



FIRST CHRISTIAN
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HIGHLIGHTS

Making disciples who make a difference!

February 12, 2020

Koinōnía (Koinonia)

koinō' nēā, noun: Christian fellowship

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. (Philippians 2:3-4, NIV)

Over the last few weeks, I have had the privilege of meeting with some of our leaders. I have sat down with board members, committee chairs, elders, and deacons. I can tell you with confidence that this congregation has much to be excited and confident about. The people who have accepted the call to lead our ministries of the church are enthusiastic and ready to make a big impact.

From my vantage point as pastor, I have seen how things have become increasingly more organized year by year, and how our dedication and work has multiplied. The work of this year could not be done without the success of last year, and the future depends upon what we accomplish this year. One specific thing that has impressed me is the development of functioning teams around each ministry that meet on a regular basis to discuss business and set a plan to get things done. Meetings are always saturated in prayer and seek above all things to discern and do God's will for FCC. I believe that we all have the capability of being leaders, and I think that each of us is called to leadership. That might not make a whole lot of sense at first glance, since leaders need followers. After all, if everyone leads, then who is left to follow? Well, not everyone leads everything. In other words, you might be a follower behind a leader in your church, but a leader in your home as a parent. In fact, I think the best leaders are good followers in other aspects of their lives.

There are many principles of effective leadership, and I believe we in the church are called to be aware of them, and to make sure that we are using the Bible as our guide. Leadership is not a title. Several years ago, I was at a training with several other people. The facilitator put us into groups of 8 people and then asked us to choose a leader in about 5 seconds. We quickly looked around the table until one person said, let's choose so and so. Everyone agreed unanimously. When we were asked who the leader was, the

designated person raised their hand. The facilitator then pointed out that we were mistaken. The leader was not the one given the title; the leader was the person who first spoke up and said we should choose that person, after which everyone agreed. In other words, leaders are those who other people follow. And the best leaders are the ones who other people want to follow.

Leadership is about trust. So often, it seems as though leaders are those who are supposed to "be in charge." They are characterized as those who tell us what to do and have the power to force us. Sometimes they are kind, sometimes not, but at the end of the day, they have the authority to boss us around. However, leadership is not about power and control. Leadership is about trust. A good leader earns the right to provide us direction that we are willing to follow because they have demonstrated through action over time that they have our best interests at heart. In a life or death situation, you want to follow the person you are confident is going to lead you to safety, not the one with the loudest bark.

Leadership is about character. One of the points I am adamant about when it comes to our elders in the church is that eldership is not defined by what someone does. In other words, being an elder is not a role with a job description of duties and tasks. Yes, there are specific things that elders do, but that is not what defines an elder. In other words, you can't just take anyone, teach them to pray at the Table and serve homebound communion and call them an elder. An elder is someone who displays exceptional character. The Bible describes an elder as one who is: "...above reproach, faithful to his wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money" (1 Timothy 3:2-3, NIV).

I am grateful to God that such leaders have been raised up in our congregation. I ask that all of you join me in prayer for these individuals and for God's blessings upon us.

Shalom,
Joey Pusateri

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Soups on Us

Looking for volunteers this Saturday for Soups on Us ministry! Cookie bakers are needed and should bring cookies (no nuts or peanut butter) packaged 2/bag. Meal process begins at 7:30 box folding; 9:00 sandwich making; 10:00 meal assembly; and 11:00 delivery.

Week of Compassion

We will be collecting a special offering this Sunday for Week of Compassion which provides education, vocational training, and basic necessities to those who have experienced disasters or who are in poverty around the globe. This offering is a relief, refugee, and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Your gifts are an investment in the lives of others.

Associate Minister Search Committee

The search committee for the associate minister position met February 4th with Dean Phelps, our interim regional minister, who oriented us to the initial steps of finding the person God is preparing for us.

In the coming weeks, the church will be invited to give input for their expectations for this specific position. Please be in prayer for our church and the members of the search committee: Julie Jones, Joey Kirk, Patrick McClure, Jennifer Pusateri, Joey Pusateri (ex officio), and Cheryl Gibson, chair person.

Ash Wednesday

Don't miss our Ash Wednesday service on February 26 at 7:00 pm. This service will be a time of prayer and reflection as we receive ashes and begin the Lent season together.

Lenten Lunches

Mark your calendars for Tuesdays beginning March 3 for our 12 Noon Lenten Lunches featuring various cooks and speakers. Look for more information in the next issue of the Highlights newsletter.

Open Gym

Thanks to our great group of volunteers, the gym and walking track will be open to the community beginning February 19 on Wednesdays from 5-8pm. Please spread the word so it will be utilized during these winter months. As of now, it will be open through the end of March.

Backpack Team Packing February 26

The FCC Backpack Team will pack food bags at Indian Hills Christian Church on Wednesday, February 26 at 9:30 am. Please let Nancy Robertson know @ 239-8317 if you are able to volunteer to help in this outreach. Thank you!

Ansel Hernden Fund

Ansel Hernden was a prominent citizen of Danville and First Christian Church. He was a farmer, business man, and held several positions in FCC. He and his wife had one daughter, Marjorie, who still lives in Danville. She is married to Hugh Hines. Ansel was very passionate about FCC and cared very much about the facility and its upkeep. Therefore, upon his death in 2007 at the age of 98, he left a sum of money to the church and specified in his will that it be used only for the maintenance and upkeep of FCC facilities. This fund is part of the church endowment funds and is called Ansel Hernden Fund. This is an investment fund with Kentucky Trust Co., and the revenue is made part of the church budget each year, under the Property Committee as a Designated Fund. The revenue from this fund in 2019 was \$3,313.

Bill Barker

Treasurer

Recovery Sunday

Mark your calendars for this special worship service on March 1. We will have guests from Isaiah House who will be fed lunch after worship. If you can help with this lunch and/or provide a dessert, chips or salad, please sign up at the welcome table on Sunday. Contact Margaret Clark (319-3895) for any questions.

Kids Corner

God's Family

Children (birth– 2nd grade) and their families are invited for fun games and pizza on **Tuesday, February 18** at 5:30 in the chapel. This is a great time for conversations among parents/grandparents as the kids play and you don't have to worry about dinner. God's Family is always the 3rd Tuesday each month.

Upcoming Events

(Children)

February 23—Children & friends (K-5th grade) @ Windjammer's Rolling Skating Rink (3-5pm)

March 1—Children (K-5th grade) meet after church for lunch and make cards/book marks to take to Worship @ Morning Pointe (12-3pm)

March 20-21—Children & friends (3rd-5th grade) - Lock-in and help with Soups on Us

(Middle/HS Youth)

March 1—Lunch out after church

March 27-28— Lock-in

Prayer Concerns

Bill Barker	Julian Mitchell
Janice Bohannon	Peggy Mitchell
Jerry Boyd	Susan Montgomery
Steve Bruce	Bill Morgan
Lynne Dean	Jim Page
Peyton Guerrant	Betty Ramey
Odell Hines	Mike Swain
Jack Kaiser	Bonnie Wilson
Marianne Kirby	Jeff Withers
Marilyn Marlowe	Mary Lou Withers
Margaret Ann Milburn	
Mike Miller	

Thank You

Members of Danville 1st Christian Church,

The residents and staff of Waynesburg Manor would like to extend our gratitude for the Christmas gifts and party you shared with us on Dec. 5, 2019. Your company was appreciated as we celebrated the Christmas Season.

Sincerely,

Waynesburg Manor

Thanks for Winter Coat Donations

Many thanks go to your generous donations of winter coats! We received and delivered over 75 jackets and coats sized for children, youth and adults! The coats were delivered to the Danville City Schools clothing bank and the Centerpoint Coat Truck program. As always, FCC church members give so generously and joyously to our Outreach Missions. Thank you, everyone!

Attendance

February 2		February 9	
Attendance	195	Attendance	193
Last Year	180	Last Year	180

Weeks Ahead

Week of February 16

Sunday	9:45	Sunday School
	10:45	Worship Service
	5:15	NO
Monday	9:00	Body Recall
	6:30	PALS (Parents of Addicted Loved Ones) Support Group
	7:00	Boy Scouts
Tuesday	5:30	God's Family
	6:30	Assoc. Minister Search Committee (parlor)
Wednesday	7:15	DYC Hub Devotions
	9:00	Body Recall
	10:00	Healthy Back Class
	5:30	Grace Notes Handbells
	6:30	Ladies AA Group
	7:00	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
Thursday	9:30	Magnet Bible Study Group
	4:00	Centering Prayer Group
	6:30	Living Word Bible Study
	7:00	Church Board
Friday	9:00	Body Recall
	10:00	Healthy Back Class
	7:30	AA Meeting
	8:00	Al-Anon
Saturday	10:30	Al-Anon

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Sunday	9:45	Sunday School
	10:45	Worship Service
	12:00	Elders Lunch
	3:00	Children Roller Skating @ Windjammer's
	5:15	DYC at Danville Presbyterian Church
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	10:00	Healthy Back Class
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Service Roster February 16

Deacons Sherrie Horn (Team Coordinator), Billy Cannon, Gloria Cannon, Linda Dachenhaus, Terry Dachenhaus, Farrah Guerrant, Tom Hastings, Vince Pennington, Ruth Sigler, Susan Taylor, Becky Whited **Elders at the Table** Brian Calvert, Martha Caywood **Elders Serving Shut-in Communion** Jane Boyd, John Caywood, Bart Gover **Worship Leader** Tom Huckleberry **Communion Preparer** Kathy Milby **Steward** Lynn Tye **Greeters** Joey & Laurie Kirk **Ushers** Debbie Baker, Rodger & Wendy Ross **Welcome Table** Patty Castle **Children Worship & Wonder** Connie McVicker, Jackie Fowler

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Next newsletter publication is February 26. Please submit any information by February 21.

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