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**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES
WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Cora Russell

The People of God Assemble

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Throughout the ages, disciples have said, "I will follow you wherever you go."

PEOPLE: Lord, give us the freedom to follow you in the ways of love.

LEADER: We come from busy homes, filled with little time to consider Christ in our lives.

PEOPLE: Lord, give us the strength to follow you in the ways of peace.

LEADER: In times of struggle, we look to God for help.

PEOPLE: Lord, give us the opportunity to follow you in the ways of kindness.

LEADER: Today, we celebrate life in the Spirit, showing us the joy of following Christ.

***SONG OF PRAISE-Majesty-#3 Master Chorus Book (all verses)**

***INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER**

Cora Russell

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on Earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen

***PRAISE RESPONSE** GLORIA PATRI Hymnal #142

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

PRAYER HYMN Hymnal #457 (all verses)

“Take Time to Be Holy”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - Joys and Concerns-Cora Russell

PRAYER FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS Pastor Dennis

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES Pastor Dennis

The Service of the Word

***SCRIPTURE** Pastor Dennis

SERMON

OFFERING REMINDER

OFFERING COLLECTION

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERING

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE** Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

The Service of the Table

INVITATION TO COMMUNION Pastor Dennis

COMMUNION HYMN Hymnal #159 (verses 1 & 2)
"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

PRAYERS FOR THE LOAF AND CUP Elders

***THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Going Forth in Love and Service

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP/WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS Pastor Dennis

***HYMN OF INVITATION** Hymnal #370 (all verses)
"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

***BENEDICTION** Pastor Dennis

May God's peace be with you.
May God's peace be with me.
May God's peace be with us.

***CLOSING PRAYER**

24 The Lord bless you and keep you;
25 The Lord make his face shine upon and be gracious to you,
26 The Lord lift up his countenance you and give you peace
27 So they will put my name on the children of Israel and I will bless
them

(* All who are able, please stand.

Department Heads: Please be on the outlook for upcoming fall/winter calendar items. Let Deb Caldwell know in the church office (724-489-9014), if you have items to add to the church calendar.

THE FURNACE FUND – Praise God from whom all blessings flow! The I.O.O.F. (Independent Order of Odd Fellows) which meets here at FCC on the 1st and 3rd Thursday, has graciously offered to pledge/donate \$36,000.00 to our furnace fund provided the congregation can match their donation from June through September.

All donations will be kept private and the financial secretary will give you credit on your yearly giving statement if you so desire. Any anonymous donations will be just that and will not have a giving statement.

Deb Caldwell will be taking 3 vacation days: June 22, 23, & 26 to Deep Creek, MD to celebrate her son's 50th birthday!

SAVE THE DATES

- Car Show, **Saturday, September 16, 2023** (weather permitting) – Rain date would be September 23, 2023, time to be decided. More information to follow later.
 - Vendor Show, **Saturday, October 14, 2023**, time to be decided. More information to follow later.
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Please refrain from moving the tables in the narthex. Please do not put the first informational table in the flow of foot traffic. Thank you, Deb!

Scholarships Awarded:

- The Carson Scholarships:
Colton Brightwell - \$710.00 – Final Time
Remington Lessman - \$790.00 – First Time Applicant
 - The Santini Scholarships:
Colton Brightwell - \$1,000.00
Kassidy Brightwell - \$1,000.00
Delia McCurdy - \$1,000.00
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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 Colvin*</i>
<i>Justin Sutch*</i>	<i>Missy Pendleton*</i>	<i>Miley Ava Delval*</i>
<i>Karin Brightwell*</i>	<i>Helen Gootee* Sue Latour's Mom</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>Deanna Shingleton*</i>
<i>Jessica Beimel*</i>	<i>Terri Brownfield*</i>	<i>Richard Evans*</i>
<i>Heather Simpson*</i>	<i>Victor Angelo*</i>	<i>Tony & Judy Gaisbacher*</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>Harvey Dunmeyer*</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>Adelyn Risch*</i>
<i>Jake Hurley*</i>	<i>Lauren Snyder*</i>	<i>Harvey Dunmeyer*</i>
<i>Joan Caldwell*</i>	<i>Janet Hellner-Burris*</i>	<i>Jane Odroneic*Mike Erdely's Mom</i>

Ephesians 3:20-21 KJV

20Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, **21**Unto him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen

Jeremiah 29:13

"You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart."

- *Mike Lee – ongoing health concerns. Requested by George Hogan
 - *Friend of Taryn's daughter is having health issues. Requested by Taryn
 - *Shelby Kostelac who is dealing with many health concerns relating to cancer. He is 46 yrs. old. Please pray for Shelby, wife Jessie and daughter Olivia. Requested by: Kristin Colvin
 - *Kathy Latour's cancer has returned and she has to start chemo again.
 - *Joan (Joni) Caldwell, Jim's sister-in-law, had a stroke with left-sided partial paralysis. Prayers for healing and rehabilitation.
 - *Pastor's Aunt Alice Hymen is in the hospital and her daughter Donna is also ill.
 - *Bill Krutz is doing better at the VA!
 - *Pastor Andrew Roberts, friend of Pastor Dennis from San Antonio, TX, had open heart surgery on Thursday May 25.
 - *Margie's great nephew had a seizure while waiting to have a test. The test had to be delayed. This is his second seizure. Prayers are needed. Requested by: Margie
 - *Deanna Shingleton (Cheryl's daughter & Kristin's sister) who has cancer which came from the bile ducts and spread to her liver. Starting chemo and radiation. Prayers for healing, comfort and strength.
 - *Andrew DeBroeck is doing well after his recent surgery.
 - *Prayers for Leota Voelker's Sister, Beth, with serious health concerns.
 - *Prayers for Erica and Russell as they plan for the arrival of their 2nd daughter in a few months.
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Sympathy and Concerns

- *For the family and friends of Marlene Johnson who passed away on Monday, June 19, 2023. We had just mentioned verbally Pastor's request to add her to hospice care. So very sad that she passed so suddenly.
 - *For the family and friends of Rich Graham who passed away this week. Rich was a very special person to Laurelview campers and will be missed.
 - *For the family and friends of William "Bucky" Clineman who passed away this week. Requested by: Cora
 - *Sympathy and love for the family and friends of Joe Elliot, Sr. who passed away on June 9, 2023 after a lengthy battle with cancer. Requested by: The Colvin Families
 - *Prayers for the Deffenbaugh Family whose premature grandson Owen passed away on June 10, 2023. Requested by: Gary & Cindy Dunmeyer
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Joy

- *Mary Groupe, York, PA was delighted to get our prayer letter. Please thank everyone! It really helped! She was uplifted!
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*For Bernie Groupe, who is losing his eyesight, hearing and has dementia.

Requested by: Mary Ann Hunt

*For Mary Groupe, who has back problems and received an epidural on Friday. Requested by: Mary Ann Hunt

*Mayor of Lockview, Herbie Horner, brother of Ernie and brother-in-law of Vivian Horner, is recovering from a heart attack and breathing issues.

Requested by: Pastor and First Lady

*Mr. Keith Hall who has diabetes and a serious foot infection. Requested by: Pastor and First Lady

*Madeline Erdely, granddaughter of Mike & Sherry Erdely, who fractured her leg: Requested by: Mike & Sherry

*Rosanne Pandrock, our neighbor at the bottom of the hill, had surgery recently. Prayers for healing, comfort and strength: She is now able to take a few steps. She is coming home on Friday, June 23rd. Requested by: Margie & the Latours

*Harvey Dunmeyer's is still on hospice care and so far stable. Prayers needed. Requested by: Gary Dunmeyer

*John Pattera for emergency heart transplant. Requested by: Tom Griffith

*Tim Snyder, colon removed, and no cancer was found. Requested by: Cora Russell

*We have prayed in the past for Dale with throat cancer. He is cancer-free! Requested by: Margie D'Antonio

*Prayers for Margie, who had bad reactions to two medicines.

*Update: **Surgery postponed due to sinusitis infection.** Prayers for Betty Jo's sister, Grace Arter, who is having cataract surgery on Wednesday, June 7. Requested by: Betty Jo

*Prayers for Gary Gray's Sister, Debbie, with health concerns. Requested by: Diane Gray

*Ethel Redd, Tony Gaisbacher's Sister, fell and broke her arm in 2 places; however, she has to have a pacemaker put in before setting her broken arm. Requested by: Judy Gaisbacher

*Prayers for Wendy Whitfield, who was in the hospital this past week with health concerns. Requested by: Sherry and Ken Ballentyne

*Prayers for Adelyn Risch, granddaughter of Bob and Taryn Grant, who has been diagnosed with hip dysplasia and is in a brace for at least 3-6 months.

*Prayers for Jody, who is having colon surgery. Requested by: Margie

*Mason DeSidudes – 4 year old with stage 3 neuroblastoma. Mass is between bladder & prostate. Chemo starts May 30 with 4-5 rounds then surgery to remove tumor.

*Ken Whitson – Margie's brother-in-law diagnosed with Parkinson's. Requested by Margie

*Coworker's son who experienced a serious injury during a baseball game. Next few weeks will determine if surgery is needed. Requested by Katie Valla.

ELDER'S EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND

This fund was established for **ACTIVE MEMBERS** of our church who have financial emergencies and may need help with food, rent, car repairs, utilities, etc. **ACTIVE MEMBER MEANS REGULAR ATTENDANCE AT CHURCH AND/OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE CHURCH.** Two requests per calendar year only from January-December will be considered. **NO CASH IS GIVEN!**

If you have a need, please contact Paula Barndollar or Diane Rusak.

Birthdays: June 26 - Juliana Kitzmiller, June 27 – Mark Brightwell

Anniversaries: June 28 – Bob & Taryn Grant

2023 General Assembly, July 29 – August 1, Louisville, KY

CAMP LAURELVIEW

CYF Conference – June 25-July 1 (10th grade – New Grad.)

Family Camp - July 6-9

Junior Camp - 16-22 (4th, 5th and 6th)

Mini Camp - July 23-26 (1st, 2nd and 3rd grade)

PRAYER CONCERNS

*Tony Gaisbacher has an infection on his right foot and he can't have surgery. Please pray for comfort and strength.

*Judy Gaisbacher has been diagnosed with circulatory issues. She sees the doctor in July. Prayers for healing, comfort and strength.

*Marlene Johnson, a lifelong resident of Monessen, has been placed on hospice care. Requested by: Pastor Dennis

*Constantina Cossu, a colleague's daughter who's 11 yrs. old, was diagnosed with Acute Myelogenous Lukemia (AML). She has a twin brother. Requested by: Pastor Dennis

*Bob Krusey is in the Mon Valley Care Center. He is receiving IV Antibiotics. Virginia Krusey, Bob's wife, is in another care center. Requested by: Valerie Stich

*Tammy Monack is going through chemo while keeping a full work schedule. Requested by: Candy Callery

*My mom, Mary Mannella, who is receiving IV antibiotics 3 times a day for 6 weeks. She has infection in the bone in her left foot. Requested by Valerie and Pastor Stich

*Nayt Stich, praying for God's protection, strength and wisdom. Requested by: Pastor and First Lady

*Today's Bulletin Cover Is in Honor of Our
Son Jamey Caldwell's 50th Birthday.*

Given by: Jim & Deb Caldwell

Serving the Church Today

Minister

Pastor Dennis J. Stitch

Worship Leader

Cora Russell

Organist/Pianist/Director

Sherry Erdely

Elders

Dennis Caldwell

Diane Rusak

Greeter(s)

Welcome this morning to First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Charleroi, where God's **GRACE** reigns. We are...**G**od-centered, **R**espectful, **A**ccepting, **C**ommunity-oriented and **E**ncouraging

Follow us on Facebook at First Christian Church, Charleroi, PA, or join us on the web at www.FCCharleroi.com.

STEWARDSHIP REMINDER

If you happen to miss a Sunday, please don't forget that our lights are still on, the furnace and air conditioner are still in use, the custodian has cleaned the church, and the bills still need to be paid. *Please remember to make up your pledge/offering.* Thank you.

BULLETIN COVER REQUEST SHEET (IN HONOR OR IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE, FRIEND, or OCCASION) is available. **SIGN UP SHEET AND PAYMENT ENVELOPE (\$10) ON TABLE OUTSIDE THE NARTHEX.** Please write or print clearly. Envelopes available for your payment.

PRAYER LETTERS can be signed in person. They are located in the narthex. Leave Margie D'Antonio a prayer request address (in the spiral book) and she will send a prayer letter. Please print clearly. A prayer letter just might make someone's day. God bless.

TODAY: SUNDAY, June 25, 2023

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sunday 6/25

10:40 AM
10:45 AM
Noon

Elders' prayer before worship
FCC Worship Service
Luncheon in Fellowship Hall

Sunday 7/2

10:40 AM
10:45 AM

Elders' prayer before worship
FCC Worship Service – Outdoors (Pavilion) –
weather permitting or you may still meet in the
sanctuary, too:

Unified Giving Update (2023)

	<u>Offerings</u>		
Current Fund	6/4	\$3,136.63	
	6/11	1,636.04	
	6/18	2,660.62	
Missions/Outreach	6/4	\$105.37	
	6/11	54.96	
	6/18	89.38	
Date	6/4	6/11	6/18
Attendance (In Church)	78	55	43
Facebook Live	8	12	15
Conference Call	1	1	1
