

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
Sunday, September 4, 2011

PRELUDE "Joy in the Journey" Arr. Evans

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Kathey Long
(Thank you for signing the attendance pad and silencing your Cell Phones.)

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

A Disciples Affirmation

As members of First Christian Church,

Leader: We confess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, and

People: **In Christ's name and by His grace we accept our mission of**

Leader: We rejoice in God, maker of heaven and earth, and in the

People: **Through baptism into Christ we enter into newness of life and are made one with the whole people of God.**

Leader: In the bonds of Christian faith we yield ourselves to God that we may serve the One whose kingdom has no end.

All: **Blessing, glory and honor be to God forever. Amen.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" Chalice Hymnal No. 589

***INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER and GLORIA PATRI** Kathey Long
(Words to the Lord's Prayer, Gloria Patri and Doxology are in the pews)

CHILDREN'S BLESSING Rev. Jan Watts
Children who are rising four years old through fourth grade will be dismissed to Children's Worship & Wonder.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, and OFFERINGS

Call to Stewardship Kathey Long

***Doxology**
Prayer of Dedication Kathey Long

SOLO "I May Never Pass This Way Again" Twila Tyree

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Jan Watts

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion Hymn "Become to Us the Living Bread"

Chalice Hymnal No. 423

Invitation to Communion

Prayer of Communion

(This is the Lord's Table. All believers in Christ are invited. As the emblems are passed, partake of the bread and hold the cup, offering your own prayer/meditation until after the congregational response.)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

(Taken from the New Testament: First Corinthians 11:23-26)

ELDER: The Lord Jesus, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He proclaimed Him Lord and Savior of the world, had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is My Body which is given for you."

witness and service to all people.

COMMUNION MUSIC

"O Rest in the Lord"
covenant of love which binds us to God and one another.

Mendelssohn

ELDER: In the same way also the cup, after supper saying, "This cup is the new covenant of My Blood. Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of Me."

CONGREGATION: As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

SCRIPTURE

Acts 11:15-26

Rev. Jan Watts

SERMON

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian!"...What is a Christian?

*** HYMN OF INVITATION**

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

Chalice Hymnal No. 433

***BENEDICTION**
Special Music Offering

"Savior of Fallen Hearts" Arr. Sanborn

Rev. Jan Watts

***POSTLUDE**

"Our God Reigns"

Smith

LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, September 4

Labor Day

9:00 am	Sunday School
9:45 – 10:15 am	Fellowship Moment
10:15 am	Worship Service
10:30 am	Worship & Wonder

MONDAY, September 5

Office Closed

TUESDAY, September 6 – THURSDAY, September 8

9:30 am – 1:30 pm	The Adventure Nook Preschool
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TUESDAY, September 6

10:00 am	Women's Bible Study
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WEDNESDAY, September 7

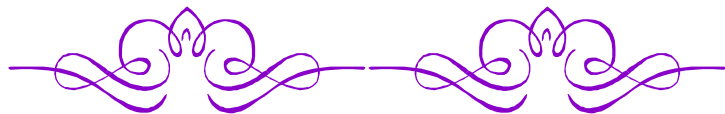
6:30 pm	Choir Practice
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THURSDAY, September 8

7:00 pm	Advocates Bible Study
7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study

SUNDAY, September 11 – SUNDAY, September 18

Cortland Christian Church/OH
Mission Station/Tornado Relief



First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Where The Grace of God Awaits You



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Rev. Edd Spencer & Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

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IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY BEGINS Tuesday, September 6

Tuesday mornings, beginning September 6, from 10:00 am - 11:00 am, we will be studying ACTS.

Thursday evenings, beginning September 8, from 7:00 pm- 8:00 pm, we will be studying 1 Corinthians. So, Ladies, bring your choice of Bible translation and any commentary you would like to share. I look forward to seeing ALL LADIES wishing to participate in this study. Judy Dudley

CHOIR AND BELL CHOIR

Choir rehearsal will resume Wednesday, September 7, at 6:30 pm. There will be a Bell choir organizational meeting on Sunday, September 11, at 1:30 pm and Bell choir rehearsals will thereafter, be rescheduled on Sunday afternoons at 1:30 pm until we play. The Bell choir will play the first Sunday in Advent, November 27. Our Christmas Cantata will be December 11, this year and our first Cantata practice will be September 28, at 7:30 pm. Anyone who would like to participate in any of these musical activities is welcome. Jan

YOUTH GROUPS TO BEGIN AGAIN!

Mark your calendars for Sunday, September 11, at 5:30 pm. The following are our opportunities for youth groups here at First Christian Church. Plan on bringing your children and their friends. Everyone is welcome. Youth groups not only build memories and friendships they help develop a stronger faith foundation. What we do today to strengthen our child's faith will last a life time. Invest in your child's faith and bring them to church, Sunday school and youth groups. Our youth groups are as follows:

- ⤴ Bible Buddies: Ages 4- 1st grade: Sponsors: Julia Williamson & Jeanell Miranda
- ⤴ Kool Kids: Grades 2nd – 5th: Sponsors: Deb Carpenter & Sarah Ford
- ⤴ Chi Rho youth: Grades 6th - 8th : Sponsors: Deb Carpenter and Nicole Weston
- ⤴ CYF youth: Grades: 9th - 12th : Sponsors: Donnette Mee & Mary Pat Spencer
- ⤴ Snack Supper Coordinator: Conlee Alderson

Our youth groups will begin at 5:30 pm and conclude at 6:15 pm with a snack supper at a cost \$2.50 per person. The snack suppers are prepared by our parents and/or grandparents and anyone wishing to provide a simple supper for our children and youth as they sit around the table and have fellowship with one another. Volunteers will be reimbursed for their expenses. Parents/grandparents may pick up their children between 6:30 pm – 6:40 pm. We look forward to another fantastic year so come and join us for a year full of fun, fellowship and faith building.

WORSHIP LEADERS: Rev. Jan Watts & Kathey Long
MUSIC MINISTER: Rev. Jan Watts
ORGANIST/PIANIST: Twila Tyree
ELDERS ON CALL: Jim & Ann Langley
SERVING DIACONATE: Bobby Boyd, Faye Boyd, Clayton Brammer, Charlotte Brammer, Cayla Corbin, Don Garrison, Susan Hales, David Hamilton, Gary Howard, Sherri LaBeau, Alyssa Lamb, Nickey Rudd.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP & WONDER:

LESSON: Parable of the Prodigal Son
STORYTELLER: Sarah Ford
GREETERS: Paulette Farquhar, June Pryor, Emily Fowler
SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER: Jim Thigpen
WORSHIP GREETERS (Door): Charles & Peggy Daniels
WORSHIP GREETER (Table): Regena Varvoutis

PARENTS/GRANDPARENTS MEETING FOR YOUTH GROUPS

Sunday, September 18 at 5:30 pm

How well do you know your child(ren), teenager(s), or grandchildren? And how well do you think that they know you? We are planning an evening of fun and games as the adults match up with their children. You are guaranteed to have a good laugh as we discover just how much we all know about each other. We will also do some non-threatening competition games. So plan on attending this night of family fun. At this meeting we will also invite and encourage parents/grandparents to bring the updated information for our health forms and permission slips. The adults will also have an opportunity to pay in advance for the children's snack suppers as well as sign up to prepare one. Plan now to attend and remember to bring your child's updated information and your check book. See you there!

SERMON SERIES BEGINNING Sunday, September 18

Beginning on Sunday, September 18, Edd will begin a three-week sermon series "Reflections on a Mountain Top Experience". Please invite your family and friends to come and hear about his adventure.

WORSHIP LEADERS