



The Charleroi Christian First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)
JUNE 2024

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Hello First Christian Church Family!

Be blessed!

Judges 4:8-9 KJV

Verse 8: And Barak said unto her, if thou wilt go with me, then I will go; but if thou wilt not go with then I will not go.

Verse 9: And she said, I will surely go with thee: not withstanding the journey that thou takest shall not be for thine honor; for the LORD shall sell Sisera into the hand of a woman. And Deborah arose, and went with Barak to Kedesh.

Last month was an "AWESOME" and very active month at our church. One of the highlights was celebrating the beautiful women of our congregation with a Women's/Mother's Day brunch/lunch on May 19th. The men worked very hard to make it a huge success.

As we move forward from the spring towards the summer months our congregation will experience outdoor services on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month starting in July.

Also, Garnet Krutz will lead the once a month mid-week fellowship Weenie Roast on a Wednesday starting in July, August and September.

We hope you are as excited as we are and come to visit us. We would love to see you.

Grace and Peace!

Senior Pastor Dennis J. Stitch



Tithes and offerings

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. 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

BIRTHDAYS

JUNE 1	AMANDA SPINA
JUNE 7	CORA RUSSELL
JUNE 10	MARY LOU LACHMAN
JUNE 12	LADY VALERIE STITCH
JUNE 15	MICHAEL RUSAK
JUNE 18	AARON SPINA
JUNE 20	WIL WEAVER
JUNE 21	KRISTIN BLAIR
JUNE 22	CONNIE TABORY & LAWRENCE HARRIS
JUNE 26	JULIANA KITZMILLER
JUNE 27	MARK BRIGHTWELL



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

ANNIVERSARIES:

JUNE 1	HAROLD & SANDY CRAMER
JUNE 8	SHERRY & MICKEY POLINSKI
JUNE 10	DENNIS & SHERRY CALDWELL
JUNE 17	GEORGE, JR & SHERRY HOGAN
JUNE 18	MICHAEL & CONNIE TABORY
JUNE 28	BOB & TARYN GRANT



May God continue to keep you happy and bless you as a couple.

Warm wishes to you on your marriage milestone.

Every day, continue to love each other more and more



ELDERS FOR COMMUNION – JUNE 2024

JUNE 2	CORA RUSSELL MARY VALLA
JUNE 9	TARYN GRANT PAULA BARNDOLLAR
JUNE 16	RON BIRD, SR. JOE VALLA
JUNE 23	DEBBIE COLVIN DIANE RUSAK
JUNE 30	DENNIS CALDWELL KRISTIN BLAIR



DEACONS' SCHEDULE JUNE 2024

JUNE 2	VIVIAN HORNER & BOB GRANT
JUNE 9	GEORGE HOGAN & DIANE GRAY
JUNE 16	VALERIE STITCH & BETH HUGHES
JUNE 23	MARLA GOULD & GARNET KRUTZ
JUNE 30	NANCY LESSMAN & SUE LATOUR



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, June 21, 2024 at 7 PM.**

EVANGELISM – Margie D'Antonio

There were **10** 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!

SAVE THE DATE: VENDOR CRAFT SHOW – SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2024 – 10 AM TO 3 PM – FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, 61 Walnut Ridge Road, Charleroi, PA 15022 – VENDORS & CRAFTERS WANTED!! FOR VENDOR INFO EMAIL: DLRUSAK325@OUTLOOK.COM OR Heather.lynn.2372@gmail.com Free admission, plenty of parking, handicap accessible ~ 50/50 raffle, auction basket raffle, kitchen open!!!

ALL ARE INVITED

BI-REGIONAL MEETING: Thursday, October 17 and Friday, October 18 at First Christian Church (DOC), 615 East Beau Street, Washington, PA. Watch for more information in the coming months. **SAVE THE DATES**

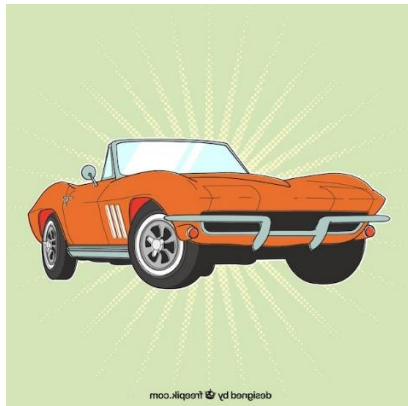
SAVE THE DATE IN 2025 – NEXT GENERAL ASSEMBLY – JULY 12-15, 2025 IN MEMPHIS, TN

NEW MEMBERS – Please fill out the “membership information form” so we can put your information in the church directory! If you have a photo of yourself, Malcolm will use it in the directory. If not, please ask Malcolm when he could take a picture.

Thank you for becoming a part of our church family! Blessings all around!

SAVE THE DATE - 2nd ANNUAL CAR SHOW (FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH) –

August 24th (rain date, August 31) – Noon – 4 PM CAR SHOW ADMISSION \$10; REGISTRATION STARTS AT 10 AM with free coffee & donuts! SPECTATORS FREE!



Featuring music by: DJ Jerry Jericho

Contact Ernie and Viv Horner at 724-350-9598 for more information. Proceeds benefit the church kitchen and the driveway fund.

PRAYER CONCERNS

- *For Trey Scanlon who was hit in the face with a motor lift at work. He was to see a surgeon. Pray for strength and healing.
- * For Lisa Carpenter (Mom) last Monday went into the hospital because her heart kept stopping 3 separate times. She was placed on a breathing machine to stay alive. Was told she was going to pass away only to be home a week later and making a full recovery. Requested by: Tyler
- * For general health concerns waiting for test results for Mike Rusak. Requested by: Diane Rusak
- * For Nancy having ultrasound on 6/4. Requested by: Lorelei
- * For Bill Krutz who has infection. Prayers for healing. Requested by: Garnet
- * For my granddaughter Jackie recovering from pneumonia. Requested by: Paula
- * For my daughter Lauri, the chemo is not helping and she is going on hospice. I am going out to visit after service today. Thank you all for all your prayers. Please continue prayers. Requested by: Mary Lou
- * For all those who served to protect our country, especially those who lost their lives. Requested by: Mary Valla
- * For Sherry Ballentyne with health concerns and for our granddaughter who got 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
- ***UPDATE:** During Joe's surgery, they nicked his bladder and he had to go back into the hospital for his infection. All of this has put his recovery time to 3-4 months. 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 who 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
- ***UPDATE:** Chuck Bove had his surgery for liver cancer, which was good. However, he is having a hard recovery. He's in ICU trying to get blood pressure stable. His oxygen is low and he's in a lot of pain. Please keep his wife Debbie in prayer also as she is feeling helpless right now. It's going to be a long road ahead. Requested by: Pastor and First Lady
- * For continued prayers for Tyler's father Dan, who is fighting cancer. Requested by: Missy
- * For Rose Wilkinson who is starting chemotherapy this week. Requested by: Mike & Chris Wilkinson
- * For Mike who needs more tests on Monday for bad infection in his arm. Requested by: Mary Valla

Continued prayers:

- * 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 Abby (Trish Fleming's Granddaughter) who is in Children's Hospital.
- * For Jim Caldwell who had humerus arm surgery. His arm will remain in a sling for 8 weeks. He is doing physical therapy in a skilled facility.

SYMPATHY AND CONCERNS

- *For the family and friends of Aiden Radke (7 yrs. old) passed from cancer. He was the son of former co-worker. His organs were donated and helped 4 others. Submitted by: Diane Rusak
- *For the family and friends of Randy Matthias who passed away 5/24. Submitted by: Lorelei Moreland
- * For the family and friends of Andy Gramsky , Zavier's uncle, 43 yrs. old, passed away while cutting grass. Traveling mercies for Zavier and Sarah as they travel to Ohio.

JOYS

- Sandy & Harold Cramer celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on 6/1/24. Submitted by: Sister Debbie Colvin
- Garnet got to see Bill. They were married for 60 years.
- Terri Brownfield got a care giver position. Happiness all around.
- I would like to praise the Lord for allowing me to have such a blessed weekend. Although it rained yesterday, it gave me more time with family. Submitted by: Zavier Chambers
- It was so wonderful having our friend Andrew with us today in worship and with his church family. Submitted by: Paula Barndollar
- Sherry Hogan is home and doing well. She is back to her old self again. Submitted by: George
- Thank you for all the prayers last Sunday. I had a wonderful week in my internship! Please continue to for me. Submitted by: Sarah Stitch
- Sydney Weaver, our granddaughter, had her Baptism on Friday 5/24 at Calvary Chapel Christian Church School. Submitted by: Debbie & Doug Colvin

CAMP LAURELVIEW 2024 SCHEDULE

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!

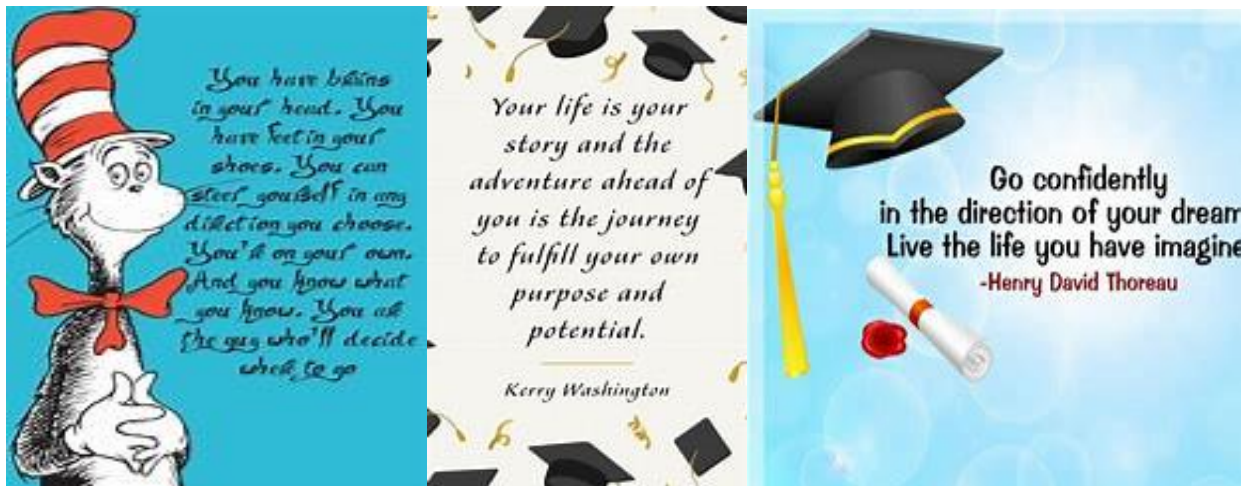
ALL ARE WELCOME

ELDER, Diane Rusak

As we head into another summer season, let us relax and spend time enjoying the company of friends and family. Stop and take time to feel the sun on your skin and enjoy the smell of fresh cut grass or a neighbor's bar-b-que grill cooking up something amazing. Make this your best summer yet!

Dear Lord, We have so many things to be thankful for. You have blessed us in countless ways – we just have to slow down and really see them. To enjoy them. Help us reach out to all those around us who are blind to your gifts and let them see the world through the eyes of those who believe in you. Let their lives become a little brighter by knowing and growing in your love. In your name we pray. Amen.

GRADUATE THOUGHTS



CONGRATULATIONS TO LAURA HERMANN FOR BEING AWARDED “THE VINCENT VITORI SCHOLARSHIP” PRESENTED BY C.A.M.A (CHARLEROI AREA MISSION ASSOCIATION).

HAPPY FATHER’S DAY

The role of the father is especially important in a Christian family, as he is seen as the central figure and a role model and source of strength for his children. Fathers are portrayed in the Bible as good and bad, wise and foolish, kind and jealous, but their role in the family is key. ~ Mary Fairchild

FATHER'S DAY – JUNE 16,2024

SPECIAL OFFERING – CWS – TOOLS – A SWEET WAY TO BEE!

“For God satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things!” ~Psalm 107:9

Contributions to CWS Tools means Church World Service will be ready to help families around the world have the tools they need to build a better life for their families. Like the miracle of the loaves and fish, your gifts to CWS Tools multiply as they are joined by the contributions of other caring congregations, yielding a harvest of caring for those in need.

When people have the tools and supplies they need for a garden, they can grow their own food for their family.

They also are doing a BEEHIVE with BEES and your donations will provide gloves, hive tool, bee smoker, hat/veil combo, protective suit and beehive with bees.



Join the Buzz

Sweet as Honey

Bee the change