

# FORT LEWIS CHRISTIAN INFORMER

JUNE 2022

Established June 1926  
FORT LEWIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
(Disciples of Christ)  
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## CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. John P. Dunstan	Interim Minister
Rev. Dr. Terry Elkins	Pastor Emeritus
Bobbie Morris	Church Secretary
(serving since March 1967)	e-mail: <a href="mailto:sec.flcc@gmail.com">sec.flcc@gmail.com</a>
Donita Moore	Minister of Music
Gary Baldwin	Minister of Drama
	Nursery
Dana Witt	Pre-kindergarten to kindergarten
Amanda Murphy	grades 1 - 5
Sid Witt	grades 6 - 12

## WORSHIP PLANS

ALL OF US THAT LOVE THE CHURCH ARE  
NEEDED TO HELP BUILD IT BACK.  
**HELP WANTED - RIGHT NOW!**

Worship Service is being held in the sanctuary  
and on YOUTUBE and FACEBOOK. Before  
you enter the sanctuary, pick up your bulletin  
and communion.

*THE MISSION OF  
FORT LEWIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
The Mission of this Congregation shall be to  
glorify God's grace through the proclamation  
of the Good News of Jesus Christ throughout  
our Community and the World.*

## WITHIN THE CONGREGATION



Jewell Epling, room 233WC,  
Richfield Health Care Center, 3719  
Knollridge Rd., Salem, VA 24153

Jackie Reynolds, Oaks at Richfield Living, 3706  
Knollridge Rd., Salem, room 202A.

Karen Shelor, Waddell Nursing and Rehab, 202  
Painter Street, Galax, VA 24333.

Thelma Wilkes, Richfield Living, The Health Center-  
Salem Campus, room 219, 3719 Knollridge Rd., Salem

**HOME BOUND:** Brandy Dickerson and  
Mike Prillaman

## ONGOING RECOVERY:

Terry and Carol Oliver, Bill Epling, Edith Good,  
Helen Garrett, Maxine Hance, Eva Gordon  
Mark, Fredia & Larry Blankenship, Don Dye,  
Cliff Whitley, Guy Jackson, Gary Good,  
Dana Witt, Robbie Francisco, Wayne Ayers,  
Wayne Craig, Kati Wright, Sandy Mischianti,  
Esta Griggs, Chris Morris, Helen Granger,  
Lucy Prillaman, Monique Carroll, Dawn Grant,  
David and Carol Brown, Betty Harrison,  
Jennifer Bradford, Indy Oyler, Ricky Pinkerman,  
Lance Brewer, Glenn Prather, Doris Harris,  
Heather Lawrence, Allen Moran, Harvey Howell,  
Nichols family, Alouf family, Dale Byington,  
Nastassia Huddleston family, Marc Golden,  
Carol Jackson, Ernest Moore, Carol Duncan Esau,  
Cecily Morgan, Bari Neighbors, Terry Wingfield,  
Steven Brown, Tom Cook, Pete Broughman,  
David & Sharon Moran, Trish and Josh Hepler,  
Terry McVey, Patsey & Ortie Boyd, J. L. Gordon,  
Dorothy Thompson, Daniel, Arin and Jack Lowe,  
Diana Smith, Betty Williams, Jerry Cronin,  
Peggy Nixon, Glenn Prather, Teacher and  
students in Ukraine,

- ~ Glenn Prather is recovering from neck (cervical) surgery.
- ~ Gary Baldwin spent a couple of days at the VA Hospital with diverticulosis.
- ~ Lucy Prillaman, mother to Nelson and Ron, continues to recover at home.

~ Our deepest sympathy to Vickie Richardson and Peggy Carroll on the loss of their dad, Sherman Chisom, who passed away Sunday, May 22, 2022.

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**NOTE:** Any corrections to this list - (add a name or remove a name) let Bobbie Morris know. The newsletter is the only place this extended list of names will appear.

**\*Our CONGRATULATIONS to our GRADUATES:**

- ~ Sam Richardson graduated from Liberty with a Bachelors May 2022.
- ~ Maddie Richardson graduates from Salem High School June, 2022.
- ~ Isaac Crockett graduated from Northside High School May 2022.
- ~ Kevin Jones received certifications for Technology from Woodrow Wilson Workforce in May 2022.
- ~ Sarah Jones graduates from Salem High School June 2022.
- ~ Allie Mitchem graduates from Salem High School June 2022.
- ~ Kirsten and Ryan Crouch graduated from Glenvar High School with honors in May 2022.
- ~ Emily Sheppard graduated with honors from Duke School of Divinity in May 2022. On Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> her ordination service was held at First Christian, Salem.

- ~ Spencer Curtiss graduated from Project Search (a classroom and job training he's been doing for the past year)
- ~ Rachel Prather graduated from Franklin Co. High School, May 2022.

**\*Our CONGRATULATIONS to Sam Richardson and Josiah Cook who were married May 20, 2022.**



Pvt. Marisa Baumann,  
 First Lt. Tom F. Faucher 111,  
 Wally Puckett, Kaleb Gallimore,  
 Zack Setchel, Lindsey Roop,  
 Jason and Melissa Gilley, Jordan Griffin and  
 all other Military Troops

**\*ADULT STUDY GROUP** will resume in September, meeting at 9:30 AM in the Hearts and Souls Sunday School class room and begin a study of *Galatians/Ephesians* (letters by Paul). We have selected the version by William Barkley. Books will again be provided to the class. We encourage anyone who would enjoy this study to come on Sunday mornings. We will again rotate teaching.

**CHURCH WIDE YARD SALE  
 JUNE 3 AND 4 - 8am - 3pm**

Here is the yard sale link to Craigslist  
<https://roanoke.craigslist.org/gms/6385920234.html>

We will be setting up on Monday, May 30, 9:00 AM - so bring all your 'goodies' and stay and help set up. Also, don't forget those good **BAKED ITEMS** for the bake sale. Questions, call Betty Richardson 389-1313.

**\*YOUTH/CHILDREN CHURCH** inside at 10:30 AM on Sunday morning.

**\*Regional Assembly**

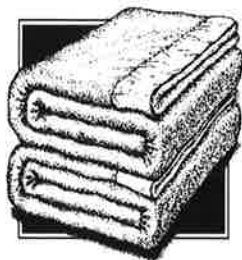
June 4 - University of Lynchburg - go on line to register (ccinvaoffice@gmail.com)

**\*RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE** at FLCC will be on Monday, June 6, 2022 from 1:00 - 6:00 PM. You can schedule your appointment now at redcrossblood.org. There is a national shortage of blood so any help would be greatly appreciated. If anyone would like to bring sandwiches/cookies, etc., please have them in the kitchen area by noon on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Thanks for your help!

~ George Hales

**\*DISCIPLES WOMEN'S MINISTRY** will not meet in June (due to having the yard sale)

Reminder: flavoring, nuts, dish cloths, for sale, see Bobbie Morris



Instead of printing a Mother's Day and Father's Day booklet, which we have done in the past, this year we will be collecting

donations for blankets that will be sent to Church World Service for Ukraine. We will be collecting until June 26.

**Blankets just \$5.00 each**

**\* SENIOR SOCIAL SOCIETY** will meet on Wednesday, June 8, at 9:00 AM at Famous Anthony's for breakfast.

**\*ELDERS WILL MEET MONDAY, JUNE 13, 5:00 PM.**

**\*CHURCH BOARD MEETING** will be held Monday, June 13, in person and on zoom.

**\*VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** - Sunday, June 12 - Thursday, June 16, from 6:00 - 8:00 PM, for preschool to rising 6 grades. We will combine with First Christian Church and it will be held at First CC. Teens are welcome to help! The theme will be "Wilderness Escape (God guides and provides)". We will follow Moses through the wilderness. There was a special training date of May 25<sup>th</sup> so we hope all who are helping was able to attend. You can pick up a registration form from the church office.

**\*2022 CRAIG SPRINGS**

**CAMP SCHEDULE:**

Nature Camp = June 20-24

Grand Camp = June 24-26

CAMPDD Camp = June 27-July 2

Special Camp = July 3-8

Triple 1 = July 10-15

New Covenant = July 17-22

Triple 11 - July 24-29

Family Retreat = July 29-31

**PICK UP A REGISTRATION FORM FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE**

## "GET OFF YOUR CAN!"



We're talking about exercise with a twist. Picture it . . . Get your body movin', listening to contemporary Christian music, while helping the food pantry. How is that possible you ask?

### **EVERY MONDAY - 10:00 AM IN THE DISCIPLE HALL**

Instead of weights, each person is asked to bring 2 cans of beans, or soup, or corn (the list goes on). - OR - 2 bags of beans, or rice, etc. After class, the cans, bags of food are collected for the **FOOD PANTRY**.



\*Salem-Roanoke County Food Pantry is now at their permanent quarters at 829 Indiana Street, Salem. Support the pantry by

bring non-perishable food items to the church and place in the donation basket as you enter the building.

**\*There will be another WORK  
WEEKEND AT CRAIG SPRINGS  
OCTOBER 7-10-2022**

## **JUNE ANNIVERSARIES**

Ron & Kristi Prillaman 6/1/1996  
Paul & Amanda Murphy 6/2/2012  
Roggie & Ashley Agner 6/2/2012  
Guy & Sharon Jackson 6/7/2014  
Glenn & Alice Prather 6/8/1980  
Don & Dot Dye 6/10/2000  
Jerry & Linda Willis 6/10/2011  
David & Carol Brown 6/12/1997  
Mike & Pat Prillaman 6/19/1960  
Mark & Diana Curtiss 6/20/1992  
Scott & Debbie Repsher 6/30/1995

## **JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

Jill Moran (1), Cliff Whitley (2),  
Eva Gordon (2), Makenna Prillaman (3),  
Hunter Jones (6), Ellen Richmond (9),  
Jordan Griffin (10), Cindy Jones (11),  
Mark Burnette (11), Brandy Dickerson (13),  
Tristan Vass (15), Bryce Eaton (15),  
Micayla Barnes (17), Joshua Prillaman (18),  
Todd Baldacci (23), Gregg Ayers (24),  
Haden Murphy (26),

**\*JOAN DORSEY CLOTHING CLOSET** at South Colorado and Seventh Street in Salem is open each Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9AM to noon. Clothing is free and does not require a referral from a social service agency. (jeans and winter coats are rationed) Clothing is now received at times the closet is open. Some household articles such as bedding and kitchen utensils are available. This is only one of several programs of the Salem Area Ecumenical Ministries supported by a dozen of the city's churches. If you have new or gently worn coats, men, women or children, the Clothes Closet will be glad to take them.

## JUNE SERMONS/SCRIPTURE

CALL TO WORSHIP WILL BE THE SAME EVERY SUNDAY

Come, let us Worship the Lord in Spirit and in Truth

June 5

Scripture: Acts 2:1-8

Sermon: Enter the Holy Spirit

June 12

Scripture: Acts 4:32-37

Sermon: Spiritual Giving

June 19

Scripture: Exodus 20:12

Sermon: Bless You Father

June 26

Scripture: Luke 20:20-26

Sermon: Give God His Due

\*Check out the bulletin board for the sign-up sheet (also see attached information) needing people to help and get more involved with our young people. We ask that you prayerfully consider helping with and be a part of the rotation of teaching and planning things with our youth/children programs as a whole, bringing new ideas and thoughts. Together this will hopefully expand our program and allow the church to build more unity and since of community across all age groups.

### FORT LEWIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT GENERAL FUND

BEGINNING BALANCE \$82,009.92  
(includes general fund, outreach, reserves)

April 2022 deposit \$13,042.25  
Givelify deposits \$ 1,170.10

TOTAL DISBURSEMENT \$13,908.87

ENDING BALANCE \$82,309.40  
4/30/2022

### KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM BUILDING FUND FUNDRAISER

### FORT LEWIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH BUILDING FUND

BEGINNING BALANCE \$49,901.18

April 2022 deposits \$1,686.81  
(pledges, givelify, memorials, Kroger)

Disbursements \$4,465.20

ENDING BALANCE \$47,122.79  
4/30/2022

**CAN YOU HELP** - WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO BE AVAILABLE TO HELP WITH OUR CHILDREN/YOUTH PROGRAMS BY SIGNING UP TO HELP WITH AND BE A PART OF THE ROTATION OF TEACHING AND PLANNING THINGS, BRINGING NEW IDEAS TO THE GROUPS.

Currently the 3 classes we have at this moment are:

Dana Witt class - Pre-K

( Set program/lesson plans avail )

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Amanda Murphy - Elementary school level

( Set program/lesson plans avail )

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Sid Witt - Mid/high school level

Little more challenging as there are no set of lesson plans as we try and follow the teachings of the seasons or even what God brings the night before or morning of. The lesson is created by YOU by studying scripture on your own and putting a plan together for the day that you feel led or inspired about. (We stick to what the bible scripture says and study these scripture in depth).

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With your help, we look forward to moving this program and the church in a good forward direction as we are excited about the arrival of a new minister in our future.

## ELDERS ECHO

The prophet Micah asked, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God!" (Micah 6:8) I have always been captivated by questions such as these. I believe that I have a real responsibility when it comes to faith and action (and thinking as Jesus mentioned). Another question that was asked of Jesus was "What is the greatest Commandment?" Jesus spoke right out of his Hebrew/Jewish Legacy and Faith. He quoted from the Shema (Hebrew for 'Hear'): "Hear O Israel! The Lord is our God, and Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your might". (Deuteronomy 6:5) Jesus amplified the Shema as he added the words: "This is the first commandment. The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these". (Matthew 12:29-31) This thread is woven throughout the Gospels and Epistles.

We are living in a time of great questioning with many different answers coming from all sides and even the sides are many. As we enter the summer season may we take some time to ask and answer the just two questions: "What does the Lord require of you (me/Fort Lewis Christian Church)? What is the greatest Commandment?"

~ Jennie Sue Murdock, Elder

**PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERINGS** will be taken May 29 and June 5 that support new churches and evangelism.



## TRUSTING JESUS WITH MONEY

The Gospel of Luke (20:19)  
Bring us a story Treachery  
and Brilliance.

The scribes and chief priests wanted to trap and arrest Jesus. Could they possibly trick Jesus into saying something He could be arrested for. So they sent spies, pretending to be humble and honest. They asked Jesus, "Is it lawful for a Jew to pay taxes to Caesar?"

If Jesus said no he would be against Roman Rule, if he said yes he would be encouraging the conquered Jews to support their captors. Seems like a fool proof trap.

Jesus response was perfect: "Give Caesar what belongs to Caesar!" - (that is only right). But Give to God what belongs to God. Jesus counter-trick is that "Everything Belongs to God".

In the month of June we will be studying, preaching and teaching about what belongs to God. "Give God His Due" is the motto. We will begin a new and exciting program of faith/giving. It is new for me and I am excited about the future of Fort Lewis Christian Church.

Give to God the things that are God's  
**As Always,**  
Dr. John Dunstan

"Pastoral Concern - Not enough adults have been signing up to lead Moments with Children in our worship service. We have been putting moments with children in the bulletin often as a leap of faith. To be fair to the children, if there is no one to do moments with children, we will not print in the bulletin. **PLEASE SIGN UP - YOU CAN DO IT!**

# **FORT LEWIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

To: Whom It May Concern  
From: Ron Prillaman, Treasurer  
Date: May 8, 2022  
Re: Treasurer Report, April 30 Financials

Monthly contributions in April were not sufficient to fund expenses. A cash deficit of \$3,557 was realized as April was an off month financially. However, donations made in 2022 have been sufficient enough to produce a surplus in both the General Fund (GF) and Building Fund (BF) through the first four months of 2022. Donations overall have improved compared to the same time frame in 2021 which is a welcome sign as the Church continues its post pandemic re-opening run.

Donations in April 2022 for the GF totaled \$11,285 compared to \$8,989 in April 2021. Monthly donations were lower than last month when a large lump sum donation was received. Expenses totaled \$12,821 and again consisted primarily of personnel and occupancy related expenses. There were no large unusual expenses noted in April. A monthly deficit of \$1,536 was realized. GF contributions year to date totaled \$52,640 with a cumulative surplus of \$3,998. Unrestricted cash in the GF totaled \$56,696 which would be sufficient to cover 4 months of expenses based on expenses realized so far in 2022.

BF donations totaled \$2,450 in April with the monthly mortgage of \$4,465 being the primary cash need. A cash deficiency of \$2,021 was realized for the month. Despite BF contributions not being sufficient to cover cash expenses, donations were larger than what was realized in April 2021 of \$1,221. The BF has received \$19,836 in contributions year to date and realized a cumulative cash surplus of \$1,897. Cash in the BF checking account can cover around 11 mortgage payments if needed due to an emergency situation. Historically the Church has maintained a Facilities Reserve for anticipated and unanticipated premise needs. Currently the Reserve has not been funded and prompt building needs would have to be accommodated from BF checking.

Outreach receipts in April totaled \$1,375. The bulk of donations are for Easter and Wee Care Baskets with funds also received for the Disciple Women Blankets drive, Week of Compassion, donations for Ukraine, and Soup for Seniors. Activity in the Committee Reserve accounts was minimal.

If I can answer any questions, please call me at (540) 761-1998.