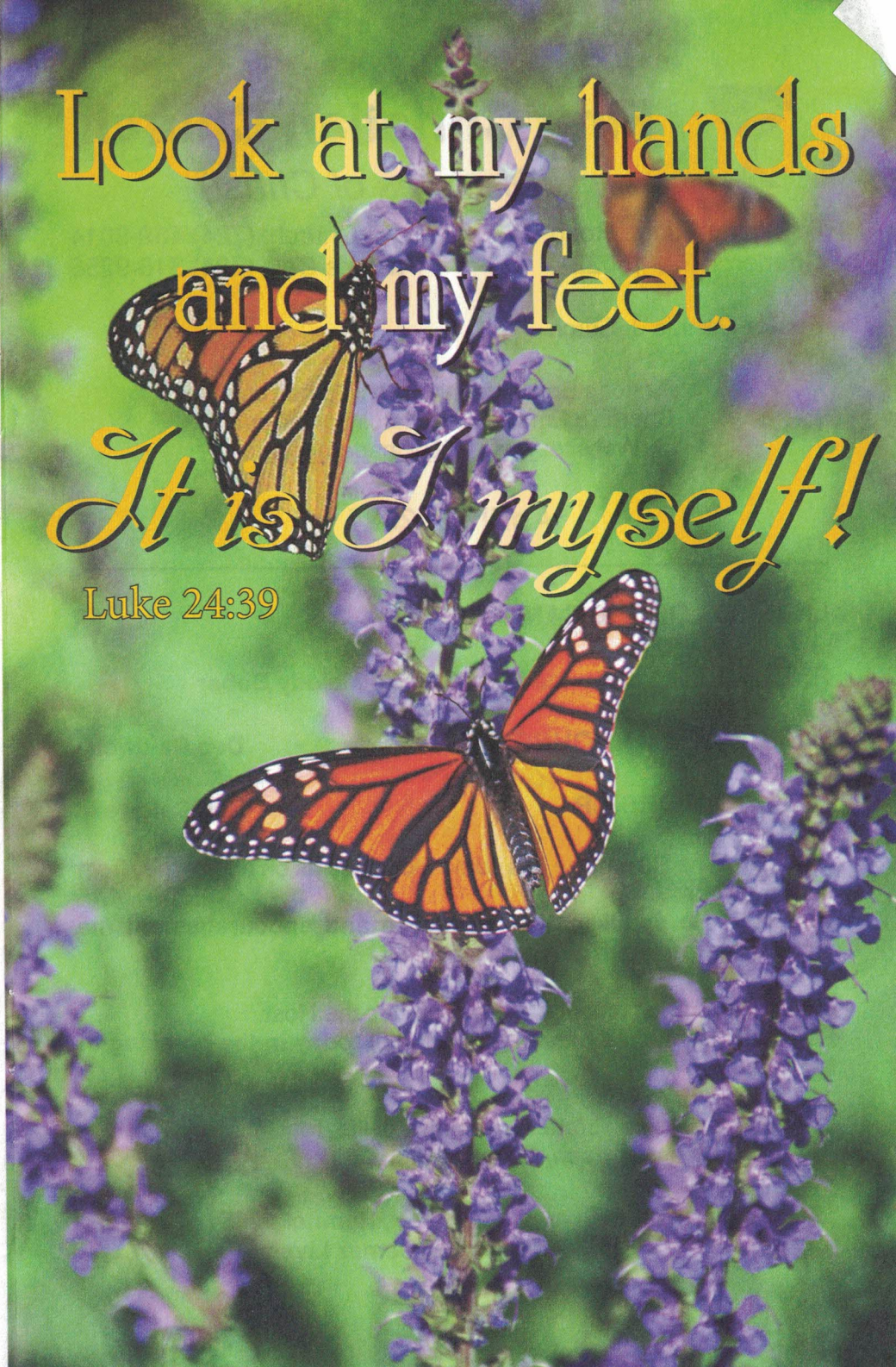


Look at my hands
and my feet.

It is I myself!

Luke 24:39





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April 14, 2024

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

PRELUDE "I'm Gonna Let It Shine," Melody Bober

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deb Caldwell

CALL TO WORSHIP

Deb Caldwell

LEADER: The Risen One has come alongside us on our journey from the empty tomb.

PEOPLE: He speaks to us with love and encouragement the word that frees us from our sorrows.

LEADER: A guest among us, he becomes the Host.

PEOPLE: He makes himself known still today in the breaking of bread.

LEADER: Let us celebrate the promise of life, for Christ is risen.

PEOPLE: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

*SONG OF PRAISE

Hymnal #295 (all verses)

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

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.

***GLORIA PATRI**

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 In Christ Alone (CD) Words on Screen

PRAYER FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS Pastor Dennis

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah," Jack Schrader

PASTOR DENNIS' ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

The Service of the Word

***SCRIPTURE** Matthew 5:14-16 NIV Pastor Dennis

14 "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.

15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that

they may see your good deeds and glorify Your father in heaven.

SERMON

Pastor Dennis

YOU be the LIGHT in a dark WORLD

OFFERING REMINDER

Pastor Dennis

OFFERING COLLECTION

***PRAISE 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.

PRAYER OVER OFFERING

The Service of the Table

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor Dennis

COMMUNION HYMN

Hymnal #98 (all 3 verses)

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

PRAYER FOR THE LOAF AND CUP

Elders

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Going Forth in Love and Service

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP/WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

***HYMN OF INVITATION #167 Renew Book-Words on the Screen.**

“Surely the Presence of the Lord”

***BENEDICTION**

May God’s Grace and Peace be with you ALWAYS!

***CLOSING PRAYER Ephesians 3:20 KJV**

Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.

(*) Please stand if you are able.



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 Part 2 of Ben Hur will be presented on **Friday, April 19!!!**

SAVE THE DATE – VENDOR CRAFT SHOW – FCCC, Saturday, June 15, 2024, 10 AM to 3 PM. Free admission, plenty of parking, handicap accessible! 50/50 raffle, auction basket raffle, kitchen open. Vendors and Crafter wanted!! For vendor information, please email DLRUSAK325@OUTLOOK.com or Heather.lynn.2372@gmail.com

WORSHIP NOTES:

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins or other markings on the paper.

PRAYER CONCENS

- * For Tom & Lorraine Hudock, Debbie Lessman's parents, who are having many health issues. Requested by: Debbie
- * For Sherry Ballentyne who was admitted to Washington Hospital with heart issues. Requested by: Ken
- * For Sherry Hogan, George's wife, who was in a serious car accident. She is rehabilitating at Mount Macrina in Uniontown. Please keep George and Sherry in prayer.
- * For Nancy Dunmeyer who is hoping for a successful biopsy and negative for cancer. Requested by: Nancy
- * For Karl Heinz who collapsed in Berlin, OH and taken to St. Joseph's Hospital. Requested by: Betty Jo
- * For Noah Beimel, nephew of Sarah McCurdy, who is struggling with heart issues. Requested by: Betty Jo
- * For Kristen Ondulick who is having a biopsy on 4/9. Praying for good results. Requested by: Mary Valla
- * For the Ken Kibler family as they lost a father and son very close together. Requested by: Jillian Skaris
- * For my dear friend, Terri Brownfield. We love you and are here for you. Requested by: Valerie Stitch
- * For Eliza dealing with mental health issues. Please keep her in your prayer. Thank you
- * For Kristin Colvin, who was diagnosed with complex migraines and Bell palsy on the right eye and weakness in her right hand. Prayers for strength and healing. Requested by: Her parents, Debbie & Doug
- * For Missy who was diagnosed with erosive arthritis (bones and joints in hands, knees, hips and feet are deteriorating). Having an MRI on April 10th to access damages.
- * For Shawn Connolly's mom, Darlene, who is having hip surgery on Friday, April 5th in West Virginia. Requested by: Sue Latour
- * For Xavier's mother, who fell recently and is requesting prayer. Please keep her in your thoughts. Thank you.

CAMP LAURELVIEW 2024 SCHEDULE

MAY 31 – JUNE 2: FAMILY CAMP – ALL AGES

**JUNE 16 – JUNE 22: CHI RHO CAMP
7TH- 9TH GRADES**

**JUNE 23 – JUNE 29: CONFERENCE CAMP
10TH – 12TH GRADES**

**JULY 7 – JULY 13: JUNIOR CAMP
4TH – 6TH GRADES**

**JULY 14 – JULY 17: MINI CAMP
1ST – 3RD GRADES**

SAVE THE DATES!

ALL ARE WELCOME

REGISTRATION: <https://Laurelview.org>

SEE YOU ON THE MOUNTAIN

QUESTIONS: EMAIL TASKFORCE @LAURELVIEW.ORG

**SAVE THE DATE - 2nd ANNUAL CAR SHOW (FIRST
CHRISTIAN CHURCH) – August 17th (rain date, August 24) – 11 AM
– 4 PM. MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW IN THE COMING MONTHS.**

***He will have no fear for bad news; his heart is steadfast, trusting
in the LORD. –Psalm 112:7***

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>David Hanna*</i>	<i>Miley Ava Delval*</i>
<i>Karin Brightwell*</i>	<i>Joseph Wojcik*</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* (Mike & Sherry's Son)</i>	<i>Karl & Dorothy Semekoski*</i>	<i>Dave & Chrissy Zoltun*</i>
<i>Tanner Riley*</i>	<i>Mason Madzey*</i>	<i>Terri Fabrizio*</i>
<i>Jessica Beimel*</i>	<i>Terri Brownfield*</i>	<i>Laverne Giordanengo*</i>
<i>Heather Simpson*</i>	<i>Victor Angelo*</i>	<i>Margie D'Antonio*</i>
<i>Small Businesses*</i>	<i>Christian Colleges*</i>	<i>Melanie Slattery*</i>
<i>Brian Stillwagon*</i>	<i>Bob Gilpin*</i>	<i>Janet Hellner-Burris*</i>
<i>Joe & Betty Jo Rapp*</i>	<i>Gary Gray*</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>Ed Yuhas*</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>Joan Caldwell*</i>	<i>Sydney Weaver*</i>
<i>Jake Hurley*</i>	<i>Rose Wilkinson*</i>	<i>Lauri Garman*</i>
<i>Michael Cramer*</i>		

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous hand." –Isaiah 41:10 NKJV

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!!! Thank you

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.

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.

GREETER(S) SHEET – Please sign-up to be a greeter on Sunday mornings. You will need to be here by 10:30 AM. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex. Thank you.

BIRTHDAYS: April 19 – Betty MacDonald, Ethan Santo, JoAnna Frederick, April 20 – Gary Dunmeyer

ANNIVERSARY: Joe & Sarah McCurdy

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FOR VENDOR INFO EMAIL: DLRUSAK325@OUTLOOK.COM OR Heather.lynn.2372@gmail.com – more information to follow in MAY/JUNE Newsletters.

Today's Bulletin Cover is in Honor of Ken Ballentyne's 70th Birthday!!

Given by: His Family

Serving the Church Today

**Minister
Worship Leader
Organist/Pianist/Director**

**Pastor, Dennis J. Stitch
Deb Caldwell
Sherry Erdely**

Elders

**Deb Caldwell
Debbie Colvin**

Greeter(s)

Judy Gaisbacher

Deacons

**Marla Gould
Garnet Krutz**

Welcome this morning to First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Charleroi, where God's **GRACE** reigns. We are... God-centered, Respectful, Accepting, Community-oriented and Encouraging on most days. On other days, we try harder to be a better Christian. Be strong in the LORD! Love one another!

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

TODAY: SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sunday 4/14

10:40 AM Elders' prayer before worship
10:45 AM FCC Worship Service

Monday 4/15

10:30 AM Meals-on-Wheels

Tuesday 4/16

10:30 AM Meals-on-Wheels

Wednesday 4/17

10:30 AM Meals-on-Wheels
6:30 PM Choir Practice

Thursday 4/18

10:30 AM Meals-on-Wheels
7:00 PM I.O.O.F. Men's Fellowship - Social Hall

Friday 4/19

10:30 AM Meals-on-Wheels
7:00 PM Movie Night – part II of Ben Hur

Saturday 4/20

4:00 PM Sportsmen's Dinner – Social Hall

Sunday 4/21

10:40 AM Elders' prayer before worship
10:45 AM FCC Worship Service

Unified Giving Update (2024)

	<u>Offerings</u>	<u>Missions/Outreach</u>
Current Fund	\$2,800.91	\$ 94.09
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	<u>4/7</u>	
Attendance (In Church)	69	
Facebook Live	11	
Conference Call	1	