



FIRST CHRISTIAN disciples of christ HIGHLIGHTS

Making disciples who make a difference!

June 28, 2023

Pastor's Note

Dr. Carol Berkin, National Women's Historical Museum, writes of the most important unknown moment in American history during the single most important unnoticed gathering ever held in the United States. An offer was placed before America's foremost servant, Gen. George Washington, to take the title of "George I of the United States" toward the close of the Revolutionary War.

After the decisive victory over Cornwallis at Yorktown, the Continental Army quartered near Newburgh while terms to a peace treaty were drafted. Without a battle on which to concentrate, new thoughts were focused upon. Some states were failing to meet their obligations to their state veterans. Congress was in arrears in paying its own soldiers while standing amid the victory bought by their blood and sacrifice. Soldiers feared that Congress and state governments would simply disband their veterans and default on their promises. Newburgh Camp had become filled with bitterness with treason openly discussed.

The American Revolution had reached a stage many revolutions experienced where a dangerous power vacuum had grown in the transition between war and peace. The most worn path forward was for a strong leader to stop the slide toward chaos by wresting the situation to their will: Julius Caesar, Cromwell, Lenin.

All such individuals wrestled with their power to gain more power, but not George Washington. One of his officers, Lewis Nicola, wrote things would be better with him as king. Washington responded: *"Be assured, Sir, no occurrence in course of the War, has given me more painful sensations than your information of there being such ideas existing in the army as you have expressed."*

The imminent moment for military mutiny arrived on March 15, 1783. Gen. Washington unexpectedly entered his officers' assembly urging them to step down from their plans. His three-point oratory failed. As a final gesture, he tried reading a letter. Weary after eight years of bloodshed, he fumbled with eyeglasses never before seen—"Gentlemen, you will permit me to put on my spectacles, for I have not only grown gray but almost blind in the service of my country."

Spontaneous or thought out, this singularly unremarkable effort accomplished in a moment what all persuasion

failed to do. Major Samuel Shaw reported not an officer unmoved as he left, "There was something so natural, so unaffected, in this appeal as it rendered it superior to the most studied oratory."

The incident was a non-event which was more decisive than most celebrated events. The American Revolution would not go the way of other revolutions. Washington was as victorious over the temptation to power at Newburgh as he had been over the British.

Leadership with character, business with ethics, and science with values — freedom with virtue.
Leadership without character, business without ethics, and science without human values — freedom without virtue.

Hyper-individualism is defined by sociologists: *the tendency for people to act in a highly individual way, without regard to society. America's current climate is increasingly populated with individuals who reap the bounty of community - parks, public hospitals, utility systems, roads & bridges & airports. It's hard to understand increasing hyper-individualism when standing in the midst of all that community provides and then declare with sincerity in this land I have complete freedom to do as I please.*

George Washington, and the balance of America's men and women founders, ensured a country where all would never be succeeded by the self-interest of one individual. In so doing, Washington fulfilled the spirit of what Paul taught the Galatians, *"In Christ's family there can be no division into Jew and non-Jew, slave and free, male and female. Among us you are all equal. That is, we are all in a common relationship with Jesus Christ."* (The Message Bible)

Freedom without virtue is not freedom.

Rev Colby Smith

Inside...

July events, birthdays, anniversaries and more

Vacation Bible School 2023: Pets Unleashed

Thank you to all who helped make this year's VBS so much fun!
We had **46 children** that attended most evenings so it was a great group!



Volunteers are the secret weapon of every VBS and we were blessed with amazing FCC volunteers! There were 17 adults and 11 of our Middle and High School youth that volunteered their time! Please thank the following when you see them!

Adult volunteers included Penny Vaught, Connie McVicker, Sherrie Horn, Julie Jones, Kellie Jones, Nancy McMurray, Becky Whited, Margaret Jones, Darell Rickmers, Mike Tracy, Terry Dachenhaus, Molly Cooper, Sueann Rice, Stephen Hinkle, Patricia Calvert, Linda Dachenhaus, Jane Boyd and Pastor Colby.

Our youth played a huge role this year and included Sarah Kate Taylor, Serenity Smithers, Becca Hoffman, Kierstyn Gibson, Jenny Wilson, Addison Cash, Emma Taylor, Chloe Darnell, Kate Hoffman, Kendall Williams, and Emery Herron.

KIDS CORNER

Kid's Club Summer Events!



Sunday, July 9th

Noon-2:00 p.m.

Destination Unknown!

We will pile into the church van, and get clues every few blocks until we figure out our destination or arrive, whichever comes first. Bring a friend and come join the fun!

Sunday, July 30th

Get Air Lexington

Noon-3:00 p.m.

Don't miss the fun as we flip, jump, climb, and play at this indoor trampoline park.

FCC pays half of event admission!

Friends are welcome but will need to register in advance. More info coming via text/email.



Acolytes needed for fall!

This important role is a chance for children in 2nd-8th grade to be an integral part of Sunday morning worship as they carry the light into and out of the sanctuary.

Orientation Meeting

Sunday, August 6th

Immediately following worship

Experienced acolytes are needed that morning as well to help teach our new acolytes. Meet at the Welcome Table.

Contact Patti for more information or to sign your child up.

For questions about Children's programs, contact Patti Wright

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

News & Announcements

Soup and Cookie Success

On June 17th we had such a wonderful donation of cookies that we were able to use all homemade cookies! Thank you to everyone who makes SOU happen and the made-with-love treats are very appreciated by the recipients.

Based on request from Dr. Larry Scott

4 Cans 4 Others

We have collected a total of 34,400 cans after receiving 116 in June, bringing to the total this year to 460. Let's keep bringing four cans every Sunday. The Salvation Army appreciates each and every donation for needy families!

Based on information from Terry Dachenhaus

Our Preschool and Early Elementary Children need you!



Children's Worship & Wonder is a wonderful program that gives children ages 4 through 2nd grade the opportunity to experience the wonder of Bible stories and elements of the worship experience in a developmentally appropriate way. Each Sunday morning two adults are needed for this program as **Storyteller** and **Greeter**.

Greeters meet the children after the Children's Chat and escort them to the room. They assist the storyteller, take attendance, prepare snacks, and do not have anything to prepare ahead of time. The **Storyteller** presents the story using an easy to follow manual that provides all the information they need to tell the story using beautifully made wooden figures. Storytellers usually read the story and get the materials ready before worship on their scheduled weeks.

We are currently in need of more storytellers and greeters to share the responsibilities. Worship & Wonder is scheduled August-May but takes a break during the summer months. If you are interested in learning more about this important program, please contact Patti.

There will be a **Virtual Worship & Wonder Training** on Friday, September 8th (6-9 pm) and Saturday, Sept 9th (9-noon) and anyone interested is invited and encouraged to attend.

Patti Wright

Prayer Concerns

Darell Rickmers
Gary Gibson
Jane Boyd
Charlotte Hopper
Steve Bruce
John Taylor Ross
Jan Sheffield
Margaret Milburn
Bill Morgan
Mary Lou Withers
Bonnie Wilson
Bill Barker
Mike Tracy

Michael Gretton
Barbara Cash Rankin
Mike Tracy
Debbie Cline Pope
Mike Anderson
Karen Rickmers
Heather Lockhart
Jenny McClure's Brother
Rodger Morris
Britt O'Brien
Donna Brown VanHook
Paul Gwaltney
Linda Fisher

Keep Grieving Families in Prayer

*Jan Edmiston
Jackie Fowler's Father
David Newhall
Milton Cash*

Shut-In / Homebound

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

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

Giving Thanks

Thank you for the wonderful Senior recognition. For as long as I can remember, First Christian has been a part of my upbringing. I am truly blessed to have this community and will forever be thankful.

*Love,
Ella Grace*



We simply cannot thank you enough in helping to provide transportation for our 2023 Ginny Eklund Day Camp. Your role in the camp was crucial in helping us to be successful. We look forward to working with you in future camps, etc.

*Walk in love,
David Roberts
Director of the 2023 Ginny Eklund Camp*

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Help Wanted

We are in need of Communion Preparers! If you have done this in the past, please return to help! Training will be provided for anyone new to the process. Preparation usually takes 30-no more than 40 minutes and can be done anytime over the weekend, including early Sunday morning.

Please contact:

Church Office (859-236-4006) or
Jane Boyd at home (859-236-2061)

Many Thanks!

Jane Boyd

Why we Sing?

This is the connection to an article in Sunday's Washington Post. According to the article, singing with others lessens anxiety, stimulates memory, and helps increase lung capacity.

A National Endowment for the Arts study even suggests that for older adults there's evidence of fewer falls, doctor visits and prescription drugs. It's also just fun and part of the "joyful noise" that God asks of us.

Take care.

Larry

[Click here to read "Singing is good for you, Singing with others may be even better." TWP](#)

Connections Book Study | July 2nd

On July 2, after church, the Connections book study group will be discussing the final three stories from God Stories written by Andre Dubus, Joe Ashby Porter, and John Updike. Our discussion focus will be questions 6 and 9.

Jan Bradshaw

Georgianne's 90th Birthday | July 8th

An open house-style birthday party is held at 2:00pm at 131 Betsy Ross Lane for Georgianne Smith. Please no gifts, your friendship is a gift itself!

Neil Smith

News & Announcements

Fireworks Show | July 4th @ 9:00pm

The annual Danville Fourth of July Fireworks Show is scheduled for 9:00 p.m. on Monday, July 4th at Millenium Park.

The Connections Ministry Team recognizes a potential for both offering a service and for fun fellowship at the same time. To enable church families to attend the firework display that might not otherwise be able to go, FCC is offering to provide transportation. The thought is to meet up together in FCC's primary parking lot. At 8:30 p.m. step-in buses will transport everyone together to a good vantage point for viewing. Once on-site, the folding lawn chairs everyone is encouraged to bring will be unloaded and set up for all. Once the display concludes, the bus will transport everyone together back to the church parking lot.

Issues of various sorts should not be obstacles to enjoying a fun evening at a community firework display. Great company, exciting fireworks, and a fun evening out is good for body and soul.

Please contact the church office to RSVP to ensure everyone can be accommodated! (859) 236-4006

Rev. Colby Smith

7 Round the Table | July 22nd

We will be gathering once again on Saturday evening, July 22nd. Come by yourself or with another person.

Please sign up at the Welcome Table or call the church office if you will be able to attend. For more information contact Mary Ann McGlothlin at 859-396-7109 or maryann.mcglathlin@gmail.com.

Mary Ann McGlothlin

Back to School Block Party | August 29

The Outreach team will be hosting an FCC table at the Back to School Block Party at Millennium Park on August 29 from 12 to 9 PM. Anyone interested in helping with promotion of our children's programming and/or games or prizes at the table should contact Patricia or Brian Calvert (calvertz@bellsouth.net)

Patricia Calvert

July 2023 Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 10:30am Al-Anon
2 10:45am Worship Book Connection 2pm Morning Pointe	3 9am Body Recall 10am Bridge 10am Tai Chi 6:30p Parents/Addict	4 <i>Closed for Independence Day</i>	5 9am Body Recall 10am Healthy Back 6:30pm Ladies AA	6	7 9am Body Recall 10am Healthy Back 7:30pm Jaywalkers 8pm Al-Anon	8 10:30am Al-Anon
9 10:45am Worship	10 9am Body Recall 10am Bridge 10am Tai Chi 6:30p Parents/Addict	11 6:30pm Soul Squad	12 9am Body Recall 10am Healthy Back 6:30pm Ladies AA	13 9am Connections Meeting	14 9am Body Recall 10am Healthy Back 7:30pm Jaywalkers 8pm Al-Anon	15 7:30am Soup's On Us 10:30am Al-Anon
16 10:45am Worship	17 9am Body Recall 10am Bridge 10am Tai Chi 6:30p Parents/Addict	18	19 9am Body Recall 10am Healthy Back 6:30pm Ladies AA	20 7pm Church Board Meeting	21 9am Body Recall 10am Healthy Back 7:30pm Jaywalkers 8pm Al-Anon	22 10:30am Al-Anon 6:30pm 7 Round the Table
23 10:45am Worship	24 9am Body Recall 10am Bridge 10am Tai Chi 6:30p Parents/Addict	25	26 <i>Highlights</i> 9am Body Recall 10am Healthy Back 6:30pm Ladies AA	27	28 9am Body Recall 10am Healthy Back 7:30pm Jaywalkers 8pm Al-Anon	29 10:30am Al-Anon
30 10:45am Worship Elder's Lunch	31 9am Body Recall 10am Bridge 10am Tai Chi 6:30p Parents/Addict					

July 2023

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<i>1</i> Teresa McGhee
<i>2</i> Susan Montgomery McDowell	<i>3</i> Abbie Brown *Jerry & Kay Dunn*	<i>4</i> Bill Owens	<i>5</i> Hugh Coomer Brenda Bryant *Alice & Jay Reynolds*	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i> Marshall Wilt
<i>9</i> Denise Babcock Eden Gover	<i>10</i> Patricia Calvert	<i>11</i> Georgianne Smith	<i>12</i> Ellie Pennington Abbie Pennington Becca Hoffman	<i>13</i>	<i>14</i> Tom Ensslin	<i>15</i> Laura Hoffman *Howard & Mary Ann Wilson*
<i>16</i> John Powell *Elmer & Suzi Jackson*	<i>17</i> Mary McKitric Melissa Marlowe Tal- ley Ainsley Shartzter	<i>18</i> Laurie Kirk Clark Bradshaw	<i>19</i> Bill Barker	<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i> Larry Davidson
<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> Asher Hamlin	<i>25</i> Amy Bradshaw Will Kirk	<i>26</i> *Butch & Janie Pass*	<i>27</i> *Heather & Vince Pennington*	<i>28</i>	<i>29</i> Kristan Paynter *Cheryl & Gary Gibson*
<i>30</i> Tonia Darnell *Jeff & Libby Joiner*	<i>31</i> Jan Henson *David & Karen Rankin*					

Service Roster July

	July 2	July 9	July 16	July 23	July 30
Worship Leader	Jacob Cooper	Margaret Clark	Larry Scott	Mary Ann McGlothlin	Joey Kirk
Elders at the Table	Jane Boyd Martha Caywood	Doug & Nancy McMurry	Evelyn Guerant Butch Pass	Tom Huckleberry Vince Pennington	Ruth Sigler Brent Williams
Deacons	Brent & Kandi Williams Terry Dachenhaus Dave May	Eben Henson Kasey Wilson Kelli & Cory Jones	Brent & Kandi Williams Kelli & Cory Jones	Eben Henson Dave May Wendy & Rodger R	Kasey Wilson Dave May Wendy & Rodger R
Greeters	Jeanette Barbour Katie Powell	Terry & Linda Dachanhaus	Youth		Libby & Jeff Joiner
Stewards	John Caywood	Elmer Jackson			
Children's Chat	Debbie Baker	Patti Wright	Jacob Cooper	Darell Rickmers	Martha Bryant
Children's Summer Worship	Patricia Calvert	Linda Dachenhaus	Molly & Jacob Cooper	Penny Vaught	Patricia Calvert
Children's Church	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Nursery	Mary McKitric	Trista Hinkle	Kendall Williams	Kris Hamlin	Trista Hinkle
Acolytes					
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	Molly Cooper?
Other	Morning Pointe		Shut-In Communion	Elder's Lunch	

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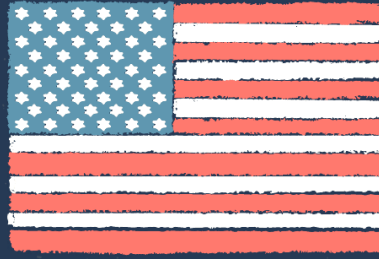
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Danville 4th of July Fireworks



9:00 p.m.

Monday, July 4th

Millenium Park.

Sign up to go as a group!

Take part in our small groups!
Groups for books, different ages, and more including:
Soul Squad: Millennials and Gen Z
7 Round The Table: A bread breaker-like event

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