

'SOUPER BOWL' SUNDAY FEBRUARY 5 - Christian Youth Fellowship will team up with thousands of youth across the country by asking worshippers each to give \$1 or more to help needy people in our community. We will collect money on **Sunday, February 5**. It's as easy as putting your contribution in a soup bowl. Can we count on YOU to help us out? CYF youth will be at the back door of the sanctuary February 5 to collect your contribution. Proceeds will benefit Niles Community Services and Community Meals.

A SOUP LUNCHEON, sponsored by CYF, will take place **Sunday, Feb. 5**, immediately following worship in fellowship hall. A variety of homemade soups, crackers, beverages, and great fellowship will be served for only \$5. Join us for some 'good stuff'!

COMMUNITY MEALS will be served by our congregation on the four Thursdays in February from 4:45 to 6 p.m. in fellowship hall. General donations are being accepted for these meals. If you wish to contribute, please make checks payable to First Christian Church labeled 'meals.' Thank you. First Christian is responsible for serving meals in February and November, 2012.



LOOKING AHEAD TO LENT

Our Ash Wednesday Service will be held **February 22** at 7 p.m. We will gather for reflection, prayer, and the imposition of ashes. This service is a good start to the Lenten journey. Please come!

DISCOVER THE DISCIPLES SESSION – SUNDAY, MARCH 4

If you would like to learn more about First Christian's community of faith, join us for a **"Discover The Disciples"** session on **Sun., March 4 at 3:00 p.m.** in the parlor. This will be a time of fellowship for anyone (including church members) wanting to know more about Niles First Christian Church, about the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and about our ministry in this place and in the world. Please join us!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! LAY LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE will be held **Sat., March 3** from 8:30 a.m. to noon at Warren Central Christian Church, 2051 E. Market St. Guest speaker will be Rev. Jeff Gill, who works as a mediator with the Licking County Juvenile Court System and is an ordained pastor with the Disciples of Christ. Rev. Gill will be speaking about resolving conflict in the home. He will lead an additional workshop about resolving conflict within the church following the keynote address. Several other workshops on a variety of topics will also be available. Watch for more information regarding the individual workshops. Cost for the conference is \$10. Registration forms will be available soon.



ATTENTION! THE CHURCH OFFICE IS SHORT OF CHURCH KEYS. If you borrowed a church key, please return it to the church office as soon as possible. We don't have enough to pass out to group leaders who periodically need access to the church building.

CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP will be making candy on Fri., Feb. 10 from 6-8 p.m. here at the church. They will hold a **CANDY SALE** following worship on Sunday, February 12.

PHYO CYF MID WINTER RETREAT will be held the weekend of **March 23-25** at First Christian Church in Cambridge, Ohio. CYF Advisor Jenny Long is not able to participate that weekend and is looking for an **ADULT** chaperone who can provide transportation and stay with our youth throughout the weekend. Overnight accommodations are in church members' homes. Please contact Jenny at 330-219-9388 or the church office at 330-652-5839 if you are interested in chaperoning our CYF youth to this event. The event concludes Sunday at 1 p.m.

BIBLE STUDY GROUP meets on select Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. in the church parlor. Join us and bring a friend! Bible Study will meet next on January 31.

WE EXTEND OUR HEARTFELT SYMPATHY TO:

Family of newborn Arianna Hope Cross-Thomas, who passed away on January 19. Memorial Service is Monday, January 30 at 7 p.m. at Rossi's Funeral Home, Niles.

Family and friends of Margaret Rossi, who died on January 16.

KNOTTY GIRLS QUILTING GROUP will meet on the Wednesday mornings of February 8 and February 22 from 9 a.m. to noon on the lower level.

SERENITY WORKSHOP *'Living With Confidence in a Chaotic World'* by Dr. David Jeremiah, continues Sun., February 5 and February 19 at 5:30 p.m. in the church parlor. Serenity will accept freewill offerings to help defray the cost of materials.

STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE would like to recognize Becky Brothers and her army of volunteers who share in the Thursday night meals ministry during various months throughout the year.

JAIL MINISTRY – First Christian’s Jail Ministry team will be conducting worship services on the Mondays of February 6 and February 20 at 6 p.m. at the Trumbull County Jail.

REMEMBER TO FILL UP CABINS with your change for Camp Christian scholarships. Cabins are available in the narthex. One cabin to a family, please. Fill them and return them to Joyce Mahan, Lynn Gombos or the church office. We will be collecting until the boxes are filled.

BIRTHDAYS IN FEBRUARY:

Feb. 3 Eric Burns	Feb. 8 Aubry Lindauer	Feb. 15 Stephen Preston	Feb. 19 Susan Moore
Feb. 3 Patricia Sethman	Feb. 9 Rev. Cynthia	Feb. 17 David Hughes	Feb. 23 Stevie Paris
Feb. 3 Brian Lamp	Feb. 10 Bailey Lindauer	Feb. 18 Tracy Lastic	
Feb. 8 Gerame Matthews	Feb. 10 Emilee Havaich	Feb. 18 Almeda Harker	
Feb. 8 Leo Lindauer	Feb. 15 Beverly Ciletti	Feb. 18 Gabrielle Blystone	

We tried not to miss anyone in our birthday listing, but in case someone was inadvertently omitted or if a birth date is incorrect, please let the church office know. Thank you.

A CHRISTIAN ED MEETING will be held Tues., Feb. 7 at 8 p.m. in the church library.

OUR NURSERY/PRESCHOOL COORDINATOR DURING WORSHIP HOUR HAS IDENTIFIED THESE NEEDS FOR THE ROOM: large Rubbermaid storage bins, AA and AAA batteries for toys in the Preschool room, Clorox wipes and baby wipes. Snacks are also needed such as: Goldfish crackers, graham crackers and juice boxes. Items may be dropped off to the church office.

ELDERS ARE AVAILABLE each Sunday immediately following worship at the back of the sanctuary for prayer concerns and to greet visitors.

YEARBOOK REPORTS HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES AND GROUPS: Agape, Worship, Christian Ed, Trustees, Grades 1 and 2, Grades 3, 4, 5, Chi Rho, OWM, and Family Promise. Your report is needed ASAP in order to appear in First Christian’s 2011 Yearbook!

COMMITTEE CHAIRS, TEACHERS AND CIRCLE PRESIDENTS – Please check your mailbox in the main office on a regular basis. Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE – deadline for next newsletter is Monday, February 6 by 3:30 p.m.



JANUARY NEWSNOTES TMH Psych Unit Worship this Sun., Jan. 29 at 2 p.m. and on Sun., Feb. 12 at 2 p.m. **Elders Meeting** Sun., Feb. 5 at noon **Disciples Men** will meet at Perkins Sun., Feb. 5 at 8 a.m. **Stewardship and Finance** will meet at 9 a.m. on Sun., Feb. 5 **Missions Committee** meets Wed., Feb. 8 at 6 p.m. **Lydia Circle** will hold a **Chinese Auction** Wed., Feb. 8 at 6:30 p.m. in fellowship hall **First Cast Rehearsal** is Sunday, February 12 following worship **Agape Committee** will meet Sun., Feb. 12 following worship **Ohio Women’s Ministry** (OWM) is collecting **cereal** for Niles Community Services during the month of January. Donations may be placed in the cabinet in the main hallway . . . Congratulations to **Samantha Hudzik** who won 1st place in the 2012 OHVA Regional Championship Home School Spelling Bee for 4th-8th graders. Samantha is a 4th grader. Good job, Samantha!