Welcome

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday, December 05, 2021

ADVENT SEASON

Peace

A child is born to us! A son is given to us!
And He will be our ruler.
He will be called, "Wonderful Counselor,"
"Mighty God," "Eternal Father,"
"Prince of Peace."

ISAIAH 9:8

Prayer Concerns

Sympathy to Elsie Lewandoski on the passing of her sister, Joyce Tausch

Juanita Buttermore ..... wearing brace for 6 more weeks
Dave & Sandy Strub ..... ill at home
The Zwick's Family ..... many health concerns
Christine Murza (M. Steed/Hotchkiss niece) ..... health concerns
Rev Mike Doak ..... vascular surgery
Aaron Berry (Duro friend) ..... COVID-in hospital on high amounts of oxygen
Wanda Chidsey ..... recuperating from bruised ribs after fall
Mary Steed ..... at daughter's, c/o 2708 Blakeslee Blvd., Medina, Oh., 44256
Betty Rush ..... health concerns & tests
Shelly Morrow (Shirley Little's Daughter) ..... COVID
Brian Giffen ..... health concerns
Heather & Brandon Murray (Shirley Little) ..... COVID
Jan Buchanan ..... Bel Air for rehab
Patty Johnson ..... home, broken ankle healing
Cherene Gill ..... recuperating after hip surgery
Missionaries in Haiti and Afghanistan .....
Elsie & Richard Lewandoski ..... hearing & health concerns
Justin Kelly ..... health concerns
Irene Werbung ..... Canterbury Villa
Jerry Packey ..... back pain
Darleen Packey ..... complications from eye surgery
Charlie Winner (J. Vick) ..... health concerns
Shirley Moffett ..... prayers
Doris Livengood ..... home from Alliance Hosp, infection
Beth Stafford (Amy's daughter-in-law) ..... prayers
Kyle Young ..... health concerns
Ruth Dawson ..... prayers
Dick Dawson ..... resident of Altercare of Alliance
Rachael Martin (S. Little granddaughter) ..... at home on oxygen COVID
Chad Mason (Denise Wood) ..... home recovering-but still needs prayers
Jean Courtwright ..... health issues
Tara Wittensoldner ..... continues recuperation and treatments
Sarah (Goldmans' granddaughter) ..... continued prayers
Carol Bradway ..... continued healing
Karen Buchanan and mom Sarah ..... prayers needed
Tammy Percy ..... continued prayers
Dale & Rose Matthews ..... health issues
Butch Engle ..... Oak Pointe Nursing Center, Baltic
Margaret Wallace ..... prayers
Elliana White (Tia & Tara's niece) ..... continued prayers
Shirley Mason ..... health issues
Sandra Wents (Mary Steed) ..... non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
Beverly Barnes (Dennis' sister) ..... critically ill (Louisville)
Cheryl Ott ..... treatments continue, prayers needed
Vicki Packey ..... continued prayers for kidney transplant
Jen and Justin Burkholder family ..... missionaries
Recent widows and widowers .....

9:00 Casual Service

❖ Stand as you feel led

❖ Opening Praises **"Angels We Have Heard"**
"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

Invitation to Children Worship & Wonder
(3 years – 5th grade) Pastor Andy

Welcome

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer Pastor Andy

LIGHTING THE CANDLE of PEACE
Tara & Rob Wittensoldner & Family

Worship Hymn **"This is Jesus"**

Scripture: Philippians 4:6-7

Message: **"De-stressing the Holidays"**

Invitation to Church Membership Pastor Andy

❖ Invitation Hymn **"I Heard the Bells"**

❖ Confession of Faith Pastor Andy

"I believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, and I accept Him as my personal Lord and Savior."

Invitation to Offering Pastor Andy

Offering Hymn **"Let There Be Peace"**
Instrumental

Invitation to Communion/Prayer Misty Sampson, Elder

All believers in Jesus Christ are invited to receive the bread and cup as they are passed. Please partake as you are served.

Announcements **Pastor Andy**

❖ Closing Hymn **"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"**

❖ Benediction Pastor Andy

You are invited to come to the Christ Candle in front of the sanctuary after the benediction of the service for personal prayers.

11:00 Service Order of Worship

CHIMES	Jeri Scafidi
PRELUDE	"Still, Still, Still" Austrian Carol/Manz
INTROIT	"Emmanuel" Chancel Choir
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS	Pastor Andy

❖ Stand as you feel led

❖ LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF PEACE	Tom & Linda Hall
OPENING PRAISE	"I Heard the Bells of Christmas Day" **Celebration Hymnal**
PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER	Pastor Andy
ANTHEM	"Bethlehem Town" Chancel Choir
SCRIPTURE	Philippians 4:6-7
MESSAGE	"De-stressing the Holidays"
❖ INVITATION HYMN	"O Little Town of Bethlehem" **pg. 96 (vs 1 & 4)**

Invitation to accept Christ
or join church

❖ CONFESSION OF FAITH	Pastor Andy

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INVITATION TO OFFERING/PRAYER — Pastor Andy

OFFERTORY — "How Silently, How Silently" Redner/Saxxton

❖ DOXOLOGY — "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"

❖ PRAYER DEDICATION — Charlene Duro, Elder

INVITATION TO COMMUNION — Charlene Duro, Elder

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HYMN — "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" **pg. 114 (vs 1 & 2)**

COMMUNION MEDITATION — Pastor Andy

COMMUNION PRAYER — Charlene Duro, Elder

❖ CLOSING HYMN — "Jesus Came the Heavens Adoring" **pg. 89 (vs 1 & 3)**

❖ BENEDICTION — Pastor Andy

POSTLUDE — "O Prince of Peace" Gotch

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Week of, December 5, 2021

TODAY		SUNDAY OF PEACE
	9:00	Casual Service
	9:00	Worship & Wonder
	9:15	**JUNIOR CHURCH**
	10:00	Children's Christmas Program
	11:00	Traditional Service
	1:30	Pickleball
	6:00	**YOUTH GROUP**
MON	4:30	Admin Mtg
	6:00	Gym Rental
TUE	10:30	Senior Exercise
	1:30	Chapel Service
	3:30	Grief Counseling
	6:30	Scouts
	6:30	**Power of Positive Prayer**
WED	11:30	Christian Ed Mtg
	7:00	**OPEN GYM VOLLEYBALL**
	7:30	Praise Team
	7:30	Property Mtg
THU	8:00	Guys Breakfast
	10:30	Senior Exercise
	6:00	Pickleball
	7:00	Choir Practice
FRI	**5:00**	**PARENTS' NIGHT OUT**
SAT	**1:00**	**Grief Support Workshop- Open to Everyone!**
SUN		Sunday of Joy **Christmas Caroling**

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Dec. 10 – Parents' Night Out, 5 – 7:30

Dec. 12 – Christmas caroling, 3:00

JUNIOR CHURCH

Kids 3rd grade through middle school, chapel, 9:15

THE TREE IS UP AND WAITING!

Once again the Christmas tree in the sanctuary is waiting for your gifts of children's new underwear and socks and disposable diapers. After the Christmas Season these will be distributed to Michael's World and to local schools to be given to children in need.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

10 A.M., our Children's Choir will present their annual Christmas program for the entire church family and guests. Come to Fellowship Hall and prepare to warm your heart by the singing and speaking of our children, directed by CHARLENE DURO, with JERI SCAFIDI accompanying.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10

Kids 3 years old through 5th grade are invited by the Christian Education Team to come to the church and give their parents a "night out"! From 5:00 – 7:30 kids will have supper (chicken nuggets, mac and cheese, applesauce, cookies, water or milk). They will play games, do crafts, make a secret gift for a parent or grandparent, hear a story and perhaps see a movie. On the office table you can register your child(ren) to come!

HOLIDAY GRIEF WORKSHOP OPEN TO ALL! DEC 11 1-3PM-FELLOWSHIP HALL

Led by an Aultman Social Worker- will review and share about holiday grief coping strategies, do a memory craft activity related to the holidays, and some guided imagery. Participants will leave with a better understanding of their loss and have a chance to connect with others experiencing similar feelings, and strategies for stress and grief management.

Please call hospice at 330-596-7480 if you would like to participate.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING-DECEMBER 12

ALL AGES ARE INVITED! We'll meet at the church @ 3pm and head out in 2 or 3 groups to stop at the homes of our homebound members to share the "joyful noise" of Christmas with them. No experience necessary; just the desire to bring JOY to others. Bring a goodie to share for after caroling; we'll provide sloppy joes, coneys, and hot chocolate. Parents, it's a great example for your family to participate in giving to others.

CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

Food baskets will be distributed December 21st 5-6pm at the church.

We are asking the congregation to help with: **Tissues, bar soap, cake mix, frosting, stuffing and gravy.**

If you or someone you know is in need of a food basket for Christmas, please contact the church office @ 330-823-6620.

Week of, December 5, 2021

Scripture: Philippians 4:6-7
Message: "De-stressing the Holidays"
Pages: Page 198, *The New Testament*

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on,
Earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who
trespass against us,
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
And the power and the
Glory, forever.
Amen.

We are thankful for each and every one of you who blessed us with your presence today.

Pastor ..... Pastor Andy VanVolkenburg
Christian Ed Director ..... Jennifer Lewis
Youth Directors ..... Josh & Lynda Burkett
Praise Team Leader/Organist ..... Jeri Scafidi
Choir Director ..... Charlene Duro
Office Manager ..... Eve Lacher
Ministers ..... Everyone

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1141 W Beech Street, Alliance

SUNDAYS
9AM Casual
11AM Traditional

TUESDAYS
1:30PM Worship Service
6:30PM Positive Prayer Group

Office Hours: **Mon – Thu 8:30 – 4:00**
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