



FIRST CHRISTIAN disciples of christ HIGHLIGHTS

Making disciples who make a difference!

October 25, 2023

The worship team in October's meeting gave consideration for Advent 2023. The Advent Season emphasizes Jesus' varied titles. These communicate his divine roles while incarnated fully human. Among all the titles, there are those which are cited more than others. Chief among these, "Prince of Peace."

Acts of domestic terrorism against American schools, places of worship, shopping & commerce, and recreation instills belief there is little peace to be found in our land. Acts of foreign terrorism and war in so many other lands - with near term escalation to greater violence likely - generates despair that there is peace to be found elsewhere.

In the midst of such violence, we proclaim Jesus Christ as the Prince of Peace. Jesus charges those who believe the gospel to be the ones spreading the Good News about the kingdom of God.

Luke 9:6 So the disciples departed and went through the villages, bringing the good news and curing diseases everywhere.

Mark 16:15 And Jesus said to disciples, "Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.

Acts 6:7 The word of God kept on spreading; and the number of the disciples continued to increase greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were becoming obedient to the faith.

Mark 13:10 The gospel must first be preached to all the nations.

Acts 12:24 But the word of the Lord continued to grow and to be multiplied.

Spreading the gospel about the Prince of Peace requires understanding others as God's own. Listening to views in so many public spaces, listening to the Men's Dinner & Discussion, and listening to those wrestling with what is happening the question arises, "Is it possible for us to be Jesus' emissaries speaking the truth of a divine peace that passes all understanding?" What is the cause of so much brokenness and violence?

One understanding holds that acts of government are the

collective expressed will of the country's whole population. This understanding maintains a country's citizens hold the power to retain their government or to change it. From the American & French Revolutions to the Color Revolutions of the early 2000's onward and the Arab Spring movements of the early 2010's represent this understanding. The conclusion is that a country's citizens are cumulatively accountable for the actions of their government.

A second understanding holds that actions of government take place above and beyond the ability of its citizenship to either source or shape. This understanding maintains that authorities hold the levers of power: police, military, and goods and services (power, fuel, food, transportation and shelter). Citizens are excluded from challenging those in authority. As such, the results from the wielding of power are to be held accountable only against leadership authorities.

Whether Israeli citizens or the Palestinian population are responsible for their country's actions; whether the Hamas leadership alone and the Israeli leadership alone are those responsible - the photo of a dangling small child violently killed is hard to view whether being held by a Muslim or Jewish father.

With our baptismal vows, we accept Jesus' charge of becoming ambassadors of the Good News. Our witness to our faith must accept all as God's own. Our faith response to Calvary and the empty tomb must be such that the Prince of Peace - holy peace that surpasses all understanding - is not some four week ornament that is afterward packed away with tinsel and bows. Enough small children have violently died in our schools and churches as well as in lands filled with war. Christians are called to let go of anger and intolerance for:

- those of another political party,
- those of another culture,
- those of another religion,

for all are God's own.

We need to be better.

Inside...

November events, birthdays, anniversaries and more

Rev Colby Smith

KIDS CORNER

November is such a tough month for kids! Christmas is right around the corner but there is so much **waiting** to do!



Starting Nov 12th at Kid's Club, we will be trying to wait patiently while learning all we can about those who waited for Jesus' birth all those years ago. Kid's Club meets most Sundays after worship –2:00 p.m.



November 5th
At Home in My Church



November 12th
Can We Decorate Yet?



November 19th
What about the Angels?



November 26th
Angel Tree Shopping



Kid's Club GAME ON Photos

Coming Soon! Check out the fun we had with our GAME ON this fall. Look for photos on the bulletin board at the end of the Arcade Hallway.

Many thanks to those who donated games so we had enough for all the kids to play each board game at the same time. Special thanks to Rachel Russell for bringing in the Giant Connect 4 Game!

We had a great time connecting the scriptures with children's board games!



Did You Know? Many of our children bring their offering each week to Worship & Wonder and Children's Church. Their offering is held in a special account all year and as the holidays roll around, the children go shopping for 2 children from the Angel Tree. Please encourage your children to save money from their allowance, gifts, etc. and to donate a portion of it to help with this Christmas Tradition. **We will go shopping this year on Sunday, November 26th.**



Children and Youth Christmas Program

The calendar is just turning to November but it's already time to mark your calendar and plan to attend the **Children and Youth Christmas Program** and Church Wide Fellowship Meal.

Sunday, December 17th immediately following worship.

Plan to be there to support our Children and Youth!

For questions about Children's programs, contact Patti Wright

Email patti@firstchristiandanville.com or text (812) 483-9004

News & Announcements

4 Cans 4 Others

We have collected a total of 34,625 cans after receiving 29 in August and 77 in October, bringing to the total this year to 835. Let's keep bringing four cans every Sunday. The Salvation Army appreciates each and every donation for needy families!

Information from Terry Dachenhaus

Youth Sunday

The youth are taking over! Be sure to plan to be in worship on Sunday, November 19th when our youth will be leading worship.. They will appreciate your support.

Coat Drive

As the weather gets cooler, the Outreach Ministries team wants to **warm up the community with a Coat Drive!**

New or gently used coats, jackets and hoodies of all sizes are needed from infants through adults. The coats we collect will be distributed through the Homeless Ministries of Saints Peter & Paul Church and to the schools through Centerpointe Church's mobile coat closet. Coats can be donated near the Welcome Center on Sunday mornings in November, or at the church office during the week.



Prayer Concerns

Lee Ann McCann
Larry Davidson
John Caywood
Lesa Cooper
John Funkhouser
Gary Gibson
John Taylor Ross
Jan Sheffields
Bill Morgan
Mary Lou Withers
Bill Barker

Trevor & Lucy Graham
Michael Gretton
Shannon Warren
Robin Lee
Debbie Cline Pope
Barbara Cash Rankin
Heather Lockhart
Rodger Morris
Donna Brown VanHook
Paul Gwaltney
Linda Fisher

Keep Grieving Families in Prayer

Pat Whited (Husband of Becky Whited and father of Kasey Wilson) March 19, 1951 - October 5, 2023

Shut-In / Homebound

Martha Akin
Jerry Boyd
Pat & Steve Bruce
Steve Campbell
Mindy Carter
Patty Castle
Hugh & Mary Jo
Coomer

Tom Ensslin
Odell Hines
Lucille Lemmon
Margaret Milburn
Betty Ramey
Aubrey Sivis
Mike Swain
Bonnie Wilson



Thank You

Our family would like to thank the people from First Christian Church of Danville for all of their prayers, kindness, and love while we welcomed Noah into our family this past summer! We were blessed with so many delicious meals, gift cards, & baby gifts from the people of FCC! Sean & I are so thankful for the congregation and Rev. Colby for surrounding us with support & love. We feel very blessed and thankful to know that Liam, Elijah, & Noah will grow up in a very loving and supportive church. Again, many thanks to everyone at FCC!

With Love,
The Welch Family
(Sean, Donna Carol, Liam, Elijah, & Noah)

News & Announcements

OUTREACH News

Arnold Tower meal delivered Thursday, 10/19!

Trunk or Treat (10/29 2-4pm): Thanks to everyone who has signed up so far...we could use more trunks! Spread the word and encourage folks who may have been undecided.

Waynesburg Manor visit planned for October 31: Halloween Party!!

Coat Drive: Nov. 1-26. Bring new or gently used coats to the rack that will be placed in the narthex.

Four Cans for Others: Continue to bring non-perishable food items.

Coming soon: Salvation Army Angel Trees!

Next Meeting: Tues Nov 14 at 5:30pm Consider joining us if you'd like to be involved in this important mission work! See Patricia Calvert for more information.

Connections Book Group

Nov. 5 after church, Light lunch provided. Read Chapters 5, 6, 7

Waynesburg Manor Halloween Party

October 31. Sign up to attend or send food at the welcome table. It's a joy to get to know and serve the folks there!

Thanksgiving Dinner | November 19th

Join us for an exciting Thanksgiving feast right after our youth-led worship service. The church will provide the turkey and drinks. Please bring your favorite side dish and dessert to share. Drop off your dishes at the gym beforehand. We also need volunteers to help set up. Please let us know what you plan to bring. Contact us at 859-236-4006 or write it down at the welcome table. Don't miss out on this unique Thanksgiving celebration. See you there!

Soul Squad | November 14

Catch Soul Squad for another meeting this November at 6:30pm. We will meet at Cory & Kellie McMurry's home. See you then!

Kasey, the girls and I are so thankful for our church family. The outpouring of love, prayers, concern and cards over the last several weeks has been astounding. We thank you. God, indeed, gives us strength to endure.

Becky Whited

A LETTER TO MY F.C.C.

FAMILY

This past year, beginning in August of 2022, I have had several unexpected experiences. Those experiences have involved both my physical health and my family challenges. However, I have never felt alone, helpless, distraught, nor without hope and human caring and contact.

My family at FCC have been marvelously attentive and caring. The cards, calls, flowers, food, drives to the doctor, words of concern and encouragement—all those things and MORE have kept me going and brought my family through. The sadness and shock are still there, but you [my FCC family] have carried me through too much for one to deal with alone.

On behalf of my wife and grandchildren, I must say what your love and attention have meant to us in facing the sudden death of our precious daughter and mother—our Caty! We live each day in the memories of the sparkle and love she brought into our lives. And, we love and thank YOU, our FCC family for all you have done for us in this not so easy time.

May we have P E A C E.....
And, all good things

Harry



Service Roster November

	5-Nov	12-Nov	19-Nov	26-Nov
Worship Leader	Vince Pennington	Cheryl Gibson	Larry Scott	Mary Ann McGlothlin
Elders at the Table	Brian & Patricia Calvert	Elmer & Suzi Jackson	Mary Ann & Lyle McGlothlin	Jan Bradshaw Cheryl Gibson
Deacons	Molly & Jacob Cooper Terry & Linda Dachenhaus	Kellie & Cory Jones Terry & Linda Dachenhaus	Youth	Jeff Withers, Sherrie Horn, Dave May Cory Jones
Greeters	Jeanette Barbour Katie Powell	Sueann Rice Sherri Horn	Youth	Libby & Jeff Joiner
Stewards	John Caywood	Evelyn Guerrant	Elmer Jackson	Kasey Wilson
Children's Chat	Kendra Funkhouser	Jacob Cooper	Kate Hoffman	Patti Wright
Children's Summer Worship	Patti Wright Brent Williams	Alice & Jay Reynolds	Children in Worship	Alice & Jay Reynolds
Children's Church	Kendra Funkhouser	Penny Vaught	Children in Worship	Molly & Jacob Cooper
Nursery	Mary McKittrick	Edna Prall	Kris Hamlin	Trista Hinkle
Acolytes			Paul & George	
Sound	John Funkhouser	Brian Calvert	Doug McMurry	Kevin Jones
Camera		Patricia Calvert		Henry Pennington
Slides	Connie McVicker	Henry Pennington		
Other	Morning Pointe		Shut-In Communion	Elder's Lunch Devotion- Martha C Cooks- Brian & Patricia

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Trunk or Treat is this Sunday! Stop by from 2-4pm and check out our booths!

Our youth will be leading worship in November, want to know more? Info inside!

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Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1 Coat Drive Begins</i> 9am Body Recall 10am Healthy Back 5:30p Bells Reh 6:30p Ladies AA 7p Choir Rehearsal	<i>2</i> 10a Bible Study 10a Worship Team	<i>3</i> 9a Body Recall 10a Healthy Back 7:30p Jaywalkers AA 8p Al-Anon	<i>4 Gym Booked</i> 10:30a Al-Anon
<i>5</i> 9:45a Adult Sun Sch 10:45a Worship Kids Club Book Connection 2p Morning Pointe	<i>6 Machines Dropped</i> 9a Body Recall 10am Bridge 6p Parents/Addicted 7p Resonance Boy Scouts	<i>7 Voting Location— Gym Walking Track Closed</i>	<i>8 Machines Picked Up</i> 9am Body Recall 10am Healthy Back 5:30p Bells Reh 6:30p Ladies AA 7p Choir Rehearsal	<i>9</i> 9a Connections Team 10a Bible Study 6p FCC Men's Dinner 7p SOU All-Church Meeting	<i>10 Christian Women's</i> 9a Body Recall 10a Healthy Back 7:30p Jaywalkers AA 8p Al-Anon	<i>11 Fall Retreat 10-12 Sanctuary Booked</i> 10:30a Al-Anon
<i>12</i> 9:45a Adult Sun Sch The Bistro Grace Presbyt Church 10:45a Worship Kids Club	<i>13</i> 9a Body Recall 10am Bridge 1p Minstrel Committe 6p Parents/Addicted 7p Resonance	<i>14</i> 5:30p Outreach Meeting 6:30p Soul Squad	<i>15</i> 9am Body Recall 10am Healthy Back 5:30p Bells Reh 6:30p Ladies AA 7p Choir Rehearsal	<i>16</i> 10a Bible Study 7p Church Board	<i>17</i> 9a Body Recall 10a Healthy Back 7:30p Jaywalkers AA 8p Al-Anon	<i>18</i> 8a Soups on Us 10:30a Al-Anon
<i>19 Shut In Commun</i> Grace Presbyt Church 10:45a Youth-Led Worship Thanksgiving Feast Kids Club	<i>20</i> 9a Body Recall 10am Bridge 6p Parents/Addicted 7p Resonance Boy Scouts	<i>21</i>	<i>22 Newsletter Article</i> 9am Body Recall 10am Healthy Back 5:30p Bells Reh 6:30p Ladies AA 7p Choir Rehearsal	<i>23 Closed— Thanksgiving</i>	<i>24 Closed— Thanksgiving</i>	<i>25</i> 10:30a Al-Anon
<i>26</i> 9:45a Adult Sun Sch Grace Presbyt Church 10:45a Worship Kids Club Elder's Lunch	<i>27</i> 9a Body Recall 10am Bridge 6p Parents/Addicted 7p Resonance Boy Scouts	<i>28</i>	<i>29 Highlights</i> 9am Body Recall 10am Healthy Back 5:30p Bells Reh 6:30p Ladies AA 7p Choir Rehearsal	<i>30</i> 10a Bible Study		

November 2023

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Sean Welch	2 Kendall Williams *Bart & Shelly Gover*	3 Mickey Glover	4 Asher Hinkle
5	6 Alivia Shartzer	7	8	9 Sallie Carter	10	11 Billy Cannon
12 Charles Highfield Karen Rankin Brandon Williams	13	14	15	16 Maddy Funkhouser Justin Jarnagin	17 Fran Drury	18 Martha Bryant Mindy Cater
19	20 Kellie Anderson Gigi Biles	21 Jan Scott Serenity Smithers	22	23 Greg Anderson Martha Jackson	24 Martha Akin	25 Chloe Darnell *Brent & Kandi Williams*
26 Tori VanHook	27	28	29 Ann Barker	30		