

THE WITNESS

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Lunch lady...



"I realized I needed to serve the Lord in more ways," said **Diana Moore** who has recently taken over the monthly Ladies' Lunch. She added, "I noticed that **Joellen Byerly** was so busy, so I asked her how I could help." Diana is now the Lunch

Lady...Look for the Ladies' Lunch in the Ladies' Ministry column.

She commented, "I have been attending Circleville First Church for 12 years. After my husband passed, I moved to Circleville to be closer to my family, **Dan Jones**, my husband's nephew, brought me to a Wednesday night Bible study and I have been here ever since."

Diana was born on June 4 and "proud to say that I am 76 years old. I came close to leaving this world, but God has a plan for me to stay." She continued that she doesn't have a favorite color; loves things that are colorful. As for food, "any pizza you give me and I love the Willow; it is always such a treat to go there," said the newly Lunch Lady.

"I love music of all kinds, when we worship on Sundays is where I feel the closest to our God. I really like the fact that we can listen to any song we want on our phones. My favorite song to listen to is **Wayward Stranger** by the Hayden Bluegrass Orchestra," Diana declared.

She answered, "As for a favorite Bible verse I cannot say, when you read the Bible, it always touches you right where you need, it is the living word. I love to read about Paul and the wonderful way he wrote to us. I know the book of Romans is a complete guide to how to live your life."

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Trunk or Treat

October 25

4 – 6 pm

Bring your cars, decorated in a biblical stories or family friendly décor as we will pass out candy to our community.

Hot dogs, chips and water will be served as well.

NEEDED:

Candy, hot dogs, buns, chips & bottles of water

Who will be Miss Pumpkin Show 2025?

This year's candidates include our own...

Carly Atwood

Westfall High School

Makenna Singleton

Amanda Clearcreek High School

Cheer on our girls!



Pumpkin Show Parking

Your help is needed...

Watch the church bulletin for details



Lunch Lady (con't from page 1)

"My parents raised me in an EUB Church, my favorite memories are of sitting with my father in church and watching my mother sing in the choir. I went to the alter during a revival but I do not remember how old I was. I do remember that I would look for Christ in the sky when I was about 4 and I am still waiting for that day He will come," Diana recalled.

Over the years Diana has had many different chances to serve our Lord; the ones she enjoyed the most are "singing in worship bands, working with the homeless in Columbus on Saturday nights, street ministry in New York City, being a camp counselor any chance I had and once I marched for Jesus in Washington. What fun I have had serving the Lord!"

"Things I would like you to know about me is I am very blessed with a wonderful family and I love my dog, **Missy**. Most of all God has given me a gift of loving people so I have never met a stranger," concludes Diana.

Kitchen delights

The following recipe is from **Nancy Neff**.

Calico Salad

Cool and drain: 20 oz. pkg. frozen mixed vegetables

Chopped: 4 stalks celery
1/2 green pepper
1 medium onion



Drain: 1 can of dark red kidney beans

Blend and cook together until clear. Stir constantly:

3/4 cup sugar
1 heaping Tbsp. flour
1 Tbsp. prepared mustard
1 tsp. salt
1/2 cup vinegar

Cool, then pour over vegetables. Refrigerate 3 days. Stir often. Can be used after 1 day.

submitted by **Nancy Johnson**

Bible study

Wednesdays at 1 pm Ferguson/Clark Hall

Calling all men... Men's Prayer Meeting

Saturdays 8 am

Hey, you guys!!!



Men's Prayer Breakfast

October 18

8 am FC Hall

speaker:

The McGuire Home

Mark 16:15 – "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to all creation"

The McGuire Home, a home purchased by Circleville First Church in March 2025 to provide housing for missionaries on furlough, raising funds to continue their ministry is undergoing renovations and updates.

Seth George, who oversees this project, said that plumbing, electrical work, drywall, painting, flooring, doors, trim, cabinets and fixtures still needs to be addressed.

This is where you come in...

Labor, money and prayer are needed to make these renovations possible. Seth said, "If you have experienced in any of these areas and want to help, please contact me. We will get them plugged in."

Need a gift?



Candy bouquets are located in the back of the church for only \$10 each which benefits missions. Envelopes are provided for your payment and can be placed in the collection boxes. Floral sticks and cards/stickers are also provided to add to your bouquet.

Thanks to all who have donated toward this ministry.

submitted by **Cathy Marck**





Stories from Elizabeth's Hope

Although most of the mothers who come through our center are blessed with healthy pregnancies, others are not as fortunate. In some cases, after providing an ultrasound, we later hear the heartbreaking news that a mother has miscarried. In those moments, it is a privilege to know that we were able to provide her with the very first glimpse of her baby through ultrasound images. The ultrasound photos that we freely provide are sadly in some situations the only special photos that they may have to treasure.

We would like to share a few important facts. Miscarriage is much more common than many realize with 1 in 4 pregnancies ending this way, often through no fault of the mother and sometimes without a clear explanation. A miscarriage is defined as an unplanned loss of a pregnancy that occurs before 20 weeks. Most miscarriages happen due to the unborn baby not developing properly often, due to too many or too few chromosomes. The good news is that most mothers only experience a miscarriage once and go on to have a healthy pregnancy in the future.

It is often recommended by healthcare providers to wait 3 - 6 months after miscarrying before trying to get pregnant again which allows both physical and emotional healing to take place. This waiting period helps prepare a mother's body and heart for a future pregnancy. There are other measures a mother can take to improve her chances for a healthy, full-term pregnancy, such as maintaining a healthy weight, eating nutritious foods, taking prenatal vitamins, and getting prenatal care. Other ways to stay healthy and have a healthy pregnancy are to avoid smoking, avoid drinking alcohol, and avoid using illegal drugs.

If you have suffered a miscarriage or know someone who has, please know that Elizabeth's Hope is here for you. We are here to listen, to empathize, to walk alongside you, and to grieve with you. In addition to compassionate care, we offer evidence-based curriculum designed to help in the healing process. Any mother that comes to Elizabeth's Hope is never alone, and our team is here to provide comfort, encouragement and unwavering support during their time of need.

mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/pregnancy-loss-miscarriage/symptoms-causes

Kristie Steck BSN, RN
Mobile Nurse Manager at Elizabeth's Hope

Verse of the month

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

1 Peter 1:3 New Spirit Filled Life Bible



submitted by **John Adams**

Community cupboard needs



RAMEN NOODLES & SNACKS

a tote is located in the overflow for donations

Penny March – October 5

Coming in November...

Feed My Starving Children Event

Nelsonville, Ohio

Thank you for serving our country...

Please pray for our country, our leaders and all of our military and their families as they serve but especially **Sean Baldwin, Bob Byerly, Sgt. Travis Cotton, Ryan Dean, Jeffrey Fowler, Zachary Haddox, Trent Holbrook, Oscar Knece, Brittany Mozingo, Tim Sauers, Andrew Williams and Tanner Wilson.**



Jesus loves you!!



Romans 12: 1-2

"Therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God."

Summit -- Coming in March 2026

Jokes of the month



Where do pumpkins live?
Over in the seedy part of town!

Why do pumpkins sit on people's porches?
They have no hands to knock on the door!

How do you mend a jack-o-lantern?
With a pumpkin patch!

Why are jack-o-lanterns so smart?
Candles make them bright!

sent to me from **Ruth Keller**

submitted by **Bobby Dollison**



Growth Group Leadership Training



October 4

9 am – noon
Ferguson/Clark Hall

Requesting all Growth Group Leaders attend this training. This training provides support to leaders in discipleship, theology and core values of Circleville First Church.

Questions? Contact Pastor Andrew Hottinger (740) 403-3166

If you have a recipe that you would like to share or if you need to find a recipe for something you want to make, please contact **Nancy Johnson**. I will try to help.



Mark your calendars...

Tuesday, October 7 – Ladies Lunch - 11 am at OCU

Tuesday, October 21 - Ladies Night at 6:30 pm- FC Hall--bring a friend and snack to share.

Tuesday, November 18 - Ladies Night at 6:30 pm - FC Hall—bring a friend and snack to share.

Thursday, December 11 – Ladies Night at 6:30 pm – FC Hall—bring a friend and snack to share – more info to come.

Thursday, January 22 - Ladies Night at 6:30 pm – FC Hall—bring a friend and snack to share.

Tuesday, February 17 - Ladies Night at 6:30 pm – FC Hall—bring a friend and snack to share.

March 20-21 – Ladies SCD conference held at Deer Creek – registration and cost involved

Saturday, April 25 – Crossroads Ladies Conference – Joy of the Journey- registration needed- \$25.00 if early bird registration is met, T-shirts will be available.

submitted by **Joellen Byerly** and **Diana Moore**



Looking ahead: Friday & Saturday- a weekend in March- we will attend the Ladies SCD Conference held at Deer Creek. It was well attended last year and everyone had a great time. There is a registration and cost involved. (It was \$150.00 last year). Start saving now! If you want to make a monthly \$25 payment, see **Joellen Byerly**.

Would you be interested in visiting some women who are no longer able to make it to church or who have missed?

We also have a lot of widows at our church; would you be interested in heading up a widow's ministry or helping out where help is needed?

Contact **Joellen Byerly** 513-680-6012





- Connect with a mentor on your schedule
- Read the Gospel of John daily for fresh insights
- Discover Jesus, prayer, Christian Living, God's plan for your life
- Live out Jesus' call (Mathew 28:19-20)

Questions? Contact Tom Byerly 614-440-4301



TRANSFORMATION

Operation Christmas Child – ideas



“WOW” items and Toys: Soccer ball with pump, dolls, stuffed animals, shoes, toy cars, jump ropes and yo-yos, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries taped to them), puzzles, finger puppets, silly putty, play jewelry, plastic tools, yo-yo, small plastic musical instruments, jump rope, play-doh.



Personal care items, School supplies: toothbrushes, socks, combs, hairbrushes, band-aids, dental floss, pens, pencils, sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, coloring books, picture books, solar calculators, sunglasses, flashlights, washcloths, small towels, lip gloss, purse, wallet, coin purse, cups, straws. **Small tools:** hammer, screwdriver, tape, pliers, gloves...small enough to fit in a shoebox.



Operation Christmas Child
Items of the month



Toys for boys & girls

to fit in a shoebox



Ladies...don't forget Tuesday, October 7 set aside for lunch at OCU at 11 am.

Last month was a great time with eleven of us enjoying our fellowship. Any questions call **Diana** at 740.497.4042

Upcoming...

*Prayer service – November 30 at 6 pm

*Summit – March 2026



Try a Growth Group class at 9:45 am,
stay where you fit in and feel comfortable



10 – 4 Growth Group Leader Training 9-12 noon FC Hall

10 – 5 Penny March

10 – 7 Ladies Lunch 11 am at OCU

10 -13 Columbus Day



10 – 15 to 18 Circleville Pumpkin Show
Pumpkin Show Parking-see
church bulletin for details

10 -15 Miss Pumpkin Show contest—Go Carly & Makenna!

10 -21 Ladies' Night 6:30 pm FC Hall
Bring a friend and a snack to share

10 – 24 Trunk or Treat 4-6 pm
NEEDED--decorated cars, candy, hot
dogs, buns, chips & bottles of water



"To live above with saints we love,
O that will be glory!
To live below with saints we know,
That's a different story."

submitted by **Nancy Johnson**

The story behind the song

submitted by **Mark Agin**

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

"The chief difference between a gum chewing teenager and a
cud chewing cow, is the thoughtful expression on the face of the
cow." ---

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]