



FIRST CHRISTIAN disciples of christ HIGHLIGHTS

Making disciples who make a difference!

September 27, 2023

In "Good Economics for Hard Times: Better Answers to Our Biggest Problems" authors Abhijit Banerjee and Esther Duflo, two of the three winners of 2019's Nobel Prize in Economics, reminds there are only three ways a society is able to generate wealth: farming, mining and manufacturing.

I feel this core truth is key to understanding the world's greatest work ethic which is found right here in the United States. For both the country and its individual citizens God has a message through Jesus' in Luke 12:13-21 (MSG):

13 *Someone out of the crowd said, "Teacher, order my brother to give me a fair share of the family inheritance."* **14** *He replied, "Mister, what makes you think it's any of my business to be a judge or mediator for you?"* **15** *Speaking to the people, he went on, "Take care! Protect yourself against the least bit of greed. Life is not defined by what you have, even when you have a lot."*

16-19 *Then he told them this story: "The farm of a certain rich man produced a terrific crop. He talked to himself: 'What can I do? My barn isn't big enough for this harvest.' Then he said, 'Here's what I'll do: I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones. Then I'll gather in all my grain and goods, and I'll say to myself, Self, you've done well! You've got it made and can now retire. Take it easy and have the time of your life!'"*

20 *"Just then God showed up and said, 'Fool! Tonight you die. And your barnful of goods—who gets it?'"*

21 *"That's what happens when you fill your barn with Self and not with God."*

We find ourselves at the turning points of seasons. Crops are ripening in fields while summer wardrobes are being put away for warmer clothes. The time of harvest is near. Today God's Word holds just as powerful truth as when

prophets, apostles and Christ first spoke them.

The ministry at First Christian Church is preparing in every way to rise to the call God gives in the year ahead, and the time beyond. Those answering the call to serve as Elder, Deacon and Trustee will in a few weeks be presented before the congregation for their consideration.

Just as our shared ministry prepares for meeting God's call, so we who believe prepare to respond to God's call with our own life and gifts for the year ahead, and the time beyond.

There are those who yet labour in the field to provide for others and themselves. There are those whose fields have yielded the harvest of a life's hard work. Through God's Word, both are instructed to keep foremost in mind our loving God from whom all blessings flow. We together bring that which God blesses and make it an offering out of which the ministries of Jesus Christ continue forward.

Those in retirement, those whose fields have yielded the harvest of a life's hard work, are called to consider not only the year ahead, but also the time beyond. We are to consider a lifetime of God's providence when considering the time beyond - how to set aside a portion of the accumulated resources which fills our barns with goods. It is an act of faithfulness and witness before God to set aside a portion of God's lifelong bounty blessed and place it into the continuing for the work of the Good News.

In this season of preparation and harvest, consider what part of your barn's goods can be dedicated to the gospel of Jesus Christ upon God's gift of everlasting life. From considerations to actual completion of the task then will we be able to say, *"Self, you've done well in fulfillment of your baptismal vows and life of faithfulness. Take it easy and have the time of your everlasting, eternal life."*

Rev Colby Smith

Inside...

October events, birthdays, anniversaries and more

KIDS CORNER

October is a busy month for our FCC Kids!

This month includes Fall Break in area schools and our FCC Trunk or Treat so our schedule will be a little different this month.

Mark your calendar so you don't miss any of the fun!



October 1st

No Kid's Club
Fall Break in area schools



October 8th & 15th

GAME ON!



Immediately after
worship-2 p.m.

October 22nd

Trip to the Corn Maze
and Pumpkin Patch



October 29th

FCC Trunk or Treat



Games, candy, fun!

It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like . . . Christmas??

The leaves have just started falling but it's already time to mark your calendar and plan to attend the Children's and Youth Christmas Program and Fellowship Meal.

Sunday, December 18th immediately following worship.

Plan to be there to support our Children and Youth!



Did You Know that everyone who works with our FCC Children has a Background Check on file with the church?

The FCC Safe Sanctuary Policy also requires that all children be signed in and out for Kid's Club by a parent or guardian each week.

Thank you parents for picking up your child after worship in Children's Church or Children's Worship & Wonder and walking them to the gym to sign in. We appreciate you!

Kid's Club Lunch Opportunity!

Thanks to the following for providing a meal for Kid's Club this fall. Linda and Terry Dachenhaus, Libby McWhorter, Martha Bryant, Ramona Guinn, Kris Hamlin and Anne Milburn, Steven and Trista Hinkle and Jay and Alice Reynolds!

In addition to helping with the program, it's a great way to get to know our amazing Kid's Club children!

We still need meals for the following dates in 2023 so contact Patti if you can provide a one.

November 19th, November 26th, December 3rd

Patti will provide you with Kid's Club Lunch Tips to make your meal prep easier.

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 34,519 cans after receiving 269 in July, bringing to the total this year to 729. Let's keep bringing four cans every Sunday. The Salvation Army appreciates each and every donation for needy families!

Information from Terry Dachenhaus

Volunteer Opportunities

Please contact us if you are interested in volunteering! We are looking for 1pm to 4pm twice a month, please contact Rev Colby Smith if you are interested.

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.

We'll leave the light on for you!

We are not Motel 6 but we do ask your help in leaving the lights on!

As the days get we have made the decision to leave all outside lights on to provide safety for those coming to evening meetings. Thanks for not turning them off when you leave the building.

Prayer Concerns

John Funkhouser
Kristi Stuckel
Trevor & Lucy Graham
Patty Castle
Becky Whited
Gary Gibson
Jan Sheffield
Bill Morgan
Mary Lou Withers
Bill Barker
Shannon Warren

Robin Lee
Lauryn Crawley
Cheryle Inestroza
Debbie Cline Pope
Barbara Cash Rankin
Hather Lockhart
J McClure's Brother
Rodger Morris
Donna Brown Vanhook
Paul Gwaltney
Linda Fisher

Keep Grieving Families in Prayer

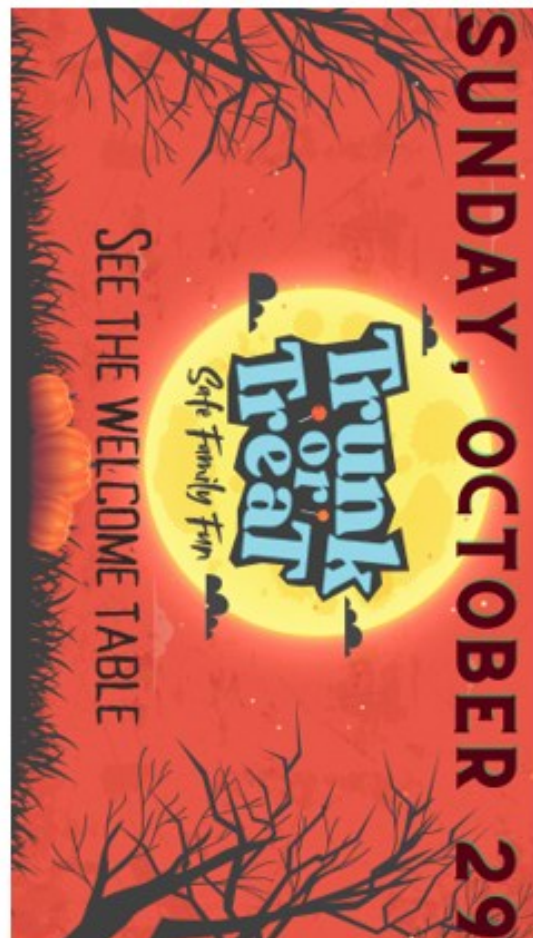
Catherine "Caty" Mercer McCormick (Harry & Debbie Mercer's Daughter) August 8 1980-September 2, 2023

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

You are Invited!



Candy 🍊 Games 🍊 Prizes

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Free Family Fun!!!

*In case of rain, festivities will be inside

News & Announcements

Outreach News

Outreach Events Coming Up:
Trunk or Treat! Sunday, Oct 29 (look for the sign up sheet outside the sanctuary)

Waynesburg Manor visit: Tues, Oct 31
See Jan Bradshaw if you would like to attend and help host our Halloween party!

Arnold Tower Meal (Oct. 19)

Empty Bowls project: fundraiser for SOU; collaboration between Outreach team/ Centre college art dept (spring 2024) See Patricia Calvert if you would like to help!

Youth Service Project: collection of candies/gum for "Chloe's Petals for Hope" Mental Health Awareness

Coat Drive: to begin Nov 1

Four Cans for Others: continue to bring in your non-perishable food items!

Soups on Us: Third Saturday of each month. Consider sending in homemade cookies (no nuts or peanut butter)

Next Outreach Meeting: Tues, Oct 17 at 5:30pm in the parlor. All are welcome to join!

E-Mails

Please let us know if you want to receive emails or sign up on our website fccdanville.com

Book Connection

Connections Book Group will meet in the chapel after church on Sunday. We will be discussing Chapters 3 and 4.



Round the Table

Round the Table will be taking a break until January. Look for details concerning the 2024 Round the Table in the January Highlights.

- Mary Ann McGlothlin

Joint Concert | December 14

This winter we will be having another concert by Resonance and Sounding Joy. More information to come.

- Larry Davidson

FCCLA Chloe's Petals For Hope Drive

FCCLA Service Project!!

All Donations will be donated to Chloe's Petals for Hope, a non-profit, local organization. They are working to raise mental health and suicide awareness.

All Items must be new and in their original packaging

- Chewy Candy
- Mints
- Chewing gum (large pack)

***All Donations can be dropped in the collection box by Oct. 31**

Organized by:
Kate Hoffman



October 2023

Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<i>1</i> Adult Sunday School Worship Service Book Connection Morning Pointe NO Kids Club	<i>2</i> 9am Body Recall 10am Bridge 6:30 Parent/Addicted 7pm Resonance Boy Scouts	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i> 9am Body Recall 10am Healthy Back 5:30pm Choir & Bells 6:30pm Ladies AA	<i>5</i> 9am Connections 10am Worship Team 10am Bible Study	<i>6</i> 9am Body Recall 10am Healthy Back 7:30pm Jaywalkers 8pm Al-Anon	<i>7</i> 10:30am Al-Anon
<i>8</i> The Bistro Adult Sunday School Grace Presbyterian Worship Service Kids Club	<i>9</i> 9am Body Recall 10am Bridge 6:30 Parent/Addicted 7pm Resonance	<i>10</i> 6:30pm Soul Squad (Karl & Ashley Hempel's Home)	<i>11</i> 9am Body Recall 10am Healthy Back 5:30pm Choir & Bells 6:30pm Ladies AA	<i>12</i> 10am Bible Study 6pm Men's Dinner & Discussion	<i>13</i> 9am Body Recall 10am Healthy Back 7:30pm Jaywalkers 8pm Al-Anon	<i>14</i> 10:30am Al-Anon
<i>15 Shut-In Communion</i> Adult Sunday School Grace Presbyterian Worship Service Kids Club	<i>16</i> 9am Body Recall 10am Bridge 6:30 Parent/Addicted 7pm Resonance	<i>17</i> 5:30pm Outreach Team Meeting	<i>18</i> 9am Body Recall 10am Healthy Back 5:30pm Choir & Bells 6:30pm Ladies AA	<i>19 Arnold Tower</i> 10am Bible Study 7pm Church Board Meeting	<i>20 Christian Women's</i> 9am Body Recall 10am Healthy Back 7:30pm Jaywalkers 8pm Al-Anon	<i>21 Fall Retreat</i> 7:30am Soups on Us 10:30am Al-Anon
<i>22</i> Adult Sunday School Grace Presbyterian Worship Service Kids Club	<i>23</i> 9am Body Recall 10am Bridge 6:30 Parent/Addicted 7pm Resonance	<i>24</i>	<i>25 Highlights</i> 9am Body Recall 10am Healthy Back 5:30pm Choir & Bells 6:30pm Ladies AA	<i>26</i> 10am Bible Study	<i>27</i> 9am Body Recall 10am Healthy Back 7:30pm Jaywalkers 8pm Al-Anon	<i>28</i> 10:30am Al-Anon
<i>29 Trunk or Treat</i> Adult Sunday School Grace Presbyterian Worship Service Elder's Lunch Kids Club	<i>30</i> 9am Body Recall 10am Bridge 6:30 Parent/Addicted 7pm Resonance	<i>31 Chloe's Petals for Hope</i> <i>Waynesburg Manor</i> <i>Halloween Party</i>				

October 2023

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Gloria Cannon	2	3	4 **James & Jodell Brown** **Steve & Ruby Cline*	5	6	7 Marilyn Highfield
8	9	10	11 Kay Dunn Judy Morgan Melodee Quinn Gayle Spears	12 Lucille Lemmon Katie Powell	13 Mike Gragg Lyle McGlothlin Brenda Pruitt Chris Taylor	14
15	16 David Rankin Jay Reynolds	17	18 King Pruitt Betty Ramey Denise Wagner	19	20 Jodell Brown	21 Nancy McMurry **Ann & Terry Derringer**
22	23 Richard Hempel	24 Vince Pennington	25	26 John Caywood Nathan Cunningham	27	28 Bari Bowman Steve Cline
29 Sarah Hempel	30	31 Henry Pennington				

Service Roster October

	1-Oct	8-Oct	15-Oct	22-Oct	29-Oct
Worship Leader	Joey Kirk	Margaret Clark	Bart Gover	Jan Scott	Jane Boyd
Elders at the Table	Larry Scott Vince Pennington	Evelyn Guerrant Butch Pass	Tom Huckleberry Vince Pennington	Ruth Sigler Brent Williams	Jan & Larry Scott
Deacons	Cory & Kellie Jones Terry Dachenhaus Dave May	Wendy & Rodger Ross Dave May Sherrie Horn	Kasey Wilson Dave May Wendy & Rodger Ross	Brent & Kandi Williams Kellie & Cory Jones	Kasey Wilson Dave May Wendy & Rodger Ross
Greeters	Jeanette Barbour Katie Powell	Sueann Rice Sherri Horn	Youth	Libby & Jeff Joiner	Linda & Terry Dachenhaus
Stewards	Martha Bryant	John Caywood	Elmer Jackson	Evelyn Guerrant	Kasey Wilson
Children's Chat	Colby Smith	Darell Rickmers	Pastor Colby	Patti Wright	Debbie Baker
Children's Summer Worship	Linda Dachenhaus Libby McWhorter	Kandi & Brent Williams	Kandi Williams Sherrie Horn	Linda Dachenhaus Jackie Fowler	Debbie Baker Libby McWhorter
Children's Church	Children combined	Darell Rickmers	Patricia Calvert Tower of Babel	Patti Wright	
Nursery	Mary McKitric	Edna Prall	Kris Hamlin	Trista Hinkle	
Acolytes	Lillian Russell Bari Bowman	Becca Hoffman	Lillian Russell Maryk Hinkle	Ainsley Shartzer Bari Bowman	Serenity Smithers Jenny Wilson
Sound	John Funkhouser	Brian Calvert	Doug McMurry	Kevin Jones	John Funkhouser
Camera	Patsy Clevenger	Patricia Calvert	Cory Jones	Margaret Jones	Henry Pennington
Slides	Connie McVicker	Molly Cooper		Connie McVicker	
Other	Morning Pointe		Shut-In Communion		Elder's Lunch

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It's time once again to get ready for the
FCC Trunk or Treat Event!
Sunday, October 29th
2:00-4:00 p.m.

There are three ways you can be part of the fun:

1

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3

Provide a Candy Booth	<u>Provide Candy!</u>	Spread the Word!
Decorate your car trunk or a table, dress-up and distribute candy. You can be as elaborate or as simple as you choose!	Take some of the \$\$ burden off those providing their trunks for the event by donating bags of candy!	Invite your family, <u>friends</u> and neighbors!
Sign-up at the Welcome Table or contact Patti Wright.	Put bags of candy in the donation tubs near the Welcome Table or Church Office.	Share the FCC <u>Facebook posts</u> or create your own! Take a flier to places you frequent and ask them to display it.

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