

A large sea turtle is swimming in clear blue water. The turtle is positioned in the lower half of the frame, moving towards the right. Its shell is a mix of brown and green, and its flippers are extended. The water is bright blue near the surface and darker blue below. In the background, a coral reef is visible, with various types of coral and some small fish. The overall scene is peaceful and natural.

*He called unto him  
the twelve, and began to  
send them forth by two  
and two.*

MARK 6:7



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**July 14, 2024**

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## LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES PRELUDE

"I Stand Amazed in the Presence,  
arr. Carol Tornquist

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deb Caldwell

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Deb Caldwell

LEADER: With friends and strangers, with family and neighbors, we gather:

**PEOPLE: Come among us, Healing God, with that love which never ends.**

LEADER: With faith reaching out to touch, with hearts straining to trust, we hope:

**PEOPLE: Come among us, Friend of the broken, with your compassion which makes us whole.**

LEADER: With word and wonder, with silence and with song, we wait:

**PEOPLE: Come among us, Dryer of our tears, to lift us to our feet to follow you.**

**\*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 #107 (all verses)****"Amazing Grace"****PRAYER FOR JOYS AND CONCERNS****Pastor Dennis****SOLO****Terri Greenlee****"Four Days Too Late," by Aaron & Roberta Wilburn****ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES****Pastor Dennis****The Service of the Word****\*SCRIPTURE****Ephesians 6:17 KJV****Pastor Dennis**

<sup>17</sup> And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

**SERMON****HIS HELMET****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 SONG**

**Chorus Book #17 (2 verses)**

**"We Are So Blessed"**

**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 #87 (all verses)**

**"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"**

## **\*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.

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

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**SAVE THE DATE - 2<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL CAR SHOW (FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH)** – August 24<sup>th</sup> (rain date, August 31) – Noon – 4 PM- **CAR SHOW ADMISSION \$10; REGISTRATION STARTS AT 10 AM** with free coffee & donuts! **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.**

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

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**GARY DUNMEYER WILL BE PERFORMING** at the Long Branch Grange, 201 Chestnut Street, Coal Center, PA 15423 on July 27. Dinner will be served at 6 PM followed by Gary's performance. Price per person is \$40. There are 20 tickets left as of July 2 if anyone is interested in attending. Please call (724) 938-2529 or (724) 469-2736 to purchase a ticket

## PRAYER CONCERNS

- \* Comfort and God's guidance with mental health struggles. Requested by: Missy
- \* Prayers for doctor appointments tomorrow for surgeon and cardiologist doctors. Requested by: Roxanne
- \* Prayers for my sister, Roxanne, as she goes to get test done on Monday. Requested by: Lori Burgess
- \* Prayer for anonymous friend with severe gambling addiction.
- \* For my sister, Sandy Cramer, who is having extreme back pain. Getting results from scan this week. Requested by: Debbie Colvin
- \* For Karen, a patient at AGH. She has ALS Lou Gerigs – very fast progression. Requested by: Judy Gelder
- \* For our friend, Becky Opiela, starting treatment tomorrow for lymphoma. Requested by: Chris & Mike Wilkinson
- \* For Alma, Ellis' sister,
- \* For Diane, with health concerns. Requested by: Cora
- \* For Chuck Bova, who passed away in his battle with cancer. Also prayers for his wife, Debbie, and sister, Karen. Requested by: Pastor and First Lady Stitch
- \* For Betty Jo's son, Mark, who is working in St. Lucia, which was hit by a hurricane.
- \* For Bill Krutz's niece, Debora Herbert, who has severe arthritis. Requested by: Garnet Krutz
- \* For Ed Gould having a heart cath on July 16. Requested by: Marla Gould
- \* For Renee Jarvis, going on hospice. Requested by: Sue and Bill Latour
- \* For Lori Burgess. Pray for her chemo treatments. She also is waiting on bone scan results. Requested by First Lady
- \* For Anderson, who fell out of a tree while cutting it, damaging his lungs, kidneys and collar bone. Requested by: Garnet Krutz
- \* For Bill's sister in Florida, and his sister, Laura. Requested by: Margie and Bill Giordanengo
- \* For a friend of Marla and Ed Gould's mother, Karen, who is having difficulty with blood clots. Requested by: Marla and Ed Gould



## **SYMPATHY AND CONCERNS**

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Chuck Bova, who recently passed away. Please keep his wife, Debbie, in your prayers.

Our deepest sympathy to Mary Lou Lachman and family on the passing of her daughter, Lauri Garman, this past week.

Our deepest sympathy to the family of Robert Niccolai, who recently passed away. Requested by: Judy Gaisbacher

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## **JOYS**

\*Cindy Dunmeyer's cardiac ablation was a complete success.

Requested by: Gary Dunmeyer

\*Our daughter, Katelyn, got engaged while on vacation! Requested by: Joe & Mary Valla

\*Thank you to the women of the church for all of the help with the Father's Day Cookout!

\*Welcoming new grandson, Madix Kol, in August 2024. Daughter, Jenna, to be induced on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Requested by: Missy

\*For adoptive daughter, Jenna, who regained 50/50 custody of son, Braxton, and cleared of alleged child abuse charges. Requested by: Missy

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**A flag will be flown over the Capitol in honor of  
CONGRESSMAN AUSTIN J. MURPHY on Sunday, July 28.**

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## **CAMP LAURELVIEW 2024 SCHEDULE**

**JULY 14 – JULY 17: MINI CAMP  
1<sup>ST</sup> – 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADES**



## **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>David Hanna*</i>	<i>Miley Ava Delval*</i>
<i>Karin Brightwell*</i>	<i>Joseph Wojcik*</i>	<i>Grethen &amp; 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 &amp; Sherry's Son)</i>	<i>Karl &amp; Dorothy Semekoski*</i>	<i>Dave &amp; Chrissy Zoltun*</i>
<i>Tanner Riley*</i>	<i>Mason Madzey*</i>	<i>Laverne Giordanengo*</i>
<i>Jessica Beimel*</i>	<i>Terri Brownfield*</i>	<i>Margie D'Antonio*</i>
<i>Heather Simpson*</i>	<i>Victor Angelo*</i>	<i>Melanie Slattery*</i>
<i>Small Businesses*</i>	<i>Christian Colleges*</i>	<i>Janet Hellner-Burris*</i>
<i>Brian Stillwagon*</i>	<i>Bob Gilpin*</i>	<i>Sam &amp; Jane Semekoski *</i>
<i>Joe &amp; Betty Jo Rapp*</i>	<i>Gary Gray*</i>	<i>Josh Cramer*</i>
<i>Bre Randolph*</i>	<i>Tonya Kepich*</i>	<i>Connie Siranni*</i>
<i>Andrew DeBroeck*</i>	<i>Jesse &amp; Joseph Bird*</i>	<i>Sydney Weaver*</i>
<i>Ed Yuhas*</i>	<i>Matt Sezawich*</i>	<i>Rev. Chuck House*</i>
<i>Gene Kite*</i>	<i>Kelly Weaver*</i>	<i>Missy Montgomery*</i>
<i>Ingri Humphrey*</i>	<i>Joan Caldwell*</i>	
<i>Jake Hurley*</i>	<i>Rose Wilkinson*</i>	
<i>Michael Cramer*</i>	<i>Mike Wilkinson*</i>	

## **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

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**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

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**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.

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## **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.

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**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.

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**BIRTHDAYS:** July 14 – Shannon Hostovich, Sydney Lynn Weaver, July 16 – Bruce Pendleton III, July 18 – Reed Kolodychak, July 20 – Ryder Niklaus

**ANNIVERSARY:** July 16 – Rob and Linda Waggoner, July 19 – Karie and Patrick Kolodychak

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*Today's Bulletin Cover is  
In Honor of Our Grandchildren  
Sarah, Faith, Henry & Charlotte  
Given by: Ken and Sherry Ballentyne*

**Serving the Church Today**

<b>Minister</b>	<b>Pastor, Dennis J. Stitch</b>
<b>Worship Leader</b>	<b>Deb Caldwell</b>
<b>Organist/Pianist/Director</b>	<b>Sherry Erdely</b>
<b>Elders</b>	<b>Ron Bird Sr. Mary Valla</b>
<b>Greeter(s)</b>	<b>Mary Lou Lachman Dan Codeluppi</b>
<b>Deacons</b>	<b>George Hogan Diane Gray</b>

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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!

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# TODAY: SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2024

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### Sunday 7/14

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

### Thursday, 7/18

7:00 PM I.O.O.F. Men's Fellowship

### Friday, 7/19

7:00 PM Movie Night

### Saturday, 7/20

Time TBD Baby Shower (Terri Greenlee's daughter)

### Sunday 7/21

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	7/7	\$ 2,344.25	\$ 78.75
	7/14		
	7/21		
	7/28		

Date	<u>7/7</u>	<u>7/14</u>	<u>7/21</u>	<u>7/28</u>
Attendance (In Church)	70			
Facebook Live	14			
Conference Call	1			

Deb Vacation – July 19 - 22