

First Christian Church  
Disciples of Christ  
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## Trick or Treat for the Food Bank

Trick or Treat for the Food Bank has become an annual tradition for Girl Scout Troop 20689 and First Christian Church. Girl Scouts will give up their evening of Trick or Treating for candy on Thursday, October 27 so that they can collect non-perishable food items.

Last year we collected over 125 items for the local food banks. This year, we are happy to say, the items we collect will be distributed to Five Loaves Food Bank and the New Hope Ministries Organization. As we did last year, the Girl Scouts will be asking members of the church to support us by donating food, joining us distributing flyers, or being at First Christian Church Trick or Treat night handing out candy or accepting food donations.

Here is where we ask **YOU** for your help. We urge you to donate WRAPPED CANDIES and TREATS that will be used to pass out on Trick or Treat night at the church. (Please see that your donation is in the designated container placed in the narthex no later than 10/03.) Our goal is to prepare 500 bags of treats to be passed out. Also, make note that on October 11<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:00pm, the Girl Scouts will be handing out flyers to all the neighborhood houses letting them know about our food drive. If you would like to help us cover more ground and help pass out flyers that would be greatly appreciated.

Girl Scout Troop 20689 Looks forward to another successful year collecting a great deal of non-perishable food items for those in need.

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# The Messenger OCTOBER 2011

## Pastor's Page

Christian Education. In many ways, it sounds like a something a little boring and maybe reminds you of school. But, Christian education is a vital part of our life together as church. Basically, Christian education is learning more about God. This can happen through studying the Bible, learning about church history or traditions, exploring contemporary topics through the lens of our faith, or learning new strategies for church leadership. It is through study and learning opportunities that we are able to grow in our faith and our relationship with God and others. True, it is sometimes hard when the things that we have always thought are challenged either by new ideas or by people who think differently. But, it is also wonderful when we can explore the questions of our faith together and know that there are no "right" answers. Rather, it is the journey and struggle to learn and grow which help deepen our relationships with God.

In this newsletter, you will find three opportunities for Christian education –Sunday School for Adults, Sunday School for children, and a special one day time to learn about being the church in 21<sup>st</sup> century. I hope that you will see if one of these is right for you or members of your family. If none of these suit you, I would love to hear what you are interested in exploring. Come let us journey together as we explore the questions of our faith.

**Pastor Diana**



## Out of the Blue

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation: old things have passed away, behold all things have become new." 2 Corinthians 5:17

I am still having some discomfort in my ankle and foot from my unconscious fall on July 25. At times I catch myself limping and other times I walk fine. I have even been able to go out and play golf and then there are times when I do not think I am going to make it through the grocery store. The doctor said it would take 6 weeks or so to heal because a sprain is so much worse than a break.

I was reading an article where a therapist told a patient with a knee replacement that they had to retrain their brain. Our brain has been trained to limp in anticipation. Even if I don't feel the pain right away, I know it is coming. I have to retrain my brain. If we go by the words in 2 Corinthians, we have to retrain our brain to believe and to ACCEPT that each of us is a new creation.

Christ has done the restoration work in you. Christ has given you a new life. The old one has passed and gone are any sinful deeds, thoughts or words. You are a NEW creation today!

Retrain your brain to accept the forgiveness and restoration that Christ has done in your life for He has done so much for you. Stop limping through life, walk or perhaps even jog a bit. Retrain your brain!

Journeying along with a slightly left over limp,

**Linda**



## *Your Cordially Invited*



*Steve Springer and Linda Leiser would like to invite you, their church family, to join them in their marriage celebration at Grace United Methodist Church, 322 Herman Ave., Lemoyne at 4:30 on Saturday, October 15.*

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## **!! Save the Dates!!**

### **Harrisburg CROP Walk; Oct 9th City Island**

Registration at 1pm; walk begins at 1:30

We will have pizza for all our walkers prior to going to City Island after church in Fellowship Hall.



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### **Pastor Diana's Installation**

We hope you can join us in worship on **Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:15 a.m.** for a special worship celebration where Pastor Diana will be formally installed as senior minister by the new Regional Minister Rev. Dr. Jack Sullivan. Dr. Sullivan will also be providing that morning's message. Following the service, there will be a special time of fellowship with more details to come. We hope that you can join us as we celebrate and mark an important step in our journey as a church family.

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### **Annual Congregational Meetings**

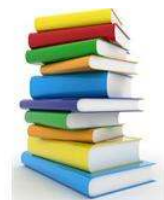
Mark your calendars for our upcoming annual congregational budget meetings as we go through our budget process for the 2012 budget year. On **Sunday, October 30 following worship**, the congregation will receive a copy of the proposed budget, approved by the board. The congregation then has two weeks to review the budget. On **Sunday, November 13 following worship**, we hold our second congregational meeting to vote on the proposed 2012 budget.

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### **Community Book Swap / Book Giveaway!**

*(Another great community project sponsored by Girl Scout Troop 20689 and First Christian Church)*

November 1st; 6:30 to 8pm at the First Christian Church  
*Bring your books to donate,  
leave with books you have not yet read!!!*



# Adult & Children's Sunday School Class Information

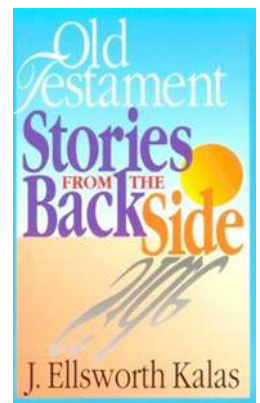


## Children's Sunday School Begins!

Are you ready to **Live B.I.G.**? Children of all ages are invited to join us as we discover how to hear, see, and live our **B**elief **I**n **G**od. Children will come together to learn the stories of the Bible and how to apply them to their daily lives. In this "one big room" style class all the ages are together to create community and relationships between all our children. Older children and younger children build relationships as they help each other. The class meets in the children's room on the Sanctuary level and is taught by Melissa Ford.

## Old Testament from the Back Side Adult Sunday School at 9 a.m. Beginning Sunday, October 9th.

Don't know much about the Old Testament? Think you know all about the stories from the Old Testament? Either way this class is for you! Come and explore favorite Old Testament Bible stories in an exciting and thought provoking way. This class is based on material by popular author J. Ellsworth Kalas, who brings a new perspective to selected Old Testament stories by approaching them from the "back side"—through a unique starting point, a creative retelling, a new "lens," or the eyes of a minor or unsympathetic character. The class will be taught by various people including Pastor Diana, Tom Runkle and Keith Aubel. The class meets in the Sunday School class room on the sanctuary level.



There is a companion book that goes along with the class if you would like to read it. If you would like the church office to order the book for you, order forms are available in the narthex or please contact Pastor Diana. The cost is \$14.00 and needs to be paid when ordering.

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## Look us up at [www.lemoynedisciples.org](http://www.lemoynedisciples.org)! New Website, Same Address

While the web address has not changed, our church website has gotten a facelift and been updated. Check out the new design and keep checking back for information about upcoming events. Share the website with your friends and family so they can learn more about the church which you are passionate about. You can also "like" us on Facebook which will allow you to receive church status updates. You can also help us. Please let the church office know if you find any typos or errors on the website.



**Our Change Jars and Blessing Box offerings will go to the Disciples Reconciliation Ministry.  
There will also be a special offering on Oct 2nd**

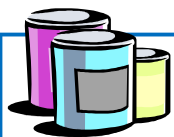


**Purpose**

“Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) celebrates the Gospel teaching that God’s children come from all places and that the power of love at God’s table is able to bring together all races, languages, cultures and traditions. (Revelation 5: 9 -10) We recognize that there have been forces within our Church and society that have misshapen our self-understanding and promoted division. Acknowledging God’s call to be faithful to the witness of unity and justice, we confess that we are sinful and that racism is a result of our sinfulness. Yet, God heals us and calls us to be reconciled one to another and all to God.”

**Mission:**

“Reconciliation Ministry advances the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ's journey toward wholeness by empowering each expression of the Church to implement structural change to address historic fractures caused by racism and the systems that perpetuate it. It is the goal of our shared work to foster life-giving community within our church and in relationship with the whole family of God. We accomplish this mission through intentional dialogue, inclusive worship and experiential education.” *Quotes taken from Disciples.org website*



**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!  
Next opportunity to give is Oct 2nd.



**Income and Expenses**

Month of August

Congregational Offerings Received	\$5,711.32
Church Reserve Account	5,900.00
Rental Property Income	1,000.00
Fundraising Income	50.00
Misc. Income	<u>34.22</u>
Total	\$12,695.54



## Thank You!

This a special thank you from the board of FCC to all those who give so much to the church. From anonymous donations to the “church elves” who clean the pews to all those who do so many things that we can’t begin to name them all, we thank you so much for all your service. This church is filled with generous people! Thank you for sharing your time, talents, and financial resources to support our ministry.

In Christ’s Service,  
Your Board

## Serving During October 2011

### ELDERS

- 2 Scott Leiser
- 9 Joann Haubert
- 16 Bill Davis
- 23 Lois Miller
- 30 Robin Goudy



### DIACONATE

- Oct 2– Willie Colon, Donna Colon, Lois Haagen, Jack Wagner, Kelly Manning
- Oct 9 – Jack Wagner, Dick Shatzer, Diana Onstott, Glenn Haagen, Ken Holler
- Oct 16 -Ted Willoughby, Russ Miller, Linda Runkle Deb Holler, Jack Wagner
- Oct 23 - Lois Haagen, Glenn Haagen, Lisa Yerger Stuart Knickerbocker, Kelly Manning
- Oct 30 - Ken Holler, Deb Holler, Donna Colon, Willie Colon, Jane Welsh

### COFFEE FELLOWSHIP & COMMUNION PREPARATION

Month of October- Glenn & Lois Haagen

### GREETERS

- Oct 2 - Robert Lambert, Henry Miller, Bert Levarto
- Oct 9 – James Reeser, Jane Welsh, Jack Wagner
- Oct 16 – Debbie Holler, Ken Holler, Dottie Michels
- Oct 23 – Lois Hagen, Glenn Haagen, Dorothy Stroman
- Oct 30 – Donna White, Al White, Jean Trout

***Thank you for your service!***



We would like to do our very own original Advent Booklet of meditations again this year. I would ask that you would write an original meditation that is relevant to the season or submit a short story or poem that is special to you. Please see that Pastor Linda has your contributions on or before November 6.

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**School for Congregational Leaders**  
**Saturday, November 5, 2011 8:30 a.m. -5:30 p.m.**  
**Toftrees Resort, State College, PA**  
**Sponsored by the Christian Church In PA**

Remember to register for this wonderful opportunity to explore how to be church in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The keynote speaker will be Rick Morse, Vice President of Church Extension, and is a leader in the Disciples New Church Movement. He will be speaking about "Hope for Congregations in Times of Massive Cultural Shift." There are also workshop and learning opportunities. The cost of adult registration is \$35, youth and children \$15 and free nursery care is available. Every 5<sup>th</sup> registrant in the same congregation is free! Pastor Diana and Pastor Linda will be attending and carpooling will be available. Registration deadline is October 15<sup>th</sup>! We hope you can join us for as we prepare to dream, hope, vision, and journey together to where God is calling FCC Lemoyne.



John Michels, Carl Haubert, Coralyn Campbell, Dot Atkinson, Sally Smith, (FCC Family) Donna Dickens  
(Pastor Diana) Linda Warner, Meredith Willoughby,  
Janet Warner, Dottie Daller (S. Willoughby) Donald Bane (D. Wolff) Wildfires in Texas (M. Ford) Family  
of Marcia Glaser (S. Leiser) Hannah Onstott (D. Onstott) Jimmy, Reginald, (Joan Kain) Mary Guis  
(Aubel's) Ronnie Shaner, Sherrie Galentinem (L. Runkle) Megan Gossard (L. Miller) Michael Danzas,  
Janet P., Marie H., Terri S., Dan Keating, Suzie Eply, (M. Snyder)

# October 2011

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2 "Pantry Day"	3 Troop 673 in Girl Scout Room 6:30-8PM.	4 Ministerium Meeting @ Trinity- 12:00PM. Cabinet Meeting at 6:30PM. Committee Meeting at 7:30PM. Troop 689 GS Room 6:30-8PM.	5 Troop 682 in Girl Scout Room 6:30-8PM.	6	7	8
9 Finance Meeting- After Worship. CROP Walk begins @ 1:30pm, City Island, Harrisburg.	10 Troop 678 in Girl Scout Room 6:30-8PM.	11 Girl Scouts occupying DOWNSTAIRS 6:30-8PM.	12 Troop 685 in Girl Scout Room 6:30-8PM.	13 Troop 667 in Girl Scout Room 6:30-8PM.	14 Fellowship Hall in use for Leiser/ Springer rehearsal 4-10 PM.	15 Regional Board occupying Fellowship Hall from 10-4PM
16 "Blessing Box" Board Meeting- After worship.	17	18 GS Service Unit meeting- Fellowship Hall from 6:30-9:30PM.	19	20	21	22
23 Pastor Diana's Installation. She will be formally installed as senior minister by Regional Minister Rev. Dr. Jack Sullivan.	24 Troop 678 in Girl Scout Room 6:30-8PM.	25 Girl Scouts occupying DOWNSTAIRS 6:30-8PM.	26 Troop 685 in Girl Scout Room 6:30-8PM.	27 "Trick or Treat" for the Food Bank. 6-8PM.	28	29
30 *Congregational Meeting- after worship. Elder's Meeting- after worship.	31 Happy Halloween!					

## Anniversaries

Bill & June Davis - October 7  
Chuck & Crystal Roesner - October 8

## Birthdays

Donna White - October 3    Robin Goudy - October 9  
Thelma Shuler - October 11    John Hodges-Batzka- October 15  
Sophie Manning - October 15    Christopher Davis - October 15  
Jade Boltz- October - 15    Bert Levarto - October 16  
Velma Hughes - October 21    Donna Ritter - October 25  
Sue Willoughby - October 25



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## **UPCOMING EVENTS!!**

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- October 2 - "Pantry Day"
- October 4 - Ministerium Meeting @ Trinity Lutheran beginning at 12:00 PM
- October 4 - Cabinet meeting at 6:30 P.M.
- October 4 - Christian Growth, Worship & Outreach meeting at 7:30 P.M.
- October 9 - Stewardship/Finance Meeting- After worship.
- October 9 - CROP Walk begins at 1:30 PM.
- October 16 - "Blessing Box Sunday"
- October 16 - Board Meeting- After Worship.
- October 23 - Special Installation Worship- Pastor Diana will be formally installed as Senior Minister by the new Regional Minister Rev. Dr. Jack Sullivan.
- October 30- Congregational Meeting- after worship. (Next one is scheduled for Nov 13.)
- October 30- Elder's Meeting- After Worship.