



The Charleroi Christian First Christian Church

(Disciples of Christ)

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Hello God's "AWESOME" and "SPECIAL" Children,

Romans 10:9-10 EHV(Evangelical Heritage Version)

v9 Certainly, if you confess with your mouth Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

v10 For it is with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and it is with the mouth a person confesses, resulting in salvation.

In May one of the sermons we had a conversation about came from Mark 4:39-40 NLT. Jesus was asleep in the back of the boat when a storm arose on the Sea of Galilee. His disciples, fearing they were going to perish, woke Jesus up. They asked him a question, "Don't you care if we perish?" Jesus, awoke and calmed the storm by saying, "Peace be Still!" The disciples in astonishment said among themselves, "What manner of man is this that even the sea and winds obey him?"

We all have storms in our lives. It has been said either you are in a storm, coming out of a storm or preparing to go in to a storm. While these are words we'd rather not hear, there's good news. If you have accepted Jesus Christ as your Personal Savior, He will carry you and I through the turbulent times in our lives.

We MUST TRUST, OBEY, and always "KEEP THE FAITH"!

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter.

Please take time to come and worship/visit with us.

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BIRTHDAYS

June 1	Amanda Spina
June 7	Cora Russell
June 9	Bill Giodanengo
June 10	Mary Lou Lachman
June 12	First Lady Valerie Stitch
June 14	Jaxon Weaver
June 15	Michael Rusak
June 18	Aaron Spina
June 20	Wil Weaver
June 21	Kristin Blair
June 22	Connie Tabory
June 22	Lawrence Harris
June 26	Juliana Kitzmiller
June 27	Mark Brightwell



ANNIVERSARIES

June 1	Harold & Sandy Cramer
June 8	Sherry & Mickey Polinski
June 10	Dennis & Sherry Caldwell
June 17	George & Sherry Hogan

ELDERS FOR COMMUNION – JUNE 2025

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



DEACONS' SCHEDULE – JUNE 2025

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



PRAYER LETTER CORNER

During the month of May we sent 12 prayer letters. If you were in church when Pastor Janet brought the message, you heard how important and uplifting these prayer letters are. I thank each of you for taking the time to sign. Once again I am asking for addresses. I often hear prayer requests when Pastor Dennis announces them, and I wonder if a prayer letter would be a blessing, but I don't have an address. So, please put the name and address in notebook with the prayer letters, or give me a note, or just text me at 724-344-9803. Thank you and God bless.

Cora

Please remember donations to our **Building/Improvement Fund**. I hope you are noticing the work that is being done around the church. And there is more to be done. Nothing major at this point and we try to keep it that way but doing upkeep and not waiting for an emergency fix. Now we did have some exterior damage to the church with the severe storm in May and plans are in process to get these items fixed. So please help when you can.

LAURELVIEW CAMP



Camping season is here and we can help youth from all over have a great camp experience. On June 14, Flag Day, we will be calling it COOKIE DAY at FCC. We will be baking many MANY cookies for our campers and staff. If you can give some time that day, please make sure Cora has your name. Cookie dough will be ready for baking. Then when cookies are cooled, iced if necessary, packaged and boxed to go to camp on June 15 after church.

The camp can also use paper products, paper towels, sturdy paper plates, cups, and of course, TOILET PAPER. They can also use cleaning products for bathrooms and floors as well as liquid hand soap for all bathrooms. If you can help with these items, please put them outside or inside the Sunday School office. Not sure where that is, please ask Cora. Directors can also use gift cards to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables. Any help is appreciated and helps keep the cost of each camper down. Thank you for any help.

Blessings, Cora

SAMARITAN'S PURSE - OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

The Ruth Sunday School Class is undertaking this project. The display is outside the Narthex with boxes for your donation help. There is also a list of suggested items on the table. We are collecting items all summer. Stay tuned and we will be announcing a PACK THE SHOE BOX PARTY sometime in October. You can also make monetary donations for the shipping of each box. The cost for each box is \$10 and we have 100 boxes to pack at this time. Wouldn't it be great if we could pack even more? We can get more boxes!! Remember, when a child receives a box, they also get introduced to Jesus. They have a time together of hearing God's word and hear about the love of Jesus.

Thank you for any help that you can give.

The Ruth Sunday School Class

UNDER LONG-TERM CARE

<i>Our Leaders*</i>	<i>Ellis & Darla White*</i>	<i>Gretchen & Tom Speece*</i>
<i>Our Troops*</i>	<i>Garnet Krutz*</i>	<i>Sarah Matay*</i>
<i>Our Church*</i>	<i>Rocky Renk*</i>	<i>Gage Peters*</i>
<i>Universities*</i>	<i>Father Bob Hanna*</i>	<i>Cindy Buckley*</i>
<i>Grace Vandernitte*</i>	<i>David Hanna*</i>	<i>Chrissy Zoltun*</i>
<i>Justin Sutch*</i>	<i>Joseph Wojcik*</i>	<i>Laverne Giordanengo*</i>
<i>Karin Brightwell*</i>	<i>Alicia Hruby*</i>	<i>Margie D'Antonio*</i>
<i>Lila Risch*</i>	<i>Jack Sharp*</i>	<i>Melanie Slattery*</i>
<i>Bertha Zollars*</i>	<i>Hannah Simpson*</i>	
<i>Lois Buberniak*</i>	<i>Mason Madzey*</i>	<i>Josh Cramer*</i>
<i>Michael Erdely*</i> <i>(Mike & Sherry's Son)</i>	<i>Terri Brownfield*</i>	<i>Diane Rusak*</i>
<i>Tanner Riley*</i>	<i>Victor Angelo*</i>	<i>Sydney Weaver*</i>
<i>Jessica Beimel*</i>	<i>Christian Colleges*</i>	<i>Rev. Chuck House*</i>
<i>Heather Simpson*</i>	<i>Bob Gilpin*</i>	<i>Missy Montgomery*</i>
<i>Small Businesses*</i>	<i>Gary Gray*</i>	<i>Nate Stanchfield*</i>
<i>Brian Stillwagon*</i>	<i>Tonya Kepich*</i>	<i>Sue Charney*</i>
<i>Joe & Betty Jo Rapp*</i>	<i>Jesse & Joseph Bird*</i>	<i>Betty MacDonald</i>
<i>Bre Randolph*</i>	<i>Kelly Weaver*</i>	<i>Dana Obusek*</i>
<i>Andrew DeBroeck*</i>	<i>Joan Caldwell*</i>	<i>John & Karen Mollenauer*</i>
<i>Ed Yuhas*</i>	<i>Rose Wilkinson*</i>	<i>Dennis Fritsch</i>
<i>Gene Kite*</i>	<i>Ken & Sherry Ballentyne*</i>	
<i>Jake Hurley*</i>	<i>Sophia Renk*</i>	
<i>Michael Cramer*</i>	<i>Betty Jo Matesich*</i>	
<i>Jim Caldwell*</i>	<i>Nancy Lessman*</i>	
<i>Chris Blatnik*</i>	<i>Miley Ava Delval*</i>	
<i>Autumn Raffaele*</i>	<i>Kristin Colvin*</i>	
<i>Marlene Celaschi*</i>	<i>Kate & Joe Greer Jr.</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 **June 20, 2025.**

IOOF LODGE 1030 PRESENTS PA DOGS FOR VETS PROGRAM

On May 1, The IOOF Lodge 1030 donated \$1,000 and presented a program for members of our church and the public to learn about the life changing Service Dogs for Veterans organization dedicated to helping veterans in need. They help to provide service dogs for veterans with a multitude of disabilities. Attendees met one of the veterans, Craig Hodgson, MSGT USMC and his service dog, Foxy, and watched a presentation of how these amazing animals operate. A new facility is underway in McDonald, PA, and all donations are being used to fund this facility and the training for vets and dogs. Thank you to our IOOF Men's Fellowship group for this wonderful way to help support and thank our veterans who sacrificed so much for our country.





UPCOMING DATES FOR JUNE 2025:

June 1	Outdoor Worship Services begin 1 st & 3 rd Sunday in June, July, & August
June 1	QUARTERLY ELDER'S MEETING after worship
June 1	Baccalaureate Services – Charleroi High School – 4 PM
June 5	I.O.O.F. Men's Fellowship – 7 PM – Social Hall
June 8	PENTECOST/GRADUATE SUNDAY
June 10	CAMA Meeting – 7 PM – Social Hall
June 12	FUNDRAISER COMMITTEE MEETING – 5:30 PM
June 12	FCC BOARD MEETING – Social Hall – 7 PM
June 14	Bake Cookies for Camp
June 15	Outdoor Worship - FATHER'S DAY
June 15	Panera Bread
June 19	JUNETEENTH NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE DAY
June 19	I.O.O.F. Men's Fellowship – Social Hall – 7 PM
June 20	MOVIE NIGHT – Social Hall – 7 PM
June 22	FATHER'S DAY LUNCHEON – 12 NOON
June 29	INDEPENDENCE DAY SERVICE



The celebration of **Pentecost** is held on the seventh Sunday after Easter. Many Christians recognize **Pentecost Sunday** by wearing red to symbolize the fire of the **Holy Spirit**. **Pentecost** has also been known as the birthday of the Christian church because the **Holy Spirit** descended upon the apostles marking the beginning of their mission to spread the teachings of Christ.

Dear Lord, as we celebrate **Pentecost**, let us feel the amazing power of your love. Let us share the gospel as the apostles did long ago. Now more than ever, let us move forward in unity and peace and help others come to know you more deeply. Watch over us and our loved ones as we enjoy the summer season. In your holy name we pray. Amen.

Elder, Diane Rusak



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

Sunday, June 8, 2025 Pentecost Offering

Gifts made through the Pentecost Offering go to support the new church movement in your region and beyond. Make a gift to support new communities of worship, spreading God's word, and multiplying disciples. **Be a movement of wholeness in a fragmented world.**

HALL OF FAME INDUCTION FOR OUR PASTOR

On June 20, our Pastor will be inducted into the **Mid Mon Valley All Sports Hall of Fame** at St. Spyridon Hellenic Church in Monessen. He is one of 6 inductees. We have 17 people that will be attending. Dinner will be served at 6:00 PM. FCC will have a congratulations ad in the program book. I am asking that the red chalice pins be worn for this event. If you did not receive one, please see Cora. Congratulations Pastor, we are proud of you and support you.

First Christian Church invites you to attend their 3rd annual

CAR SHOW

Featuring **BIG FRANKS BBQ**

Save
the
Date



Saturday, September 13th
12:00-4:00 p.m.

61 Walnut Ridge Rd. Charleroi, PA 15022
(Rain date September 20th)

★ Music by
DJ Jerry Jericho

★ Great Food
★ 1/2 the Take
★ Chinese Auction

CAR SHOW ADMISSION \$10.00
Registration starts at 10:00 A.M.
Free coffee and donuts until 11:00 a.m.



SPECTATORS FREE

Goodie bags & plaques for the first 60 cars entered
Trophies will be awarded

Contact Ernie & Viv Horner at 724-350-9598 for more information



SPRING VENDOR CRAFT SHOW

Our Spring Craft and Vendor Show was held on Saturday, May 17th. Crafters and Vendors showcased their talents and everyone attending had a delightful time. A big thank you to all who helped with the set-up and clean-up of the event, as well as everyone who stopped by to visit, shop, have a bite to eat, and enjoy each other's company. A beautiful selection of raffle baskets and a 50/50 drawing were also part of the festivities. The show made a profit of \$718.00. A huge thank you to Paula Barndollar and Diane Rusak who chaired the event, and all of the volunteers who helped.





5/18 - Pat Lincoski is home and doing very well. By: Sherry Erdely

Toni Marie DeMarco for making the dean's list this final semester with a 4.0 average. She starts her internship the first week in June. By: Grandmother Marla DeMarco

5/11 - After 3 months, our 3-1/2 year old granddaughter has been given the clearance to start walking again. No running or jumping until the end of June, but she can now walk. Thank you for all the prayers. By: Bob & Taryn

My nephew, Eli Shingleton, finally got a job. He has been unemployed since January. He will be the new social media director for the city of Monroeville. By: Kristin Blair

Happy Mother's Day to all the Moms and fur Momma's. By: Missy

Happy Heavenly Birthday, Ellie Boo, Love, your granddaughter! By: Deb Harris

Happy Mother's Day, Mom Harris, Love, your daughter! By: Deb Harris

A shout out to the Latours (Bill & Sue) for doing a great job cutting the grass on our grounds.

5/4 - Celebrating my cousin, Darrell Shannon's, 80th birthday. Darrell still drives a triaxle truck and his boss hopes he'll be there until he's 100! By: Deb Caldwell

Happy Nurses Week to our daughter, Debbie Harris, With Love! By: Mom & Dad Harris

We have been praying for Nate Stanchfield, who is a senior at Belle Vernon. He will be able to now attend Penn State College of Engineering. Please still keep him in our prayers for remission. By: Kristin & Miley Colvin

WITH SYMPATHY

Our sincere sympathy & prayers for the Family of Sherwyn Repp, who passed away this weekend.

Our sincere sympathy & prayers for the family of Michael Enright, who passed away on May 16.

Our sincere sympathy & prayers for the family of Matt Sezawich, who passed away on Thursday, May 8. By: Deb Colvin

Our sincere sympathy & prayers for the family of Lori Burgess, who passed away peacefully at home on Wednesday, April 16.

Father's Day, June 15th is a [holiday](#) honoring one's [father](#), as well as fatherhood, [paternal bonds](#), and the influence of fathers in society. The day is held on various dates across the world, and different regions maintain their own traditions of honoring fatherhood.

*****All men will be honored on Sunday, June 22nd, after worship in the social hall. Our ladies of the church are in charge of the dinner and desserts. The menu is Italian foods. There will be a sign-up sheet for desserts in the narthex of the church. Thank you!**






Dear Choir Members,

Thank you for a wonderful season of song!! God bless each and every one of you, for your love of music and the Lord. Thank you for your faithful attendance on Wednesday evening practices and Sunday morning services. Thank you for coming and supporting our community cantata and all the special services throughout the year. From the bottom of my heart I love and respect you.

God Bless,
Sherry

Dearest Sherry,

We, the choir at First Christian Church, would like to thank you for your dedicated service to our church and to our Lord. You go above and beyond with your musical talents, picking out our music, and making our practices enjoyable. The Lord's spirit radiates around and within you. We love you, too!!! 

It was nice to get a couple of new faces in the choir. We are trying to increase the number of choir members. If you have a desire to sing, please talk to Sherry if you are interested.

God Bless,
Your Loving Choir Members

