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15th Annual Spring Auto Show

Sunday, May 2

All makes, models & motorcycles welcome \$10 per vehicle

Vehicle Registration 3-5 pm Judging 5:30 pm Awards 7 pm



Awards 7 pm Rain Date May 16



All registered vehicles eligible to win prizes & grand prize from sponsors

Contact Durk Peters 740/225-0964, Don Brown 740/474-9634, Ronnie Harper 740/497-2650, Dan Bevan 740/601-4334

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Food donations are needed: bottled water and individual bags of chips are especially needed. A sign-up sheet is located on the Welcome Center table. Please be sure to indicate the amount you will be donating.

Vietnam War Veteran's Day



National Vietnam War Veteran's Day is May 29. This day unites Americans to thanks and to honor Vietnam veterans and their families for their service and sacrifice.

The Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017 establishes May 29 as a national observance, but not an official holiday in the United States.

Vietnam War Veterans Day was first observed on May 29, 2012 as a one-time occasion. President Barack Obama proclaimed and called on "all Americans to observe this day with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities." In 2017, President Donald Trump signed the Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017, this introduced this day as an annual event.

The Vietnam War lasted from November 1, 1955 to April 30, 1975. The Vietnam War engulfed the Southeast Asian country of Vietnam and Cambodia and Laos, neighboring countries. Several millions death occurred; most were Vietnamese civilians.

The conflict began in the 1950's when the struggle between the country's communist northern part and the anti-communist south escalated. The United States began its military involvement in an effort to back the South's effort to quell the communist onslaught, which, at the height of the Cold War, was feared to promote the spread of communist ideology and influence worldwide. During the war, about 500,000 U.S. troops were dispatched to Southeast Asia, about 58,000 of whom were killed.

The conflict ended in 1975 with the fall of Saigon and the victory of North Vietnam.

www.timeanddate.com

Circleville Community Mission news

Pastoral team, Randy and Cathy Haddox

Community Cupboard continues to help those in need. We have as many that take as well as give.

Church beautification: Flowers planted, new flags, American and Christian replaced, bench has been added to bird and squirrel sanctuary.

Special thank you for all that prayed for baby, Kenneth. Eye surgery went well.

Upcoming events:

Community baby dedications held on Mother's Day VBS-summer long-each month a different theme

Needs:

Prayers for upcoming revival

submitted by Peggy Smith, Circleville First Church Representative



Place your tithes and offerings in one of the boxes located on the back-sanctuary wall

Men's Prayer Meetings on Saturdays at 8 am



Remember our fallen heros. They are the reason that we are free.

Men's Prayer Breakfast

May 15 at 8 am

Ferguson/Clark Hall

Comfy corner creations

Butterscotch Brownies

1 c. flour ¹/₂ t. baking powder ¹/₂ t. salt ¹/₂ c. butter 1 c. brown sugar 1 egg + 1 egg yolk 1 t. vanilla ¹/₂ c. nuts



Mix all ingredients together. Put in 8x8 greased baking pan. Bake at 325 degrees for 30 minutes. Sprinkle with powdered sugar when partly cooled.

submitted by Sharon Harper

Verse of the month

but just as it is written: "Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, And *which* have not entered the human heart, All that God has prepared for those who love Him."

1 Corinthians 2:9

submitted by Mike Paul

Watch the service live stream on youtube at circlevillefirstchurch on Sunday mornings at 10:45

Restroom remodel

According to **Durk Peters**, on April 10, a church remodel work day was held with a good turn-out. The work on the restroom remodel includes demolition and all of the walls are built. The next step is the installation of the plumbing.

Durk said, "An interesting fact: For some time, different women had mentioned the women's restroom was cold and needed a heat vent. Under three layers of flooring, we found a heat vent! It was there the whole time; it was just covered."

Restrooms located in the basement are open for use. Stay aware and watch as the project progresses.



Vietnam War Facts

1 out of 10 American soldiers were a casualty 50,000 + killed 300,000 wounded

Life expectancy of a helicopter door gunner was 5 minutes First day – 997 door gunners died

Life expectancy of a Vietnam Veteran is 66 years old.

The youngest Vietnam Veteran is now 60 years old.

850,000 Vietnam Veterans are still alive.

390 Vietnam Veterans die each day

submitted by Dan Mason

War hero tells story

Dan Mason enlisted in the Marine Corps in Lancaster, Ohio in February 16, 1963 under the 120-day delay program. In June, five days after graduating from Lancaster High School, he left for Cincinnati, Ohio to be sworn into the Marine Corps. Then he caught a plane in Kentucky and flew to boot camp in San Diego, California. At that time, boot camp was 16 weeks and then four weeks to Camp Pendleton for combat infantry training.

"I am what they called a 'Hollywood Marine' because boot camp was in San Diego. Even to this day, the term is used," stated Dan.

After boot camp, Dan was stationed 1st Marine Aircraft in Santa Ana, California and reported to the helicopter Squadron where he performed his military job until the middle of 1964. Then the entire squadron was ordered to Vietnam. "We were the first U.S. military squadron to be sent to Vietnam as a complete squadron," stated Dan.

Dan recalled that when they got to Vietnam, their commanding officer asked for all men who wanted to be a door gunner in the choppers. He stepped forward and volunteered. He went on to explain that as the door gunner, he rode in the back of the helicopter (UH34D), behind the pilot and used an M60 machine gun for protection. The M60 machine gun was mounted to the inside left window, they started flying and practicing. Their call sign was Yankee Papa 13 and the squadron was known as HMM (Heavy Marine Corps Maintenance).

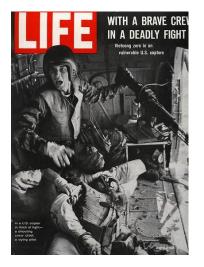
Vietnam is 1,030 miles long, compared to Florida which is 497 miles long and 361 miles wide; Vietnam is 31 miles wide.

Vietnam is also the world's largest producer of cashew nuts and largest producer of black pepper.

During this time, they would fly daily support missions around Da Nang area. They moved village people from their old village which had been destroyed by Viet Cong to a new location. They also flew in 50-lb. bags of rice for them. Dan went on to say, "We also flew Vietnamese Marines and our Marines from one hot landing zone to another zone. Then the next day we would have the unpleasant task of flying out and picking up the wounded and the K.I.A. s and fly them back to their bases and medical areas."

On March 8, 1965, some 3,500 Marines landed at Da Nang, the initial point of contact upon arriving in Vietnam," Dan tells, "Our squadron had the tasks of flying the Marines from ship to shore. On April 14, another large unit of Marines arrived in Vietnam."

Dan remembers this major event, "On April 16, 1965, our squadron was assigned to take Vietnamese Marines into a suspected enemy staging area. Upon entering the landing zone, we started receiving heavy enemy ground fire. We landed into an enemy trap, but kept flying troops in. That day we had lost two choppers that went down and every chopper in the unit had been hit, as was everyone in the choppers (pilot, co-pilot, crew chief and door gunner). We also had one pilot killed. Our unit made the cover of LIFE magazine that day. To this day, the main (hit the most) helicopter – Yankee Papa 13 (YP-13) is on display in the Air Space Museum in the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C.





Cover of LIFE Magazine April 16, 1965 Vol.58, No.15

Look for more stories about the Vietnam War as told by Dan Mason in the next newsletter.



Serving our country: Sean Baldwin, James Benner, Bob Byerly, Travis Cotton, Addison Coy, Elijah Garrison, Trent Holbrook, Brittany Mozingo, Jake Richards, Andrew Williams and Tanner Wilson. Thank you for your sacrifice! Please pray for our military men and women and their families.

Operation Christmas Child

Items of the month



Ivory soap & Washcloths



It's that time of the year again...

Time to clean out those closets, drawers, garages, sheds, attics...

Save those good clean items for the Church Yard Sale on July 10



Second Chance Ministry

May 7 & May 21 at 7 pm

Ferguson/Clark Hall

Sunday morning worship service is available on DVD. If you are interested in receiving a DVD of the service, please contact the church office at 740/474-2250.



Nipgen Camp Work Week

May 24-28 9 am – 5 pm

Lunch will be provided in the Nipgen dining hall on these days. Your help would be appreciated to prepare the campground for a season of camp ministry. On Easter Sunday, April 4, baskets made by our youth group were given to:

Birthday closest to Christmas—Erin Dixon— December 24 Person travelled farthest to get to Easter Service—Lisa Cutright



Person with post-it-note in church bulletin-Kirin Moore

The children performed, *God Is Not Dead* with choreography. The children did a great job!! *Thank you to the children and the adult volunteers!!*

Them: Why do you raise your hands when you worship?

Me: Isn't that what a child does when he wants to be held?

taken from Facebook

JOY (just older youth)

JOY members met at the Country Club on Saturday April ,17 for a great evening of food, fun and fellowship. The food was fantastic. Scenery was beautiful and relaxing. Everyone was getting caught up after being apart for over a year. **Pastor Jim Daft** had devotions and prayer everyone shared something they were thankful for and door prizes for everyone. Total in attendance was 35. It was great, we really missed everyone.

Love and prayers, Venita

Aaron & Hur Prayer Closet



This ministry will start back up beginning the first Sunday in May. Calendars for May, June and July are on the Welcome Center table. If you would be willing to be in the prayer closet in a Sunday morning service, please sign one of the calendars on the Welcome Center table.

New members will be taken in on May 30

Membership qualifications for CCCU

All Candidates for membership shall:

- 1. Be interviewed by the pastor prior to being received into membership. This is intended to assure that the new member willfully understand the nature of the vows that are to be taken.
- 2. Have a clear testimony that Christ saves from all sins in the present moment.
- 3. Evidence an inward and outward life of godliness, always and in all things living "as become the godliness".
- 4. Be good stewards of their income and possessions, faithfully supporting the kingdom through their local church by their tithes, offerings and gifts.
- 5. Accept the doctrinal position of the church as set forth in the Statement of Doctrine without mental reservations.
- Abstain from all use of tobacco or alcoholic beverages, and shall not own a business engaged in dealing tobacco or alcoholic beverages of any kind. Further, they shall abstain from undue and irresponsible dependence on habit-forming drugs and shall at all times avoid promiscuous use of stimulant, depressant or hallucinogenic drugs.
- 7. Not to be avowed homosexual or lesbian. Such persons shall not be received into or retained in membership, nor shall they be permitted to hold ministerial credentials or to hold any office either by election or by appointment at either the local, district, or general level in the Churches of Christ in Christian Union.

Reception of members

The following questions are to be asked of all applicants for membership:

- 1. Do you believe the Bible to be the Word of God, and that therein only is contained the knowledge of the way of salvation?
- 2. Have you the assurance of all sins forgiven, and do you publicly confess Jesus Christ as your personal Savior?
- 3. Are you determined by the grace of God to follow Christ, in renouncing the world and all ungodliness,

seeking to live a life of holiness and devotion to God and His cause?

- 4. Are you willing to be governed by the Word of God and the rules of the Churches of Christ in Christian Union?
- 5. Whereas, the Word of God teaches that tithes and offerings are God's method of financing His work, will you contribute to the support of this local church and the gospel as God prospers you?
- 6. Whereas, the Word of God teaches that the church is composed of many members being one body, will you by the help of God be loyal to this local church and be faithful in attendance?
- 7. Whereas, the Scriptures teach "ye are my witness," will you endeavor to witness and do personal work, seeking to win others to Christ and the church?

Moms are wonderful!

Aren't moms great? They can help us to learn about life yet they can be a lot of fun. Moms often do things for us such as laundry, household chores and cooking.

When I stated "My mom makes the best

_____." Joy Atwood and daughter Carly Atwood quickly agreed that "My mom makes the best messes." Baileigh Leeth stated her mom, Kelsey Leeth, makes the best pasta while Adam Leeth claims Kelsey



makes the best lasagna. According to Amelia Polley, mom Kimmy Polley makes the best brownies. With a big smile, Ava Roseberry says Grandma Joni Lowry makes the best mac & cheese. McKayla Tatman stated her mom, Tina Tatman makes the best pasta salad, while Ireland Tatman says mom Tina makes the best cake. Dominique Greer's mom Mary Gilmore makes the best cake. Dominique Greer's mom Mary Gilmore makes the best French toast. Candace Bosdell makes the best corn casserole stated Shaun Peterson. Bradley Neff shared that his mom Tonya Neff makes the best breakfast casserole. Ally Artrip stated her mom, Shelly Artrip makes the best potato soup.



With **Mother's Day** coming on **May 9**, let us all remember to thank mom for all she does with us and for us, as well as all the yummilicious dishes she makes for us.

submitted by Sue Stonerock

CFC Kids

VBS to RETURN in 2021...

After much prayer, Circleville First Church will be bringing back Vacation Bible School this year! This year's theme is *Mission* Deep Sea where kids will explore how to deepen their relationship with Jesus!

VBS date will be announced soon!

Want to help us with preparing? Check out our decoration and craft wish list at https://bit.ly/2RoGIbU



submitted by Kiera Yaniga



Jokes of the month

What's red and smells like blue paint? Red paint

What will you always find at the end of a rainbow? "W"

Where do you weigh a pie?

Somewhere over the rainbow, weigh a pie...

Why was the music coming from the printer? Because the paper was jamming

How does a dog stop a video? By hitting the paws button



submitted by Bobby Dollison

5 - 2Auto Show

- 5 7 Second Chance 7 pm FC Hall
- 5 9 Happy Mother's Day! Evening Service—dismissed
- Men's Prayer Breakfast 8 am FC Hall 5 – 15
- Second Chance 7 pm FC Hall 5 – 21



5 – 30 New Members taken in

5 – 31 Memorial Day If you would like to be placed on the prayer chain list to pray for others or if you have a need and would like prayer for that need, please contact Barbara at 740-601-0996 or text GENEWELSH @ aol.com

Top 10 - Best Remarks by Golf Caddies



#10

Golfer: "Think I'm going to drown myself in the lake." Caddy: "Think you can keep your head down that lona?"

#9

Golfer: "I'd move heaven and earth to break 100 on this course." Caddy: "Try heaven, you've already moved most of the earth."

#8

Golfer: "Do you think my game is improving?" Caddy: "Yes sir, you miss the ball much closer now."

#7

Golfer: "Do you think I can get there with a 5 iron?" Caddy: "Eventually."

#6

Golfer: "You've got to be the worst caddy in the world." Caddy: "I don't think so sir. That would be too much of a coincidence."

#5

Golfer: "Please stop checking your watch all the time. It's too much of a distraction." Caddy: "It's not a watch - it's a compass."



#4

Golfer: "How do you like my game?" Caddy: "Very good sir, but personally, I prefer golf."

#3

Golfer: "Do you think it's a sin to play on Sunday? Caddy: "The way you play, sir, it's a sin on any day."

#2

Golfer: "This is the worst course I've ever played on." Caddy: "This isn't the golf course. We left that an hour ago."

and the #1 best caddy comment:

Golfer: "That can't be my ball, it's too old." Caddy: "It's been a long time since we teed off, sir." submitted by Jerry Parish



