



**THE MAGNOLIA CHRISTIAN
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)**

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Greetings friends!

It's hard to believe that we have been sharing in the work of this congregation for nearly two months. I have delighted in getting to know you and your ministries in this congregation and community. I hope that you will continue to stop in and see me when I am here in town (which usually is Sunday through Wednesday.) Please know that I am here for you during this interim time period, that I am here to listen to your concerns as well as joys, and will do what I can to help celebrate the life of this congregation in this wonderful community.

I want to send a special thank you to all of you for the many outpourings of love that have been sent my way. Thank you to our Prayer Shawl Ministry for the lovely shawl which wraps me in warmth and prayers every time I use it. To all who have worked to make my stay in the Disciple Center comfortable and safe. For the encouragement to adopt our beloved Magnolia who now thinks she owns the people here and has become quite the "watch dog" for the church property. For the lovely card and surprise gift for the celebration of Month of the Ministry, I will certainly be well fed. For the many prayers, joys, and concerns that you have shared with me. I am truly blessed to be able to call myself a part of this church!

As we approach the upcoming seasons of Thanksgiving and Christmas, please take note of the many events and opportunities for worship and service that abound during this time of year, both in our church and our community. May we remember to keep Christ as our center during the busyness of these days that lie ahead.

See you in church!
Jayne

NEW CHURCH WEBSITE

Some of you have found this already, but we have a new website for our church www.nmfcc.com. Beginning this month, the newsletter will be uploaded to our website. If you have pictures that you would like to have as a part of the website, just send them via email to the church or drop them off and we will scan them to add to our website. We hope to add more to this site in the future! Let us know what you think!

There will be a meeting held at the City Building on Monday, November 16 at 6:00 pm of the Drug Abuse Prevention Task Force. Anyone with concerns for our community is welcome and encouraged to attend this meeting.

UPCOMING...HOW WE CAN SERVE AND CELEBRATE

November 22, 2009:

Thanksgiving Sunday, at 1:00 we will have a "Decorating Party" for the upcoming Advent and Christmas season! We will begin at 1:00 p.m., be setting up trees and decorating the sanctuary and rooms of the church. We will share in a light meal together at the conclusion of our work! Many hands make light work!

And then....

It's on to New Martinsville United Methodist Church for the Community Thanksgiving Service at 7:00 p.m. This service will lift our thanks to God for His many blessings. Come join your friends from around town as together we praise God. Each church is asked to bring three or four pumpkin pies to this service.

Advent begins on Sunday, November 29. This time of anticipation and waiting is very meaningful in the life of the church. Plan to be present on all four Sundays as we watch the light brighten our lives!

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in West Virginia is looking forward to sharing the Advent journey with you. **Prayerscapes for Advent** - written by the region's ministers for the encouragement of all - will be available at prayerscapes.wordpress.com for online reading or email subscription. Just visit the site and, if desired, click on "Subscribe to Mountain Prayerscapes by Email" in the right-hand panel. You will receive a confirmation email from Google, so watch your spam/junk-mail folder and be sure to reply in order to begin your subscription. We look forward to this time of prayer and renewal in the life of the church.

December 6, 2009: First Christian Church - yes, that's us - will be hosting the Community Advent Service sponsored by the New Martinsville Ministerial Association at 7:00 p.m. Make your plans now to join in this joyous celebration and time of fellowship following the service.

Sunday, December 20, our Chancel Choir will present the Christmas Cantata "A Love to Save the World" during the 10:45 a.m. service. Plan now to join us for this wonderful gift and celebration of invitation and redemption.

Thursday, December 24, at 11:00 we will have our Christmas Eve service. After the service we will be delivering cookies and candy to people who work on Christmas Eve. Sign up to make cookies or help deliver.



Birthdays and Anniversaries



November Birthdays

- 2 Armenta Shepherd
Renee Shepherd
Tanner Barcus
- 4 Karen Deloris Pugh
- 5 Rose Riggenbach
- 7 Heather Norton
Melinda Mall
Kennedy Parsons
- 10 Brooks Parsons
- 11 Jessica Filliez
- 12 Twila Ebeling
- 14 Jack Edward Booth
- 15 Elizabeth Hawkins
Alicia Nicole Hinerman
- 16 George Emch
Tim Emch
- 17 Tammy Schuster
Tiffany Highley
- 18 Melissa Joyce Beatty
- 19 Lemoyne Coffield
Helena McLaughlin
- 20 Bruce Johnson
Brad Taylor
Luke Thomas Cecil
- 22 Susan Kotson
- 25 Angel Hickman
- 26 Chad Wilson West
John Price
Liz McDonnell
- 28 Chelsea Barker
- 29 Karen Emch
Cindy Louise Bates

November Anniversaries

- 1 Ed & Gladys Graham
- 16 James & Mary Ferree



December Anniversaries

- 12 Melvin & Martha Moser
- 17 Todd & Terry Greene
- 18 Randy & Brenda Hardman
- 19 Orion & Pamela Neff
- 21 Ernie & Helen Loy
- 31 Christopher & Amanda Nelson



December Birthdays

- 1 Maxine Potts
- 2 Gary Kappel
Ayden & Avery Nelson
- 4 Tom Price
- 5 Jennifer Isaacs Gerdes
Starr Briggs
Jonathan Cibik
- 6 Bayley Riley
- 7 Erica Berger
David Grandstaff
- 8 Jacob Rogers
- 10 David Bridgeman
- 11 Holly A. Yoho
- 14 Tomas Victor Emch
- 15 Dillon James Parsons
- 17 Paul (Trey) Barcus III
Nicole West Nastasi
- 21 Alexandra Faith Berger
- 23 Ruth Stine
Charles Booth
- 24 Nancy Riley
- 26 Dustin Shepherd
Cindy Zajdowicz
- 28 Helen Loy
- 29 Rick Berger
Debbie West
- 30 J. B. Bridgeman

SERVING THE CHURCH IN NOVEMBER

ELDERS

Verna Fay Mall and Butch Barcus

DEACONS

Linda Hornbrook	Kelly Adams
Everett McDougal	Jim Price
Misty Adams	Ernie Loy
Linda Stackpole	Darla Steele
Bill Hornbrook	Leroy Cecil
Rob Stackpole	Rob Stackpole
Cheryl LeMasters	

SERVING THE CHURCH IN DECEMBER

ELDERS

Don and Jackie Riggenbach

DEACONS

Tom Shepherd	Tim Shepherd
Terry Cozart	Karen Emch
Herb Rothlisberger	Verna Mall
Jim Underwood	Rick Berger
Kim Berger	Fawn Price
Charles Huggins	Betty Huggins
Dan Jeffers	Kay Jeffers

Preparing Communion for November

Kim Berger

Preparing Communion for December

Cheryl LeMasters

Opening & Closing
Church for November
Bill and Linda Hornbrook

Opening & Closing
Church for December
Penny Morris

GIVING ROOM

HERE ARE A FEW OF THE ITEMS WE COLLECT IN THE GIVING ROOM.....PLEASE STOP IN AND CHECK OUT THIS ROOM. FOR SUCH A SMALL ROOM, IT IS JAM-PACKED WITH GIVING.

Campbell's Labels for Education - You need to clip the UPC's off of all Campbell products. These are then turned into the company and the school receives free merchandise from the Campbell's Labels for Education catalog. Items usually purchased are playground balls, art supplies for art class, teacher supplies and many other products.

Box Top for Education-Again you need to clip the Box Top of specially marked products. These are also redeemable for supplies and playground equipment.

Ink Cartridges- Used printer ink cartridges are collected and redeemed for money which are used to help send kids to academic programs/camps, help teachers with additional supplies and many other things that the school may not provide but are needed.

Please save **Witschey's cash register receipts** and bring to the Giving Room. New Martinsville School collects these and is able to turn them back in for items needed for their classrooms.

The cell phones collected in the **Giving Room** are delivered to the YWCA Domestic Violence Advocate. The YWCA takes the phones that have chargers and have them programmed to only dial 911, so victims have another way to contact the police if they need them. They are able to take phones that do not have chargers and get some credit toward new cell phones.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry was created in 1998 by two ladies in Connecticut. Love of knitting & crocheting is combined into a prayerful ministry that reaches out to those in need of comfort and solace. Sometimes they are given after a joyful event such as the birth of a baby. Each shawl begins with prayers for the recipient and prayers are continued while the shawl is finished.

At First Christian Church, ANYONE can make a shawl to put on the cross in front of the church and ANYONE can take one to give to someone to show them our love and prayers.

If you have questions, would like more information, or want to learn to knit or crochet, call Melinda at 455-1469. It is a wonderful way to share Jesus' love.



CHRISTMAS JARS

HOPEFULLY EVERYONE HAS BEEN ABLE TO SAVE SOME COINS FOR THEIR CHRISTMAS

JARS.

WE WILL BE GIVING THEM OUT CLOSE TO CHRISTMAS-TIME. THIS YEAR, ESPECIALLY, THERE ARE MORE PEOPLE IN NEED. WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR INFO ON WHEN TO BRING YOUR JARS TO THE CHURCH.



Open Door Ministries

The need is still there; people are still hungry and the supply is down. We need to do what we can and not forget this wonderful ministry.

Program Planning Group

The 40 Day "Light A Candle For Children" Prayer Vigil was celebrated from September 6th to October 16th.

Pastor appreciation month was celebrated in October. Appreciation cards were sent to all former pastors who have served our congregation.

Volunteers are needed to decorate the church for the Advent Season. Decorating is scheduled for Sunday, November 22nd at 1:00 pm. A light dinner will be served following work completion.

First Christian Church will host the Community Advent Service on Sunday, December 6th at 7:00 pm.

The church is in need of a group of individuals to coordinate and enter a float in the annual Christmas Parade. If interested, contact J. B. Bridgeman.

The Choirs will be presenting the Christmas Cantata during the second service on December 20th. Plans are underway for the Christmas Eve service to be held at 11:00 pm. Once again the church will be furnishing cookies and other "goodies" to persons working at hospitals, nursing homes, law enforcement agencies on Christmas Eve. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Fran Caldwell, if interested.

The next meeting of the Program Planning Group is scheduled for November 16th at 6:00 pm.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone for the dinner and use of the hall, for after the service. Everything was outstanding. We really appreciated all the kindness. And a special thanks to Penny and Jayne who helped me get thru a lot in the past month. Thanks again,
Ray Watson Family Tawney & David & Jodi

Thank you all so much for the Prayer Shawl and Bear. It has been so comforting to me as I recover. The shawl is such a beautiful color. Thanks again for such a wonderful and thoughtful gift.

June Booth

Dear Friends at FCC New Martinsville,

Thank you for the beautiful card you sent with many names that brought back many memories. Your thoughtfulness meant a lot to me. The signatures bring back good memories.

We are in retirement in the Chapel Hill/Durham area of North Carolina, and I am doing an interim ministry in the Richmond, Virginia area. I will finish that at the end of the year.

Again, thank you for thinking of me. I do appreciate it.

God Bless You, Jim Burton

First Friends Schedule

Nov. 4 th	50's Night	Mini Pancakes, bacon Peaches, milk, OJ
Nov. 18 th	Thanksgiving	Turkey, mashed potatoes, dressing, corn, bread Dessert – cook's choice
Dec. 2 nd	Movie Night- Go Hollywood	Pizza, popcorn, veggies Dessert – Movie Trail Mix
Dec. 9 th	Pirate Night	Bologna, cheese, crackers, Chips, veggies, dip Dessert – Cupcakes
Dec. 16 th	Christmas/ Santa Night	Family Dinner – Ham, Turkey, potato casserole, Green beans

Mandy Huggins, granddaughter of Charles and Betty Huggins, is now visiting villages in South Africa for the first part of her ONE HOPE mission trip. She will be home for Thanksgiving and then after the first of the year, she will be going to Thailand. Please keep Mandy in your prayers.



The Bear Ministry is another way that First Christian Church shares love & prayers with others. If you know of anyone who has a need or a special joy, please take a Bear from the basket at the bottom of the Prayer Shawl Cross. There is a note attached that lets the recipient know that we love & care for them. Children love them, but we've found they bring a smile to anyone who receives one!

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The Lee Ann Foundation

Lee Ann (Watkins) Schambach grew up in our church. As a child, she was an active member, and she taught Sunday School when she lived in New Martinsville as an adult. She lost her battle with cancer last April and the Lee Ann Foundation was formed in her memory to provide financial support through fundraising for breast cancer victims in Marshall, Ohio, Wetzel, Tyler and Belmont Counties.

An ongoing project for the Lee Ann Foundation is the brick patio program at New Martinsville School. A rose garden was planted in her memory in front of the K-1 wing (the old Steelton School), and a brick patio with engraved bricks will surround the garden.

Several members of the church have expressed an interest in our church contributing to Lee Ann's cause by purchasing one or more bricks, which would say "In Loving Memory of Lee Ann Schambach from First Christian Church." If you would like to contribute to the purchase of a brick(s) in Lee Ann's memory, please make checks payable to The Lee Ann Foundation and mail them to the church, place them in the collection plates during church services, or give to Amy Cibik. Cash donations should be in an envelope marked "Lee Ann Foundation Brick donation."

Bricks may be purchased at any time in memory or honor of any loved one, not just Lee Ann. Prices of these memorial bricks range from \$50 to \$250, and order forms are available in the narthex. Additional information for the Lee Ann Foundation can be found at www.leeannfoundation.com.