



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

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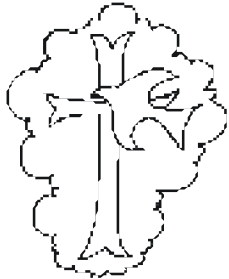
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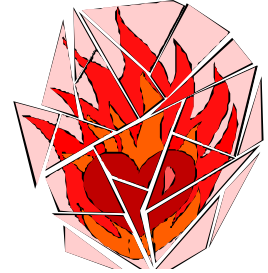
*Sunday School 9:45 am Worship Services 9:00 am & 10:45 am
Worship & Wonder 10:45 am*

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**MAY / JUNE
2010**



From the Study:

The wonderful glow of Easter still surrounds the sanctuary as we move on towards Pentecost. This great day of celebration is a time of joy and celebration, the birthday of the church, the baptism of our youth (and adults), the celebration of a new step in life for our graduates. The color of the day is red. I hope that many of you will consider wearing red to church as together we celebrate God's gifts and workings in the midst of this congregation. The working of the Spirit pulls us in new directions, challenges us in many ways.

Where will you be serving God in the next two months? Where will you get strength and nurture? There is much to choose from. Come be a part, come celebrate with us! Come, Holy Spirit, come!

Blessings, Jayne

Report from Disciples Mission Fund

Our giving in 2006: \$17,303.04 2007: \$15,313.50 2008: \$19,695.97 2009: \$13,967.00

Of the \$13,967.00 given, our region received \$7,728.68 General Ministries received \$4,814.41
Colleges, Universities, and Seminaries received \$1,423.91

CHURCH WEBSITE

Some of you have found this already; we have a new website for our church www.nmfcc.com. The newsletter is 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!

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

We have some exciting news for you regarding our CAPITAL CAMPAIGN!

Back in 2008 our church decided to purchase the building and land just south of our church. This property is now referred to as our DISCIPLES CENTER. Along with that property purchase, we replaced windows in our church building and parsonage, replaced the roof on our church and placed new gutters and downspouts on our church. As part of the plan in the future, there are some monies set aside for architectural drawings when the need arises.

Folks made pledges of promised gifts which began Oct 2008 and run through Sept 2011. In addition to the promised pledges, several monetary gifts have been made and continue to be made toward our large CAPITAL CAMPAIGN project. As a result of all of our efforts in faithful sharing we are very happy and proud to share the results as of March 31, 2010. Our original loan was for \$230,000.00. We're now happy to say we've paid down our loan and our outstanding loan balance is \$129,516.37! The trustees and special funds committee have successfully refinanced our loan at a 5.5% rate in order to save us thousands of dollars in added interest. Our loan term remains the same. At a time when the local economy is difficult, God continues to bless us with our beautiful church building and our new property. God is good all the time and all the time God is good!

You should be receiving a letter in the near future summarizing your individual gifts to date toward our CAPITAL CAMPAIGN. This letter will be sent to you from our campaign financial secretary, Jacque Riggerbach. We should all be very proud of our efforts!!

**The Capital Campaign Follow
Through Committee**



Christmas Jars: 4 months of the year have gone by quickly....is your jar a third of the way filled?

Elders Report for March 2010

Elders: Don and Jackie Riggerbach

We called Ed Graham, Elizabeth Hawkins and Mary Louise Heinzman but did not find them at home.

We called and talked with Mary Lemasters, Bill Nice, LeMoyné Coffield, Scott Richter and also Steve Phillips concerning Marta Sue Phillips.

We called and left messages for Deloris Potts, Armenta Shepherd, Michelle Smith and Rose Ann Winland.

We served communion to Frank Cibik, Finley and Fran Amos, Golda Cecil, John Zumpetta, Eddie and Janet Greene, Danny and Crystal Ross and Tiffany, Darla Steele and Gage Adams.

We served communion to Doris Swadley and visited with Emma Newman at the New Martinsville Health Care Center and served communion to Grace Batton and Rose Dolan at the Sistersville Nursing Home.

**Respectfully submitted by Don and Jackie
Riggerbach**

SEARCH COMMITTEE

The search committee has been talking to three ministers at this time and we are still feeling good about the profiles we have. We continue to meet on Sunday evenings and will do so until we have found our minister. We still have that re-newed energy and remain encouraged instead of discouraged. We know that faith and prayer will bring us through this search.

PATIENCE

Lord, teach me to be patient - with life, with people, and with myself. I sometimes try to hurry things along too much, and I push for answers before the time is right. Teach me to trust Your sense of timing rather than my own and to surrender my will to Your greater and wiser plan. Help me let life unfold slowly, like the small rosebud whose petals unravel bit by bit, and remind me that in hurrying the bloom along, I destroy the bud and much of the beauty therein.

Instead, let me wait for all to unfold in its own time. Each moment and state of growth contains a loveliness. Teach me to slow down enough to appreciate life and all it holds. Amen.



Birthdays and Anniversaries



May Birthdays

- 1 Lucille Price
- 2 Jake Moore
Tim Pugh
- 3 Crystal Ross
Sara Johnson
- 4 John C. (Chuck) Emch
Chase Barker
Jacob Patrick Fluharty
- 6 Dalton Highley
- 9 Michelle Smith
- 10 Martha Moser
- 11 Jodi Elizabeth Emch
- 14 Jackie Riggenschach
Kathy Bridgeman
- 15 Mary Louise Heinzman
- 16 Fran Amos
Jason Isaacs
Jennifer Pugh
- 17 Liz Ellis Durant
Tory Greene
- 18 Betty Huggins
- 20 Garrett Taylor Price
- 22 Andrea Jill Ebeling
Christina Marie Cibik
- 25 Clay Cecil
- 27 Melinda Grandstaff
- 28 Finley Amos
- 31 Bill Barth

May Anniversaries

- 5 David & Karen Emch
- 6 Charles & Betty Huggins
Robert & Linda Stackpole
- 8 Carl (Rick) & Kim Berger
- 10 Steven & Cindy Zajdowicz
- 25 Don & Jackie Riggenschach
Charles (Buddy) & Susan Kotson

June Birthdays

- 2 Josh Greene
- 3 Don Mason
- 4 Chris Emch
LeMoyne Horner
Tony Shepherd
Randy Amos
James C. Clark
- 6 Penny Morris
Carmen Shepherd
- 9 Holly Grandstaff
- 14 Louise Kocher
- 15 Kaye Mollendick
Justin Ellis
- 16 Everett McDougal
Bob Byard
Connie Neely
- 17 Ashtin Marie Zajdowicz
- 19 Mindy Herrick
- 21 Helena McLaughlin
Marlee Elaine Amos
- 23 Earl Smith
- 27 Herb Rothlisberger
Matthew Leroy Burgey
- 28 Janet Greene

June Anniversaries

- 1 Arnold & Debbie Cochran
Dan & Kay Jeffers
- 10 Danny & Mary Mahurin
- 11 Kent & Cindy Burgey
- 17 LeMoyne & Donna Horner
- 18 Dave & Nancy Riley
- 20 Harry & Fran Caldwell
- 21 Clay & Lois Cecil
- 22 Rev Dale & Barbara Beittel
Karl & Toni Bliss
- 25 Bill & Linda Hornbrook
- 24 Patrick & Heather Norton
- 26 Tim & Carmen Shepherd
- 28 Bill & Linda Barth



May 22 is a big day for our Relay for Life team. The Pampered Chef party is from 10-2 at Fran Caldwell's home; there will be a softball game that you'll have to see to believe; followed by a Spaghetti Dinner (\$6.00 for adults; \$4.00 for ages 4-10; 3 and under free). Mark your calendar now for this great day of fun, food, and fellowship.



SERVING THE CHURCH IN MAY

ELDERS

David & Melinda Grandstaff

DEACONS

Linda Stackpole	Cheryl LeMasters
Darla Steele	Trey Barcus
Debbie Cochran	Jennifer Pugh
Leroy Cecil	David Emch
Bill Hornbrook	Charlie Virden

SERVING THE CHURCH IN JUNE

ELDERS

J. B. Bridgeman & Kent Burgey

DEACONS

Herb Rothlisberger,	Bob Bland
Jim Underwood	Rick Berger
Kim Berger	Kay Jeffers
Fawn Price	Myra Rine
Charles Huggins	Betty Huggins
Kathy Bridgeman	Dan Jeffers

Preparing Communion for May

Jennifer Pugh

Preparing Communion for June

Fawn Price
Kay Jeffers

Opening & Closing Church for May

Jerry & Holly Grandstaff

Opening & Closing Church for June

Dan & Kay Jeffers

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in West Virginia is pleased to announce the creation of a named fund to honor the memory of the late Tad Fitzsimmons. *The Tad Fitzsimmons Youth Ministry Fund* will invest the gifts of donors with the Christian Church Foundation to provide funding of the annual Tad Fitzsimmons Internship.

It is hoped that the internship – which presently funds three weeks of annual internship within the region for college students who are considering youth ministry as a potential vocation or volunteer ministry within their local church – will not only better provide for the expenses and modest stipend to the interns, but perhaps even expand the time or number of internships available as the fund develops, according to Regional Minister, the Rev. Thaddaeus Allen.

Through the years since the death of Tad Fitzsimmons – who was an avid participant in Disciples youth camps and conference – many have helped contribute to the current expenses of the internship which honors his memory. First Christian Church has made the initial contribution to the fund, and encourages those who remember and loved Tad to contribute as they are able by sending their tax-deductible gifts to “Christian Church in West Virginia, 1402 Washington Ave., Parkersburg, WV 26101”. Additional information can be received by contacting the Regional Minister: tallen@wvdisciples.org.

DID YOU KNOW??

That birthday contributions go to staff appreciation gifts.



Continuing Chances for Fellowship

Sisters Bible Study continues on Mondays at 10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Come join us!

We will be studying scriptures on Exodus 34:6, Psalm 85:15, Psalm 145:8; Nehemiah 9: 17-19, 26-31 and 2 Peter 3:9; I Timothy 1:15-16 and 2 Peter 3:15; and Romans 9:21-24 and Jonah 4:1-3. The theme is patience.

We will meet on May 3, May 24 and June 7 when we will decide our next meeting dates.

All women of the church are invited to come, study and share.

VBS

Vacation Bible School, Baobab Blast, will be held June 20 through June 24, 2010. Helpers are needed in a variety of areas. See Misty Adams or come to the next planning meeting on Monday, May 24th, at 5:30PM in the Disciple's Center.

If anyone has stuffed animals such as lions, zebras, giraffes, elephants, etc. or other African décor they would like to donate or loan you can mark your name and phone number on it and leave it on the stage in the fellowship hall. There are items on the youth bulletin board that could be donated. If you want to donate, take the card and return item to the stage in the fellowship hall.

The second pre-registration date will be May 23rd after the combined service. We still need a few volunteers to be group guides. All help and donations are greatly appreciated!

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LIBRARY NEWS



We continue to have new book donations and I am grateful to all of you who share your books with our church library. I have some of them listed below.

Books on CD's: Wander Brunstetter's A Sisters Test and A Sisters Secret

Debbie Macomber: Sooner or Later 92 Pacific Boulevard
The Matter of Marriage The Man You'll Marry
Wyoming Brides

Nicolas Sparks: Dear John A Bend in the Road
The Lucky One

5 Heartsong Presents' inspiring and faith filled romances by today's Christian Authors

Robert Whitlow: Christian legal drama/thrillers

Lisa Samson: Series of 3 Christian Historical Europe Novels

Joel Rosenberg: Series of 5 Christian Political Thrillers involving the Middle East

Karen Kingsbury: Shades of Blue

Joyce Meyer: "Me and My Big Mouth"

Devotional: Whispers of Wisdom for Busy Women

Devotional: One Year of Daily Prayer

Seven Angels for Seven Days, A true story of mystery, grief, and God's amazing faithfulness (found under biographies)

I have others to process yet and will include them in our library over the months to come.

God is good! Kathie

THANK YOU

Dear Friends: Please accept our sincere appreciation for your gift of \$50.00 that we received on 3/5/10. The girls and volunteers of Girl Scouts of Black Diamond Council thank you too. Your support is welcome and appreciated. Thank you! Debra G. Keyes, Chair, Board of Directors

I wanted to thank you for the package you sent me at school. The goodies will definitely help as finals are coming up. I really appreciate it. Thanks again. Ben Bridgeman.

Than you!! For all the great goodies. Your kindness was greatly appreciated. Thank you, Daniel Long

I just wanted to send a note to thank you for sending me a treat box. It was very thoughtful. Thanks again. Best regards, Carrie Cecil

Thank you very much for the box of food. It's always nice to get something from back home and it means a lot that you would keep me in mind to send me the box. Thank you very much. Sincerely, Sam Cecil

Thanks for the box of goodies you sent to me. I appreciated it very much. Nathan West

The care package was a wonderful thought and well-timed ever (right in the middle of some exams). Thank you all so much for taking the time to think of others!! God bless and Happy Easter. Luke Cecil

Thank you for your most recent donation to the Open Door. Your congregation has been very generous to us over the last five years, and we continue to be most grateful. Sincerely, Lucille Blum

Sincere Thanks, Family of Marta Sue Phillips
I would like to thanks everyone for everything. Thanks Tawney

Thank you so much for the food and hospitality you provided for our family. It was lovely and greatly appreciated. Sincerely, Kim Huffman-Jones

Just wanted to thank the Love Ladies for all the work they did for my party. The room was beautiful and the food great. Thanks for all the cards I received and for everyone who stopped by to wish me a happy birthday. It was a great day. Thank you. Love, Fay Ebeling

Eddie would like to thank those who telephoned; who visited him at Ruby Memorial and also the Health Care Center; who brought delicious food (Love Ladies great dinner) and sent cards. A special thank you to our church family and friends for their constant prayers and support. Recovery will be slow, but with God's love and your continued prayers, we will progress. God Bless, Janet Greene

We appreciated the vegetable tray and the beautiful flowers; your love, support, prayers and our beautiful church family. God Bless you all. Everet McDougal and Family

Thank you Rev. Jayne Chafin, the church for flowers at Christmas, Maxine Potts for cookies and candy; bulletin every week and you Orvella and my friends at First Christian Church. I would like to be with you, but health does not permit. I love all of you and think about you all the time. Love, Mary Louise Heinzman

The **121st Regional Assembly of the Christian Church** (Disciples of Christ) in West Virginia was held in Weirton, WV, April 22-24. At the Assembly, Penny Morris was elected to the Regional Board; Melinda Grandstaff was elected to the Regional Nominating Committee, and Karen Emch was elected District 2 Delegate to the Disciples Women's Cabinet. Our prayers and blessings go with all three as they assume their new duties for the wider church.

Fran Caldwell will host a Pampered Chef Party on May 22, from 10am -2pm. You may come, look at a catalog, visit while enjoying some light refreshments, and place an order. Fran will receive the products in about two week's time and deliver them to you. She will donate her commission to the church's Relay for Life . This is a great way to get something you have been wanting, a graduation gift, a wedding / shower gift or an anniversary remembrance. There will be catalogs available at church with order blanks to use for advance orders.



Camps & Conferences



DATES:

June 16-18
June 13-18
June 13-18
June 20-26

GRADES COMPLETED:

(K-2) Kids Camp
(3-5) Junior Camp
(6-8) ChiRho Camp
(9-12) CYF Conference

WHERE:

Cedar Lakes Conference Center
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Cedar Lakes Conference Center
Bethany College

We are expecting camp and conference materials any day!

Chi-Rho (having finished grades 6 through 8) and Junior Camp (finished grades 3 through 5) will be held at Cedar Lakes Sunday, June 13 through Friday, June 18th. Cost will be \$230.00

Kids Camp (having finished grades 1 and 2) begins at Cedar Lakes on Wednesday, June 16 and also runs through Friday, June 18th. Cost will be \$105.00

CYF Conference (having finished high school, grades 9 through 12) begins Sunday, June 20 and runs through Saturday, June 26. Cost will be \$230.00. All campers and conference attendees get a t-shirt!

Watch for registration forms. Remember we have scholarships available for anyone who wants to go. If you would like to go as a counselor for any of the camps, please see the church office for a registration form and call the Regional Office for more information. Or visit wvdisciples.org/youthph

UPCOMING EVENTS

We will again be handing out water and pop for Cinco de Mayo. Donations can be brought to the stage in the Fellowship Hall. Come join in the fun at the high school on May 5th.

The New Martinsville women's prayer luncheon is on Friday, May 7 at noon, at the Church of God across from Burger King.

A Pastor's Class lock-in will be held beginning at 8 p.m. on Friday May 14 thru Saturday May 15 at 8 a.m. Several of our youth, with Traci Mullins on Sunday mornings, have been exploring how God is working in their lives. This twelve-hour condensed time together will look at church membership and baptism. If you have any questions, talk to Jayne Chafin.

Disciples Women's Spring Gathering will be held for District 2 at First Christian Church, New Martinsville on May 17th. The speaker is our Regional Minister Thad Allen. Come join us for great food and fellowship. The cost is \$10.00 (seven of which comes back to our church.) Hope to see you there. A sign-up sheet is at the church, or call with your reservations.

Sunday, May 23, 10:00 a.m., we will have a joint service celebrating our baptisms and our graduates from high school and college. If you know of someone in our congregation who is graduating, please let the church office know ASAP.

WAYS WE CAN GIVE

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 in to 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 may 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.

Cell Phones collected 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.

Used Eyeglasses – When you donate those old pairs of glasses that are just taking up space in your drawers, they can be given to those people around the world that can't afford them, let alone the cost to get examined. The glasses are collected by the local New Martinsville Lions Club and then they are sent to a collection center closest to us. They then will be classified, distributed and then taken by volunteer optometrists and ophthalmologists to where the need is most.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Love of knitting & crocheting is combined into a prayerful ministry that reaches out to those in need of comfort and solace. Each shawl begins with prayers for the recipient and prayers are continued while the shawl is finished. 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.

BEAR MINISTRY

The Bear Ministry is another way that First Christian Church shares love and 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 and care for them. Children love them, but we've found they bring a smile to anyone who receives one!

OPEN DOOR MINISTRIES

Please bring large cans of vegetables or fruit and leave on the table across from the church office. 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