



The Charleroi Christian

First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Hello First Christian Church Family,

Ephesians 6:10 KJV

Finally my brethren be strong in the Lord and the power of his might.

Last month we started a series on the Whole Armor of God on July 14th. We concluded the series Sunday August 25th.

From the Bible we took each piece of the armor and understanding how God wants you and I to apply it to our lives so we can be VICTORIOUS!

The Helmet of Salvation

Breastplate of Righteousness.

The Shoes of Preparation

The Belt of Truth

Shield of Faith

Sword of the Spirit

Power of Prayer

We concluded the series by marching around the church to the song Onward Christian Soldiers. Each Sunday I put on a piece of the armor, concluding the last Sunday in the whole armor attire.

As we walk through our life, let us put on the whole armor of God daily.

May God's peace be with you.

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

Sept. 1	Cheryl Blair
Sept. 2	Laverne Giordanengo
Sept. 4	Sherry Ballentyne & Nathan Miller II
Sept. 5	Kent Downer
Sept. 8	Jeremy Snipes
Sept. 9	Gary Gray
Sept. 10	Margie D'Antonio, Linda Waggoner, Breanna Hartman, Jacob McCurdy
Sept. 12	Jenna Hermann, Laura Hermann
Sept. 17	Autumn Pappas
Sept. 18	Grace Vandernitte, Linda Arnold, Bill Latour, Sydney Cole
Sept. 20	Barbara Pepper, Emmanuel Stitch
Sept. 23	Pastor Dennis Stitch
Sept. 24	Cindy Smith
Sepr. 26	Thomas Griffith
Sept. 27	Marla DeMarco



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

Sept. 5	Jeff & Lee Ann Patton
Sept. 7	Joe & Mary Valla
Sept. 10	Ernie & Vivian Horner
Sept. 15	Dawn & Leonard Billy
Sept. 20	Sean Sr. & Denise Cole
Sept. 22	Doug & Debbie Colvin
Sept. 23	Wil & Kelly Weaver
Sept. 30	Barney & Trudy Bly



ANNIVERSARIES



ELDERS FOR COMMUNION – SEPTEMBER 2024

SEPTEMBER 1	TARYN GRANT PAULA BARNDOLLAR
SEPTEMBER 8	RON BIRD, SR. DEBBIE COLVIN
SEPTEMBER 15	JOE VALLA DIANE RUSAK
SEPTEMBER 22	DENNIS CALDWELL KRISTIN BLAIR
SEPTEMBER 29	TOM GRIFFITH DEB CALDWELL



DEACONS' SCHEDULE – SEPTEMBER 2024

SEPTEMBER 1	MARLA GOULD & GARNET KRUTZ
SEPTEMBER 8	SUE LATOUR & NANCY LESSMAN
SEPTEMBER 15	VIVIAN HORNER & BOB GRANT
SEPTEMBER 22	GEORGE HOGAN & DIANE GRAY
SEPTEMBER 29	VALERIE STITCH & BETH HUGHES



**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, September 20, 2024 at 7 PM.**

EVANGELISM – Cora Russell (724-344-9803)

There were **9** prayer letters sent out last month thru 8/26. 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.

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

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**

Elder's Corner – Joseph Valla

Dear Lord –

As Fall approaches, the seasons are changing. The flowers and trees go dormant. We hope that our love for you does not go dormant, but grows in abundance. Too many times we take for granted that you gave us your son – who was born, crucified, buried and resurrected to save us. We pray that he will come again one day, as does spring, giving us the love he always has in ways we cannot imagine. So, as the seasons change, let us change in a way that makes you happy. Let us pray for joy, peace and the coming of Jesus, which will save us all from the sins we have committed.

In Jesus name, we pray. Amen

THE C.W.F. BLESSING BOXES: For many years the idea of the Blessing Box has been part of the lives of the Women of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The Blessing Box is planned as a means to express “over and above” giving to the mission of the church through Basic Mission Finance.

A Blessing Box offering represents a gift of love, of appreciation, of thanks to God. It is a coin offering. To help Kristin, please convert the coins to dollars.

The Blessing Boxes are due during the month of September.

2024 Car Show First Christian Church Charleroi (Disciples of Christ)



Our kitchen crew was a fun and dedicated group from our congregation led by Taryn Grant and Viv Horner, who had a system down that churned out food orders like no one's business!

Pictured are: 1st row: Kristin Blair 2nd row: Mike Erdely, Kim Quinn, Viv Horner, Taryn Grant, Cindy Dunmeyer, Cora Russell, Sherry Erdely, Sue Latour



Erin Sinko and Colleen Arnowitz – the sweet Murphy sisters, enjoying their day.



Elder Tom Griffith graciously provide rides in his golf cart to transport people who need a little help with the long walk from the grassy parking lot to the event location. Talk about service with a smile! Pictured are Tom and Joycie Kyle. Joycie generously volunteered her golf cart services last year.



Having the opportunity to sit in my favorite car, the Mustang, made me feel like a kid again!

We, here at First Christian Church (DOC) of Charleroi, are so very thankful for the dedicated workers serving our church.

Thank you to all those individuals who got the car show up and running.



Lovely Cora - Elder ... Mentor ... Leader to so many of us, prepares her delicious funnel cakes.



Pastor Dennis J. Stich, Cheryl Blair, Kristin Blair and Ray Pappas share a special moment of fellowship.



Taryn Grant & Vivian Horner at the very end of the event - WORN OUT!

VARIOUS CAR PHOTOS



PLEASE PLACE completed PRAYER/JOY REQUEST SLIPS to be read during the service in the basket near the Pastor's podium **before** the service begins. When the service begins at 10:45 AM, we are officially on Facebook.

Every Sunday morning, worship begins at 10:45 AM. As soon as Sherry Erdely begins to play, please stop talking and prepare your hearts for worship.

Facebook Live begins at 10:45 AM. Anything we do at that time is live.

When we go up for communion, please stop talking. We should be waiting to accept the elements, praying over them, and thanking God for His son Jesus Christ.

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>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*</i> <i>(Mike & Sherry's Son)</i>	<i>Karl & Dorothy Semekoski*</i>	<i>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 & Jane Semekoski *</i>
<i>Joe & Betty Jo Rapp*</i>	<i>Gary Gray*</i>	<i>Josh Cramer*</i>
<i>Bre Randolph*</i>	<i>Tonya Kepich*</i>	<i>Diane Rusak*</i>
<i>Andrew DeBroeck*</i>	<i>Jesse & 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>Nate Stanchfield*</i>
<i>Jake Hurley*</i>	<i>Rose Wilkinson*</i>	<i>Mike Wilkinson*</i>
<i>Michael Cramer*</i>	<i>Lori Burgess*</i>	<i>Sue Charney*</i>
<i>Jim Caldwell*</i>	<i>John Blatnik*</i>	<i>Carolyn Santavicca*</i>