November 2026 Newsletter



The First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Perry is a family that finds ways of supporting growth through the connection of worship and the compassionate care of our church members and community.

Attendance Report	8:15 AM	10:30 AM	6:00 PM	You Tube
10/4/26	38	82	20	17
10/11/26	34	89	20	7
10/18/26	34	89	13	10
10/25/26	46	76	n/a	11
11/1/26	34	78	n/a	12

Giving Report

10/4/2026	General	$4,942.52
10/4/2026	Reconcilliation Offering	$180.00
10/4/2026	Little Red Heart	$50.00
10/11/2026	General	$2,777.00
10/11/2026	Restricted-Little Red Heart	$20.00
10/18/2026	Ministerial Alliance	$100.00
10/18/2026	General	$4,174.00
10/25/2026	General	$3,189.00
10/31/2026	Subsplash	$2,259.46
10/31/2026	ACH	$520.00
11/1/2026	General	$6,171.54
Total:		$24,383.52





1 Chronicles 16:34
Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!

Josh's Jottings

A November of Gratitude and Gathering
Your presence, your willingness to help, and the welcome you offer someone else make our gatherings meaningful. November brings opportunities to celebrate, give thanks, and spend time together as a church family, and each is an opportunity to share in that ministry. I am excited about what this month holds, and I hope you will make plans to join us!

On **Sunday, November 8**, we will have **one worship service** for our **Veterans Day Celebration**, followed by a **fellowship luncheon**. Together, we will recognize and thank those who have served in our armed forces. Behind each person's service is a story, and this gathering gives us time to listen, express our gratitude, and share a meal. Please help us welcome our veterans and their families. Those who help prepare food, set up tables and chairs, serve, and clean up make room for everyone to enjoy the celebration.

Every committee member and every committee chair is needed at our **November Board meeting** on November 11 at 6:00 p.m.—not just the chairs. We have exciting opportunities to discuss, and hearing about one another's work will help us offer support, coordinate our efforts, and make thoughtful plans for the church's ministry. Please make attending a priority; we need the entire membership of each committee involved in the conversation, and your participation matters.

Our **Cowboy Hall of Fame outing** is **Friday, November 20**, and we will leave at **8:30 a.m.** Please let me know by **Friday, November 13**, if you plan to go. Admission is **$25 per person**, and you will need to bring **additional money for lunch**. Knowing who is coming a week ahead will help us prepare for the trip.

I look forward to exploring the museum and enjoying time together. A shared outing gives us a chance to have conversations we may not get to finish on Sunday morning. We can learn something, share a memory, and get to know someone a little better. I hope you will consider joining us for the day!

Our children have an important part in **Hanging of the Greens** on **Sunday, November 22, at 4:00 p.m.**: they will **help place the decorations on the Chrismon tree**. **We especially need them to be there!** Families, please put this gathering on your calendar and help us include our children in this special tradition.

As the decorations are placed on the tree, we have an opportunity to share what these symbols tell us about Jesus and our faith. Our children learn through participating, asking questions, and doing these things alongside people who care about them. Their presence brings life to the service and helps carry these traditions forward. As we prepare the sanctuary for Advent, may we also make room in our own lives for the hope and promise of Christ's coming.

Later that evening, on November 22, we will host the **Community Thanksgiving Service at 6:00 p.m.** This is a wonderful opportunity to welcome our neighbors and worship alongside other congregations in Perry. **Our bell choir will play**, and **two of our community's newest preachers** will bring the messages. I am looking forward to hearing their voices and sharing this time of worship together. Because we are hosting, each of us has a part in helping our guests feel welcome. A friendly greeting, an offer to help someone find a seat, or taking a few minutes to visit can make a difference. Please come and help us extend the hospitality of this congregation to our neighbors. It is good for us to gather across church lines, give thanks to God, and remember the work we share in caring for our community.

As you look over the month's calendar, choose a gathering where you can participate: help with a meal, join the outing, bring your children to **Hanging of the Greens**, or invite a neighbor to the Thanksgiving service. I hope you will find a place to join in and strengthen the relationships that sustain our life together.

Thank you for the many ways you care for this church and our neighbors. Much of that care happens quietly, through people who notice what needs to be done and offer their time. I am grateful for you and for the ministry we share. I look forward to sharing this November with you.

Shalom,
Rev. Dr. Joshua Bell

CHOIR NOTES

Our choirs are excited about the coming holiday season! There will be many activities during November and December.

Nov. 8 – 10:30 am – Veteran's Day service – The Chancel Choir will be singing "A Tribute to the Armed Services." We invite you to stand when your military branch's hymn is sung so we can honor your service.

Nov. 22 – 6:00 pm – Community Thanksgiving service at our church – The Bell Choir will play "Give Thanks."

Dec. 6 – 2:00 pm – The Bell Choir will play at Green Valley Nursing Home. We encourage members of our congregation to join us and visit with the residents.

Dec. 6 – 5:00 pm – Christmas Caroling by the choirs, youth, and the congregation. We will ride in a church bus to the various houses, and refreshments will be provided afterward in the Big Room.

Dec. 20 – 10:30 am – Christmas Cantata "Glorious Night When Christ was Born"

I hope you will be able to participate in these activities with us!
Keep a song in your heart!
Paula





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Levi Karcher 11/1
James Ferguson 11/2
Kira Bond 11/3
Lyla Klinglesmith 11/3
Beth Lowry 11/3
Nancy Wells 11/5
Jim Robison 11/5
Gabrielle Dilbeck 11/6
Pat Sanders 11/6
Harper Schweer 11/7
Sally Frazier 11/7
Lily Greenlee 11/9
Allen Vaughan 11/9
Brian Wheatley 11/11
Missy Groom 11/11
Helen Fuller 11/12
Kyle Klinglesmith 11/13
Deah Sharp 11/14
Brenley Thompson 11/14
Becca McLain 11/14
Bob Bornt 11/18
Xander Bond 11/18
Lou Geisinger 11/19
Ethan Ferguson 11/20
Jase Roberts 11/21
Olivia Ferguson 11/23
Shelley Hawkins 11/23
Kathy Wilson 11/25
Melanie Cunningham 11/26
Carman Lowe 11/26

Happy ANNIVERSARY

Allen & Hannah Vaughan 11/2
Diesel & Betty Dillon 11/24

You are invited to attend FCC'S

THANKSGIVING & VETERANS

Fellowship Dinner

NOVEMBER 8, 2026

after the 10:30 AM service

Join us as we gather to give thanks and honor our Veterans. Please invite a veteran to attend.

Hosted by the Fellowship Committee & the Christian Women's Fellowship

Christmas Poinsettias

Sign Up by November 29th!

Poinsettias are $18.00 each. Please make checks payable to the First Christian Church.

Stewardship MINUTE

Fall can be a busy time of the year as we all get back into our routines. Before we know it, the holidays are here. As we enjoy the blessings of this season, let us remember that stewardship begins with a thankful heart. Everyday throughout November give thanks and live a life of gratitude.

Psalm 107:1

SEEKING FOOD DONATIONS FOR:

Thanksgiving Baskets

Signup sheet will be available in the narthex, if you would like to donate to our Thanksgiving baskets. These food baskets go to local families in need.

Please have your items to the church by November 23rd.

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Elders' Luncheon

November 18, 2026, 12:00 PM
@ the First Christian Church

Please sign-up in the narthex or call the church office.

NATIONAL COWBOY & WESTERN HERITAGE MUSEUM

FCC DAY TRIP

National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum



FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2026

All are invited to attend. Please sign up in the narthex. $25.00 to enter the museum & you will also need lunch money.

HANGING OF THE GREENS

NOVEMBER 22, 2026 | 4:00 PM

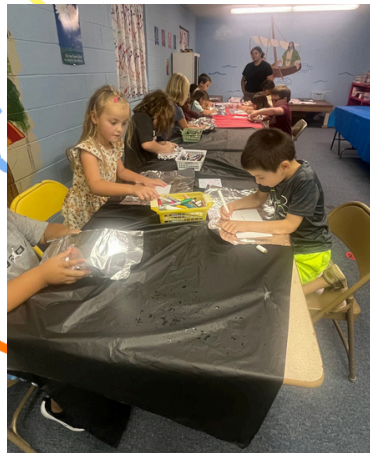
Followed by the Community Thanksgiving Service at FCC Perry.

Children's Ministry

November 2026

DISCIPLES KIDS FUN!!










Youth Ministry REPORT

November 2026

Youth Group
October 4th- 3 members of the older group and 3 members of the younger group present. Lesson was "Painting your world".
Members made a watercolor painting and then discussed how they were like a painting of God. When they make a mistake- God forgives us and makes us better.

October 11th- 4 members of the older group and 6 members of the younger group were present.
Lesson was called "Follow the Fishes"
Members discussed how the early church would use the symbol of the fish to signify they were Christians and to invite others to join. We discussed how what we wear can represent us and inviting others to join our youth group community.



Youth group did not meet October 18th because it was the end of fall break.

October 25th- Halloween Party- 22 members and guests were present.
Made dirty sodas (soda, flavored syrup, and half and half), snacks, and solved a murder mystery.
Quinton solved the the mystery with providing convincing evidence for his accusation.
Costume contest winners-
Hannah's choice- Jonathan as the Phantom of the Opera
Bobby's choice- Mason as Ace Ventura
Youth choice- Lilli as the Mad Hatter



November meetings- Nov. 1st, 8th and outdoor movie night on Nov. 15th.

Summer camp dates:
Chi Rho Camp: June 7-11
Discovery Camp: June 11-13
CYF Conference: June 14-18
Junior Camp: June 21-25
Enrollment for camps begins in February.

Youth Sunday school-
October mentors- Angie Schweer, Norma Hughes Klingerman, and Andrew Dudrey
Nov. scheduled mentors
Nov. 1st- Dr. Kevin Bond
Nov. 8th- Chad and Maranda Wilson
Nov. 22nd- Hannah Vaughn
Nov. 29th- Shelia Loring



A mentor is needed for Dec. 13th- please contact Hannah Vaughn if you are interested-
hannahmj@gmail.com
Also scheduling for Sundays in 2027















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To whom it may Concern,

Your generous support helps carry forward the legacy of heroes who have given the gift of life. Because of your recent gift of $1,050.00 in Memory of Nicole Noteware to the LifeShare Foundation, lives are being changed, hope is being restored and families are finding comfort in their most difficult moments.

At the LifeShare Foundation, we witness the power of organ, eye and tissue donation firsthand - comfort of knowing a loved one's legacy lives on, life-changing second chances, and a deep sense of gratitude from those who receive the gift of life. Your support allows us to fulfill our mission and serve as champions for donation. We remain dedicated to raising awareness, providing ongoing support for those touched by organ donation and advancing research to honor the gift of life.

On behalf of the LifeShare community, thank you for your generosity. Your contribution is a message of hope and a testament to the impact one person can have on so many.

We are honored to have you as part of our lifesaving mission.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Heather Dean
Director of Communications and Development
LifeShare Network, Inc.

Heather Dean

thank you

Dear Family,
Thank you for the donation made to LifeShare in honor of Nicole. I appreciate all the love & support extended to me this past year. It has been quite an adjustment, but my faith assures me that she is with her dad & we will all be together again. Thank you for being my support group.

Love,
Diana

30 DAY

Gratitude Challenge

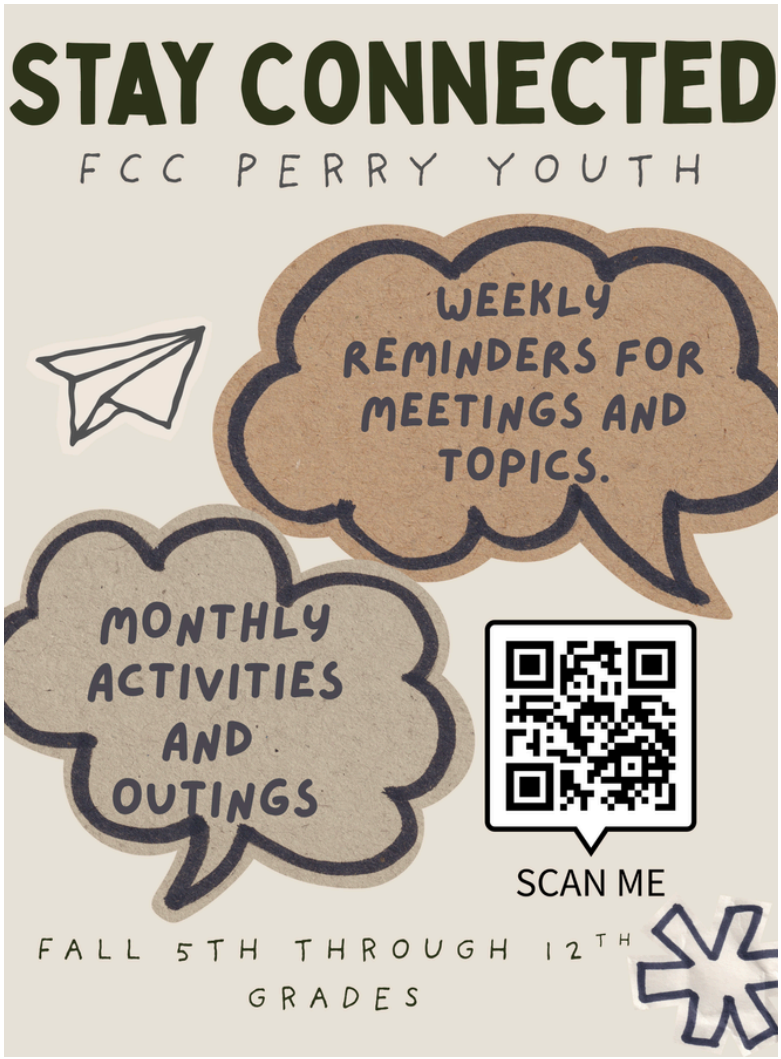
PAUSE.CONSIDER.ACT.

What attribute of God do you cherish today?	Give God thanks for your family.	Call a friend and tell them you're thankful for their friendship.	What is your favorite room in your home? Why?	Give thanks to God for something you've overcome.
Consider what life would be like without the sun.	Be watchful and thankful in your prayers.	Dwell on God being sovereign over all things.	What is a special family tradition you cherish?	What friend makes you laugh the hardest? Tell them.
What holiday do you look forward to celebrating in your home?	A hit song from the year you were born	Praise God for the beauty of creation.	Pray Psalm 138.	Give thanks to God for the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for your sins.
What is your favorite family vacation?	How have your friends inspired you?	Be a blessing in your home today.	Replace all complaints with blessings today.	Practice pausing and spending a few minutes outside thanking God for nature.
Pray that 1 Thessalonians 5:18 becomes a daily posture of your heart.	Give thanks to God for yesterday, today, and tomorrow.	What season do you look forward to celebrating with your family?	What's one of your favorite memories with a friend?	What about your home are you thankful for?
Thank God for His unfailing love and full forgiveness for your life.	Spend time looking at the stars and consider the creative masterpiece of God.	Ask God to help you note the evidence of His goodness upon your life.	Write a letter to God praising Him for the blessings in your life.	Tell each family member you are thankful for them and why.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reoccurring Events:

Sunday School : Sundays 9:30 AM
Sunday Worship Services: 8:15 AM 10:30 AM
Grace After Sundown Sundays 6:00 PM
Caraway Street: 3rd Sunday of the month.
Disciples Kids: Wednesday 3:30 PM-5:00 PM
Youth: Sunday evenings (scan QR code to the right for dates & times)
Chancel Choir: Wednesday 6:00 PM
Bell Choir: Wednesdays 7:00 PM (except the 2nd Wed. of the month)
Bible Study: Bible Study Tuesdays at 9:00 AM
Disciples Women: 4th Tuesday of the month 6 PM
Quilters: Thursdays 1:00 PM
Pickleball: Tuesdays & Fridays @10 AM
Christian Women's Fellowship: Events scheduled throughout the year.
Christian Men's Fellowship breakfast: 3rd Saturday of the month 7:00 AM.



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Karen Douglass, Pianist
Bobby Cunningham, AV tech
Ted Loring, AV Tech
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Thank you for reading!

November 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 All Saints Day services Youth 8th-12th 4:00 PM; 5th-7th 5:00 PM Grace After Sundown 6 PM	2	3 Voting in the narthex. Bible Study 9:00 AM Pickleball 10:00 AM	4 Disc. Kids 3:30 PM Chancel Choir 6 PM Bell Choir 7 PM	5	6 Pickleball 10:00 AM	7 CWF Knitting Class 9:30 AM
8 Veterans Day Celebration 10:30 AM only Thanksgiving luncheon Youth 4:00 /5:00 PM Grace after Sundown 6 PM	9 Deacons' meeting 5:30 PM	10 Bible Study 9:00 AM Pickleball 10:00 AM	11 Veterans Day Church office is closed. Disciples Kids 3:30 PM Board 6:00 PM	12	13 Pickleball 10:00 AM	14
15 Caraway St. 9:30 AM Youth Movie Night 4-6 PM Grace after Sundown	16 Property Committee meeting 6:00 PM	17 Bible Study 9:00 AM Pickleball 10:00 AM	18 Elders luncheon 12:00 PM @ FCC Disciples Kids 3:30 PM Chancel Choir 6:00 PM Bell Choir 7:00 PM	19	20 FCC Day trip to Cowboy Hall of Fame 9:00 AM	21 CMF breakfast 7:00 AM
22 Thanksgiving Services Hanging of the Greens 4:00 PM FCC hosting Comminity Thanksgiving service 6:00 PM	23 Pathfinder Friends using kitchen	24 Thanksgiving baskets Community Thanksgiving dinner upper elementary 5:30-7:30 PM	25	26 Thanksgiving Big Room reserved all day.	27 Pickleball 10:00 AM	28
29 Deadline to order poinsettias Grace after Sundown 6:00	30					

Church office closed 25th-27th