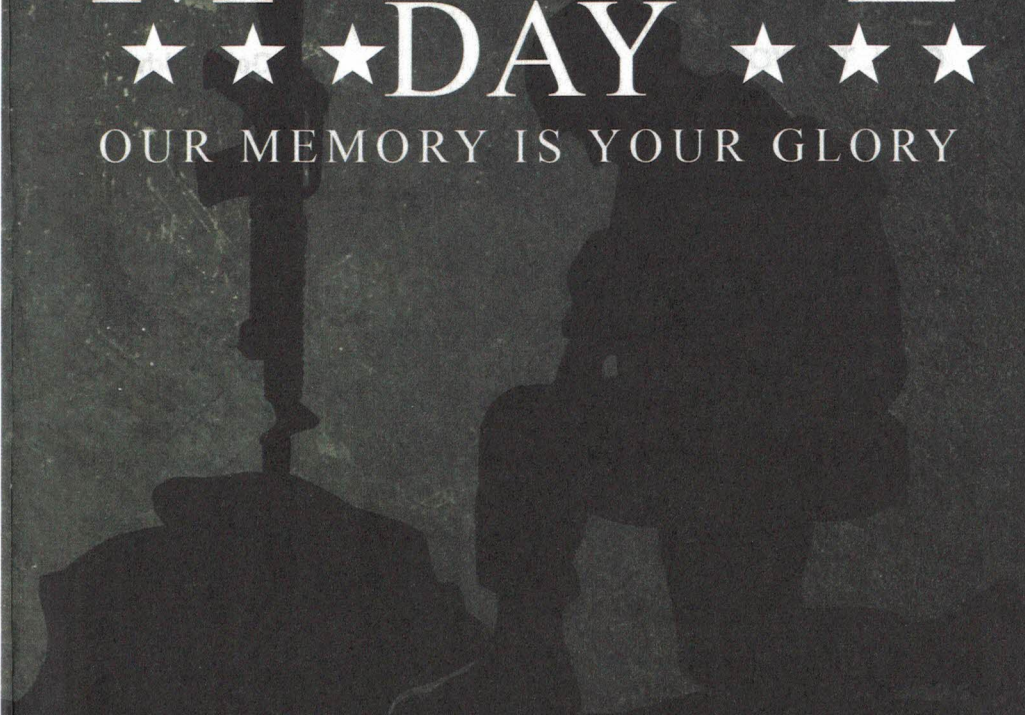




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OUR MEMORY IS YOUR GLORY





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MAY 26, 2024 - Memorial Sunday

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

PRELUDE

Andrew Debroeck

Finlandia Theme, Jean Sibelius

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deb Caldwell

CALL TO WORSHIP

Deb Caldwell

LEADER: Shout to God with songs of great joy!

PEOPLE: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

LEADER: God has made us whole.

PEOPLE: God has called us to a ministry of hope and love.

LEADER: Come, let us celebrate the love of God!

PEOPLE: Let us praise God's name and serve God joyfully.

***SONG OF PRAISE #245 Renew Book -Words on the screen
Awesome God**

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 **Hymnal #695 (all verses)**
"My Country, 'Tis of Thee"

PRAYER FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS **Pastor Dennis**

CHOIR ANTHEM **Sherry Erdely**
"The Blessing Riddle," Pepper Choplin

PASTOR DENNIS' ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

The Service of the Word

***SCRIPTURE** **Psalm 144:1 NIV** **Pastor Dennis**

1 Praise be to the LORD my Rock,
who trains my hands for war,
my fingers for battle.

SOLO **"Find us Faithful," Jon Mohr** **Terri Greenlee**

SERMON Remember Pastor Dennis

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 #564, All 3 verses
"Let Us Break Bread Together"

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** HYMNAL #323 (all verses)
"Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty"

***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.

POSTLUDE

Andrew Debroeck

“Battle Hymn of the Republic,” Amy Porter

(*) Please stand if you are able.

ALL ARE INVITED TO THE BI-REGIONAL MEETING “BETTER TOGETHER”: OCTOBER 17-18 (THURSDAY & FRIDAY) – First Christian Church, Washington, PA

NEXT GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2025, JULY 12 – 15, IN MEMPHIS, TN

RUMMAGE SALE – JUNE 1 – 10 AM – 1 PM – 300 CHAMBER PLAZA, CHARLEROI PA – DONATIONMS ARE WELCOME AND APPRECIATED! BENEFITS HOMELESS SHELTERS IN WASHINGTON AND WESTMORELAND COUNTIES! Questions? Contact Denise DeCooman at ddecoom@sphs.org or 724-489-9100, ext. 3192

SAVE THE DATE - 2nd ANNUAL CAR SHOW (FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH) – August 17th (rain date, August 24) – 11 AM – 4 PM. Information is on car cruise.com. \$10 entry fee with free coffee & donuts at time of registration.! Music by: Jerry Jericho (\$200). **Committee will start after the craft show.**

16 They will stumble repeatedly; they will fall over each other. They will say, ‘Get up, let us go back to our own people and our native lands, away from the sword of the oppressor.’ ~ Jeremiah 46:16

PRAYER CONCERNS

- * For Sherry Ballentyne with health concerns and for our granddaughter that is getting her tonsils out on May 24th. Requested by: Ken
- * For Princess, to help eliminate the demons of anxiety.
- * For Mike Wilkinson who will need to start radiation therapy in the coming weeks. Please hold him in prayer.
- * For our friend Becky Opiela who received a new diagnosis of a concerning liver issue. Requested by: Chris & Mike Wilkinson
- * For Joe who had surgery this past week. He is hoping for good biopsy results. Requested by: Deb Caldwell
- * For Devon McQuay, she is 26 yrs. old, with heart issues.
- * For Michael Posey: Michael and his wife Tara were in a terrible motorcycle accident. Tara was killed and Michael was hospitalized with serious injuries. Requested by: Jeanie Pfile
- * For my Aunt Nancy in Mon Valley Hospital (room 540). She fell and broke her hip. She is Ronni Tybinski's mother. Requested by: Nancy Dunmeyer
- * For Brian Stone's wife who was injured with a bungee cord to the eye. Requested by: Pastor Dennis
- * For Chuck Bove that he is able to have surgery on Monday, May 20th for cancer on his liver.
- * For continued prayers for Tyler's father Dan, who is fighting cancer. Requested by: Missy
- * For Laura Hermann as she performs in the show Chicago as Velma this Saturday, May 25th at 2 pm.
- * For Marilyn & Ken Whitson. He has pneumonia and she has upper respiratory problem. Requested by: Margie
- * For Rose Wilkinson who is starting chemotherapy this week. Requested by: Mike & Chris Wilkinson
- * For the Hutto Family in South Carolina (friends of Linda Robb) whose granddaughter went missing and found dead in a car. She was a mom of 3 young children
- * For Mike who needs more tests on Monday for bad infection in his arm. Requested by: Mary Valla
- * For Lori Burgess to be healed from cancer. Requested by: Roxanne Burgess.
- * For a friend with pancreatic cancer.
- * For Wes White who has multiple kidney stones in both kidneys. Requested by: Darla & Ellis

- * For Linda and Garrin Billy who both have pneumonia.
- * For Abby (Trish Fleming's Granddaughter) who is in Children's Hospital.
- * For Jim Caldwell who is having upcoming surgery on his left arm. Surgery will be done on Friday, May 24th. Praying for a successful surgery and healing.

JOYS

- * For Kaylee Kassa (here today) graduated from IUP with her masters in nutrition.
- * Congratulations: Tyler & Bre have new vehicle, a 2018 Ford Flex.
- * Congratulations: Tyler & Breanna were engaged last month.
- * Congratulations to Missy for losing weight for her upcoming knee replacement surgery.
- * Nick Pappas was released from the hospital on May 15th. Praise God!

WORSHIP NOTES:

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 – VENDOR CRAFT SHOW – First Christian Church, Charleroi, 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 DLRUSA325@OUTLOOK.com or Heather.lynn.2372@gmail.com

9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. ~ Matthew 5:9

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 Beigel*</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-Burriss*</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>		

Matthew 24:6-7

6 You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come.

7 Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places.

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: June 7 – Cora Russell

ANNIVERSARY: May 30 – Bill & Garnet Krutz;
June 1 – Harold & Sandy Cramer, June 8 – Sherry & Mickey Polinski

8 A time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace. ~ Ecclesiastes 3:8

44 But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, ~ Matthew 5:44

*Today's Bulletin Cover is in
Honor of All Who Served to
Keep Our Freedom!!!
Given by: Mary & Joe Valla*

Serving the Church Today

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

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

Elders

**Tom Griffith
Deb Caldwell**

Greeter(s)

Kim Quinn

Deacons

**Nancy Lessman
Sue Latour**

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 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, MAY 26, 2024

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sunday 5/26

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

Sunday 6/2

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

Unified Giving Update (2024)

	<u>Offerings</u>	<u>Missions/Outreach</u>
Current Fund	\$ 2,838.64	\$ 95.36
	\$ 2,515.50	\$ 84.50
	\$ 2,231.05	\$ 74.93

Date	5/5	5/12	5/19
Attendance (In Church)	76	79	92
Facebook Live	11	12	8
Conference Call	1	1	1

JOY – Serra Catholic will play WPIAL Championship at the Wild Things Ballyard on Tuesday, May 28th or Wednesday, May 29th. Come and support this team!

20 "You are my war club, my weapon for battle— with you I shatter nations, with you I destroy kingdoms, ~ Jeremiah 51:20

9 Proclaim this among the nations: Prepare for war! Rouse the warriors! Let all the fighting men draw near and attack. ~ Joel 3:9