



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

Corner Maple Avenue & Locust Street  
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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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Church website: [www.nmfcc.com](http://www.nmfcc.com)

# SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2010

It's hard to believe that in a few days I will have been living and serving with you for one year. Together we have done much. Much is left to be done. God continues to call us to Discipleship, to work for God's Kingdom and Reign, to serve Him in the best ways that we can.

As autumn approaches and many of us settle back into familiar routines after summer, I hope we will take time to think about our faith journeys and to find our place in service to Christ. Where are you called to serve, what are you called to do and to be, whether within these walls or within our community and world?

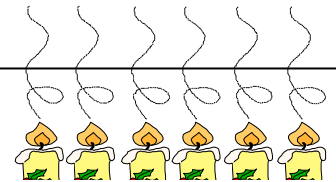
As we join together in worship, let us open our hearts to the calling of God in our lives.

See you in church!

Jayne

## ***Children's Sabbath***

*September 5th begins forty days of  
Light a Candle for Children*



*The needs of the world's children should be a priority for all of us as individuals, groups, and communities of faith. The Light a Candle for Children program is an advocacy and prayer vigil project that invites us to join in Forty Days of Prayer for Children. It is held the forty days prior to the observance of National Children's Sabbaths sponsored by the Children's Defense Fund. Sunday, September 5<sup>th</sup> we will begin our observance of these forty days of prayer. Watch your worship bulletin for ways you can participate!*

## **CHURCH WEBSITE**

Our church website is [www.nmfcc.com](http://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!

Where can women go to share in Christian fellowship with other women?

Where can you go to laugh, sing, renew your spirit and build strong friendship bonds with other women?

**WOMEN'S RETREAT!**

September 10, 11 and 12

Cedar Lakes Conference Center

**Open Door Ministries**

We have delivered 120 cans of fruit and vegetables to Open Door Ministries so far this year. This is way down from last year. Open Door feeds many people every week, with only one priority, that the people be hungry. If you can help in any way with the large cans of fruit and vegetables, please leave them in Giving Room or across from the Church Office. Open Door and the hungry of New Martinsville will appreciate your generosity.



**Christmas Jars:** Don't forget to keep placing your spare change in your jars. Time is almost here for giving these jars to help make someone's Christmas a little happier. Our Christmas Jars are not only filled with coins, but with our love for one another.



Please note that Chancel Choir practice will begin regular practice the first Wednesday in September at 6:00 pm. If you have been wanting to join our choir, now is the time. Come join us as we practice and sing praises to God.

**WORK FORCE West Virginia**

Is having a Regional Job Fair Wednesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm at New Martinsville United Methodist Church.

For more information call Tom at 1-304-455-6184

**BACK TO SCHOOL PROJECTS**

I would like to thank all the people who helped put the packets together. It was alot of work and I couldn't do it my self. Witscheys and the Moose donated money to buy the gold and blue bags we gave out. McDonalds gave everyone a coupon for free fries or ice cream and Bob Evans gave everyone 12 and under a free meal coupon. Westbanco furnished all the pencils and we put together **1392 packets**. There are 906 students in the grade school and 450 in the high school. You always make a few extra for new students. This year I didn't get quite enough fruit bars donated and had to buy more. On the Friday before school started, we took all the packets for the grade school to the teachers. They gave them out to their students and everyone thanked us and they were happy to see us. We had two students go with us to help, Shane Mason and Jacob Fruner. They each gave out the packets to their classes. On Monday morning bright and early we handed out the packets to the high school students. The first bus arrives at 7:20, so we are at church by 7:00 to get everything in place. I really enjoy handing out the bags to the students.

The cookies were done a little different this year. In the past, the teachers would gather all together and we would take the trays where ever they were. This year they didn't do that, so we only took cookies to the high school, grade school, career center and board office. We thought if we took care of everyone in New Martinsville that the churches in other towns could take care of their schools.

Verna Fay

Our church also filled 20 back to school bags and backpacks.

Thanks to all who helped.





# Birthdays and Anniversaries

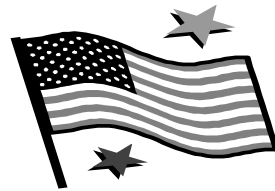


## September Birthdays

- 3 Jessica Emch
- 5 Kim Howell
- 6 Tanya Renee Kotson
- 7 Halle Marie Barcus
- 8 Amanda Cochran  
Edith Stackpole
- 9 Tim Shepherd  
Nathan Kyle West
- 10 Fran Caldwell  
Ashlyn Nicole Piekarski
- 11 Jonathan Price
- 12 Cindy Burgey
- 15 Harry Caldwell
- 18 Kay Jeffers
- 20 Pamela Neff
- 21 Don Riggerbach
- 23 Marilyn Yoho  
Emily Rine
- 24 Ed Greene  
Wilda Kappel  
James Barnhart
- 26 Herb Kappel  
Rose Ann Winland
- 27 Liz Ellis Durant
- 28 Mabel Huffman
- 29 Dan Jeffers, Jr.

## September Anniversaries

- 16 Bill & Twila Ebeling
- 21 David & Melinda Grandstaff
- 25 Herb & Wilda Kappel
- 27 Bob & Gussie Schmidt



## October Birthdays

- 1 Fawn Price
- Kelsyn Ty Riggerbach
- 2 Jerry Shepherd
- 4 Lisa VanDyne
- 5 Charles Huggins
- 7 James Price
- 8 Faye Weekley
- 10 John Zumpetta  
Aimee Long
- 13 Jamie Byers
- 14 Stacy Barcus
- 15 Autumn Renee Cecil
- 17 Ashlynn Filliez
- 22 William Pugh  
Deborah Livingston
- 24 Kent Burgey  
Dave Riley
- 25 Jacob Fruner
- 28 Rebecca Riggerbach Stevens  
Annette Bridgeman  
Toni Annette Bliss
- 29 Mildred M. Frieden
- 31 Brandyn Gilbert

## October Anniversaries

- 3 Charles & Lisa Booth
- 7 Chad & Beth Cantrell  
Cory & Christina Coulter
- 9 James & Iris Isaacs
- 11 Randy & Tammy Amos



## SERVING THE CHURCH IN SEPTEMBER

### ELDERS

J. B. Bridgeman & Kent Burgey

### DEACONS

- |                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| Linda Stackpole | Cheryl LeMasters |
| Darla Steele    | Trey Barcus      |
| Debbie Cochran  | Jennifer Pugh    |
| Leroy Cecil     | David Emch       |
| Bill Hornbrook  | Charlie Virden   |
| Patrick Norton  | Don Mason        |

## SERVING THE CHURCH IN OCTOBER

### ELDERS

Verna Mall & Rob Stackpole

### 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 September

Leroy Cecil

## Preparing Communion for October

Linda Stackpole

## Opening & Closing Church for September

Tim Shepherd

## Opening & Closing Church for October

Jim Price

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## LIBRARY NEWS



### New Book Donations

In nonfiction we have The Hiding Place and Tramp for the Lord by Corrie Ten Boom. We have bible studies, The Will of God (5 copies) and Lord Teach Me to Pray by Kay Arthur. We also have copies of two Sisters (our church's Tuesday study group) bible study books, Finding Balance, Loving God with Heart and Soul, Mind and Strength, and Unfailing Love, Growing Closer to Jesus Christ. We have a book called Thankful Praise which is a resource for Christian Worship and another called Special Events for Youth Groups. Please come and look over our many books on Christian Living. I'm sure you will find one you would like to read to help you on your journey to learn more about our Lord and Savior or to help you cope with everyday life with Christ by your side.

For those who are enjoying our books of fiction we have many new books to add this month. New books by Nicholas Sparks are The Choice, The Rescue, The Last Son, The Lucky One, True Believer and The Wedding. We have 4 new Debbie Macomber books, Someday Soon, Morning Comes Softly, One Night, and Orchard Valley Grooms. From Karen Kingsbury, we have Take Three and Take Four from the Above the Line series. Below is a brief review of several of our new book series.

Beth Wiseman, Daughters of the Promise, Volumes 1-4; Seeking tranquility in a too-complicated world, young women drawn to the Amish order long for love, hope and peace-----and find them in surprising ways.

Wanda Brunstetter, Indiana Cousins, Volumes 1-3; Wanda shows how her characters draw their strength from God as they deal with challenges in everyday life.

Deanne Gist, Brides, Volumes 1-5; From the Virginia colonies to the Texas frontier and the San Francisco gold rush, follow heroines as they find love, discover faith, and help build America.

Lisa Wingate, Daily Texas, Volumes 1-3; Welcome to small town Daily, Texas, a place of refuge for those wanting a new home!

Denise Hunter, Nantucket Love Stories, Volumes 1-4; Meet Sabrina, Dr. Kate, Sam and Meredith on this beautiful, charming island as they trust God to help them face the challenges that come to them.

Enjoy reading! God Bless all of you! Kathie

# THANK YOU

Thank you for your thoughts, prayers and kindness during this difficult time. Also, thanks for the food. From the family of Nancy Riley. Dave, Terry, Kathy

Thank you so much for the beautiful arrangement for Irene. The Irene Wagner Family

I would like to thank everyone for your prayers and the great meals during my sudden illness. It was greatly appreciated. God Bless, Annette Bridgeman & Family

Dear Friends, Your very generous donations of canned food is greatly appreciated. You have supported the work of the Open Door for over five years and we say THANK YOU! Sincerely, Lucille Blum

Thank you to all the leaders, helpers and kids who made this year's VBS "Baobab Blast" a great success!  
Misty Adams

Thank you to all who helped with the water giveaway at the Festival of Memories, whether by donating water, helping pass out water or stopping by to lend moral support. It was a wonderful day of fun and fellowship, as well as service to our community!

## First Annual Unity Dinner and Concert:

In celebration of the 130<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the WV Council of Churches, you are invited to join others for the first annual Unity Dinner: Thursday, September 16 at 6 p.m. at the Clay Center Grand Entrance Hall, Charleston. WV Singer and Songwriter, Kathy Mattea, will be the featured entertainment for the evening. [Tickets online at www.WVCC.org](http://www.WVCC.org).

## Disciples Men's Fall Retreat

October 8-10

Rev. Tom Jewell, Oklahoma Regional Minister will be the speaker and registrations are in the church office or online at [www.wvdisciples.org](http://www.wvdisciples.org)

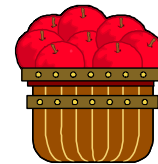
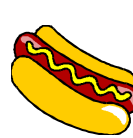
## Apple Dumplin Sale & Luncheon Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup>

**Dumplings may be ordered frozen or freshly baked @ \$2.50 each**

**Call the church office at 455-4460  
between 9 am & 1 pm  
Monday thru Friday to place orders  
or call Kay at 455-2078**

**A luncheon from 12 noon to 5 pm  
Chili; Potato Soup; Hot Dogs; Pulled Pork  
Fresh Apple Dumplin for dessert**

**A sign-up sheet for orders will be on the  
wall across from the church office.**



## Safe Sanctuary

With the adoption of our Safe Sanctuary Policy, all youth workers, leaders, helpers need to be registered with the church office. A training session on our policy, boundary issues, and expectations of the church is planned, led by Tim Graves. A copy of the new policy is available in the church office.

## A Church Insurance and Stewardship Workshop

*Offered by the Region, the Christian Church  
Foundation, and Insurance Professionals  
For pastors, trustees, property stewards, other  
planned giving stewardship leaders  
Sep. 25 at First Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ), Moundsville  
Time to be Announced  
RSVP to David Chafin ([dchafin@wvdisciples.org](mailto:dchafin@wvdisciples.org))  
to reserve seats.*

# 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 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 is used to help send kids to academic programs/camps, help teachers with additional supplies and many other things that the school many not provide, but 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 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 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 sent to a collection center closest to us. They then will be classified, distributed and taken by volunteer optometrists and ophthalmologists to where they are needed most.

## PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Love of knitting and 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