

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

(Disciples of Christ)

Niles, OH 44446

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Rev. Christopher Stark, Minister

10:00 A.M.

WORSHIP SERVICE

JUNE 25, 2017

WE BEGIN OUR TIME TOGETHER

NEWS IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

(Please sign and pass the attendance pad across in your row, recognizing and greeting members and guests. Include children/family elsewhere in the building.)

WE MEET OUR LORD TOGETHER AND OFFER OUR PRAISE

* CENTERING (Responsively)

Leader: Raise your voices in response to God's goodness.

People: We praise you, O Lord, for all the blessings you have given us.

Leader: Lift your hearts in sweet surrender to God's mercy.

People: We thank you, O Lord, for hearing the prayers of our hearts.

Leader: God is good; Praise be to God!

People: The love and mercy of God never fails...AMEN. (ministrymatters)

*PRAISE SONG 'Love Divine, All Loves Excelling' CH p. 517

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, this day we will hear of the stories that have inspired people to be your disciples. We will receive direction to act toward justice, kindness, and mercy; we will hear of the disciples who are given the mandate to heal, to raise the dead, to proclaim the kingdom and the good news of God's redeeming love. We stand in that long line of those who are called. We are ready to work for you that this broken world may be healed. AMEN.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

WE PRAY TOGETHER

PRAYER CONCERNS

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC 'Jacob's Ladder'

(For our 10 a.m. summer worship, children ages 0-4 are welcome in the Preschool Room. For those children remaining in worship, activity bags are available on the front pew.)

SCRIPTURE Matthew 9: 35-10: 23 NT pgs. 9-10

MESSAGE 'MICAH 6:8' Rev. Seth Stout

WE SHARE THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYERS FOR THE BREAD AND CUP 'One Bread, One Body' CH p. 393

Elders Serving: Bonnie Moore and Dale Havaich

COMING TO THE TABLE

(Please come forward from the center aisle and dip the bread into the cup. Those unable to come forward please stay seated and a deacon will bring the bread and cup to you.)

OFFERTORY MOMENT

OFFERING OUR GIFTS (Deacons will pass trays)

DOXOLOGY

PRAYER FOR THE GIFTS

WE DEPART TO SERVE

THE INVITATION

(All who will accept Christ as Lord of their lives and those who desire to transfer membership are invited to come forward at this time.)

HYMN OF INVITATION 'We've a Story to Tell the Nations' CH p. 484

LITANY OF BLESSING

Leader: We are sent out in Christ's name

People: to heal and to bring forth new life.

Leader: Travel lightly,

People: lest under the weight of status and possessions we come to a standstill.

Leader: Travel boldly,

People: for we are apostles of a Christ who has overcome the worst the world can give.

Leader: Travel humbly,

People: for as friends of Jesus no service is unworthy and no person is unfit to help.

Leader: Travel joyfully,

People: for when the road is rough and the night dark we shall never travel on our own.

CLOSING SONG

'Sweet, Sweet Spirit'

CH p. 261

* Please stand if able

TODAY'S ALTAR FLOWERS: 'Happy 14th birthday Katie, from Papa and Nan.'

TODAY'S MESSAGE is offered by Rev. Seth Stout

SPECIAL MUSIC today is provided by Becky Carpenter, Billie Neuman and Jane Porter.

YOUTH HEADED to CYF Conference today is Rea Gaugler-Beuter, Alexis Gaugler-Carroll, and Ethan Karr. Have a great week at camp!

OFFICIAL BOARD MEETING today following worship, board room. All church boards, departments, circles and youth groups must have a financial report for January through June 2017 ready to present to the board.

MEN'S GROUP PRACTICE following worship today

COME ONE, COME ALL! No skill required. We would like to encourage anybody to help with decorating, learning stories, learning music, even to come and discuss how **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** (August 6-10) is going to go. We will be meeting on these dates - come as often or for how long you would like: we will meet from 5-8:30 **tomorrow June 26th**, Monday July 10th, Wednesday July 19th, and Wednesday July 26th. The week between July 31st and August 5th to be announced for all last minute details. Any questions see Shelly Pressell or Jenn Jornigan.

OHIO WOMEN'S MINISTRY (OWM) BLANKET MONTH - Checks should be made out to First Christian Church and marked 'blankets'. Church World Service blanket envelopes are available on the narthex table. We have received \$225 to date.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE is again designating **today** as a '**SOCK SUNDAY**'. They are asking the congregation to please donate socks to be distributed to Niles Community Services and the Rescue Mission.

YOUNGSTOWN RESCUE MISSION dinner served June 27, 5-7 p.m. Desserts need to be to the church **before 11:30 a.m.** using buzzer and door closest to the library parking lot.

'THE SHACK' BOOK CLUB June 27, 7 p.m., parlor

ELDERS MEETING July 2, 11 a.m., library

DISCIPLES MEN July 2, 8 a.m., Perkins Restaurant

BUDGET RECEIPTS LAST WEEK WERE:

\$4,287.00

CALENDAR

Sun.	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:00 a.m.	Official Board Meeting – board room
		Men's Group Practice
	June 25-July 1	CYF Conf. #2 – Camp Christian
Mon.	5-8:30 p.m.	VBS Meeting
Tues.	5-7 p.m.	Youngstown Rescue Mission dinner served
	7:00 p.m.	Book Club - parlor
Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Disciples Men - Perkins
	10:00 a.m.	Worship Service
	11:00 a.m.	Elders Meeting – library
	3:00 p.m.	Niles Pageant – using CYF room