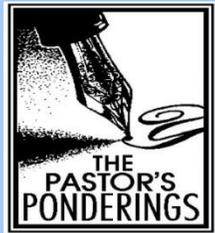


THE FRIENDLY VISITOR

10:15 AM SUNDAY WORSHIP
7:00 PM WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

May 2025



A sacrament has been defined as – *an outward sign of God's inward grace*. This, in turn, has caused individuals to search for the definition of grace. For many people grace is understood as – *God's unmerited goodness extended towards creation, collectively and/or individually*. I find myself filled with both amazement and thanksgiving every time I come to the communion table. There, with the simple elements of bread and juice, it's as if Christ, himself, is offering the life-giving substance of God. They do not come with strings attached, or conditions required to be met. Instead, they are tokens of God's grace given without expectation. And yet, I feel the need to give something back – not because I must, but instead, because I can. God's grace is extended through the teachings and life of Christ, and is a powerful example of God's unconditional love extended to ALL. We have recently had the opportunity to see and participate in the sacraments of holy communion and baptism. Might our participation in these sacraments draw us closer not only to Christ, but might they also draw us closer to one another in a love that comes from God.

He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

1 John 4:8 (NKJV)

Blessings,

Pastor Todd



Our two Young Disciples made their Confession of Faith on Sunday, April 13th and were baptized on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025.

Mattie Grace Cosart is the daughter of
Pastor Todd and Kelli Cosart.

Aiden Michael Butler is the son of
Aaron & Toree Butler.

Coins for C.U.P.

We started collecting coins for C.U.P. in May of 2022. It's a fairly easy way to collect money to help feed hungry people. In April, we collected \$290.52. Thanks for generosity and keep up the good work!!!

New Members this year..

Donna Reese (3/5), Judy Lane (3/5), Pat Komarek (3/5), Joe & Wanda Hornung (3/26), Dan Shoemaker (3/26), Ester Billips (3/16), Cyaleigh McDermitt (3/23), Jeremy & Abby Chandler (3/30), Mattie Cosart (4/13), Aiden Butler (4/13), and Louise Myers (4/23).

Welcome!



While we are currently coming forward during the worship service to receive communion, please be aware that, *if for any reason*, you would prefer to take communion in your pew, the packets of prepared elements are still offered at the Welcome Center.

Puzzle!

Unscramble the names of these biblical mothers. Look up the verse if you need help. Then use the letters on the numbered blanks to complete the message below.

VEE (Genesis 3:20)

6 11

NNAHAH (1 Samuel 1:20)

14

RBAHEOD (Judges 5:7)

18 3

KREEHAB (Genesis 27:5)

16 5

EHLA (Genesis 30:14)

1

CLEHRA (Genesis 30:22)

7 12

MOIAN (Ruth 1:22)

10 17 13

RAAHS (Genesis 17:19)

8

AMYR (Matthew 2:11)

2

ZEBLEHATI (Luke 1:13)

9 15 4

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
 G F F G !
 13 8 14 15 4 16 10 17 3 18

Answers: Eve, Hannah, Deborah, Rebekah, Leah, Rachel, Naomi, Sarah, Mary, Elizabeth; A mother's love is a gift from God!



Happy ANNIVERSARY

This list contains the April and May birthdays because the April birthdays were not in last month's Friendly Visitor.

- | <u>April</u> | <u>May</u> |
|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 2 Brad Arthur | 1 Keilani Flora |
| Emily Stonehill | Dan Jones |
| 3 Addie Hibbard | 4 Jed Dorsey |
| Yvonne Jones | 5 Jodi Croft |
| 4 David Bowers | 10 Nancy Prorok |
| Rene' Hefner | 11 Emily Bowers |
| 5 Betty Bowers | Mel Monroe |
| Sydney Flora | 13 John Click |
| 6 Mary Talley | 15 John Hyter |
| 7 David VonAlmen | 18 Tina Bowsher |
| 10 Bruce Basinger | Jill Coppler |
| Jolene Kayser | 19 Cheri Roethlisberger |
| Joy Roush | 25 Pat Komarek |
| 11 Brian Barrington | 27 Willie Cox |
| Michele Prichard | Susan Gibson |
| 13 Angie Dadfar | 28 Aaron Butler |
| Bob Loescher | 29 Ann Warren |
| Lois Sanderson | 30 Linda Basinger |
| 14 Renee' Graham | 31 Carl Barhorst |
| 17 Alexis Butler | Doris Sites |
| Noah Butler | |
| Greg Lawrence | |
| Gary McGinnis | |
| 19 Jeff Swank | |
| 20 Rachel Fronzaglia | |
| 23 Michele Etzler | |
| 24 Ian McDermitt | |
| 26 Barb Robinson | |
| 28 Doris Click | |
| 29 Jim Penhorwood | |
| 30 Steve Harvey | |
| Susan Ruck | |

- 1 Jason & Nikki Bowers
- 5 Bruce & Karen Basinger
- 7 Tarry & Myra Moneer
- 9 Dave & Lee Snyder
- 14 Ian & Cyaleigh McDermitt
- 17 David & Janell Lamb
- 20 Mae Campbell & Bob Loescher
- 21 Dave & Pam Conine
- 23 Pete & Michele Prichard
- 26 Jay & Amanda Cochensparger
- 28 John & Doris Click



Do you know what an **Empty Nester** is? It's a person who wants to connect with our church family, socially. The group formed several years ago to get together with Christian friends outside of church activities. Having lunch together after worship is a great way to get to know each other.

You don't have to be an Empty Nester to join in. Each month, usually the 2nd Sunday, people gather at a specific restaurant for lunch after worship. The list of dates and restaurants is on the bulletin board next to the drinking fountain in the hallway. Sign up if know you can go, but don't let that stop you. Also, listen at announcement time on the lunch day. You may hear something about letting a certain person know that you are going.

Chiefs Receipts

We are still taking Chiefs receipts even though the receipts no longer say Community Rewards. Bring them to church with you.

Meet at
Lock 16 on May 4

The Pancake Brunch has been postponed, so the Lock 16 lunch is on!

Disciples Men's Fellowship meeting notes for 3/25/25:

Several men prepared and served dinner at the Lima Men's Rescue Mission on March 26.

Our April breakfast is on 4/17 at 9:30 at Bob Evans East.

No one showed up for our evening group kickoff meeting. At this point we plan to try again in the fall.

We plan to do a litter pickup in the last half of May. Supplies are provided by the Ottawa River Coalition. We cover Eastown Road from Elm Street to Allentown Road.

Our Pancake brunch is May 4th. We will start planning in mid-April.

The church needs help with Custodial work until we can hire someone for the job. We hope to assist as time and energy allow.

We are working on two projects to assist church members.

Bible study is going well. We have great discussions and all learn something new.

Readiness in Our Life

6:00 pm on May 20

at South Side Christian Church

Brought to you by the Congregational Health committee.

Join us for a discussion about readiness. From disaster preparation to daily living. We will examine what you can do to improve your ability to take tough circumstances life sometimes throws our way.

Especially when we least expect it.

The class will be led by Jack Miller.

Reservations are not required, but it would be helpful to know who is coming.

Call the office, 419-225-1606.

Trustee Update

A brass plate has been added to a sanctuary chair as follows:

In Loving Memory of
Gloria Sherer
Love, Your Family

Trustee Update

A brass plate has been added to a sanctuary chair as follows:

In Loving Memory of
Miriam Adams
from the South Side Crafters

ACTS 29
Mission Project 2025

It will soon be that time of year again for our congregation to serve our community through ACTS 29. As there is no chapter 29 of Acts in the Bible, we are called to action to be the Church. This is where everyone can be involved in action being Disciples for Christ in our own community. This year the Elders have selected the VETERANS FOOD PANTRY as the focus for ACTS 29.

On June 8th we will share the mission of the VETERANS FOOD PANTRY and begin collecting items on June 15th- June 29th. The Elders will deliver the items on July 1st.

Thank you to our congregation for supporting this project to assist our veterans and their families. If you have any questions please contact Tina Bowsher at 419-303-7648.

Food and Items Needed

Canned Vegetables:

Corn, Green Beans, Peas, Pork & Beans, Mixed Vegetables, Spaghetti Sauce, etc.

Canned Fruit:

Applesauce, Peaches, Fruit Cocktail, etc.

Soups:

Chicken Noodle, Vegetable, Tomato, etc.

Pasta, Beans & Rice:

Noodles, Macaroni, Spaghetti, Dry Beans, Rice, etc.

Box Items:

Hamburger Helper, Boxed Potatoes, Pasta & Rice Entrees, Macaroni & Cheese

Breakfast Items:

Cereals, Pop Tarts, Granola Bars, etc.

Baking items:

Muffin Mix

Other Items:

Peanut Butter, Jelly, Paper Towels, Tissues, Trash Bags
Body wash, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste,

Office Supplies:

Copy Paper, Stamps

Please remember to check the expiration date of food items before donating.

Thank you.



Wednesday Worship is at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. The service is for anyone who feels the need of a mid week service. Communion is celebrated.

Congratulations Graduates!

Michaela Cosart is graduating from Dickinson College on May 18th.

Ben Reinhard is graduating from Anthony Wayne High School, in Whitehouse, Ohio, on May 31st. Ben has been accepted at OSU.

Rachel Frozaglia graduates from Lima Senior High School on May 24th.

Best wishes in your future endeavors!

The Worship Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in the Lenten season service project for C.U.P. ministries. It was another successful year and C.U.P. was very grateful for the items.



We collected:

263 rolls of toilet paper	211 toothbrushes
96 tubes of toothpaste	108 deodorants
103 rolls of paper towels	128 combs/brushes
99 shampoo/body wash	42 soaps
21 miscellaneous	

Disciples Men's Fellowship's Pancake Brunch has been postponed until a later date. Watch your bulletin for the new date.

The ladies of the church are invited to our **Disciples Women General Meeting/Picnic** which will be on June 12 at 6 pm in the Family Life Center.

Please bring either a salad or dessert to share. We will provide beverages and table service.

At this meeting we will turn in Blessing Boxes, vote on disbursements for 2025, and discuss upcoming projects.

Hope to see you there!