

# THE CHARLEROI CHRISTIAN

## First Christian Church

*(Disciples of Christ)*

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## Celebrating the Changing Season



**Pastor Charlie**

As I sit and write on a beautiful Monday morning in late September, the fall colors are just starting to arrive in our part of southwestern Pennsylvania. You drive along the roads, and you see the first hints of the yellows, reds, and oranges that soon will assault our senses.

Each tree is a little different than all the rest, just as each one of us in this community of faith is a little different than all the rest. Actually, I believe that even each leaf may be a little different from all the others.

God likes to mix things up – and so we celebrate the diversity that we find in nature. We also celebrate the very diverse relationships that we each share with God and with each other.

Just like the trees, no two of us are exactly alike. We each bring different gifts to bear. Each of us contributes to God's work in his or her own way.

As Paul writes in his second letter to the church in Corinth: "Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body — whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free — and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many."

Out of our many parts comes great strength. Out of our beautiful, sometimes mind-bending diversity arises the one indomitable community of God's people.

With God's help, each one of us – unique and special, each in our own way – has the ability to do great things for the furtherance of God's kingdom. It

requires only that we listen closely for God’s voice – for his guidance – which comes through the nudging of God’s one Holy Spirit.

During this beautifully changing season, I encourage you to listen closely for the quiet whisperings of the Holy Spirit. Fully engage in your own unique and special relationship with God.

Do that, and great things will happen as we all – each of us – fully engage with God and with God’s faithful community.

– **Pastor Charlie**

## **In Case You Missed Them: Links to Past Sermons**

If you’re reading this on your computer or smart phone, click on one of these links to catch up on Pastor Charlie’s sermons for the past month.

\* Sept. 27, 2020, Philippians 2:1-16, Finding Salvation:

<https://youtu.be/8fFuoVNXJr8>

\* Sept. 13, 2020, Exodus 16:2-15, Following God’s Example:

[https://youtu.be/MyCjJeAga\\_w](https://youtu.be/MyCjJeAga_w)

\* Sept. 6, 2020, Romans 13:7-14, The Armor of Light:

<https://youtu.be/Ar34SBEjefA>

### **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

Oct. 6	Diane Gray
Oct. 9	Bob Grant
Oct. 9	Dennis Caldwell
Oct. 10	Ellis White
Oct. 10	Sharon Griffith
Oct. 15	Mary Valla
Oct. 21	Jeannie Pfile
Oct. 22	Elijah McCurdy
Oct. 23	Heather Cramer
Oct. 24	Sue Latour
Oct. 30	Debbie Caldwell



Oct. 1	Cindy & Tim Buell
Oct. 1	Marla & Ed Gould
Oct. 5	Tony & Judy Gaisbacher
Oct. 8	Raenelle & Brian Franklin
Oct. 11	Jennifer & Jeremy Snipes
Oct. 14	Marie & Nathan, Sr. Miller
Oct. 18	John & Jeanne Pfile
Oct. 25	Bruce & Melissa Pendleton
Oct. 29	Brian & Rosemary Reinhardt

# Please Join us for Worship

We have **FOUR options** for you to participate in worship on Sunday mornings. Please take advantage of one of them:

## 1. **In-Person Worship in our Sanctuary**

Join us for Sunday morning Worship in our Sanctuary! Please enter at our Main Entrance where we will be waiting to greet you! Masks are required, and we ask that you continue to social distance.

## 2. **Virtual Worship on Facebook LIVE**

Join us for Worship from the comfort of your home via Facebook. Log onto the church's Facebook page and click on our LIVE Worship at 10:45 am. People with vulnerable health conditions are strongly encouraged to join us online (or via conference call.)

## 3. **Tele-Worship Conference Call**

Join us by telephone conference call on Sunday mornings at 10:45 am by calling 724-203-9348. PIN: 920457#  
Pastor will include you in our Worship Service.

## 4. **Outdoor Worship in our Pavilion**

Outdoor Worship allows for folks to enjoy Worship in the beautiful outdoors. Seating is setup in the pavilion for folks to social distance with or without masks. Outdoor Worship will be available through the month of October, weather permitting. In inclement weather, the Fellowship Hall will be open for those who cannot wear a mask. We ask that you please enter the Fellowship Hall entrance, and follow social distancing.

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## Our Prayer Letter Ministry Continues

Margie D'Antonio sent out 15 prayer letters in September. The prayer letters are very uplifting and so enjoyable to get. If you know of anyone in need of a prayer letter, contact Margie at 724-239-2560. She will gladly get one sent out.

Thank you for the stamps. God bless your kindness.

"But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry." 2 Timothy 4:5

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## Nominating Committee Forming

It's that time of year again: a committee is forming to nominate board members and other church officers to serve during the coming year. If you should happen to receive a phone call from this group, please prayerfully consider saying 'yes' to whatever they ask of you.

# Pastor Appreciation on Oct. 18

October is Pastor Appreciation Month. We will honor Pastor Charlie and Laurie on Sunday, Oct. 18 during our Worship Service. Please also commit to pray for our pastor throughout the month of October.

## 31 Days of Praying for Pastor Charlie

1. Prayer Life: Romans 12:12
2. Bible Study Time: Joshua 1:8
3. Love for God: Luke 10:27
4. Guarded Heart: Proverbs 4:23-27
5. Integrity: Proverbs 10:9
6. Good Character: Titus 2:7-8
7. Thought Life: Philippians 4:8
8. Wisdom: Psalm 37:30
9. Purpose: Proverbs 19:21
10. Friendships: 1 Corinthians 15:33
11. Patience: Ecclesiastes 7:9
12. Discernment: 1 John 4:1
13. Strong Marriage: Ephesians 5:25
14. True Joy: James 1:2
15. Strong Family: Colossians 3:20-21
16. Protection from Evil: Psalm 91:9-10
17. Grow in Humility: Micah 6:8
18. Balanced Life: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
19. Being a Good Shepherd: 2 Timothy 4:2
20. Powerful Preaching: Colossians 1:28
21. Using Time Wisely: John 9:4
22. Renewal: Isaiah 40:30-31
23. Edify the People: 1 Thessalonians 5:11
24. Servant's Heart: Mark 10:43-45
25. Steadfastness: 1 Corinthians 15:58
26. Strength: Philippians 4:13
27. Vision: Habakkuk 2:2-3
28. Ministry Team: 1 Corinthians 1:10-31
29. Heart for Revival: 2 Chronicles 7:14
30. Growing Faith: Colossians 2: 6-7
31. Financial Wisdom: Hebrews 13:5



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## A STEWARDSHIP REMINDER

**PLEASE REMEMBER:** JUST BECAUSE YOU MAY NOT BE AT CHURCH ON A GIVEN SUNDAY, THE LIGHTS ARE STILL ON, THE FURNACE AND AIR CONDITIONERS ARE STILL IN USE, THE CUSTODIAN HAS CLEANED THE CHURCH, AND THE BILLS STILL NEED TO BE PAID. SO, IF YOU HAPPEN TO MISS A SUNDAY (OR THREE OR FOUR SUNDAYS) **PLEASE MAKE UP YOUR PLEDGE/OFFERING.** THANK YOU!

# Trunk or Treat Set for Oct. 25

First Christian Church of Charleroi will be holding its Annual Halloween Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 25 from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm. We need you to help us provide children and parents of Fallowfield Township and surrounding communities with a SAFE place to Trick or Treat and an OPEN invitation to meet our church family. Setup will be at 5:30 pm. Please bring treats to share and have fun by decorating your trunk. Let's show our community what a "treat" our church is!

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## Our Joys and Our Concerns

At First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Charleroi, we are a community of faith rooted in our relationships with God and with each other. Here are some of the folks we're talking to God about right now:

- \* Family and friends of Jodele Vandernitte. Jodele passed away on Monday, Sept. 28, following a brief battle with cancer. We expect to celebrate her homegoing at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 2, at the Spallino Funeral Home.
- \* Family and friends of Karen Hartman. Karen passed away on Saturday, Sept. 19. We celebrated her homegoing on Thursday, Sept. 24, at Melenyzer Funeral Home.
- \* Don Zippay, husband of church custodian Wendy Zippay, is hospitalized with life-threatening issues related to intestinal blockages. Requested by: Betty Jo
- \* Loretta Jackson (a friend of Darla White's) of Canton, Ohio. Ms. Jackson was diagnosed with lung cancer, and was scheduled for a medical procedure on Wednesday, Sept. 30.
- \* Katie (Garnet Krutz's dog), continuing seizures.
- \* Terrible accident reported on Highway 43 on Sunday morning, Sept. 27.
- \* A joy: Malinda Griffith (daughter of Tom and Sharon Griffith) moved into a newly purchased home with her two dogs on Tuesday, Sept. 29. We celebrate with Malinda!
- \* Bill Marks, recovering following a fall from a ladder. Requested by: Paula Barndollar
- \* Joy Vince, a co-worker of Mary Valla's, scheduled for knee surgery on Wednesday, Sept. 23. Requested by: Mary
- \* Jennifer Erdely (Mike and Sherry Erdely's daughter-in-law), recovering following an emergency appendectomy. Requested by: Sherry
- \* Jane Odroneic (Mike Erdely's mom), receiving physical rehabilitation following a fall that resulted in a fractured femur. Requested by: Sherry
- \* David, a 12-year-old boy with heart issues. Requested by: Garnet Krutz
- \* Erica Merando and Frank Machen, whose dog is recovering after being electrocuted. Requested by: Garnet
- \* We remember the Sept. 11 attacks.
- \* Bob Gilpin, who experienced complications from double-eyelid surgery on Wednesday, Sept. 2, at Mercy Hospital. Jennifer is taking good care of him.
- \* JoAnna Frederick, health concerns. Requested by: Sarah McCurdy
- \* Patty Strychalski, continued health issues related to a cancer diagnosis.
- \* Deloris Karpiak, health concerns.

# Under Long-Term Prayer Care

Our Leaders *	Marlene Celaschi *	Jarrold Williams*
Our Troops *	Ellis & Darla White *	Betty Jo Matesich *
Richard Evans *	Bill & Garnet Krutz *	Nancy Lessman*
Rose Bird *	Rocky Renk *	Sherry Ballentyne *
Grace Vandernitte *	Father Bob Hanna *	Kristin Delval *
Karin Brightwell *	Missy Pendleton *	Armand Lorenzi *
Justin Sutch *	Young Bruce Pendleton *	Grace Godles *
Jane Odroneic*	Alicia Hruby *	Sarah Matay*
Bertha Zollars *	Ruth LoNigro *	Doug Colvin
Lois Buberniak *	Hannah Simpson*	Cindy Buckley *
Michael Erdely *	Gage Peters*	Dave & Chrissy Zoltun*
Rich & Margie D'Antonio *	Jack & Debe Mckita*	Mike Shingleton*
Jessica Beimel*	Terri Brownfield*	Mary Jabbin *
Small Businesses *	Laverne Giordanengo*	Yvonne Orsatti *
Joe & Sarah McCurdy & family		

## 'LIGHT UP THE DARKNESS' ON OCT. 4th

Come! Join us on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m., in person or on Facebook Live, for our Tele-A-Friend "Relay for Life" Luminaria Ceremony Honoring our Survivors!!! Help us to Light Up the Darkness that is CANCER!!! Purchase one Luminaria or more (\$5.00 each) for the "Line and Shine" in the Church's Parking Lot!!!

If you are planning to attend the Luminaria Ceremony, you can sign-up at the Relay Luminaria table in the church's hallway on Sunday morning, Oct. 4. If you have a question, contact us at 724-489-9014 Monday through Friday, 10 am-1 pm. **Social distancing and masks are required!**

**If you are able to help the day of the Ceremony, please call Betty Jo at 724-483-8351.**

## Calendar Highlights

- Worship, 10:45 a.m. every Sunday
- 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, Board Meeting
- Sunday, Oct. 18, Pastor Appreciation Sunday
- Monday, Oct. 19, Reports Due for Annual Report
- 6 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25, Trunk or Treat (setup at 5:30 p.m.) (No Halloween party this year.)