the midst of our current rather carefree days of summer, we want to remember that these families, in their continuing sorrow and grief, need our prayers, support, and encouragement.

There are others in our church family and community who are experiencing other types of sorrow now, as well – sorrow over changes in family relationships, break-ups with long-time friends, changes in living arrangements, loss of jobs, and loss of health.

Sorrow comes to all of us. But how are we to deal and cope with sorrow as followers of Jesus Christ? As we have in the past, we get help from Oswald Chambers, that giant of a theologian, pastor, devotional writer, and military chaplain in the early 20th century.

Chambers quotes John 12:27-28, and I ask you to focus on these two Biblical verses this month as well: **...what shall I say? "Father, save Me from this hour"? But for this purpose I come to this hour. "Father, glorify Your name."**

As followers of Jesus Christ, our attitudes toward sorrow and difficulty should not be to ask that they be prevented, but to ask that God protect us so that we may remain what He created us to be, in spite of all our times of sorrow. Our Lord Jesus received Himself, accepting His position and realizing His purpose, in the midst of His sorrow. As

Chambers puts it, He was saved not *from* the hour, but *out of* the hour.

How often do you and I say that there ought not be any sorrow? But there *is* sorrow, and we need to accept and receive ourselves in the midst of that sorrow. As Chambers says, if we try to evade sorrow, refusing to deal with it, we are foolish. Sorrow is one of the biggest facts in life, and there is no use in saying it should not be. Sin, sorrow, and suffering *are*, and it's not for us to say that God has made a mistake in allowing them.

Oswald Chambers reminds us that sorrow removes a great deal of a person's shallowness. But it does not always make that person better. Suffering either gives us to ourselves or it destroys us. As many say today, it either makes us better or bitter. We cannot find or receive ourselves through success because we tend to lose our heads over pride in our success and in our comparing ourselves with others. And we cannot receive ourselves through the monotony of our daily lives because we tend to give in to complaining.

The only way to find ourselves, according to Oswald Chambers, is in the fires of sorrow. Why it should be this way does not matter. The fact is that it is true in the Scriptures and in human experience.

I agree with Chambers that we can always recognize who has been through the fires of sorrow and received themselves, and we know that we can always go to such people in our own moments of trouble and find that those people have plenty of time for us.

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On the other hand, if a person has not been through what Chambers calls “the fires of sorrow”, he or she is apt to be unsympathetic to us and even contemptuous, having no respect or time for us, only turning us away.

Let that not be the case with *us*! For if we will receive ourselves in the fires of sorrow, God will make us nourishment for other people – we will be the support and encouragement that folks around us sometimes need and to which God calls us as followers of Jesus Christ.

Let me know how passing through sorrow has made you more faithful to Jesus Christ.

As always, I look forward to seeing you around this month! *God bless, Pastor Rick*

Where is the Church Financially?

About where we expected to be after 6 months of this year. Our income is just \$183 less than budgeted for the first half of the year. Our expenses totaled \$447 more than budgeted. Not bad considering we were not aware of how bad the winter was going to be.

The good news is that the really nasty half of the year is past. The first half of the year contains the three coldest months of the year. The second half only has one cold month, December, which is also the month that traditionally in this Church has been by far our best month for giving.

The bad news is that even with a good second half of the year we will be looking at a deficit for the year of \$20,000. Any increases in giving that people can make will cut this deficit down and extend the life of the Church that we all love. Please give this your prayerful consideration.

John Snyder



FUNERAL NOTES

Long-time First Christian Church member, **Don Clarence “Johnny” Dietsch**, passed away on June 15, 2014, just shy of his 98th birthday. Those of us who knew Johnny and who visited him during his last years at Heritage Manor know that he was mentally alert and very interested in his family, his church family, sports, and what was happening locally and worldwide right up until the last couple of weeks of his life.

He first married Willa Gene Wright on October 21, 1939; she preceded him in death on October 8, 1994. He then married Kathleen Strait on June 28, 1997; she preceded him in death on May 3, 2011. Johnny is survived by his sons William (Sharon) Dietsch of Vicksburg, Michigan and Daniel (Susan) Dietsch of Findlay, his stepson Charles (Sandy) Colegrove of Williamsburg, Virginia, his sister Betty Baughman of Findlay whose birthday he helped to celebrate not long before he died, five grandchildren, two step-granddaughters, seven great-grandchildren, and three step-great-grandchildren.

Johnny served in the US Army during World War II. He was the last surviving of three brothers who opened Dietsch Brothers Fine Candy and Ice Cream on December 7, 1937. Johnny was the candy maker, hand dipping fine chocolates. In 1955, the store at 400 West Main Cross was built and several additions later is still at the address and is an iconic institution in Findlay.

Johnny was a member of our church for many years. While married to his second wife, they alternated attending our church and Faith Presbyterian Church.

Johnny’s life was the family business, family, church, woodworking, and fishing.

His funeral was on June 19th. Our church hosted a post-funeral luncheon for the family.

We honor the memory of our dear departed friend and fellow Christian, Johnny Dietsch.

We also offer our sympathy to Nancy LaRoche upon the recent death of her mother, **Ruth Mary Wilson** on June 26th. Nancy and her husband Gary have been attending our church, sometimes with their grandchildren. Nancy has three sisters and one brother. We offer our prayers of comfort and support to the whole family.

Prayer Needs:

- ◆ For those with cancer and undergoing Cancer Treatment:
 - Kathy Brinkman Bob Wells
 - Fred Kretzinger David (Sue Davies' brother)
 - Loretta Way (Charlotte Ballard's sister)
- ◆ For those with various health issues and concerns:
 - *Bob Jankowski (Bill and Nancy Peter's son-in-law)
 - *Bill Peters, *Luke Drown (surgery on July 8)
 - *Sally Robinson, *Pastor Scott Nedberg.
- ◆ For First Christian Church's Homebound Members
- ◆ For growth in all ministries and areas of service at First Christian Church
- ◆ For those who are seeking employment
- ◆ For all care givers
- ◆ For peaceful and just solutions to conflicts around the world.

July Birthdays

- 6 Lisa Wolfe
- 7 Kendall Kretzinger
- 28 Barb England
- 28 Chelsea Siebert
- 31 Barb Brown
- 31 Colleen Robinson

**July Anniversaries**

- 7/3 Ed & Sue Davies
- 7/12 Jim & Cindi Beltz
- 7/19 Tim & Lisa Wolfe
- 7/23 Rick & Becky Pulling
- 7/23 Dave & Beth Reynolds

**First Christian News**

Average number of service attendees for June: 41

Amount given in June: \$6060.56

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**HAVE YOU NOTICED THE BULLETIN BOARDS IN OUR HALLWAY?**

Many thanks to Pat Sharninghouse for beautifully putting together bulletin boards in the main hallway (next to the church office and music room and nursery) featuring church members who will want to honor. Pat has put together photo displays of our church members who have passed away. And earlier this year, she had a wonderful bulletin board display about Kathy Brinkman. Currently, there is one up about Linda Pitkin that includes many pictures of Linda. Check it out when you are in the hallway!

July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>June 29</p>	<p>June 30</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2 9:00 am- Taize Prayer</p> 	<p>3</p>	<p>4 Independence Day No bible study Office closed</p> <p>Happy Birthday USA!</p> 	<p>5</p>
<p>6 9:30 am - Sunday School 9:30 am- Altar Ego Bible Study 10:30 am -Worship 12:00 pm-Coffee Hour</p>	<p>7</p> 	<p>8</p>	<p>9 9:00 am- Taize Prayer</p> 	<p>10</p>	<p>11 11:00 am - Bible Study</p> 	<p>12 10:00 am - Board Meeting</p>
<p>13 9:30 am - Sunday School 9:30 am- Altar Ego Bible Study 10:30 am - Worship 12:00 pm-Coffee Hour</p>	<p>14</p> 	<p>15</p>	<p>16 9:00 am- Taize Prayer</p> 	<p>17</p>	<p>18 11:00 am - Bible Study</p> 	<p>19</p>
<p>20 9:30 am - Sunday School 9:30 am- Altar Ego Bible Study 10:30 am - Worship 12:00 pm-Coffee Hour 2:30 pm-Fox Run Worship</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 9:00 am- Taize Prayer</p> 	<p>24</p>	<p>25 11:00 am - Bible Study</p> <p>BIBLE Study</p>  <p>6:30 p.m.-Elder's Meeting</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27 9:30 am - Sunday School 9:30 am- Altar Ego Bible Study 10:30 am - Worship 12:00 pm -Coffee Hour</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 9:00 am- Taize Prayer</p>	<p>31</p> 		

July Serving Schedule

July 6		July 13	
Minister:	Rev. Rick Pulling	Minister:	Rev. Rick Pulling
Music Coordinator:	Patty Koehler	Music Coordinator:	Patty Koehler
Pianist/Organist:	Becky Pulling	Pianist/Organist:	Becky Pulling
Children's Sermon:	Robin Kretzinger	Children's Sermon:	Patty Koehler
Greeters:	David England, Tim Wolfe, Beth Reynolds, Martha Stoner	Greeters:	Larry Marquart, John Snyder, Kathy Marquart
Scripture Reader:	Robin Kretzinger	Scripture Reader:	Kathy Marquart
Elders:	Robin Kretzinger & Linda Pitkin	Elders:	Ed Davies & Carole Cleary
Deacons:	Charlotte Ballard, Kathy Marquart, John Snyder	Deacons:	Barb Brown, Tim Wolfe, Cindi Beltz
Coffee Hour:	Team #2: Sue & Ed Davies, Linda Pitkin, Pat Sharninghouse	Coffee Hour:	Team #3: Bill & Nancy Peters, Karol Smith, Pat & Dale Yoder
Counters:	Andy Koehler & Robin Kretzinger	Counters:	Andy Koehler & Karol Smith
July 20		July 27	
Minister:	Rev. Rick Pulling	Minister:	Rev. Rick Pulling
Music Coordinator:	Patty Koehler	Music Coordinator:	Patty Koehler
Pianist/Organist:	Jane Snyder	Pianist/Organist:	Jane Snyder
Children's Sermon:	Robin Kretzinger	Children's Sermon:	Patty Koehler
Greeters:	David England, Karol Smith, Carole Cleary, Martha Stoner	Greeters:	David England, Barb England, Tim Wolfe, Beth Reynolds
Scripture Reader:	Mercedes Williamson	Scripture Reader:	Tatum Weber
Elders:	Robin Kretzinger & Barb England	Elders:	Beth Reynolds & Kathy Brinkman
Deacons:	Bill Peters, Nancy Peters, Sue Davies	Deacons:	Lisa Wolfe, Deb Kirk, Karol Smith
Coffee Hour:	Team #4: Barb Brown, Patty Koehler, Tatum Weber	Coffee Hour:	Team #5 Deb Kirk, Barb England, Mary Decker, Lisa Wolfe
Counters:	Andy Koehler & Bill Peters	Counters:	Andy Koehler & Tara Miller



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

July's Sermon Themes

July 6—14th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 4th Sunday After Pentecost – July 4th Holiday Weekend

Scripture Reader: Robin Kretzinger

Message: “The Apostle Paul Takes a Selfie ”

Scripture: Romans 7:15-25a

Theme: Selfies are usually flattering or fun. We shouldn't be surprised to know that the Apostle Paul took a self-portrait and shared it with the world. But it was neither flattering or fun; what he shared isn't all that pretty. What does that say to us?

July 13– Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Reader: Kathy Marquart

Message: “The Parable of the Careless Farmer”

Scripture: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Theme: What does this parable say about Jesus and how we can and should respond to Him?

July 20– Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Reader: Mercedes Williamson

Message: “Knowing What to Pray For”

Scripture: Romans 8:12-27

Theme: What kinds of prayers will always be answered?

July 27 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Scripture Reader: Tatum Weber

Message: “We're going on a Treasure Hunt ”

Scripture: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Theme: Where's the buried treasure that Jesus is talking about in this passage?