

**First Christian Church  
Disciples of Christ  
442 Hummel Ave,  
Lemoyne, PA 17043**



# The Messenger AUGUST 2011

**Minister: Linda Leiser**

**Organist: Mary E. Snyder**

**Church Secretary: Sara Zettlemyer**

To my new church family: |

Greetings from Alabama! As I write this, I am surrounded by boxes and the chaos of packing for our move to Lemoyne this weekend. My husband, John, our dog Sophie, and I are thrilled to soon be Pennsylvanians. We will be living in wonderful duplex within walking distance to the church and we are excited about making Lemoyne our home.

I am filled with such excitement, hope, and anticipation as I move closer to officially being your pastor. For the past year, all of us have been praying and discerning God's call – you for your congregation at First Christian Church, Lemoyne, me for God's call to exhibit God's love to others – and God led us to each other. Thanks be to God!

My first official day in the church office will be Monday, August 15 and I look forward to meeting everyone in worship on Sunday, August 21. In the following days, weeks, and months, I look forward to getting to know each of you, learning about your lives, your faith journeys, and your hopes and dreams for FCC Lemoyne. I hope to learn more about the congregation, its wonderful history, and current ministries. To this end, I will have times available for you to sign up to meet with me. I will also be setting up times to meet with individuals or families. I will be asking a lot of questions, reading a lot of old newsletters, bulletins, and documents, and I am looking forward to hearing wonderful stories about the rich ministries of FCC Lemoyne. I hope we can spend time together as we can get to know each other and begin building strong relationships.

I also wanted to let you know my plan for organizing my week. One of the things I love about being a pastor is the variety of different ways I get to spend my time each and every week. However, I also find it helpful to have a basic rhythm to my week, which helps me make sure I am doing all that I need to be doing. Below I've listed my tentative weekly schedule, knowing that in ministry, as in life, anything can (and will) happen to change our plans.

Please keep the congregation and me in your prayers as we get to know each other and discern together the vision and mission to which God is calling us. I look forward to seeing where God is leading us.

Peace,

Pastor Diana

### **Pastor's Tentative Weekly Schedule**

Monday – Office in morning, visits/meetings in afternoon and evening

Tuesday – Study Day at home, library or office to work on sermon and worship

Wednesday – Office in morning, visits/meetings in afternoon and evening

Thursday – Day Off (available in case of emergencies)

Friday – Office Day

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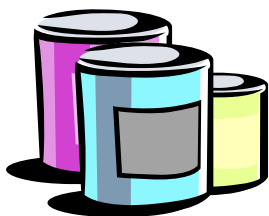
Change from our change jars  
will be sent to

**DISCIPLES OFFERING**  
**WOMEN TO WOMEN**



| Month of June                     |                   |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| Month of June                     |                   |
| Congregational Offerings Received | \$4,537.00        |
| Interest from Trust Funds         | 3,476.08          |
| Fundraising Income                | 6 0.00            |
| Miscellaneous Income              | <u>204.05</u>     |
| Total                             | <b>\$8,277.13</b> |
| Bills Received and Paid           | \$5,367.95        |

| Month of May                      |                    |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Month of May                      |                    |
| Congregational Offerings Received | \$5,473.96         |
| Interest Living Memorial Fund     | 4,250.00           |
| Fundraising Income                | 215.00             |
| Miscellaneous Income              | <u>345.00</u>      |
| Total                             | <b>\$10,283.96</b> |
| Bills received and paid           | \$5,591.62         |



### **PANTRY SUNDAY**

**The first Sunday** of each month we will receive **NON- PERISHABLE** goods to be delivered to Five Loaves Food Bank servicing Wormleysburg and Lemoyne. Please be generous!



**SUNDAY SCHOOL, WORSHIP and MUSIC  
At MEMORIAL PARK**

**August 7, 2011**

**9:00 Sunday School**

**10:15: worship**

**followed by more music and a POT LUCK picnic!  
we will have hamburgers and hotdogs on the grill!**

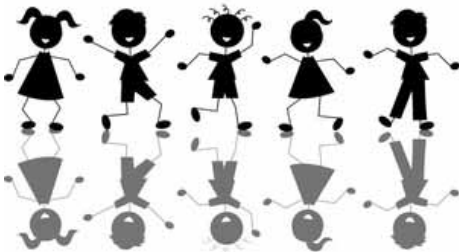
**(We are asking for donations of hot dogs and hamburgers before  
Aug 1st.)**

**Please put them in the freezer downstairs!**

**"Harmonies of Grace" will be joining us with special music**

**Please bring your lawn chair and plan on spending a great morning  
and afternoon with your church family!!!**

**Bring friends...we will have games, crafts and music!!!**



**"Parent's Night Off"**

**Aug 13: 5pm—10pm**

**Games, crafts, movie, dinner for the  
children is included**

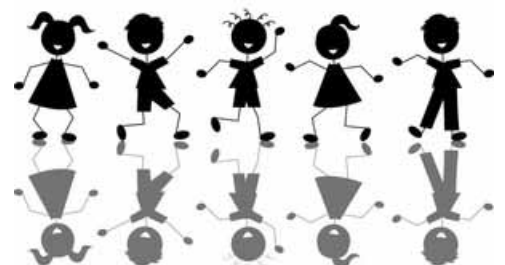
**Enjoy a relaxing night out**

**while we take care of your cherubs!**

**They will have lots of fun enjoying crafts, watching a movie,  
playing games, story time! and dinner**

**(macaroni and cheese with hot dogs and vegetables),**

**Please contact Diana (975-8543) or the  
church office (763-4567) if you know in ad-  
vance you will be bringing your children so  
we can plan ahead!!**



## AUGUST 2011 Sermons, Scriptures and Servers

### Sermons & Scriptures

- Aug 7** "Can It Get Any Worse?"  
*Matthew 14:22-32*
- Aug 14** "He Chooses Us"  
*Matthew 15:21-28*
- Aug 21** TBA
- Aug 28** TBA

### ELDERS

- 7** Joann Haubert
- 14** Scott Leiser
- 21** Lois Miller
- 28** Robert Goudy



### DIACONATE

- Aug 7-** Willie Colon, Donna Colon, Linda Runkle, Ted Willoughby, Dick Shatzer
- Aug 14-** Lisa Yerger, Russ Miller, Ken Holler, Stuart Knickerbocker, Lois Haagen
- Aug 21-** Glenn Haagen, Lois Haagen, Willie Colon, Linda Runkle, Debbie Holler
- Aug 28-** Glenn Haagen, Lois Haagen, Russ Miller, Donna Colon, Kelly Manning

### COFFEE FELLOWSHIP & COMMUNION PREPARATION

Month of August- Dottie Michels

### GREETERS

- August 7 -** Robert Lambert, Henry Miller, Bert Levarto    **August 14 –** Jean Trout, James Reeser, Dorothy Stroman
- August 21 –** Linda Runkle, Joan Kain, Harold Turner    **August 28—**Dottie Michels, Lois Haagen, Glenn Haagen

*Just Wanted To Say  
Hello*

Dear Friends,

Just a short note to bring you all up to date. My mother, Dottie Atkinson, has been at Brunswick at Longstown, York PA for about a year. She actually is doing quite well considering her age. She misses all of her friends at First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ. Several of you still keep in contact with her and although she doesn't respond she appreciates all the cards and letters that are sent to her. Please continue to send mail to my home address at 728 Clearmount Road, York PA 17403 as I see her just about every day. You can also call her at 717-751-0511 that is her direct room number.

If you have any questions or need more information, feel free to call me at (717) 843-0312.

Best Wishes,

*Ackie Atkinson*



**In addition to generously supporting  
Reconciliation Ministry  
Special Mission Offering  
Sept. 25 & Oct. 2, 2011**

**You can Join the Disciples Regional  
Transformation Team**

- ◆ Work for Change within our institution
- ◆ Receive training where you are introduced to a socio-historical analysis of racism in the United States
- ◆ learn to use education as a tool for organizing change
- ◆ develop a strategy to effect change in their organization.

**Steps to join your local team**

- ◆ contact your local regions team.
- ◆ Discover their goals and plans
- ◆ Ask about type of commitment expected
- ◆ Attend one of the workshops offered by the team.
- ◆ Ask for a reading list.
- ◆ Attend an Introduction to the Analysis Training.
- ◆ Gather as much information as you can about the team and their ministry



*In Our Thoughts  
& Prayers*



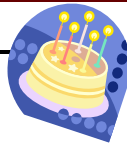
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Bert Levarto, Linda Leiser, Donna Ritter, Carl Haubert, Robert Lambert, Henry Miller, Coralyn Campbell, Dottie Atkinson, Dick Shatzer, Tom Runkle, Sally Smith, Susan Blough, (FCC Family) Scott Leiser, Ron Leiser ( L. Leiser) Sherrie Galentinem (L. Runkle) Dave Kurtz, Ray Snyder, Zach Jenkins, Gracie Willoughby, (S. Willoughby) Julie Janney (B. Davis) Frank & Sharon Decker, Kay & Paul Chambers, Betty Rainwater (D. Wolff) Megan Gossard (L. Miller) Joanna Young, Bryan Rammel, Jessica & Family (D. Reed) Joe Acri, Paul Whitmer, Mary Witmer, Dan Keating, Suzie Epley, Kris Wagner, Janet Preble, Jen M., Chris Haubert, (M. Snyder) Anna Harris, Noah Funk (S. Blough)

# August 2011

| SUN  | MON | TUE | WED | THU  | FRI | SAT   |
|--|-----|-----|-----|--|-----|---|
|  | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4<br>Cabinet Meeting<br>at 6pm Christian<br>Growth, Worship<br>& Outreach meet-<br>ing at 6:30pm | 5   | 6   |
| 7 <b>Pantry Day</b><br><br>Worship In the Park<br>Sunday School-9AM<br>Service-10:15AM @<br>Memorial Park! | 8   | 9   | 10  | 11   | 12  | 13<br>"Parent's Night<br>Off" 5-10-PM.  |
| 14<br><br>Finance Committee<br>Meeting- After<br>Worship.  | 15  | 16  | 17  | 18   | 19  | 20<br><br>Regional Office<br>Fellowship Hall &<br>Kitchen in Use<br>from 10am-2pm |
| 21 <b>Blessing Box<br/>Sunday</b><br><br>Board Meeting-<br>After worship                                   | 22  | 23  | 24  | 25   | 26  | 27  |
| 28 Elder's Meeting<br>after worship<br><br>Property Meeting-<br>After worship.                             | 29  | 30  | 31  |  |     |   |

## Birthdays



Dick Shatzer - August 5    Sydney Manning - August 6  
Sally Smith - August 18    Scott Boltz- August 17  
Ray Nichols- August 24    Sylvia Nichols - August 26

## Anniversary

Robert & Hazel Lambert – August 1  
Neil & Nancy Davis – August 2  
Al & Donna White – August 3  
Russ & Lois Miller – August 17  
Carl & Joann Haubert – August 20





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## **UPCOMING EVENTS!!**

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- August 4** - Cabinet Meeting at 6:00pm.
- August 4** - Christian Growth, Worship & Outreach meeting at 6:30PM.
- August 7** - Pantry Day.
- August 7** - Sunday School, Worship and Music @ Memorial Park!  
SS-9AM, Worship –10:15AM, Picnic to follow.
- August 13** - “Parent’s Night Off” from 5-10PM.
- August 14** - Stewardship/Finance Meeting– After Worship.
- August 21** - Board Meeting- After Worship.
- August 21** - Blessing Box Sunday.
- August 28** - Elder’s Meeting-After Worship.
- August 28** - Property Meeting–After Worship.