



The Charleroi Christian

First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)
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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Hello God's "WONDERFUL" Family!

Psalm 90:1

LORD, thou hast been our dwelling place In all generations.

As a congregation we have high expectations of a great 2025. I believe God will provide opportunities for us to exceed these expectations as we TRUST HIM!

We expounded upon the benefits of tithing, what it means to the church, community and yourself. This two part series gave all of us insight that tithing starts in the heart. It is not just an Old Testament principle.

Jesus spoke about tithing through parables so his followers would see what a giving and gracious God we serve. When you and I give we receive immeasurable benefits from our Father in heaven. He's so loving and giving he asks for a tenth (tithe) and allows us to keep 90%! WOW, that's a Father that loves you and I beyond what we can imagine.

May God's Peace always be with you.

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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

Feb. 1	Jim Caldwell
Feb. 2	Adrienne Tracey
Feb. 5	Jenna Valentine
Feb. 8	Harold Cramer
Feb. 10	Garnet Krutz
Feb. 11	Brian Franklin
Feb. 12	Khasey E. Miller
Feb. 17	Christopher Grant & Mary Cowell
Feb. 25	Chad Waggoner
Feb. 28	Judy Gaisbacher



ANNIVERSARIES

Feb. 14	Churck & Lorelei Moreland
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ELDERS FOR COMMUNION – FEBRUARY 2025

FEBRUARY 2	TARYN GRANT PAULA BARNDOLLAR
FEBRUARY 9	RON IRD SR DEB COLVIN
FEBRUARY 16	JOE VALLA DIANE RUSAK
FEBRUARY 23	MARY VALLA KRISTIN BLAIR



DEACONS' SCHEDULE – FEBRUARY 2025

FEBRUARY 2	SUE LATOUR & NANCY LESSMAN
FEBRUARY 9	GEORGE HOGAN & DIANE GRAY
FEBRUARY 16	VALERIE STITCH & BETH HUGHES
FEBRUARY 23	MARLA GOULD & GARNET KRUTZS

UNDER LONG-TERM CARE

<i>Our Leaders*</i>	<i>Marlene Celaschi*</i>	<i>Ken & Sherry Ballentyne*</i>
<i>Our Troops*</i>	<i>Ellis & Darla White*</i>	<i>Kristin Colvin*</i>
<i>Our Church*</i>	<i>Garnet Krutz*</i>	<i>Miley Ava Delval*</i>
<i>Universities*</i>	<i>Rocky Renk*</i>	<i>Gretchen & Tom Speece*</i>
<i>Grace Vandernitte*</i>	<i>Father Bob Hanna*</i>	<i>Sarah Matay*</i>
<i>Justin Sutch*</i>	<i>David Hanna*</i>	<i>Gage Peters*</i>
<i>Karin Brightwell*</i>	<i>Joseph Wojcik*</i>	<i>Cindy Buckley*</i>
<i>Lila Risch*</i>	<i>Alicia Hruby*</i>	<i>Chrissy Zoltun*</i>
<i>Bertha Zollars*</i>	<i>Jack Sharp*</i>	<i>Laverne Giordanengo*</i>
<i>Lois Buberniak*</i>	<i>Hannah Simpson*</i>	<i>Margie D'Antonio*</i>
<i>Michael Erdely*</i> <i>(Mike & Sherry's Son)</i>	<i>Mason Madzey*</i>	<i>Melanie Slattery*</i>
<i>Tanner Riley*</i>	<i>Terri Brownfield*</i>	<i>Janet Hellner-Burris*</i>
<i>Jessica Beimel*</i>	<i>Victor Angelo*</i>	<i>Josh Cramer*</i>
<i>Heather Simpson*</i>	<i>Christian Colleges*</i>	<i>Diane Rusak*</i>
<i>Small Businesses*</i>	<i>Bob Gilpin*</i>	<i>Sydney Weaver*</i>
<i>Brian Stillwagon*</i>	<i>Gary Gray*</i>	<i>Rev. Chuck House*</i>
<i>Joe & Betty Jo Rapp*</i>	<i>Tonya Kepich*</i>	<i>Missy Montgomery*</i>
<i>Bre Randolph*</i>	<i>Jesse & Joseph Bird*</i>	<i>Nate Stanchfield*</i>
<i>Andrew DeBroeck*</i>	<i>Matt Sezawich*</i>	<i>Sue Charney*</i>
<i>Ed Yuhas*</i>	<i>Kelly Weaver*</i>	<i>Carolyn Santavicca*</i>
<i>Gene Kite*</i>	<i>Joan Caldwell*</i>	<i>Dana Obusek*</i>
<i>Ingri Humphrey*</i>	<i>Rose Wilkinson*</i>	<i>John & Karen Mollenauer*</i>
<i>Jake Hurley*</i>	<i>Lori Burgess*</i>	<i>Dennis Fritsch</i>
<i>Michael Cramer*</i>	<i>John Blatnik*</i>	<i>Kate & Joe Greer Jr.</i>
<i>Jim Caldwell*</i>	<i>Sophia Renk*</i>	<i>Betty MacDonald</i>
<i>Chris Blatnik*</i>	<i>Betty Jo Matesich*</i>	
<i>Autumn Raffaele*</i>	<i>Nancy Lessman*</i>	



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, February 21, 2025 at 7 PM (weather permitting).**

FCC VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2025 - June 23-27 from 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM. Closing program and picnic on Saturday, June 28, 11 AM – 2 PM. Jennifer Snipes (724-366-7934), FirstChristianCharleroi_VBS_Dir@outlook.com, will be directing this program. So, come, be a part of **ROAD TRIP ON THE GO WITH GOD!** If you would like to be a volunteer, please let Jenn know.

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

Thank You!

THANK YOU for all your love, support and prayers in the loss of my husband, Keith. I am so blessed to have all of you. By: Kim Quinn

THANK YOU for the prayer card! By: Sheree Misovich & Hazel

EVANGELISM – CORA RUSSELL

I want to give (along with those who have received a prayer letter) a big thank you. Your own signature along with a message at times means so much. Once again I am saying, a prayer request given to pastor does not automatically mean a prayer letter. I need addresses especially for non-members. The spiral notebook on the stand is there for that purpose. Our prayer letter outreach has been growing. What a blessing to those who receive these letters. For the month of January we have sent 17 letters. Remember, when we pray we don't get a busy signal, don't get sent to voice mail, or have to punch a number to get a different language. Our God is always available and ready to hear our prayers as we talk to Him.

Remember, I am available during the week via email, corajune@comcast.net, texting at 724-344-9803, or a phone call at the number. If you are not in my call list you may go to voice mail. Please leave a message.

God bless each one of you, Cora.

UPCOMING DATES FOR FEBRUARY 2025: (WEATHER PERMITTING)

February 3	Dartball Away vs Belle Vernon Methodist – 7 PM
February 5	Choir Practice – 6:00 PM
February 6	IOOF Men's Fellowship Mtg. – 7 PM – Social Hall
February 9	Women's Valentine Brunch at NOON – Served and prepared by the MEN of the church!!
February 10	Dartball Home vs. Christian Center – 7 PM – Social Hall
February 12	Choir Practice – 6:00 PM
February 13	FCC Board Meeting – 7 PM – Social Hall
February 16	Panera Bread
February 17	Dartball Away vs Marion Presbyterian – 7 PM
February 19	Choir Practice – 6:00 PM
February 20	IOOF Men's Fellowship – 7 PM – Social Hall
February 21	Movie Night
February 24	Dartball Home vs. Calvin United Presby. – 7 PM – Social Hall
February 26	Choir Practice – 6:00 PM

Love is the most durable power in the world. –Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

SAVE THE DATE:

Mark your calendars for the "Soup and Sandwich" Luncheon on **March 16, 2025** right after worship. This luncheon is sponsored by The Good News Class.

Thank you, Ellis White

ELDER'S CORNER – Darla White

It's hard to walk in Jesus' footsteps or look for His face. It's hard to say thank you when you've done something wrong but He loves you every minute of the day or night, so here is your prayer for February.

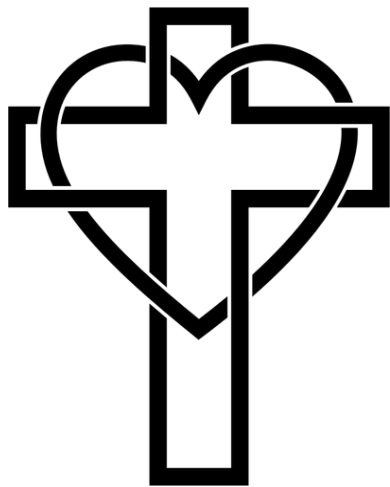
Dear Lord, Bless us that we stop and say thank you for taking care of us, forgiving our sins each and every day. Watching the snow come down makes me think of the blood of Jesus making us whiter than snow.

Thank you for our four seasons that we may enjoy everything every day that you are leading us with and giving us strength to go on. Caring and sharing brings your light closer to us.

In Jesus' Holy Name.

1 Corinthians 13 NIV (New International Version)

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast,



but do not have love, I gain nothing.

4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

8 Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part, 10 but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. 11 When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a

man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. 12 For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

13 AND NOW THESE THREE REMAIN: FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE. BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE.

WEEK OF COMPASSION SPECIAL OFFERING (HEARD AND SEEN) February 16 - 23: Those of you that have a giving # the offering boxes should have one of these envelopes. Extra Compassion giving envelopes will be on the table in the narthex. Thank you.

FEBRUARY - PRAYER REQUESTS:

For Terri Brownfield who was very sick last week and is having an ultrasound on February 7th and is scared. By: Pastor and First Lady.

For my granddaughter Malayna and my new great grandson born this week. By: Diane Gray

For Debbie, friend of Denise Chambers. By: Denise Chambers

For continued healing of Judy Gelder's arm and shoulder. She is hoping to be back in church this week or soon. By: Paula Barndollar

For Lois Buberniak with health concerns. By: Sarah McCurdy

For the family of Lisa Bella, age 48, who passed away on Friday 1/24/25.

For Deb Caldwell who fell outside her home and she laid out there for ~2 ½ hrs. Nothing is broken and thanking God for saving her life.

For Meals-On-Wheels Coordinator Alvin Taggart who is in Mon Valley Hospital with urgent health issues. By: Deb Caldwell

For Missy who is asking for prayers for God's guidance, wisdom and strength in my life.

For Debby Shelton, my friend Randy's wife, healing prayers needed as she is undergoing chemo (1st of 2 rounds) started on 01/07/25. By: Paula Barndollar.

For my great niece, Madison Stillwagon, emergency surgery to remove gall bladder. Also has a stone lodged in pancreas. By: Cora – Update: Her gall bladder surgery was successful. She is home doing well and her pancreas is healing. Praise God.

For myself, as God helps me realize that everything happens in His time and by His will. By: Sarah Chambers

For safety at my new job and that God guides me while working and traveling. By: Sarah Chambers

For Amanda, Pastor & First Lady's daughter, continued prayers for healing after surgery to repair her meniscus. By: Pastor & First Lady - Update: Surgery went well. Praise God.

For Jacob King, Pastor & First Lady's neighbor, with serious health issues following surgery.

For my friend, Messiaha, who is battling depression. By: Autumn

For Ray, who is out of the hospital and doing very well with many life changes

For my dear friend, Bruce Walters, diagnosed with Parkinson's, diabetes & neuropathy. By: Deb Caldwell

For the family of Thelma Yates, who passed away. By: Marla Gould

For my dog, Katie, having back to back seizures. By: Garnet

For Chris Blatnik, back in the hospital and needs another surgery. By: Mary Valla

For J.B. Blatnik, going to Hillman to discuss another treatment option. By: Mary Valla

For Natalie (Emma's best friend) for good test results this week. By: Mary Valla

For Kelly Weaver, health issues. By: Mom & Dad Colvin

For a special friend going through a difficult time; needs prayers for strength & peace. By: Christine Wilkinson

For all those impacted by the wildfires in California; the safety of the citizens, the first responders, and all of the firefighters. By: Mike & Christine Wilkinson

For Betty MacDonald. Healing prayers as she had a terrible fall outside her home and had to have surgery to put plates in her upper arm which was broken in three places. She also ruptured a tendon in her arm and injured both knees.

For Lila, Taryn & Bob Grant's granddaughter. She will be getting a hip operation in the next few weeks. Also prayers for their daughter, Chelsea, for continued health in her third pregnancy.

For cousin, Lindie Allen, who has severe back pain and can hardly walk. Test results for cancer not in yet. By: Mom & Dad Harris

Please continue to keep my daughter, Megan and me in your prayers - for Megan, healing mind & body, and for me - guidance, patience, & wisdom By: Terri Greenlee

I lost a beautiful friend five years ago today (1/5) who was out on Route 70 saving lives and lost his own – leaving behind a wife, son and daughter. By: Erin Sinko

For our brother-in-law, Dennis Fritsch, health concerns. By: Bill & Sue Latour

JOYS

Toni Marie made the Dean's list at Slippery Rock. Toni received a paid internship with the Defensive/ Intelligence Security Agency. By: Marla DeMarco, Toni's Grandmother

Thank you for the prayer letter I received and for all of your prayers. By: Ray

Can't thank our beautiful First Lady enough for all she does to help my daughter out when she needs it. By: Missy

My daughter Megan is here in church today and thank God for upcoming doctor appointments. By: Terri Greenlee

Our daughter, Sarah, got engaged to her partner, Abby, last evening. By: Mike & Christine Wilkinson

Caitlin's husband, JT, got a new job in the dental field and thanks the church for the prayer letter. By: Deb Caldwell

Our granddaughter, Amber, a grad student at SMU, finished finals with an A- and is carrying a 4.0 GPA. She will graduate in the spring.

FINANCIAL REMINDER: Several weeks ago, I asked the congregation to help us build backup our church improvement/building fund. Because of you sharing your blessings, we have not had to borrow money for the last several building /grounds improvements. At the last board meeting it was mentioned that only 2 members have been giving to this fund. As a trustee of this church I am asking that as you consider your giving, if/when possible add an additional amount and mark that amount on your check note line or give the message on your giving envelope.

At the present time we do not have a specific need in front of us. But remember, just as with our homes, things wear out, break down or need some sprucing up, and our church is a big building. We are blessed with those who take care of things as they arise, but work supplies do cost money. Also, remember if you see something that needs repaired, please let Mike Wilkinson know. If you can fix it, let him know, I am sure he will smile and give you a YES.

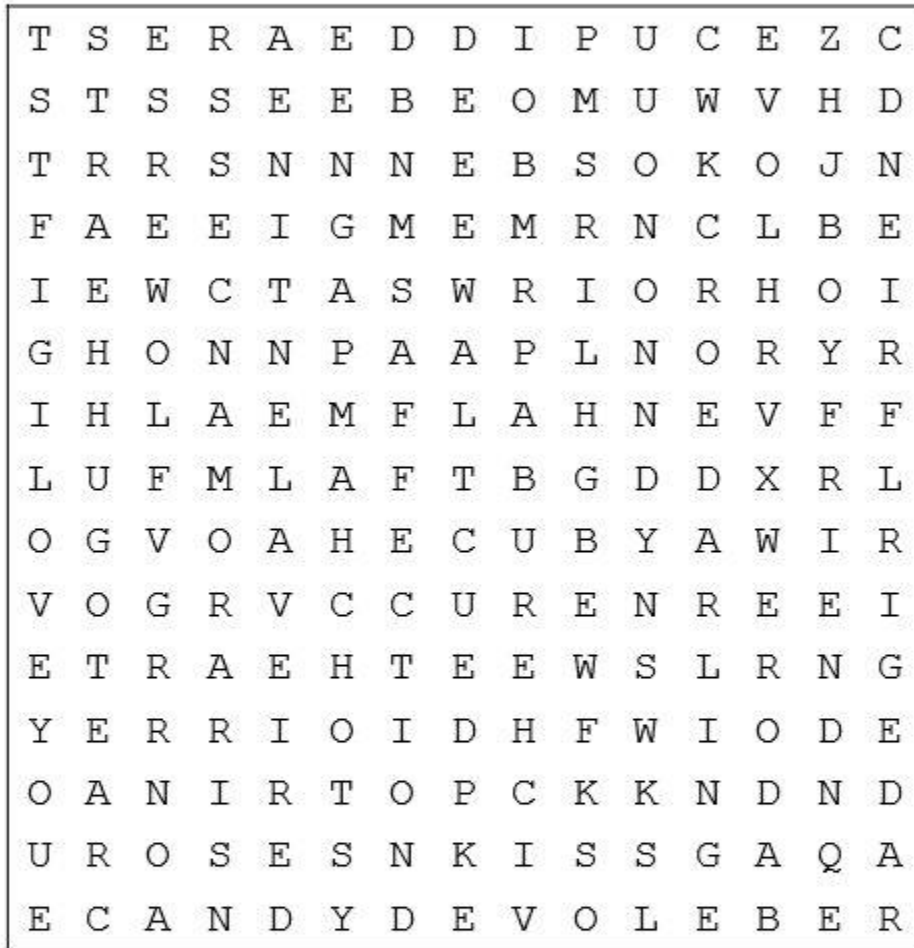
Thank you for any help you can give. God bless you.

Cora Russell, Trustee at First Christian (DOC)



Valentine's Day

February 14th



ADORE
AFFECTION
ARROW
BE MINE
BELOVED
BOYFRIEND
CANDY
CHAMPAGNE
CHERUB
CHOCOLATE

CUPID
DARLING
DEAREST
FLOWERS
GIFTS
GIRLFRIEND
HEARTS
HUG
I LOVE YOU
KISS

LOVE
PINK
POEM
RED
ROMANCE
ROSES
SWEETHEART
VALENTINE

