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# PATHWAYS

JULY 2024

*You show me the path of life. In  
your presence there is fullness of joy.*  
Psalm 16:11

Find us on social  
media @FCCStow!

## **Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Pancake Breakfast!**

### **7-10 a.m., Sign Up Sheets In The Gathering Area**

Sign up online at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094EA8AD2BA7F9C70-49499764-4thofjuly#/> or find the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Area! There's still a number of slots to fill for both shifts. If you can't volunteer, there's information about how to help provide for a raffle prize down below with Outreach—There's plenty of ways to help out! Share the Facebook event with your friends, families, and neighbors, and invite folks to join us for the parade!

## **Mission Trip Meeting: Wednesday Night, 6:45 p.m.**

### **Documentary viewing with Last Planning Meeting to Follow**

Everyone is invited to join us for a viewing of a documentary made last fall that will show much of the damage and impact on the community that the tornado and flood damage cause to Mayfield, Kentucky. Afterwards, we will have a brief final meeting to confirm travel plans, and talk about our week in Mayfield.

## **VBS: Camp Firelight!**

### **Sunday July 14 - Thursday July 18, 6-8pm**

Join us on our Summer Camp Adventure, right here at home! Children will learn about trusting God and letting their light shine! Don't forget to share the event on Facebook and let your friends and family know! Sign up sheets are available in the Gathering Area.

## **All-Church Workday**

### **June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

If you have a few hours to share on Saturday Morning, stop by the church and help out with one or two jobs, or stay the whole time! There's plenty to do, from cleaning up the flower beds to changing lightbulbs around the church. If you have any questions, contact John McCreight!

## **Summer Worship Hours – On Until Labor Day**

### **First Service 8:30—Coffee Fellowship 9:30—Second Service 10:00**

In between services will be a special time of coffee fellowship for those who just came from first service and those coming to second service. This coffee fellowship will be held in our Library and Gathering Area and will offer a special opportunity for folks from the two services to see and greet one another!

## July 2024 Pastor's Pen

*"A Brand-New Electric Bus—No Charge. (That was one problem.)"* This headline of a recent New York Times article grabbed my attention. The teaser line set the hook. *"In tiny Wymore, Neb., a sleek new battery-powered school bus became a Rorschach test for the future."* (Fyi... The Rorschach test, named after its creator Swiss psychologist Dr. Hermann Rorschach, is used to examine a person's personality characteristics and emotional functioning. It has been employed to detect underlying thoughts, especially in cases where patients are reluctant to describe their thinking processes openly.)

The article is about the tiny school district in Wymore, Neb., that needed a new school bus and through a special grant qualified to receive a brand-new electric school bus—free of charge. No pun intended, until upon delivery the bus didn't hold a charge and had to be returned for repairs, but even then, no one was laughing. Months later the bus was returned, fully repaired and fully charged batteries! And from there the bus did its job as it should. Except for being too quiet. The old bus was so loud kids didn't come out to meet the bus until they heard its roar down the road. But with the new bus students were missing their ride to school because they had no early warning the bus was coming!

And while the new bus, and it's free of charge cost, were accepted and appreciated, it's presence brought about personality characteristics, emotional functioning, and thoughts that were underlying in the people of the community.

New York Times reporter and Wymore native Dionne Searcey wrote this article, and in it writes, *"As the months passed in Wymore, a town of about 1,300 nestled in the plains, the electric bus became a surrogate for far bigger issues this quiet corner of the nation is facing. In conversations in the school boardroom, at the volunteer fire hall and at the American Legion bar, the bus exposed fears of an unwelcome future, one where wind turbines tower across the flatlands, power generated by Nebraska solar farms is sent out of state and electric cars strand drivers on lonesome gravel roads. Changes like these were bound to cause new headaches or worse in this part of the country, upsetting a comfortable and familiar way of life, some residents said."*

This lengthy article brought forth a broad picture of the community, the issue and how it's impacting a community that could in many ways be anywhere in our country, even right here in Stow. But the above paragraph noted a perspective that reignited a reoccurring thought of my own regarding the Church and even our church. *"The bus exposed fears of an unwelcome future."* *"Changes like these were bound to cause new headaches or worse in this part of the country, upsetting a comfortable and familiar way of*

*life..."* An unwelcome future that will potentially...maybe even, probably...upset a comfortable way of life. That's the perspective I drew out that reignited my reoccurring thought regarding the Church and our church. Or, in a nutshell... ***change***. The most dreaded word ever to be uttered from any pulpit!

I know I took a long time setting up a message about *change*, but though it might have been wordy it was still interesting. And please, go read the rest of the article as it gets even more interesting. But also, the long set up nonetheless brings into focus a clear perspective—that change is happening as the years pass and the financial costs of those inevitable changes are becoming harder and harder to keep up with. Wymore needed a new bus, but couldn't afford one, but they found someone willing to gift them a new bus and it was a blessing to the community. And yet this blessing "exposed fears" about an "unwelcome future." I wonder what Dr. Rorschach would say about this?

What does an unwelcome future look like to you? What kind of future brings about fear in your mind, heart, and spirit? A world of electric buses and wind turbines? Financial struggles that force communities to seek out grants and meager corporate generosity for a lucky few, just to meet basic needs for its residents? Loss of your known and established way of life?

I think these questions are fine to ask, healthy even. I have fears about an unwelcome future myself. And while the fear of change is real, letting the fear of change lead us into the future will never serve us, or anyone else, well. But a deeper reality is that when we allow the fear of change to lead us into the future it means we are **NOT** letting Jesus lead us into the future.

Change is always coming, and that can be scary. Which is why Jesus said, *"I tell you, do not worry about your life...Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?"*

I hope and pray the people of Wymore will start seeing their new bus as the blessing it is, and not an 18-ton billboard for a scary future. And I hope and pray we all let Jesus, and not fear, lead us into the future that is surely coming.

Your pastor and friend,  
Jonathan

## News From The Nest Early Learning Center Brought to you by the Stewardship Team

In April Ann Reiman shared with the Stewardship Team news regarding decisions and actions that were beginning to unfold in The Nest Early Learning Center preschool. In the following weeks, more actions unfolded which painted a clear path Ann would be taking for her school and for her family. What follows is in part Ann's own explanation and description of the path she, her school, and family will be taking.

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After much prayer and months of reflection, I have made the difficult decision to end my time at The Nest after this school year. I have loved every minute of having my own preschool and using the church space for this opportunity, and I am so grateful to all of you and the church as a whole. However, unfortunately, since our family's move to Canal Fulton due to Danny's job change, it just isn't realistic for me any longer. Our family is to spread out, and next year two of my 3 kids will be over an hour away from me during the school day. (Charlie goes to East Holmes where Danny works as the treasurer and Theo will be starting kindergarten there in the fall.) With more and more after school activities, school programs, and events as they get older, it's too difficult for me to be so far away from them. Plus, the commute is a challenge with never-ending construction and many, many accidents on Route 8.

This also means I'll be resigning from my position as the nursery director with my last Sunday being June 16th. I have enjoyed serving as the director of this ministry and I love the children that attend, but I do long to attend a church service with my family again. I haven't attended a full Sunday church service with my family for 6 years!

I want to sincerely thank you for all your support of me owning my dream for the past 6 years. It's been an absolute joy and we have served many children through our tenure; I am so grateful to have served this community the way we have. And none of that would have been possible without all of you and the space you opened up to me.

Many Blessings,  
Anne Reiman  
The Nest Early Learning Center  
Administrator/Head Teacher

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While we are certainly sad to see Ann and her gifts and her thriving school leave FCC Stow, we certainly understand her reasons and support her and her family wholeheartedly. Additionally, Ann shared with the Team that one of her staff members has decided to retire, and the other three were all offered amazing opportunities at the Kent State Child Development Center.

In the coming weeks we will have Ann and Danny and their boys back with us on a Sunday morning where we can honor and celebrate their time and ministries here at FCC Stow and prayerfully send them forth with our thanks and gratitude. More information for when that will be held will be shared as soon as it is scheduled. Until then, let us all lift Ann and her family in our prayers, praying God continues to bless them and guide them in sharing their gifts and talents with others, just as they did with us over these past years together.

### Vacation Bible School 2024: Camp Firelight Sunday July 14 - Thursday July 18, 6-8pm

All children age 3 – 5th grade are invited to Camp Firelight VBS, where we will be on a Summer Camp Adventure with God! This includes amazing science, creative crafts, fun recreation and memorable Bible stories that will show children they can trust God all the time! The adventure runs from Sunday July 14 through Thursday July 18, 6-8pm each evening. Register at [www.firstchristianstow.org/vbs](http://www.firstchristianstow.org/vbs).

#### ***VBS Volunteers Needed, Join us on our way to Camp Firelight!***

*Sign up in the Gathering Area or talk to Anna or Richelle for opportunities to serve, lead and have fun with us at Camp Firelight VBS!!*



## Chapel Restoration Committee Updates

Here we are about one year after the Chapel Ceiling collapsed!! We think finally we have all our estimated for restoration submitted, approved and paid from our insurance company. These funds should put the space back to what it was. The Chapel Restoration Team is meeting on July 10<sup>th</sup> to review where we are at & give direction to our contractor.

Any changes will mean the Church will have to cover additional costs. So that will be part of what we try to live within as we rebuilt the Chapel. We are still asking everyone to stay out of the chapel since it is not safe. We have part of the ceiling shored up until the final resolution is built. Thank you all for your thoughts & prayers during this time! We don't have an estimated completion date yet, but hopefully will have some idea soon. John McCreight – Trustee Chair.

### Prayer Request Email List

Friends, while many of us are getting updates regularly, there's now an easy way to get connected with the church's concerns and praises by signing up to the prayer request email list at the link below. If you have a prayer request you'd like to share, you can always directly email the church office at [Fccstow@firstchristianstow.org](mailto:Fccstow@firstchristianstow.org) with the concern. If you know anyone who might like to be signed up for Prayer Requests, please share with them the link below!

<https://www.firstchristianstow.org/prayer-chain/>

### Think – Pray – Connect Families from June

06/02/24

#### **Lynn Fauvie**

2669 Northland St., Cuyahoga Falls OH  
44221

*Lynn had a surgery in early May and is continuing to recover at home.*

## **Richard Sellers**

1925 Hawthorne, Stow OH 44224  
*Richard had a scheduled follow-up procedure just over a week ago.*

06/09/24

## **AJ & Jonathan Rumburg**

Camp Christian, 10335 Maple Dell Rd  
Marysville, OH 43040

*AJ and Jonathan will be at Camp Christian for Ribbit Camp this week! Send them a letter through the week!*

### Coffee Fellowship Opportunities After Both Services in the Library

Just a reminder for those who aren't yet in the know-- Coffee Fellowship will be happening *between* services for the summer at 9:30 and will be available after second service as well! Now you're in the know!

There's still plenty of slots ahead of this Sunday for volunteering to host coffee fellowship! Help connect and fellowship with your church family!

### Rubber Ducks Game and Fireworks, Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>

**First Pitch is set for 6:05\***

*\*Note this is one hour EARLIER than the usual start time!*

Once again FCC Stow will spend a summer evening with the Akron Rubber Ducks. This has become a summertime tradition for our church and friends where we enjoy a carefree night at Canal Park watching the Rubber Ducks "*hit em where they ain't*", and then take in a spectacular fireworks show after the game. And that is what we will do again this year, on Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup>.

Tickets are just \$12! What a bargain! A night at the ballpark and fireworks for just twelve bucks! Hard to beat that deal! Unless you're bringing your kids with you. Then it might not become such a great deal once you start buying soda-pops, hotdogs, popcorn, peanuts, Cracker Jack, Dippin Dots, and the infamous Rubber Duck bubble blower gun—because of course you can't take the one you

got last year, you have to get a new one! (Does anyone want to take the preacher's kids with them to the game?! Because the preacher might "still be working on his sermon for Sunday" at that time!) See Bill Dowey or contact the church office to reserve your tickets!

## **Loaves & Fishes + Pantry June**

Our Loaves & Fishes + Pantry outreach is a lot like the Post Office: neither rain, nor snow nor dark of night shall stay these volunteers from serving food to the hungry.

In the case of our June Loaves & Fishes + Pantry it was the heat wave. Despite temperatures in the 90's our volunteers came and prepared meals, bagged groceries, and delivered both to our guests. So let's give a big thank you to those who braved the heat.

30 families representing 79 people were in need and came to us for help. These people rely on us for help when they are in need and it is a blessing to be able to help them.

In closing, let's hope for cooler weather on July 21.

### **Vacant Nursery Attendant Position: The Search Begins!**

The Christian Education Team and the Stewardship Team have begun work to find a new nursery attendant for Sunday mornings. (10:30 a.m. September through May; 10:00 a.m. June through August.) More information about the position will be shared in the coming days.

Please know that in this time of transition we will still continue to offer nursery care each Sunday. Anna and Richelle will partner in staffing the nursery so that any family who wishes to utilize the nursery can do so.

### **Annual School Supply Giveaway – July 18<sup>th</sup> Cuyahoga Falls Good Neighbors**

CF Good Neighbors is having another school supply drive ahead of the 2024-2025 school year— Help out if you can! Below are the list of supplies needed. Please drop off these items from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on Tuesdays or Thursdays.

- Thick Markers (10 packs)
- Thin Markers (10 packs)
- Glue Sticks (2 packs)
- Black Pens (Bic 10 packs)
- Blue Pens (Bic 10 packs)
- Red Pens (Bic 10 packs)
- Dry Erase Markers
- Filler Paper (College Ruled & Wide Ruled)

Cash, check, and Paypal donations can be made by July 18<sup>th</sup> as well.

### **Fall Hiking Spree in Cuyahoga Falls Invite a friend and take a hike!**

Start planning your hikes soon! Starting September 1<sup>st</sup>, Residents of Summit County can earn rewards for their hiking in Summit Metro Parks! (Out-of-County hikers can pay \$10 for their first-year hiking, and \$5 for returning hikers). All you have to do is sign up on <https://www.summitmetroparks.org/hiking-sprees.aspx>, download the participant form, and complete at least *eight* of the designated trails between September 1<sup>st</sup> and November 30<sup>th</sup> to receive rewards! You can update your form as you hike your chosen trails, and when you've completed the minimum of 8, stop by or send the form to the Summit Metro Park offices to receive your rewards! There's a total of 13 different trails available for hiking in the Summit Metro Parks network—Check out the map on the Spree webpage to find your best hiking options.

### **Freedom House Raffle Basket Gift Cards Needed!**

While we have the opportunity to host hundreds of folks for such an event like the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Pancake Breakfast, Outreach will be hosting a wonderful way to help Freedom House! Please consider donating any gift cards you can to the Outreach Committee so we can create an enticing raffle basket for folks to buy into. (And, a friendly reminder: If you purchase



gift cards at Sam's Club, you pay a little less than the total cost of the gift card!)

### **Mail at Camp Christian** **+ Camp Mailing Address**

Don't forget to send mail to all the kids at Camp Christian! That mailing address is 10335 Maple Dell Rd., Marysville, OH 43040

Rosie Johnson is at camp this week for Otter Camp  
Abby Ardle & Violet Rumburg will be at Chi Rho  
Camp the week of June 16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Ava Lazor will be at Chi Rho July 7<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>  
AJ Rumburg and Jonathan will be at Ribbet Camp  
June 30<sup>th</sup> – July 3<sup>rd</sup>

### **Summer Worship Hours** **8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.**

Just a reminder! Our "Chapel" services will continue to be held at 8:30 a.m. every Sunday morning, and our normal Sanctuary time has moved back by 30 minutes to 10:00 a.m. until Labor Day. Both services will be held in the Sanctuary until further notice.

### **Youth Group Putt-Putt Planning** **& More Summer Fun!**

Parents of those in Youth Group, please keep your eyes on the group chat and make sure Emily knows when your youth student will be available for rescheduling the Youth Putt-Putt Open of 2024 at Downview Sports Center! Additionally, let Emily know if you're going to be out for any extended periods of time this summer... There's a couple offers to use a church member's pool and host the youth for a day throughout the summer. Be on the lookout for the Youth Pool Party announcement!

### **2024 Summer Camp Schedule** **At Camp Christian**

The Christian Church in Ohio is excited to share with you the 2024 Summer Program Schedule! There are Summer Programs at Camp Christian for Children and Youth from Kindergarten through 12th grade, as well as Advance Conference for Young

Adults. You will also note the two Disciples Fellowship Retreats which are open to all ages. We have also included Adult Conference, which is open to all adults and is held at Northwest Christian Church in Columbus. Registration and more details about all of this coming this Winter.

We hope you'll save the dates and share this schedule with folks from your Congregations, Families, and Communities!! The first campsite event to kick off the summer schedule is the Disciples Fellowship Retreat on Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. The Regular season of camps begins with Grandparent's Camp – Elementary on Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>.

The full schedule can be viewed at the following link, <https://www.ccinoh.com/camp-christian.aspx>, as well as each date on the Regional Calendar. We hope you'll be able to participate in this great annual tradition of retreat, refocusing, and reverence. Summer is fast approaching! Camp Christian has a huge variety of camps, many of which are listed below. If you or a family with children you know are interested in camp, but the cost of enrollment may be too much, don't forget that there's scholarships and sponsorships are available through the Christian Church in Ohio website

#### **Grandparents Camp**

June 6th -8th at Camp Christian

*For children completing Kindergarten, 1st or 2nd grade (May/June 2024) and their Grandparent*

#### **Ribbit Camp - Elementary**

June 30th - July 3rd at Camp Christian

*For children completing 2nd grade and/or 3rd and 4th graders whose parents want a shorter camp experience for their children.*

#### **Otter Camp - Elementary**

June 9th - 15th at Camp Christian

*For children completing 5th grade & those in 3rd & 4th grades ready for a full-week of camp.*

#### **Encore Music Camp - Junior High & High School**

June 30th - July 6th at Camp Christian

For those youth completing 6th- 12th grades.

#### **Created to be Me**

For those youth completing 8th grade.

June 23rd - 29th

## Chi Rho\_Camp - Junior High

*For those youth completing 6th, 7th, or 8th grade.*

### **2 OPTIONS - Emmaus June 16th-22nd OR Cornith July 7th-13th**

*It does not matter where you live or what church you attend. You can sign up for whichever week fits best into your schedule.*

### **CYF Conference - High School**

*For those youth completing 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grades.*

### **2 OPTIONS - Week #1 June 16th-22nd OR Week #2 July 14th-20th**

*It does not matter where you live or what church you attend. You can sign up for whichever week fits best into your schedule.*

### **Advance Ministries Summer Conference - Young Adults**

July 21st - 28th at Camp Christian

*For all adults ages 19 to 30 (at least 1 year out of high school.)*

### **Adult Conference**

June 17th - 21st at Northwest Christian Church  
1340 Fishinger Rd., Columbus, OH 43221-2398

*For adults of all ages.*

## **FRAUD ALERT! Artificial Intelligence And How to Protect Against It!**

AI (Artificial Intelligence) enabled attacks are on the rise. Phishing emails have increased by 1,265% since the launch of ChatGPT. AI cloning models for voice and video are expected to emerge throughout the year. We can expect to see a rise in AI-related cyberattacks and fraud scams in 2024.

Huntington Bank has sent communication warning us as a business to be vigilant in our attempts to protect ourselves from these attacks. This information is pertinent to individuals as well. Let's start with some definitions:

- **Voice cloning or phishing:** digital simulations of trusted voices are used to request financial transfers, sensitive information.
- **Deepfakes:** Threat actors use these to create convincing video and audio recordings to

impersonate public figures, executives or other trusted individuals.

- **AI-generated images or videos:** often used to create fake identities on social media, fabricate compromising situations for blackmail, or generate convincing evidence to support fraudulent claims.

What can we do as individuals in defense against Cyber Criminals and Fraudsters?

- Consider enhancing verification processes on your phone or computer through multiple factor authentication, biometric verifications, and similar methods.
- Learn about the threat of AI-enabled scams, including how to spot potential attempts, such as inconsistencies in voice or video communications.

### **Business Email Compromise**

This was the top form of cyberattack identified in 2023. These threats are effective because they prey on our instinct to be helpful, and it can be very difficult to identify. Unfortunately, AI is only making it easier for cybercriminals to impersonate legitimate and trusted sources to fool victims.

Some common scenarios include:

1. **Executive transaction request:** A fraudster masquerades as an executive asking for a time-sensitive transaction, such as an immediate funds transfer or gift card purchase.
2. **Executive data request:** Similar to the executive transaction request, scammers pose as an executive to request HR, payroll, or employee data, including earning statements and tax records.
3. **Specific payment methods:** Attempts often include requests for funds to be transferred via wire transfers, gift cards, or other online payment platforms.

Educating yourself on the tactics threat actors use in their attempts, as well as what to do if an email or text is suspected to be from an illegitimate source, can protect you and your church or other organization you may belong to. Be aware of these

### **RED FLAGS**

- Portraying a sense of urgency, a crisis, or insisting on confidentiality.
- Sending messages at inopportune times when you might respond in a hurry without thinking clearly.

- Refusing to communicate in person or verbally.
- Asking for unusual payment amounts or payment without proper justification.

Practices to help protect against: **CHECK FRAUD**

- Use electronic methods to make payments whenever possible.
- Deliver checks to a post office instead of dropping them in the mail.
- Consider switching recurring payments from check to ACH debit.
- Review and reconcile your monthly statements immediately.
- Notify your bank immediately if you discover a check has been forged or stolen.

Cybercriminals are increasingly using AI tools to understand and generate human-like text. These

tactics make it easier for victims to be manipulated into performing actions or divulging confidential information. First Christian Church of Stow has been a target of these attempts. Text messages have been sent pretending to be Jonathan asking for a gift card to be purchased. Others have pretended to be Chuck Kobb, asking for confidential payroll information. Stay alert and be aware and if anything does not feel right, stop and ask. We need to be smarter than the criminals. Keep calling the church, Jonathan, Christian, or another church employee or officer. Don't stop until you get help making an informed decision before you respond to a suspected fraudulent call, text, email, etc.

**Update from the Finance/Stewardship Team**

**Financial Giving – Through June 2024**

Hello all! Though we are still finalizing all expenses for June,).

The Leap of Faith amount for 2024 is \$18,787 (Budgeted Expenses minus Budgeted Income).

As you may recall, the Governing Board and the congregation approved the 2024 budget proposed by the Finance/Stewardship with the budgeted Expenses being higher than the budgeted Income. We refer to this difference as our Leap of Faith. We can achieve that Leap of Faith combining 2 goals; increasing our Income (primarily made up of Individual Giving) and decreasing our Expenses by controlling our spending. Here are 2 views that show our progress towards meeting our Leap of Faith. These compare our total actual income to our total budgeted expenses, showing how close we are now at the end of September, comparing that to end of August.



	Thru March	Thru June
YTD Actual Income	73,485	132,864
YTD Budget Expense (Leap Of Faith)	\$ 73,332	146,663
How Close to LOF (%)	100%	91%
How Close to LOF (\$)	\$ (154)	\$ (13,799)



The Total Income budget amount is \$22,878 per month. This includes congregational giving and other income sources like building rental.

The Total Expense budget amount is \$24,444 per month.

The Leap of Faith amount is the difference between our budgeted Expenses and our budgeted Income.

For the full year that amount is \$18,787 and monthly the amount is \$1,566.

If you prefer to think of this as a percentage, our actual income needs to be 7% higher than our budgeted income to meet our Leap of Faith, and thru the end of June our income is 3% lower than our budgeted income.

If you personally are feeling financially stable and would like to make an additional gift to the church above your normal giving, those are always appreciated. Any increases will help position us to be able to meet our Leap of Faith, and to sustain the outreach assistance we can provide to our community, both locally and globally.

Please let any member of the Finance/Stewardship team know if you would like to see our full reports, we are happy to share them.

We also will be sending out individual giving statements so you can see (and confirm) the financial gifts you have made so far this year.

**Stewardship Note: Online Giving  
Ease and Accessibility!**

Did you know that you can make your financial contributions to our church electronically? This can be done using your checking account, savings account or credit card. Here are the options currently available.

Option	Details	Pros – Cons
Bill Pay Using Your Bank	Most banks provide bill pay options for free.	Pro: No fee for you and 100% of the amount goes to the church; Your account information is not shared Con: No credit card option
EFT Using Vanco	Secure Link on FirstChristianStow.org under the Electronic Giving option on the home screen.	Pro: Options include credit card, checking or savings account; Can be set up on your behalf by our Financial Secretary by you filling out an authorization form Con: Vanco charges fees (they vary based on CC or bank account type), so the church receives less than 100% of your donation; Your account information is accessible to our Financial Secretary through the Vanco secure site
PayPal	Secure Link on FirstChristianStow.org under the Electronic Giving option on the home screen, or available through the PayPal website/mobile app	Pro: Options include credit card, checking or savings account; Convenient if you already use PayPal Con: PayPal charges fees so the church receives less than 100% of your donation.

**Frequently Asked Questions**

Q - Are any of the options above easier/harder for the Financial Secretary to handle?

A - Nope! Bill pay thru your bank account generates a paper check to the church. Vanco or PayPal generates an email notification. Either way, the information still needs to be entered into the church's management software.

Q - What are the fees and how can they be offset?

A – They vary for Vanco/PayPal but generally the fee is 2%-3% of the transaction amount. This can be offset by increasing the amount given. For example, you wish to donate \$100, then make the transaction \$103. There are no fees to you or the church when you set up your giving through your bank's website. If you would like assistance with this, please contact Lisa Roseman (Financial Secretary) or any member of the Stewardship Team.

#### Stewardship Team Members

Jim Hindel, Al Naylor, Dave Helmick, Barb Bell, Lisa Roseman

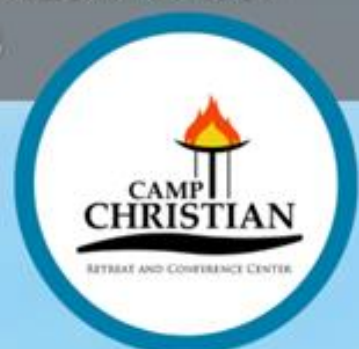
# SUMMER IS COMING...

PLAN AHEAD WITH THESE ADVENTURES IN OHIO!

## SUMMER CAMPS 2024



**TEMPLED HILLS CAMPS  
ARE LISTED IN PURPLE  
CAMP CHRISTIAN CAMPS  
ARE LISTED IN BLUE**



- **May 24–26: Disciples Fellowship Retreat, all Ages**
- **June 6–8: Grandparents Camp – Elementary. For children completing K–2 AND their Grandparent (or another related adult other than their parents)**
- **June 9–15: Otter Camp – Elementary. For children completing 5th grade & those completing 3rd & 4th, ready for a full-week of camp**
- **June 12–15, June 30 – July 3, July 14 – 17: Grands & Family, ages 4–13 (with Parent or Grandparent)**
- **June 16–22: M.M.A.D.D. (Music, Mindfulness, Art, Dance, Drama). Ages 8–18**
- **June 16–22: Camp "Out" (LGBTQIA+). Ages 8–18**
- **June 16–22: Chi Rho & CYF Week 1 Concurrent Camp – Junior High & High School. For youth completing 6–8th grades and youth completing 9th–12th**
- **June 17th–21: Adult Conference at Northwest Christian Church, Columbus**
- **June 23–29: Sports Camp. Ages 7–18**
- **June 23rd–29th: New Camp: Created to Be Me. For youth completing 8th grade.**
- **June 30th–July 3rd: Ribbit Camp. For children completing 2nd–5th grade, that may experience camp for the first time with a shorter week**
- **June 30th–July 6th: Camp Encore, Vocal and Drama Camp. For youth completing 6th–12th**
- **July 7–10: Pathfinder. Ages 10–14**
- **July 7–10: Family Camp, all ages**
- **July 7th–13th: Chi Rho Week #2. For youth completing 6th–8th**
- **July 10–13: Seek and Sip. Ages 21+**
- **July 14th–20th: CYF Week #2. For youth completing 9th–12th**
- **July 21st–July 28th: Advance Conference. For adults ages 19 to 30**
- **August, 30th–September 1st: Disciples Fellowship Retreat, all ages**



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