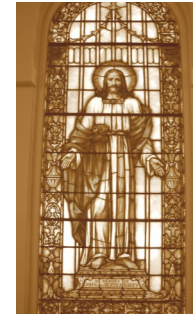


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**Rev. Ralph S. Wearstler, Interim Minister**

Spaghetti Dinners have resumed!  
 On September 2nd the Spaghetti Dinners returned to FCC, in an extremely hot weather day. We served 165 people and took in \$1149.50. This amount will go towards the yearly expenses for the dinners. The bake sale for Cleveland Christian Home was \$150. The next Spaghetti Dinner will be **October 7th from 4:30 to 7:00pm** with the bake sale proceeds going to Freedom House—mark your calendars and plan on attending.

**50** **50+ Members**  
 We are planning on honoring some very special people on Sunday, October 9th. We will be recognizing those who have been Disciples for 50+ years during the 1st and 2nd service, followed by a celebration potluck after the 2nd service. *Bring a large dish to pass and your own place setting.*  
 Come and celebrate with us!  
 ~ The Membership & Evangelism Committee



**Crop Walk on October 9th, 2011**

Mark your calendars for the Oct. 9th Crop Walk and come participate by being a walker or donate money to those who do walk toward this important Church World Service project. It can make an important difference in our world. Some 2,000 communities across the country take part. Hunger Walks help fight hunger and poverty locally and globally. Over the last 20 years, CROP Hunger Walks have raised more than \$294 million to assist around the block and around the world. See Marty Viets to sign up to be a walker or donate to this opportunity to help change the lives of so many needing food, water and shelter.



***Sermons and Scriptures***

October 2: *“A Fork In The Road”*  
 Psalm 139:7-12  
 October 9: *“Is God Still Talking To Us?”*  
 Matthew 17:1-8  
 October 16: *“Calling Retreat”*  
 Mark 6:30-34, 53-56  
 October 23: *“Shifting Friends and Faith”*  
 James 2:1-10  
 October 30:  
*“The ‘Hallowed’ in Halloween”*  
 II Timothy 1:5-7

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**CHURCH STAFF:**

Interim Minister	Rev. Ralph S. Wearstler
Director of Christian Education	Jodi Stillisano
Church Secretary	Vicki Lynn Phillips
Organist	Cathy Steele
Chancel Choir Director	Patricia Wiley
Nursery Attendant	Sarah Redman

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## National Children's Sabbath

We have been praying for 40 days for children and their concerns. October 16, 2011 marks the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the National Children's Sabbath, a time when religious congregations of all faiths pray for children and lift up the need to advocate for justice on their behalf. Join us in worship as we pray for all children, and especially for the ministry we support through the Cleveland Christian Home, a Disciples-related child and family services agency that serves 1500 children and families each year. Check out their website: [www.cchome.org](http://www.cchome.org) and follow Cleveland Christian Home on Facebook.

The **Lord's Pantry** on September 4th received nine bags and \$168.00. The next Lord's Pantry Sunday will be October 2nd.



FCC will be serving the Thursday meal at KSS on October 20th. Please call or see Chuck Tipton if you can help.

## Worship Times/Office Hours

We returned to an 8:30am and 10:45am worship times with Sunday School at 9:30am for adults and children.

**Office Hours** 8:30am to 1:30pm  
Monday through Thursday. The office is closed on Fridays.




## Outreach Dinners

The Outreach Committee thanks all who came to the **Labor Day Indoor Picnic** on Sept. 4th. We earned \$353 on the luncheon and the Spaghetti Dinner bake sale was \$150.05. We also received a check for \$1000 for CCH Partnership Challenge. Thus the total amount sent to Cleveland Christian Home for 2011 was \$2458.34, which put us over our 2011 goal. We begin again in January with a new \$1500 pledge for 2012.

The next 5th Sunday Outreach Luncheon will be October 30th following second worship, around 12:00pm.

## New Address:

Betty Ponick  
Suite B-11  
5241 Sunnybrook Road  
Kent, OH 44240

**Christian Men's Fellowship  
Dinner and Meeting  
October 5th  
Meet at 6:00pm  
Eat at 6:15pm  
Cost is \$7.00  
Presentation by Charles Beckwith   
at 7:00pm  
See Doug Smith or Denny Eberhart to  
make your reservations for dinner.**

## Writings From The Rev - October 2011

There's an old familiar song that comes to mind about this time every year. Actually, it's just the first line of the verse: "*The falling leave drift by my window, the autumn leaves of red and gold.*" That's what I'm experiencing as we move into October. It's a beautiful time of year.

Usually, Terri and I make plans to spend a couple of nice days out enjoying the Fall colors. The Tri-State area of Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New York are nice places to travel, with all those hills and valleys. You can see a lot in a couple of days. And yet timing is everything when it comes to checking out the Fall colors. Last year our schedules didn't allow us to make the journey until late October, and it was a little too late. Much of the colors had turned to brown and a big rain storm blew most of the leaves off the trees.

There's a lot to be said about timing, especially when it comes to change. Some change can be as predictable as the seasons, but at the same time, circumstances can effect change or even let it slip by. Which means that in most cases we need to be ready for change. In some cases we can create change, seeking to have an element of control over the process. But I've come to learn that most of the time change sneaks up on us, often catching us by surprise.

Maybe that's why most of us are not that happy when change comes along. Because it's mostly out of our control. Having just turned 60 this past August has proven that. The mental image of myself and the one I actually see in the mirror each day are not the same. The fact that a year from now I will have lived longer than both my parent is a sobering thought. I expect to be around a long, long time, so it's hard to imagine that my parents will be forever younger than me. And still that realization will in fact be a blessing for me. Change comes, ready or not.

The truth is without change we can never really move forward. How does that saying go: "A body at rest tends to remain at rest, but a body in motion tends to stay in motion." If I remember my physics, motion is usually created by an external force.

When I look at Church Life and Change (as a positive) I have often imagined that the external force that moves us forward is "The Holy Spirit." Not so much in surprising ways, although it does happen from time to time. We know the Spirit of God is among us, just as we are aware of the seasons in their coming and going. But in such matters timing is also important. Which means that we need to be alert, to be ready, to be prepared to be moved by this spiritual force that is able to guide us in the direction we need to go.

In my short time here at First Christian Church I have seen that this "Body of Christ" is not at rest, it is moving forward on many levels. There is a willingness here to allow the Holy Spirit to be that force that moves us forward. May we continue to see the changes taking place here as positive steps forward in the ministry and mission Christ is calling you to share in.

Remember these words from the Apostle Paul: "...*forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.*" (Philippians 3:13b-14)

## 6 More Questions About Transition at First Christian Church of Kent

The following Q&A offers an update on the transition work now underway:

**1. What is the role of the congregation?** The congregation is a partner with the Transition Team in this Interim Ministry process.

**2. Who can answer my questions?**

Feel free to contact anyone on the Transition Team with your questions. A list has been printed in The Church newsletter and from time to time they will be listed in the bulletins, and posted on the website.

**3. What is the relationship of the Christian Church in Ohio to 1<sup>st</sup> Christian Kent during the transition?**

The Regional office will serve as a resource during the transition and search process, particularly through the General Office of Search and Call in Indianapolis, IN. The Regional Office will assist in securing names of potential candidates and General Office will serve as a resource in conducting background checks on potential candidates.

**4. From where does the profile for the new Minister evolve?**

The Transition Team will develop two profiles during the interim period, incorporating feedback from the congregation. One is a Church Profile that will include, among other things, demographic information, personnel, our mission and ministries, and what we see as challenges for the future. The other profile is a Pastoral Profile. The congregation will have an opportunity to indicate the qualities and skills they believe are important for a Minister to have in order to fully serve First Christian's Mission and Ministry.

**5. How are the youth involved in the transition process?**

We hope we will have at least one youth working with the Transition Team, as they are available, mainly due to the time commitments of school. It is also anticipated that youth will be represented in the Search Team. The Transition Team will also seek input from the various youth organizations during the transition process.

**6. What is the timetable of the transition process and the completion date?**

The Team would like the process to move along as quickly as possible, but also be thorough and complete. The way a congregation chooses to use its interim time will shape congregational growth, identity, and health for years to come. The estimated completion date for the information gathering work of the Transition Team is in the Fall of 2011. The search committee will then begin their work of searching and calling. This process could take 3 months or longer.

## Rummage-Treasure- & Bake Sale

Saturday, October 22,  
9am-3pm *Bethany Hall*



The Outreach committee will be holding its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Rummage-Treasure- & Bake Sale. We are requesting donations of saleable merchandise and baked goods. The proceeds will go toward our commitment to Hiram Farm Living & Learning Center for Adults with Autism. You can drop off your donations at the north end of Bethany Hall (big wooden stairs) from 3-6pm on Oct. 20 & 21<sup>st</sup> – or on the morning of the sale, or by special arrangement. We will **not** be accepting clothing or large appliances. Contact us to discuss pick-up of larger items or a special drop-off time: Denny Eberhart (330) 472-1776 or [yankeetrader1776@yahoo.com](mailto:yankeetrader1776@yahoo.com). We can use help with arranging items and assisting customers on the day of the sale, if you'd like to volunteer. We will be serving sloppy Joes and hot dogs, chips and hot & cold beverages, as well as selling baked goods, if you'd just like to support the cause by "dining" with us! Hope to see you there.

### Flowers for Sanctuary:

Oct. 2: Bob and Linda Beal  
Oct. 9: Art and Pam Putt  
Oct. 16: Paulette and Carl Cortnik  
Oct. 23: Jean Nagy  
Oct. 30: Vera Mzingo  
Nov. 6: Janet Farlow



**There are still opening on November 20th and December 4th and 11th. Sign up at the Mantua Street Door entrance bulletin board.**

### SNOW HELPERS Needed! (*Oh, what a terrible thought!*)

The Trustees are looking to create a list of people willing to come on a rotation schedule (a week at a time) for the winter time to snow blow/ snow shoveling around the church. The more we get to sign up, the less times a month you would serve in this needed job. The snow blower is repaired and had it's pre-season maintenance. A sign up sheet is posted on the Narthex bulletin board.





## Wiggle Worship/ Sunday School

- Oct. 2: Erica & Tom Bordonaro  
Sarah & Andrew Neri  
Oct. 9: Portia Gregory & Laura Gregory  
Sarah & Andrew Neri  
Oct. 16: Carie Wright & Barb Gregory  
Sarah & Andrew Neri  
Oct. 23: Aireane Curtis  
Amy Smith  
Oct. 30: Erica & Tom Bordonaro  
Amy Smith

### **Acolytes:**

- Oct 2: Donny Bailey  
Oct. 9: Michael Bryan  
Oct. 16: Josh Bordonaro  
Oct. 23: Rob Eberhart  
Oct. 30: Max Stillisano

### **October Birthdays**

- 1 Cody Moore  
2 Karen Unkefer  
4 Marian Horner  
5 Arnett Gregory Jr.  
9 Angela Unkefer  
12 Theresa Bennett  
14 Jim Brothers  
17 Mary Tipton  
18 Dennis Wendling, Tom Bordonaro  
19 Scott Stillisano  
20 Pat Hoskin  
21 Rebecca, Elizabeth & Sam  
Thomas  
19 Suzanne Colpo, Ida Kastner,  
Kristina Pekarcik  
30 Jodi Stillisano  
31 Marilyn Holloway, Mary Beth Clark



### **Acme Cash Back**

The program begins again  
September 24, 2011 and goes until  
February 11, 2012. Bring your **ACME**  
Receipt with the **Community CASH BACK**  
on the bottom and deposit in the box in the  
Narthex. The church will receive 5% cash  
back that will go toward **Camp Scholarships**.



### **Bones of the Church**

The "body" of a church has four kinds of  
bones:

1. The **WISH**bones are those folks who spend all their time wishing someone else would do all the work.
2. The **JAW**bones are those who do all the talking and very little else.
3. The **KNUCKLE**bones are those who knock everything anyone else tries to do.
4. The **BACK**bones are those who get under the load and get the work done.



*What kind of bone are you?*

### **October Anniversaries**

- 3 Bob and Linda Beal (1992)  
5 Art and Pam Putt (1985),  
Chuck and Sue Lanning (1996)  
9 Chuck and Sue Tipton (1976)  
12 Barb and Arnett Gregory Jr. (2002)  
20 Carl and Lillian Sellman (1945)

### **Global Ministries ~ October 2011 Living and Learning in a Troubled World**

*Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. John 14:1*

Written by Alison Stendahl

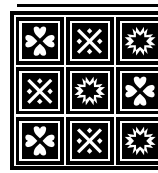
Uskudar American Academy in Uskudar, Turkey is an historic mission school founded by missionaries in 1873 during the Ottoman Empire. Today it is a secular private school that strives to prepare students for a rapidly changing multicultural, multilingual, and religiously diverse world. Missionary Alison Stendahl has been working with the school for a number of years. She reflects: any school is a subset of its surrounding world, where its diverse community members learn to understand one another even in the face of conflict and disagreement. When a community truly and sincerely cares for its members, it can be a nurturing place where one should feel safe. Turkey borders a region caught up in strong social and political forces. The more the region destabilizes, the greater the effects on Turkey as it braces itself for an influx of refugees. We are particularly aware of how immense social pressure can eventually focus people on their differences rather than their commonalities. We focus on those who strive to build bridges of understanding rather than to construct walls of fear.

Uskudar American Academy has one of the most respected Model United Nations conferences where 500 high school students from various countries come together in a forum to seriously examine the major issues facing this geographic region. Dedicated to preparing students for an increasingly intertwined and complex world, Uskudar American has a strong vision for the future and is also a supportive and caring community. Though the vast number of teachers and students are Muslim, several are also from Christian and Jewish backgrounds. Together this diverse community models how a common vision can give its members energy to strive for a better and more positive future.

We pray for students, who through social service projects, do what they can to help those who have needs beyond their imagining. We pray for teachers who work with the youth, as they explore what it truly means to be a global citizen in today's world.

*Alison Stendahl serves the Near East Mission in Istanbul. She works as academic dean and math teacher at Uskudar American Academy.*

### **Quilt Raffle**

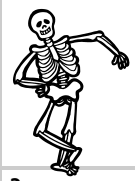




The Quilters will be raffling off a king sized quilt called "Colorado Log Cabin" at the Spaghetti Dinner on **December 2nd**. (Wrong date last month-sorry.) Get your tickets from one of the quilter ladies at \$1 each or 6 for \$5.00. The proceeds will go to Cleveland Christian Home.

October Serving Schedule							
	Elders	Deacons Prep/Serve/ Clean	Worship Leader	Deacons- Serve	Record CD	Greeters	Door Welcomers
<b>October 2</b> <b>8:30am</b> <b>10:45am</b>	Michael Viets Jean Sossa, Chuck Tipton	Linda Manfrass & Eleanor Weiss  Sarah Neri	Nancy Thomas	Amy Smith, Doug Smith, Tom Geopfert, Carolyn Brothers	Tom Bordonaro	Bob and Linda Beal	
<b>Oct. 9</b> <b>8:30am</b> <b>10:45am</b>	Dan Wilt Michael Viets, Marty Viets	Linda Manfrass & Eleanor Weiss  Alice Zimmerman	Paulette Cortnik	Sarah and Andrew Neri, Don Zimmerman, Carol Dunlap	Andrew Neri	Marilyn Hardesty	
<b>Oct. 16</b> <b>8:30am</b> <b>10:45am</b>	Denny Eberhart Dan Wilt, Michael Viets	Linda Manfrass & Eleanor Weiss Bonnie Mozingo	Mary Tipton	Joan Wilson, Michelle Boring, Elaine Alexander, Bonnie Mozingo	Tom Bordonaro	Andrew Neri and girls	
<b>Oct. 23</b> <b>8:30am</b> <b>10:45am</b>	John Green Denny Eberhart, Dan Wilt	Linda Manfrass & Eleanor Weiss  Nancy Berlan	Aireane Curtis	Nancy Berlan, Theresa Bennett, Karen Unkefer, Tom Geopfert	Andrew Neri	Theresa Bennett	
<b>Oct. 30</b> <b>8:30am</b> <b>10:45am</b>	Ruth Green John Green, Denny Eberhart	Linda Manfrass & Eleanor Weiss  Iris Palmer	Dick Bennett	Bob and Iris Palmer, Sarah Neri, Katie Smith	Bob Palmer	Barbara Linger	

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				Choir Practice each Thursday at 8:00 to 9:15pm		I
2 Lord's Pantry Sunday Worship Com. 12:00pm Youth Event	3 Bible Study 9:30am Trustees 7:00pm	4  AA	5 Christian Men's Fellowship Eat at 6:15pm Meeting	6 Set up Spaghetti Dinner 2pm	7 Spaghetti Dinner & Bake Sale 4:30 to 7:00pm	8
9 50 + Member Recognition & Potluck 12pm 1:30pm <b>Crop</b>	10 Bible Study 9:30am Elders 7:00pm	11  AA	12 Stewardship & Finance Com. 7:00pm	13  AA	14 United Christian Ministries Fall Dinner- 6:00pm	15
16 Children's SABBATH Cleveland Christian Home Youth Service	17 Bible Study 9:30am Outreach Com. 7:00pm	18  Sarah Circle  AA	19 Board Meeting 7:00pm	20 Kent Social Services 1:30/3:30pm AA	21  AA	22 Rummage Sale 9am-3pm
23	24 Bible Study 9:30am	25  AA	26 Asenath Circle 7:00pm at Church	27  AA	28  AA	29
30 Outreach Luncheon	31   Bible Study 9:30am					

### Farewell but not Goodbye...

As many of you may already know, Carolyn Bagley has resigned as Early Service Pianist and Handbell Choir Director. Her increased workload as Music Director of ETC Show Choir in Akron made it impossible for her to continue at First Christian Church. Carolyn's many talents as well as her sparkling, energetic, and enthusiastic personality will be greatly missed by all of us. Carolyn, we love you, we'll miss you, and we wish you God's richest blessings in all that you undertake. You will always be welcome at First Christian Church of Kent.

### THANKS....

*Special thanks to everyone for the support and sympathy with the passing of Jack. Your cards, prayers and concerns are greatly appreciated.*

*Eleanor Weiss*



*Thanks to all the Elders and visitors who come to see me and bring me communion. Mona Gates.*

*Dear Friends of the First Christian Church,*

*Thank you for your loving support to Frank and me during his years of many health challenges. We looked forward to "our monthly date night" at the Spaghetti dinners and the warm welcome we always received.*

*Your notes, cards and visits with loving concern and encouragement meant so much to us during Frank's recent months of hospitalization and subsequent passing in May.*

*I offer a special appreciation to Denny Eberhart and Rev. Wearstler for their frequent visits and the regular offering of communion and comforting words.*

*Frances Secaur, who is a very vibrant but somewhat physically limited neighbor of ours called Frank regularly the last four or five years just to let him know she was thinking of and praying for him. He never failed to mention her calls. I could tell how very much these calls meant to him.*

*These many friends in Christ made our lives very blessed.*

*I ask our Lord and Savior now to bless all of you in your various Christian endeavors.*

*In Christian Love, Diane R. Popson*

### Our Prayer Concerns & Joys:

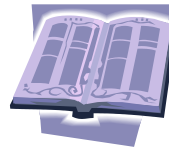
**Healing:** Members: Rob Redman & Bob Redman, Dan Wilt, Al Simpson, Cody Moore, Carl Sellman.

Friends and family Ed Fox, Doyle Holloway, Debra, Carrie, Zinan Life, Clay Curtis Sr., Gardner, Sarah Stackpole, Margaret, Don and Karen, Betty Finan, Bob Bernat, William Davis.

Special Prayers: The residents of Silver Oaks apartments, the Search Committee and the Transition Team

Sympathy: The family of Marcella Blosser, who passed away Sept. 16th.

Joys: New great great twin granddaughters, Aston and Addison for Carl and Lillian Sellman, parents are Crystal and Dan Wise. Blessings on all who attended the Women's Retreat.. >>



### THE STORY starts on October 3

The Story is a Bible Study looking at the "big picture" in the Bible, from Genesis to Revelations. There are 31 weeks in the study, but we will break it up into 6 week increments beginning Monday, October 3 at 9:30 a.m. Each participant will want a copy of The Story (a Bible in chronological order) and a study guide. Cost of the two books is just \$20, that's just 64 cents/week (scholarships available). You can come even if you didn't get a chance to pre-register. Call Louise Neubert (330-673-3392) if you have any questions.

### BOOK DISCUSSION - November 10

The book discussion group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday every other month. Our next meeting is Thursday, November 10 at 7:00. We always do a Christmas book in November, so will be discussing On Christmas Eve by Thomas Kinkade.



We get copies of the books from local libraries. If you enjoy reading, why not read this one and come to our meeting. This is one of the few things that you can join with no strings attached—just the pleasure of reading and talking about it with friends. Betty, Louise, and Vera

JOYS continued: Carolyn Bagley's music ministry. Dorothy Rice's 85th birthday on 9/20. Nathan Boring felling much better.

*Please join us for the United Christian Ministries Fall Dinner*



*A Student Fundraiser  
Friday, October 14 at 6:00 pm  
in Pierson Hall of the Kent United Methodist Church.*

*Tickets will be \$20. See your UCM Board Representative, make reservations online at [www.myucm.org](http://www.myucm.org), or purchase tickets from UCM Students on Oct. 9th after the worship service.*

*Menu includes Soup & Salad, Bread, Cranberry Chicken, Baked Potatoes, Vegetables, and Heath Bar Cake.*

*Vegetarian meal available upon request at the time of reservation.*

*Children 12 & under eat free (chicken nuggets with macaroni & cheese) and childcare is available after their meal.*

*Reservations required.*

### ALL SAINTS Sunday ~ November 6



*All Saints' Day*

*If you have a loved one who has passed since November 1, 2010, please contact the office with their name and the date of their passing so that they can be remembered in the worship on November 6th. Call the office at 330-673-6634 Monday -Thursday 8:30am to 1:30pm.*