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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..."
Matthew 5:14-16 NRSV

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

Philippians 3:10-11 says: **I want to know Christ—yes to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining the resurrection from the dead.**

Political satirist and late-night talk show host Stephen Colbert lost his father and two brothers in a plane crash when he was ten years old. His mother's faith helped him through the tragedy. Colbert said, "She taught me to be grateful for my life regardless of what that entailed, and that's directly related to the image of Christ on the Cross and the example of sacrifice that He gave us. What she taught is that the deliverance God offers you from pain is not no pain—it's that the pain is actually a gift."

Gwen Ford Faulkenberry asks in a recent devotion: How can pain be a gift? This is one of the great mysteries of the Cross, and one I find as challenging as it is alluring as a believer. The Apostle Paul provides insight in the above verse when He says, "I want to know Christ." Faulkenberry says: "When I think about the people who know me best, and vice versa, they are not only the people I have things in common with, or have fun with, or even (necessarily) whom I've known the longest. They are the people who know my pain. The ones on the short list, the inner circle, the ones who have en-

tered into the hardest times of my life with me so much that it has hurt them too."

In that way, pain is a gift. One thing that I have learned from the saints of the Christian faith is that if we want to know Jesus, and live out the Resurrection, meaning that our suffering can be redeemed through His Cross, the only way is pain. In the words of the Apostle Paul, **"I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord."** (Philippians 3:8).

Will you join me this month in this Faith Step: Prayerfully consider: What is causing you the most pain today? And as counterintuitive as it may sound, thank the Lord that that very thing is also what will lead you into deeper intimacy with Jesus.

See you around this month of July.

Take care and God bless,

Pastor Rick



WE CELEBRATE THE LIFE OF OUR GOOD FRIEND, FELLOW CHRISTIAN, AND FAITHFUL CHURCH MEMBER, KATHY BRINKMAN

Kathleen Eloise (Kathy) Brinkman – March 23, 1942 – June 10, 2016 – 74 years. Kathy was born March 23, 1942 in Findlay to Everett J. and Florence H. (Jones) Dillon. She was a 1960 graduate of Findlay High School. Kathy married Joe Ray Brinkman on June 16, 1962.

We remember Kathy Brinkman as outgoing, one with a beautiful heart, faithful and committed, honest, hardworking, having a wonderful sense of humor. At the funeral home and at the funeral, many people shared how Kathy has had an impact on their lives. Kathy beat back, and conquered, cancer for many years. This was possible through her tremendous Christian faith, positive attitudes, wonderful caring doctors, and new medications. She was able to testify to this nationally on the NBC Today Show some ten years ago.

Some of knew Kathy because she belonged to the Blanchard Valley Breast Cancer Support Group and was active with Cancer Patient Services. Others knew Kathy when she had been a secretary at Marathon Oil Company and later for the Cooper Tire and Rubber Company.

In addition to her husband Joe, Kathy was proud of her children, Kelly J., married to Mark Sullivan, Dustin J, married to Margaret/Meg Brinkman; her grandchildren, Jessica R. and Zachary D. Stahl and Elizabeth J. Brinkman; and her sisters, Dorothy (Jule-deceased) Vigneron and Linda (Walter-deceased) Hartley. Kathy was preceded in death by a sister, Burnadette (Howard Krout) Clinger and a niece, Amanda Dillon-Friar.

Kathy was a devoted member of the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ, Findlay) where she had been an Elder and a Board Member. Over the years, Kathy did many, many jobs and tasks to help out her church and her church family. Before her death, the Elders decided to recommend Kathy to be Elder Emeritus; she died right before the Board meeting which would have approved that. Kathy was very supportive of our children, youth, church camp, and changes that she used to say were necessary to reach people today. Kathy was especially supportive of all kinds of marginalized and sidelined people, very supportive of our Church's Mission Statement, which says plainly that ALL are welcome to attend and serve here, no matter who they are and no matter where they are on life's journey. In fact, Kathy lived out that Mission Statement in very beautiful ways -- showing people that they are of priceless value because they have been touched by the Master's hands.

Rest in peace, Kathy Brinkman. We will miss you. But we know that God has a wonderful soul and servant with Him in heaven.

Update by Sue Davies

“Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.” (Psalm 100:4 NIV)

First Christian Church will enter a new gate, a new court and have many new opportunities for worship and service in a mere 31 days.

The sale of the church became official on Tuesday, 6-28-16. Gateway Church will take possession of the building on Monday 8-1-16. May God bless them as they prepare for ministry in this place.

This has been a large endeavor and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people who have made this expansion project possible. Kelly Haase and Monica Metzger of Century 21, Koehler Associates conducted their first work thru of the church on 1-5-16. During the following 6 months they have invested countless hours of time and effort to ensure that the sale was completed and that our concerns were taken care of in the process. Thank you to Pastor and Mrs. Pulling for your leadership and guidance during this transition. The Church Board Members, the Trustees, the church Search Committee, the Discernment Committee, the Elders, the Pastoral Search Committee and the Church Yard Sale Committee are all to be commended for actively accepting this challenge and working together. Thank you Tim and Lisa Wolfe for the numerous hours of making the church available for inspections and showings. Teamwork is vital to growth. I appreciate all that each and every member has done and will do in the coming days as we move into the future.

Bill Peters and Beth Reynolds are now working with Monica Metzger and Kelly Haase on a 2 year leasing agreement that is still in process.

In this final month before the move it would be wise for each of us to keep our focus on God and His leading. We are reminded in God's Word, “Unless the Lord builds the house, it's builders labor in vain”. Psalm 127 1a. May we not neglect Him in all of the activities surrounding the move. May God bless each one as we follow God's leading.

Sincerely yours,
Susan C. Davies

Prayer Needs:

For those with cancer and undergoing Cancer Treatment:

* Ray Neall *Fred Kretzinger*

For those with various health issues and concerns:

*Erma Weist *John Snyder *Nancy LaRoche *Kathleen Schaffer *Ruth Fenimore *Van *Travis

Prayers for peace and just solutions to conflicts, natural disasters, polarizing, police/citizen relationships, mass shootings, terrorism around the world, and the humanitarian crisis of refugees fleeing and trying to find new host/home countries.

For those seeking employment.

For those who are having trouble making ends meet

For those who are in physical or emotional pain

For our First Christian Church homebound members

For military personnel around the world who regularly risk their lives for freedom.

For discernment of our church members about our church's future ministry.

July Birthdays

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



July Anniversaries

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

Moses was said to be the meekest man on the face of the earth (Num 12:3) but meekness is not weakness but it is strength under control.

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“Yes, the disciples followed Jesus... but not on Twitter.”

First Christian News

Average number of service attendees for June: 39





Amount given in June: \$ 1,291.83

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July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
<p>3</p> <p>9:00 am—Pastoral Search Committee Mtg. 9:30 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Worship 12:00 Coffee Hour</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Office is closed!</p> 	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:00 am- Taize Prayer</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>11:00 am - Bible Study</p>	<p>9</p> <p>8:00 am Men's Breakfast Scrambler Marie's 9:30 am - Truth Seekers Bible Study 10:00 am - Board Meeting</p>
<p>10</p> <p>9:30 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Worship 12:00 Coffee Hour</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> 	<p>13</p> <p>9:00 am- Taize Prayer</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>11:00 am - Bible Study</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:30 am -Truth Seekers Bible Study 8:00-3:00 Church Sale—Moving Sale</p>
<p>17</p> <p>9:30 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Worship- 12:00 pm -Coffee Hour 2:30 pm-Fox Run Worship</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:00 am- Taize Prayer</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>11:00 am - Bible Study</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:30 am -Truth Seekers Bible Study</p>
<p>24</p> <p>Recommissioning and Covenant</p> <p>25 9:30 am - Sunday School 10:30 am - Worship- 12:00 pm -Coffee Hour</p> <p>July 31 & Aug. 7 Worship Service/Cook-out @ 7392 TR 212, in back of Becky's Dance Studio Guest Preacher Rev. Patrice Fatig</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:00 am- Taize Prayer</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>11:00 am—Bible Study</p> 	<p>30</p> <p>9:30 am Truth Seekers Bible Study</p>

July Serving Schedule

July 3		July 10	
Minister:	Pastor Rick	Minister:	Pastor Rick
Music Coordinator:	Patty Koehler	Music Coordinator:	Patty Koehler
Pianist/Organist	Becky Pulling	Pianist/Organist	Becky Pulling
Children's Sermon:	Robin Kretzinger	Children's Sermon:	Robin Kretzinger
Greeters:	David England, Tim Wolfe, John Snyder, Martha Stoner	Greeters:	John Snyder
Scripture Reader:	Tara Miller	Scripture Reader:	Mercedes Williamson
Elders:	Linda Pitkin, Robin Kretzinger	Elders:	Beth Reynolds, Nancy Peters
Deacons:	Charolotte Ballard, Tara Miller, John Snyder	Deacons:	Barb England, Tim Wolfe, Cindi Beltz
Coffee Hour:	Team #2 Pat Sharninghouse, Linda Pitkin, Sue & Ed Davies	Coffee Hour:	Team #3 Bill & Nancy Peters, Karol Smith, Dale Yoder
Counters:	Patty Koehler	Counters:	Patty Koehler
July 17		July 24	
Minister:	Pastor Rick	Minister:	Pastor Rick
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, Karol Smith, Martha Stoner	Greeters:	David England, Barb England, Tim Wolfe, Beth Reynolds
Scripture Reader:	Ed Davies	Scripture Reader:	Karol Smith
Elders:	Nancy Peters, Linda Pitkin	Elders:	Robin Kretzinger, Barb England
Deacons:	Bill Peters, David England, Sue Davies	Deacons:	Lisa Wolf, Deb Kirk, Karol Smith
Coffee Hour:	Team #4 Barb Brown, Patty Koehler	Coffee Hour:	Team #5 Deb Kirk, Barb England, Lisa Wolfe
Counters:	Patty Koehler,	Counters:	Patty Koehler, Tara Miller
July 31			
Worship at Linda England's, 7392 TR 212, Findlay Minister: Guest Preacher: Rev. Patrice Fatig Music Coordinator: Patty Koehler Pianist/Organist: Open Children's Sermon: Robin Kretzinger Greeters: Open Scripture Reader: TBA Elders: Barb England, Beth Reynolds Deacons: Charlotte Ballard, Tara Miller, John Snyder Coffee Hour: Team #1 Cindi Beltz, Beth Reynolds Counters: Andy Koehler, Patty Koehler			

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To Us. To Others. To God

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DATED MATERIAL - PLEASE DELIVER

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

July 2016—Worship Schedule

- Sunday, July 3** Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Seventh Sunday After Pentecost
Scripture Reader: Tara Miller, Message: “Hydrochromatic Healing”, Scripture: 2 Kings 5:1-14, Theme: Urban art ideas today include sidewalk murals visible only when it rains. The beauty of the art only appears in stormy weather. Beauty and art sometimes are visible only in adversity.
- Sunday, July 10** Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Eighth Sunday After Pentecost—Scripture Reader: Mercedes Williamson, Message: “The Temptation to Pass By on the Other Side”, Scripture: Luke 10:25-37, Theme: Why did Jesus say that He was asked, and continues to be asked, the wrong question?
- Sunday, July 17** Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Ninth Sunday After Pentecost, Scripture Reader: Karol Smith, Message: “Let your soul catch up”, Scripture: Luke 10:38-42, Theme: We have different temperaments, different distractions, different ways of being. Can we possibly all have the same goal?
- Sunday, July 24** Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Tenth Sunday After Pentecost, Covenant Service—Last FCC Worship Service in the building, Scripture Reader: Ed Davies, Message: “Your Li-Fi Life”, Scripture: Colossians 2:6-15, Theme: A new way of connecting to the internet promises really fast speeds using light instead of radio waves. But does the speed of information matter as much as it’s source? Who is our light of the world, the source of all that we need?
- Sunday, July 31** Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost, Worship Service and Cook out at Linda England’s, Scripture Reader and Worship Leader: Robin Kretzinger, Open, Guest Preacher: Rve. Patric Fatig