



The Charleroi Christian

First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Hello First Christian Church Family!

Philippians 4:19

And my God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

What a "WONDERFUL" start to 2024. Every good and perfect gift, comes from above. God has redeemed you and I for HIS good works.

One of the keys to life is not to let your hands become weak, for your work shall be rewarded. God sees you and I as valuable in HIS kingdom. Therefore we must value perseverance, and the strength God gives us. We will receive the value of the reward we seek.

We also looked at how God keeps HIS promise to you and me.

We closed the month of January with a two part series on Tithing looking at verses from the Old Testament and the New Testament.

Remember that God has a special design and plan for your life.

Please come worship with us.

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NEW MEMBER(S) First Christian Church (DOC) welcomed **Marla DeMarco** to our church family on January 14, 2024. We are so happy to have her.

Marla is a great volunteer and helper in many areas of the church. Welcome!

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, February 15!!!**

BIRTHDAYS "You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream." — Les Brown

Feb. 1	Jim Caldwell
Feb. 2	Adrienne Tracey
Feb. 5	Jenna Valentine
Feb. 8	Harold Cramer
Feb. 10	Garnet Krutz
Feb. 11	Brian Franklin
Feb. 12	Khasey Miller
Feb. 17	Christopher Grant
Feb. 28	Judy Gaisbacher



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

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARY – Feb. 14, 2024 - Charles (Chuck) & Lorelei Moreland

I don't go by the rule book ... I lead from the heart, not the head. -Princess Diana
 Love doesn't make the world go 'round. Love is what makes the ride worthwhile. - Franklin P. Jones



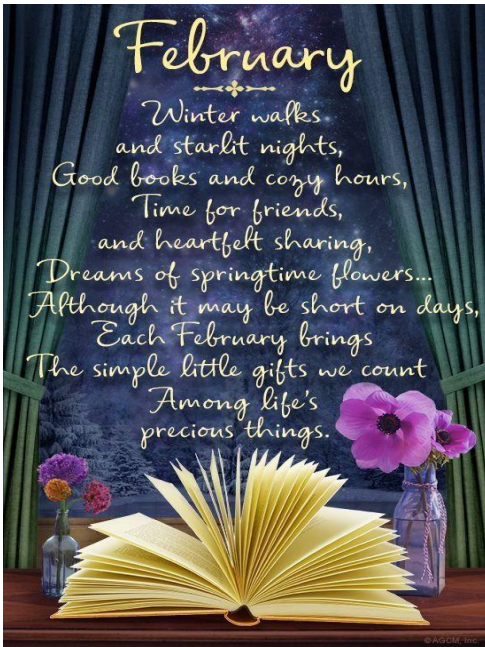
ELDERS' FOR COMMUNION - FEBRUARY 2024

FEBRUARY 4	CORA RUSSELL MARY VALLA
FEBRUARY 11	TARYN GRANT PAULA BARNDOLLAR
FEBRUARY 18	RON BIRD, SR. DEBBIE COLVIN
FEBRUARY 25	THOMAS GRIFFITH DEB CALDWELL



DEACONS' SCHEDULE - FEBRUARY 2024

FEB. 4	MARLA GOULD & GARNET KRUTZ
FEB. 11	NANCY LESSMAN & SUE LATOUR
FEB. 18	VIVIAN HORNER & BOB GRANT
FEB. 25	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 & 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>Ken & 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 & Tom Speece*</i>
<i>Lila & Adelyn 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>Mason Madzey*</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 & Betty Jo Rapp*</i>	<i>Karl & Dorothy Semekoski*</i>	<i>Sam & Jane Semekoski *</i>
<i>Bre Randolph*</i>	<i>Tonya Kepich*</i>	<i>Josh Cramer*</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>Kelly Weaver*</i>	<i>Rev. Chuck House*</i>
<i>Ingri Humphrey*</i>	<i>Betty Draganac*</i>	<i>Sydney Weaver*</i>
<i>Jake Hurley*</i>	<i>Lauren Snyder*</i>	<i>Mary Mannella* Valerie's Mom</i>
<i>Joan Caldwell*</i>	<i>Janet Hellner-Burris*</i>	<i>Gary Gray*</i>
<i>Emily Denny*</i>	<i>Ed Yuhas*</i>	<i>Lauri Garman*</i>
<i>Shelby Kostelac*</i>	<i>Melanie Slattery*</i>	<i>Rick Waggoner*</i>

EVANGELISM – Margie D'Antonio

There were **9** 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!

VALENTINE'S BRUNCH – 2/11/24 AFTER WORSHIP – HOSTED BY THE MEN OF THE CHURCH

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE 7:00 PM 2/14/24

LOVE ONE ANOTHER EVERY DAY. BE COMPASSIONATE AND KIND

JOYS

***Thanks to everyone's prayers and my excellent nurse maid Jessica, my daughter, I am recovering very well from my recent hip surgery. Requested by: Terri Greenlee**

***Blessings for our new puppy bringing us great joy! Requested by: Marla & Ed Gould**

"Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." – Matthew 6:34

The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him, and I am helped. – Psalm 28:7

The Elders' Corner – Dennis Caldwell

Dear Church Family,

As we enter into another Lenten season, we need to remember what Jesus did for us. Jesus reminds us all to stay focused on His life on Earth. He came to redeem us from our sins. He set examples on how to Live, Love one another and to be Kind. When His work was done, He was put to death by the hands of His own people. While He was dying, He forgave them for what they did. If we forgave our enemies and extended love instead of hate, we would realize the true meaning of Jesus' life on Earth. He proved to all that He was the Son of God. Let us come together as true Christians and live as Jesus did.

God Bless You!

CAMA LENTEN SERVICES

FEBRUARY 18 – CHURCH – FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

SPEAKER – REV. RANDY ORD

FEBRUARY 25 – CHURCH – ST. MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

SPEAKER – REV. JEFF SMITH

MARCH 3 – CHURCH – CHARLEROI METHODIST CHURCH

SPEAKER – REV. LORI WALTERS

MARCH 10 – CHURCH – SPEERS METHODIST CHURCH

SPEAKER – REV. DENNIS STITCH

MARCH 17 – CHURCH – FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

SPEAKER – FATHER BOB HANNA

******ALL SERVICES ARE AT 7:00 PM******

THESE EVENING SERVICES ARE VERY ENJOYABLE. PLEASE TRY TO COME TO REPRESENT OUR CHURCH FAMILY AND TO SUPPORT CAMA!

REFRESHMENTS ARE SERVED AFTER THE WORSHIP SERVICE.

PRAYER CONCERNS

* For Robert (Bob) DeGrange, who went to the hospital with chest pain. Requested by: Betty Jo

* For Rick Waggoner (Rob's brother) who had amputation surgery on his left foot at Jefferson Hospital.

Rick has other numerous health problems, too! Pray for strength, comfort & healing. Requested by: Aunt Nancy Lessman

* For Mason Sikora, grandson of Cindy Dunmeyer, who lost part of his right thumb in a Vo-Tech accident.

Requested by: Gary & Cindy Dunmeyer

* For peace, comfort and tranquility as I begin the next journey in my life. Requested by: Missy

* For my son, Anthony Cramer, having stomach issues and upcoming labs and tests. Requested by: Heather Cramer

- * For Sue Latour's Aunt, Anne Lippert, diagnosed with cancer. Requested by; Sue
 - * For Marla Gould's upcoming female procedure on February 11, 2024.
 - * For Valerie's mom, Mary Mannella, who had a massive stroke on 1/25/24. Please keep Valerie and family in constant prayer. **UPDATE: A miracle happened. When the priest came to give her last rites, she was up and putting her robe on. She was at Mon Valley Care Center and now is back home. Praise God for all His goodness and mercy!**
 - * For Russell and Erika (Merando) Curtis and daughters, who were in their new car, and had an accident due to Russell blacking out from Covid. Requested by: Garnet Krutz
 - * For my Aunt, Virginia Randall, who had a horrific accident while she was walking. Pray for her healing. Requested by: Valerie Stitch
 - * For Bill Kochman (my brother) who relapsed on his sobriety and needs our prayers. Requested by: Christine Wilkinson
 - * For Denzel Clement (19 yrs. old), who has sickle cell anemia and is very ill! Requested by: Cora
 - * For Biene Mason, who has pneumonia and flu. Requested by: Cora
 - * For Apollo (2 yr. old Great-Great Grandson of Darla & Ellis), who fell and broke a front tooth which has affected 3 other teeth and needs surgery. Requested by: Darla and Ellis
 - * For Mike "The Hit Man" Easler's friend, Rosa Marie, who may have cancer. Requested by: Pastor Dennis
 - * For Mason Madzey, 16 yr. old from Monessen, with rare form of brain cancer. He will need 2 surgeries; the first was January 16th. Requested: Heather Cramer
 - * For my mom, Cheryl Blair, having **back surgery on February 14th**. Requested by: Kristin
 - * For Jim Dumm who is having health issues. Requested by: Pastor Dennis & Valerie
 - * For "Pap" (Emma's boyfriend's Grandpa) who is recovering from brain surgery and is doing well. Requested by: Mary Valla
 - * For Andrew DeBroeck, who is recovering from a bout with the flu. Things are going well now. Requested by: Cora
 - * For our son-in-law, Kevin Wilkinson, whose grandmother Barbara Fox went to her eternal rest. Requested by: Chris & Mike Wilkinson
 - * Prayers for Robert Cowden in an Ohio Hospital dealing with respiratory failure and is on a ventilator. Years ago he would sing with the choir when visiting. Requested by: Cousins: Sandy Cramer and Debbie Colvin
 - * Sara Stitch prays for God to take away her anxiety and depression in her life and to ease her mind.
 - * Prayers for Lori Burgess (our dear friend) diagnosed with Stage 4 bone cancer. New bone scan showed 20 spots on her spine, and a spot on her brain and skull. Scheduled for an **MRI on January 24th**. Requested by: Valerie & Pastor Dennis.
 - * Prayers for Trish Fleming who was transferred from the hospital to Mon Valley Care Center Rehab Facility. Continued prayers for strength in her body.
 - * Prayers for Joe Rapp for his 2nd upcoming MRI since his brain surgery. Pray for good test results.
 - * Joe Rapp's niece, Ava Leroux, who was hit head-on by a drunk driver. Prayers for healing. Requested by: Joe Rapp
 - * Prayers for Shelby Kostelac, who is in the ICU unit at Shadyside Hospital with double pneumonia. Prayers for his family, too! Requested by: Colvin Family
 - * Continued prayers for Terri Brownfield and Richard Evans.
 - * Continued prayers for Kristin Colvin with other health concerns. Requested by: Her parents – Debbie & Doug Colvin
 - * Continued prayers for Kelly Colvin Weaver who is still suffering from whiplash due to a car accident on October 2nd. Requested by: Her parents – Debbie & Doug Colvin
 - * Continued prayers for Mary Jo Short, Joann Caldwell's mother, whose cancer has spread to the base of her skull. She is now on hospice and receiving morphine for her pain. Requested by: Deb Caldwell
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