



# The Charleroi Christian First Christian Church

*(Disciples of Christ)*

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## **FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

Greetings First Christian Church Family.

Grace and Peace.

Revelation 3:8

I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name.

What door(s) has God opened for you? There are amazing opportunities that God has for those who put their faith and trust in HIM.

Last month, we studied the book of Nehemiah. Many of us are aware of how Nehemiah built the wall in a record 52 days. The leadership skills displayed by Nehemiah gives us confidence that we must never, never, ever give up. We MUST work to keep each other encouraged and be the instrument of hope that other people can depend on.

Remember ALWAYS to give your very "BEST".

Looking forward to seeing you, so please come and visit.

Pastor Dennis J. Stitch

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## **NEW MEMBERS**

During the month of October, we welcomed to our church family the following: Missy Montgomery, Mike Wilkinson and Christine Wilkinson.

Since 1/1/2023 through 10/31/2023, we have been blessed with 20 new members.

**A STEWARDSHIP REMINDER PLEASE REMEMBER:** JUST BECAUSE YOU MAY NOT BE AT CHURCH ON A GIVEN SUNDAY, THE 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.**



*Tithes and offerings*

**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



**MOVIE NIGHT AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH – 7 P.M. – SOCIAL HALL, EVERY THIRD FRIDAY OF THE MONTH.**

THANKS TO MALCOLM CALLERY, A MOVIE WILL BE PRESENTED FOR YOUR ENJOYMENT. COME AND FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER IN THE CHURCH'S SOCIAL HALL. If you have a favorite DVD movie or a suggestion for Malcolm, please let him know.

Our next movie will be presented on **Friday, November 17, 2023!!!**

**BIRTHDAYS**

Nov. 1	Sean Cole, Jr.
Nov. 3	Lee Ann Patton
Nov. 6	Joe McCurdy
Nov. 11	Kim Quinn
Nov. 12	Robert Pepper & Jeff Patton
Nov. 13	Michael Andrew Tabory
Nov. 16	Lois Buberniak
Nov. 17	Remington Lessman
Nov. 20	Sherry Polinski
Nov. 22	Ernie Horner & Sherry Erdely
Nov. 24	John Pfile
Nov. 25	Jada Marie Gernot
Nov. 28	Betty Jo Matesich & Linda Lapinsky
Nov. 29	Diane Rusak & Mike Cramer



"God gave us the gift of life; it is up to us to give ourselves the gift of living well." — Voltaire

"You were born an original. Don't die a copy." —John Mason

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream." —Les Brown  
 "Every year on your birthday, you get a chance to start new." —Sammy Hagar

## ANNIVERSARIES

Happy Anniversary to someone I can talk to, laugh with, cry with, and cause some trouble with. To my partner-in-crime!

Nov. 1	Ken & Sherry Ballentyne
Nov. 2	Philip & Tracey Hermann
Nov. 3	Jeff & Debbie Lessman



### ELDERS' FOR NOVEMBER COMMUNION

Nov. 5	DENNIS CALDWELL KRISTIN BLAIR
Nov. 12	CORA RUSSELL PAULA BARNDOLLAR
Nov. 19	JOE VALLA DIANE RUSAK
Nov. 26	MARY VALLA DEBBIE COLVIN



### DEACON SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

Nov. 5	Sue Latour, Marla Gould, Garnet Krutz
Nov. 12	Ron Bird, Nancy Lessman
Nov. 19	Vivian Horner, Bob Grant
Nov. 26	George Hogan, Diane Gray

## **UNDER LONG-TERM CARE**

<i>Our Leaders*</i>	<i>Marlene Celaschi*</i>	<i>Sophia Renk*</i>
<i>Our Troops*</i>	<i>Ellis &amp; Darla White*</i>	<i>Betty Jo Matesich*</i>
<i>Our Church*</i>	<i>Bill &amp; Garnet Krutz*</i>	<i>Nancy Lessman*</i>
<i>Universities*</i>	<i>Rocky Renk*</i>	<i>Ken &amp; 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>Joseph Wojcik*</i>	<i>Grethen &amp; Tom Speece*</i>
<i>Emily Denny*</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 &amp; 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>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 &amp; Betty Jo Rapp*</i>	<i>Karl &amp; Dorothy Semekoski*</i>	<i>Sam &amp; Jane Semekoski *</i>
<i>Bre Randolph*</i>	<i>Tonya Kepich*</i>	<i>Josh Cramer*</i>
<i>Andrew DeBroeck*</i>	<i>Jesse &amp; 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>Jake Hurley*</i>	<i>Lauren Snyder*</i>	<i>Mary Mannella*</i> <i>Valerie's Mom</i>
<i>Joan Caldwell*</i>	<i>Janet Hellner-Burris*</i>	<i>Mike Lee*</i>
<i>Ed Yuhas*</i>	<i>Lila Mears*</i>	

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### **EVANGELISM – Margie D'Antonio**

There were **14** prayer letters sent last month. These prayer letters are always available in the narthex for you to sign and to put a name in the notebook for someone to get the prayer letter. You can call Margie at 724-239-2560 with a request, too!



### **Be Someone's Christmas Angel**

When you see the names up on our Christmas Tree, join a friend or two, Please!!! To shop for a child to make their Dreams and wishes come true!!! God will shower Blessings on you!!!

## **Prayer Concerns**

- \* Alvin Taggart's landlord's daughter, Samantha, is having surgery on her leg Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup> at Presbyterian Hospital. Samantha was involved in a very serious car accident.
- \* Bob Gilpin fell and got 7 stitches in his head and is rehabilitating. Pray for healing and comfort for Bob and his family.
- \* Traveling mercies for my cousin, Mark and family, going to Egypt on November 1<sup>st</sup>. Request by: Betty Jo
- \* A 6 year old, from Pittsburgh, battling neuroblastoma and undergoing recurrent treatment due to 3<sup>rd</sup> relapse. Requested by: Christine Wilkinson
- \* Kristen Capp with a new diagnosis of breast cancer and is beginning chemotherapy. Requested by: Christine Wilkinson
- \* Debbie Colvin is having an endoscope Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. Prayers for a good outcome.
- \* Kristin Colvin needs prayer for health concerns. Requested by: Mom & Dad
- \* **Update: Shooter was found dead from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.** Lewiston, Maine for the victims, family and the active shooter as the manhunt continues to find him. Sixteen known deaths and many with multiple injuries. Requested by: Pastor Dennis & Valerie
- \* Mary Lou's daughter in Italy, Laurie Garman, has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Requested by: Mary Lou
- \* Grace's sister, Betty Smith fell and broke her hip, had surgery and is recovering. Requested by: Betty Jo
- \* Betty Jo's Brothers friends, JR & Amy, have COVID. Prayers for recovery and healing. Requested by: Betty Jo
- \* Alvin Taggart's sister, Linda Johnson, fell and broke her hip.
- \* My best friend, Charmal Makosvsky, is having open heart surgery on Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. Requested by: Marla Gould
- \* Denny & Jim's cousin, David Caldwell, needs his aortic valve replaced.
- \* Prayers for our brother, Ron Williams, having his other hip replaced within a year on Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. Prayers for healing and pain relief. Requested by: Debbie Colvin & Sandy Cramer
- \* My friend, Dylan Thompson, and his entire ship that was deployed on October 20<sup>th</sup> for the Middle East. Requested by: Anthony Cramer & Family
- \* My brother, Robert Garrett, who has strep throat. Requested by: Garnet
- \* The Dykin's Family for health concerns. Requested by: Margie

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## **FROM THE ELDER'S CORNER ~ Paula Barndollar**

As November dawns we find the air growing colder and the days darkening. This is the month we remember our veterans and gather to give thanks with family and friends.

Dear Lord,

We owe a debt of gratitude to all the courageous men and women who served and sacrificed to protect us and our freedoms. We remember our veterans and we ask you to bless each one and meet their every need. We pray they know how valued, respected, and appreciated they are. Please provide your loving protection to all who are serving now. Watch over them and bring them safely home. We also ask that you bring comfort to their loved ones at home who are missing them. Beloved Father when we gather for Thanksgiving may we appreciate how lucky we are to have food on the table and loved ones around us. We thank you for the abundance of your love for us. Amen

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## **SPAGHETTI DINNER BENEFIT FOR JUSTIN SUTCH – Hosted by the Italia Club Ladies’ Auxiliary and Family and Friends**

When: Saturday, December 2, 2023

Time: 12:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Where: The First Christian Church, 61 Walnut Ridge Road, Charleroi, PA 15022

Cost: \$12/ticket Eat-in or Take-out

Dinner includes Spaghetti & Meatballs, Salad, Bread & Butter, and Dessert. Come and enjoy music by DJ Ray, auction baskets, half the take and raffles. You need not be present to win. Winners will be contacted by phone.

For tickets contact Tammy Greco 724-231-4304 or Mary Oler 724-207-3506.

For more information or to make donations, contact Mary Oler 724-207-3506.

Tickets may be purchased at the door or via Venmo-@Meg-Malady.

All proceeds go to help alleviate the stress from out-of-pocket medical expenses and other related expenses. Justin has been fighting the good fight from cancer and this last diagnosis of brain cancer and surgery that followed, he and his family could use our help at this time. Please support Justin and his family with any monetary donations and prayers.

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## **ARE YOU READY FOR WINTER WEATHER?**

We made it through the summer and are headed into winter. We praise God for the new furnace that was installed during late summer and early fall. However, one thing the new furnace cannot stop is SNOW and ICE!

When snow and ice arrives, it becomes difficult and time consuming for the leaders of our church to reach everyone notifying of time changes or cancellations of services or events. We now offer a FREE text message service that will allow us to reach you when there are changes to our schedule with one simple text message to let you know.

If you have a cellphone and can receive text messages, simply send a text message stating ENROLL ME to 844-247-9295. You will receive a text message asking for your name. Reply with your name and you will be automatically set up to receive texts from First Christian Church regarding time changes or cancellations when they occur. If you need any assistance getting enrolled, see Ed or Marla Gould before or after church and they will be happy to assist you.