



The Charleroi Christian

First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Psalm 37:4

Delight yourself in the Lord, and He shall give you the desires of your heart. NKJV

Welcome to our March Newsletter.

A few highlights from last month.

On the first Sunday we continued our series on Jospeh. The title of the message staying "POSITIVE" overcoming negative thinking.

Fellowship is important to First Christian Church. The third Sunday title was Fellowship II. Proverbs 27:7. Iron sharpens iron so a friend sharpens a friend. NLT.

On Sunday February 12th after our morning service we had a fellowship brunch. The Men of First Christian Church honored the women of the congregation by serving them a delicious brunch which was well attended.

We also have several outreach programs which strengthens our theme on fellowship.

On February 22nd we had a beautiful spirit filled Ash Wednesday service. Focusing on 3 P's in our prayer life. Purposeful, Precise and Powerful.

Joel Brown Disciples of Christ historian shared information on a Tuesday zoom call on the history of DOC and its role in Black History. Joel shared how churches can preserve their history and invite him to do seminars. Throughout the month we highlighted different people and facts also celebrating Black History Month.

God sent HIS Son Jesus Christ to the earth. This gives everyone an opportunity to accept him as Lord and Savior. The mission of Christian Church-Disciples of Christ: To share the Good News of Jesus Christ, witnessing, loving and serving from our doorsteps "to the end of the earth."

Come and visit us. We at First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ would love to see you.

May God's Peace be with you.

Pastor Dennis J. Stitch

NEW MEMBERS

During the month of February 2023, we were blessed with the following new members: Austin Murphy and his daughter, Erin Sinko.

"I am the Lord, and I do not change."-Malachi 3:6 NLT



Tithes and offerings

A STEWARDSHIP REMINDER

PLEASE REMEMBER:

JUST BECAUSE YOU MAY NOT BE AT CHURCH ON A GIVEN SUNDAY, THE

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LIGHTS ARE STILL ON, THE FURNACE AND AIR CONDITIONERS ARE STILL IN USE, THE CUSTODIAN HAS CLEANED THE CHURCH, AND THE BILLS STILL NEED TO BE PAID. SO, IF YOU HAPPEN TO MISS A SUNDAY (OR THREE OR FOUR SUNDAYS) **PLEASE MAKE UP YOUR PLEDGE/OFFERING.**

THANK YOU!

Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me. "But you ask, 'How are we robbing you?'" **In tithes and offerings!!** -Malachi 3:8

EVANGELISM – Margie D’Antonio sent out 12 prayer letters since our last newsletter. There is a little spiral book in the narthex to leave the name and address of the person to receive the prayer letter. Or you may reach Margie at home at (724) 239-2560.



INSTALLATION OF OUR PASTOR DENNIS J. STITCH

On Sunday, March 12, we welcome to our worship service **Rev. Dr. Thaddeus Allen**, who will preach the message and install Pastor Dennis. It will be a day of celebration for all in attendance.

Following worship, we invite you to our pot luck meal. Please bring a covered dish of your liking, to share with everyone.

There are signup sheets in the narthex for the number attending and what covered dish that you are bringing.

Let’s make this a special time for our pastor!

BIRTHDAYS

March 2	Marie Miller
March 3	Alyssa Pendleton Lettie Porter Rick Carson
March 4	Brad Bly
March 5	Braylynn Franklin
March 7	Wesley Porter
March 8	Trudy Bly
March 9	Marlene Celaschi
March 12	Mike Erdely Pam Rice
March 13	Larry Lincoski
March 14	Delia McCurdy
March 21	Jeff Lessman Savannah Snipes
March 24	Ed Gould
March 26	Jessica Merando
March 27	Ron Bird Bruce Pendleton Melissa Pendleton
March 29	Aiden Gernot Selah McCurdy



“Count your life by smiles, not tears. Count your age by friends, not years. Happy birthday!”

“Forget the past; look forward to the future, for the best things are yet to come.”



ELDERS' FOR MARCH COMMUNION



MARCH 5	THOMAS GRIFFITH TARYN GRANT
MARCH 12	DEBBIE CALDWELL DENNIS CALDWELL
MARCH 19	CORA RUSSELL PAULA BARNDOLLAR
MARCH 26	JOE VALLA DIANE RUSAK

UNDER LONG-TERM CARE

<i>Our Leaders*</i>	<i>Marlene Celaschi*</i>	<i>Sophia Renk*</i>
<i>Our Troops*</i>	<i>Ellis & Darla White*</i>	<i>Betty Jo Matesich*</i>
<i>Our Church*</i>	<i>Bill & Garnet Krutz*</i>	<i>Nancy Lessman*</i>
<i>Universities*</i>	<i>Rocky Renk*</i>	<i>Sherry Ballentyne*</i>
<i>Grace Vandernitte*</i>	<i>Father Bob Hanna*</i>	<i>Kristin Delval*</i>
<i>Justin Sutch*</i>	<i>Missy Pendleton*</i>	<i>Miley Ava Delval*</i>
<i>Karin Brightwell*</i>	<i>Young Bruce Pendleton*</i>	<i>Grethen & Tom Speece*</i>
<i>Lila Risch*</i>	<i>Alicia Hruby*</i>	<i>Sarah Matay*</i>
<i>Bertha Zollars*</i>	<i>Jack Sharp*</i>	<i>Gage Peters*</i>
<i>Lois Buberniak*</i>	<i>Hannah Simpson*</i>	<i>Cindy Buckley*</i>
<i>Michael Erdely*</i>	<i>Laverne Giordanengo*</i>	<i>Dave & Chrissy Zoltun*</i>
<i>Tanner Riley*</i>	<i>Patty Strychalski*</i>	<i>Mike Shingleton*</i>
<i>Jessica Beimel*</i>	<i>Terri Brownfield*</i>	<i>Richard Evans*</i>
<i>Heather Simpson*</i>	<i>Victor Angelo*</i>	<i>Debbie Colvin*</i>
<i>Small Businesses*</i>	<i>Christian Colleges*</i>	<i>Mary Jo Short*</i>
<i>Brian Stillwagon*</i>	<i>Bob Gilpin*</i>	<i>Margie D'Antonio*</i>
<i>Joe & Betty Jo Rapp*</i>	<i>Karl & Dorothy Semekoski*</i>	<i>Sam & Jane Semekoski *</i>
<i>Bre Randolph*</i>	<i>Tonya Kepich*</i>	<i>Mae Lynn Rose*</i>
<i>Andrew DeBroeck*</i>	<i>Jesse & Joseph Bird*</i>	<i>Connie Siranni*</i>
<i>Rudy Guy*</i>	<i>Matt Sezawich*</i>	<i>Senia Lowther*</i>
<i>Gene Kite*</i>	<i>Rev. Doug Bush*</i>	<i>Rev. Chuck House*</i>
<i>Ingri Humphrey*</i>	<i>Betty Draganac*</i>	<i>Rich Graham*</i>
<i>Jake Hurley*</i>	<i>Tony & Judy Gaisbacher*</i>	

"My son, pay attention to what I say; turn your ear to my words. Do not let them out of your sight, keep them within your heart; for they are life to those who find them and health to one's whole body." ~ Proverbs 4:20-22

"A cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones." ~ Proverbs 17:22

"Heal me, O Lord, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise." ~ **Jeremiah 17:14**

"Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in **faith** will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up. If they have sinned, they will be forgiven." ~ **James 5:14-15**

"Worship the LORD your God, and his blessing will be on your food and water. I will take away sickness from among you..." ~ Exodus 23:25

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY – MARCH 17, 2023



MOVIE NIGHT – THIRD FRIDAY

PLEASE JOIN US ON MARCH 17TH IN THE SOCIAL HALL FOR OUR MOVIE NIGHT PROVIDED BY MALCOLM GALLERY. COME FOR FELLOWSHIP AND FUN!!!!-

CHARLEROI UNITED METHODIST CLOTHING/SHOES DRIVE + TOWELS AND

WASHCLOTHS: Pastor Randy and Mary made us aware at the CAMA Lenten Service of the need for clothing and shoes in our local area.

Items may be delivered to the church on Thursdays from 11 AM – 2 PM. Or you may call Mary or Pastor Randy and they will come to pick items up. Thank you in advance for your thoughtfulness. Blessings to all.

PRAYING FOR OUR FURNACE FUND

We need to start thinking about replacing our current heating system which is over 20 yrs. old. Which means we are facing securing a loan to do this; and if we could save a little bit of money for a down payment, that would be great.

Every little bit helps. Thank you.

CHARLEROI AREA MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

2023 LENTEN WORSHIP SCHEDULE – ALL C.A.M.A. SERVICES ARE 7 P.M.

MARCH 5 – CAMA LENTEN SERVICE #2 – SPEERS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH –
SPEAKER, REV. BEVERLY GROSS

MARCH 12 – CAMA LENTEN SERVICE #3 – ST. MARY’S ANGLICAN CHURCH –
SPEAKER, DEACON MICHAEL BRIGODE

MARCH 19 – CAMA LENTEN SERVICE #4 – CHARLEROI UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH – SPEAKER, PASTOR DENNIS J. STITCH

MARCH 26 – CAMA LENTEN SERVICE #5 – CHARLEROI, FIRST CHRISTIAN
CHURCH – SPEAKER, FATHER BOB HANNA

OFFERINGS WILL GO TO CAMA TO SUPPORT SCHOLARSHIPS AND PROGRAMS. IF
YOU ARE BRINGING A CHECK, PLEASE MAKE IT PAYABLE TO C.A.M.A.

FATHER BOB HANNA IS THEIR TREASURER.

ARE YOU IN NEED OF A VICTIM RIGHTS LAWYER? The church office received
correspondence for Christian Lawyers for Life’s Toughest Moments. It is a faith-
based group.

The Christian lawyers in their network use a reduced scale with no advance fees.

HELP AT VRL OUTREACH COORDINATOR – help@law4victims.com or website at
www.law4victims.com

“THIRTY PIECES OF SILVER” OFFERING

Oftentimes, during the season of Lent, we Christians try to come up with some way
by which to show the Lord how penitent we are for the times we have fallen short.
Why not a “love offering” to a worthy cause. Simply take a black bag from the
white cross in the narthex. The FCC Board will decide where this offering will go at
a future board meeting.

Don’t forget how the name of “thirty pieces of silver” started. “Then one of the
twelve, called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests and said unto them, ‘What
will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you?’ And they covenanted him with 30
pieces of silver.”

Our collected coins will be designated for a worthy cause. Remember Jesus Christ
was crucified on the cross for our sins. We owe him our devotion and love. Just
think how hard Jesus’ journey was. Let us repent of our sins.