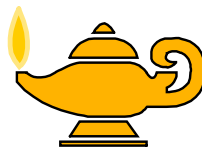


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The Lamplighter



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..."

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To you wonderful folks of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Findlay, The Rev. Mary Luti, Interim Senior Pastor, Wellesley Village Church, Wellesley, Massachusetts, recently wrote words that I think are important for us to hear as the church.

She starts off by quoting Proverbs 3:5: *Do not rely on your own insight.*"

She continues by saying: "I used to think that if I just talked clearly enough, eloquently enough, long enough, everyone in the room would come to see what I saw, understand things the way I understood them, agree that my insight or plan was right, and happily proceed from there.

"I still fall into this narcissistic trap from time to time, but mostly now I don't. It got shamed out of me after many a church meeting in which people patiently waited for me to finish, pretty much ignored everything I'd said, and got on with the business of prayerful communal discernment, eventually coming up with ideas that were infinitely better than anything I'd come up with on my own. Somehow they knew that many open hearts bound in prayer, affection, and accountability have a much better shot at finding God's will than a lone ranger ever will.

"It takes longer. It's messy. It's hard. It requires virtue to stay in the often weird and meandering conversation. But it works. And it's wondrous.

"We teach people to be themselves, to think for themselves, not to go along with the crowd, not to fall into 'group-think.' And that's good. But there's group-think, and then there's holy group-

think—the blessed outcome of trusting that the Spirit really is given to the church. Go for that!"

May I as pastor, you folks who are congregational leaders, and all who are part of our blessed community of faith here at First Christian Church, Findlay, Ohio, be humble enough, considerate of each other enough, and bold in the Holy Spirit enough, to always go for what Rev. Luti calls "holy group think"!

May Rev. Luti's prayer be our prayer this month of October: ***Come, Holy Spirit, come. Bind our hearts in one and illumine us with your wisdom. Speak, your servants really are listening. Even me. Amen.***

As always, I look forward to seeing you around this month! Blessings in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior,

Pastor Rick



A HELPFUL DEVOTIONAL BY GRACE FOX

Now the body is not made up of one part but of many...God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as He wanted them to be.
1 Corinthians 12:14, 18

“My husband and I lead short-term mission teams to Eastern Europe each summer. “One group recently headed to Romania to minister among HIV-infected young adults. As always, the team represented a variety of skills and personalities.

“One fellow was a salmon farmer. His wife taught a community program for parents and tots. One woman, a rancher’s wife, was a foster mom. Another, a mother of six young kids. The mix included a nineteen-year-old girl, a school principal and her husband – an expert in inseminating cattle – and a nurse and her husband, a retired teacher.

“Each person added a unique dimension to our group, and watching them exercise their gifts made me smile. The cattle expert led singing during team devotions. The teen played guitar for worship services. Several taught Bible lessons and crafts. Others served behind-the-scenes, bathing the program with prayer. Each played a vital role in making the mission trip successful.

“The same principle holds true in our churches. God has created His children with unique personalities and gifts. We’re diverse, and we’re all needed. Individually, we’re like pieces of stained glass. Collectively, we form a beautiful window through which the world can see Christ. Let’s fulfill our role with excellence and without comparison, and let’s encourage others to do the same. *“Faith Step: Name three people who are different from you and thank God for them today.*

Pastor’s Note: October is a month when we think about what it means for us here at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Findlay to be part of the worldwide church. We celebrate World Communion Sunday this month. As a church, we are praying each day for our nation this month. We also have our Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Ohio Regional meeting this month. So what Grace Fox says is appropriate for us now. She hits the nail on the head when she says that each of us has a vital role in making the church – the body of Christ – what it is supposed to be – a tapestry where all of our unique personalities and gifts are woven together and used by God for God’s glory. There is no such thing as “lone ranger” Christian. One can be spiritual by oneself. But one cannot be a Christian, biblically speaking, by oneself. Being a Christian means being part of the body of Christ. And as Grace Fox also says, together we form a beautiful stained glass window through which the world can see Jesus Christ. Let’s fulfill that marvelous God-given role, and let’s encourage others to do the same!

On the table in the hallway near the church office are business cards which have a picture and the address of the church and our Sunday worship time. Tatum Weber got these printed for us.

Please pick up a handful and distribute to friends and acquaintances who might be looking for a church family and feel free to post the business cards on community bulletin boards (where allowed).

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It is not too late to pick up your copy of “Pray 31: A Month of Prayer for America”. Copies are on the table in the hallway near the church office. Donations are accepted to cover the cost of these booklets, but you do not need to pay in order to get a copy. As a church, we will be praying for our country during October.

Christian Clearing House



CCH is honored to be the chosen charity for proceeds at We Serve. Coffee for the last Quarter of 2014. We Serve. Coffee selects one local and one global need to receive their profits. These needs will include (but are not limited to) providing food, clean water, clothes, and shelter to those less fortunate; environmental protection; animal foundations; skill building and education for both children and adults; and both physical and emotional support for those struggling with addictions, abuse, and depression. Please stop by for your morning coffee.

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Prayer Needs:

- ◆ For those with cancer and undergoing Cancer Treatment:
Kathy Brinkman
David (Sue Davies' brother)
Loretta Way (Charlotte Ballard's sister)
- ◆ For those with various health issues and concerns:
*Sally Williams *Kathy Brinkman *Suzanne Clouse
*Kathy Marquart *Pat Yoder *Tom Thompson
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Prayers of intercession for our nation as we use the booklet
"31 Days of Prayer for America" for October.

October Birthdays

- 10/1 Luke Drown
- 10/5 Thomas Riker
- 10/6 Sallie Williams
- 10/14 Carole Cleary
- 10/16 Toni Beltz
- 10/16 Doris Moore
- 10/21 Nancy Peters
- 10/22 Keaton Kretzinger
- 10/23 Linda England
- 10/23 Kathy Marquart
- 10/23 Mercedes Williamson

October Anniversaries

- 10/18 Tom & Mary Thompson
- 10/17 Jared & Chelsea Siebert

Join us on October 25 for
Family Fun Night! 4:00-
8:00
p.m.



Please note that Mary Decker's address has changed. She is now at: Sun Rise Senior Living, Room 104, 401 Lake Cascades Parkway, Findlay, OH 45840

Doris Moore will be 94 years old on October 18th. She will be celebrating her birthday with a party put on by her family. Our church family is doing a card shower for Doris. Please send her a birthday card and tell her we're thinking about her. Doris' address is: 2000 North Blanchard Street, Apartment 16, Findlay, OH 45840-8101

First Christian News

Average number of service attendees for September: 39

Amount given in September: \$4858.73

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The Wolfe's are the featured family this month. Please check out the bulletin board as we honor the Wolfe's and all they do for the church!



October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:00 am- Taize Prayer 	2	3 11:00 am - Bible Study 12:00 p.m. Relationship Team Meeting 	4
5 8:45 Chimes Prac. 9:30 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Worship 12:00 pm -Coffee Hour 12:15 p.m. Combined Membership and Fellowship Committee and Board Meeting	6	7	8 9:00 am- Taize Prayer 	9	10 11:00 am - Bible Study 	11 10:00 am - Board Meeting
12 8:45 Chimes Prac. 9:30 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Worship 12:00 pm -Coffee Hour	13	14	15 9:00 am- Taize Prayer 	16 17 18 11:00 am - Bible Study Regional Assembly Meeting in Columbus		18
19 8:45 Chimes Prac. 9:30 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Worship 12:00 pm -Coffee Hour 2:30 pm-Fox Run Worship	20	21	22 9:00 am- Taize Prayer 	23	24 11:00 am - Bible Study 6:30 p.m. Elders Meeting 	25 Family Fun Night 4:00-8:00 p.m.
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October Serving Schedule

October 5		October 12	
Minister:	Rev. Rick Pulling	Minister:	Rev. Rick Pulling
Music Coordinator:	Patty Koehler	Music Coordinator:	Patty Koehler
Pianist/Organist	Becky Pulling	Pianist/Organist	Jane Snyder
Children's Sermon:	Robin Kretzinger	Children's Sermon:	Patty Koehler
Greeters:	David England, Barb England, Carole Cleary, Martha Stoner	Greeters:	Larry Marquart, Karol Smith, Tim Wolfe, Beth Reynolds
Scripture Reader:	Tatum Weber	Scripture Reader:	Kathy Marquart
Elders:	Linda Pitkin & Robin Kretzinger	Elders:	Carole Cleary & Beth Reynolds
Deacons:	Barb Brown, Tim Wolfe, Cindi Beltz	Deacons:	Bill Peters, Nancy Peters, Sue Davies
Coffee Hour:	Team #5: Deb Kirk, Barb England, Mary Decker, Lisa Wolfe	Coffee Hour:	Team #1: Cindi Beltz, Larry & Kathy Marquart
Counters:	Robin Kretzinger & Karol Smith	Counters:	Beth Reynolds Robin Kretzinger & Andy Koehler
October 19		October 26	
Minister:	Rev. Rick Pulling	Minister:	Rev. Rick Pulling
Music Coordinator:	Patty Koehler	Music Coordinator:	Patty Koehler
Pianist/Organist	Becky Pulling	Pianist/Organist	Jane Snyder
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Scripture Reader:	Mercedes Williamson	Scripture Reader:	Steven Strayer
Elders:	Barb England & Kathy Brinkman	Elders:	Kathy Brinkman & Beth Reynolds
Deacons:	Lisa Wolfe, Deb Kirk, Karol Smith	Deacons:	Charlotte Ballard, Kathy Marquart, John Snyder
Coffee Hour:	Team #2: Sue & Ed Davies, Linda Pitkin, Pat Sharninghouse	Coffee Hour:	Team #3: Bill & Nancy Peters, Karol Smith, Pat & Dale Yoder
Counters:	Robin Kretzinger & Bill Peters	Counters:	Robin Kretzinger & Tara Miller



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

October's Sermon Themes

October 5— Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time –Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture Reader: Tatum Weber

Scripture: Exodus 20:1-20

Message: “Radical Honesty ”

Theme: : Lying is a lot of work, and it does terrible damage to our relationships with God and neighbor. Yet statistics show how often we, the general public, lie. Sam Harris, in his book *Lying*, advocates radical honesty. Since being truthful seems to be critical to keeping the ethical spirit of biblical law as enshrined in the Ten Commandments, let's take a closer look.

October 12– Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time –Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture Reader: Kathy Marquart

Scripture: Matthew 22:1-14

Message: “The Inviting God ”

Theme: The world's largest church today (according to Guinness World Records) is in Africa and holds 18,000 people. But virtually no one attends. This reminds us of the biblical account of the king who opened a banquet hall to host a party; and no one came. The king was not happy. In the same way, God has invited us to the banquet. So why is it often so hard to accept the invitation?

October 19– Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Scripture Reader: Mercedes Williamson

Scripture: Matthew 22:15-22

Message: “Leave Your Calculator Home ”

Theme: We are to render to God. We know that. But what does it mean to render to Caesar? And what does that have to do with a generous heart?

October 26–Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost-Reformation Sunday

Scripture Reader: Steven Strayer

Scripture: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Message: “Rightfully Yours”

Theme: Most of us have had the experience of being denied something we felt was rightfully ours. We earned it, we worked for it, and we waited for it. Then, we were denied. This happened to Moses as well. How do we respond when this happens to us? What does it mean that we should trust God only for what God has actually promised?