

FORT LEWIS CHRISTIAN INFORMER

JULY 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
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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 Center, 3719
Knollridge Rd., Salem, VA 24153

Jackie Reynolds, Richfield Health Center, 3719
Knollridge Rd., Salem, VA 24153

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

Thelma Wilkes, Richfield 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, Lee Morris, Betty Rice, Jennifer Bradford, Indy Oyler, Ricky Pinkerman, Glenn Prather, Heather Lawrence, Allen Moran, Harvey Howell, Nichols family, Alouf family, Dale Byington, Betty Richardson, Ryan Pry, Nastassia Huddleston family, Marc Golden, Ernest Moore, Carol Duncan Esau, Joy Carter, Lance Brewer, Peggy Nixon, Cecily Morgan, Bari Neighbors, Terry Wingfield, Steven Brown, Tom Cook, Pete Broughman, Terry McVey, David & Sharon Moran, Trish and Josh Hepler, Patsey & Ortie Boyd, J. L. Gordon, Dorothy Thompson, Daniel, Arin and Jack Lowe, Diana Smith, Betty Williams, Jerry Cronin, Teacher and students in Ukraine,

~ Joy Carter has been fighting 'long term covid' for about 2 months.

~ Lance Brewer is at the Mayo Clinic for tests.

~ Doris Harris, sister to Harriette Lawrence, fell and broke her leg and is now at Friendship South for rehab.

~ Betty Richardson is recovering from pneumonia.

~ Ryan Pry has been diagnosed with MS and has started special treatments.

~ Randy Vaughn, brother to Pat Hales, continues to recover from heart by-pass surgery.

NOTE: Any corrections to this list - (add a name or remove a name) let Bobbie Morris know.

***CONGRATULATIONS** to Dr. Jacob and Amanda Torres on the birth of their daughter, Olivia Rose Torres, born June 9th. Proud grandparents are Jerry & Linda Willis.

Our deepest sympathy to Guy and Sharon Jackson on the loss of Guy's mother, Carol, who passed away June 19, 2022. Also, to Brent and Kevin Richardson and families on the loss of his great uncle, Buck.



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

*Thank you to all who donated blood on our last drive on June 6, 2022. 11 pints of blood were donated. The Red Cross had established a goal of 20 pints. Thanks also to the several individuals that made and brought snacks for the blood drive. Our next blood drive is scheduled for August 1, 2022. ~ George Hales



***THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND DONATIONS** for blankets for Ukraine.

We collected \$1,545.00, blankets (+ what has been given on June givelify). Deadline will be June 30.

***DISCIPLE WOMEN** will meet Wednesday, July 6, at 10:00 AM. Our program will be Lesson 4, *Esther: "Heart-Mind-Soul" - A Woman's Connection with Christ*. Read the Book of Esther and bring your Bible.

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

***ELDERS WILL MEET MONDAY, August 8, at 5:00 PM.**

***CHURCH BOARD MEETING** will be held Monday, August 8, in person and on zoom, 6PM.

*** SENIOR SOCIAL SOCIETY** will meet on Wednesday, July 13, at 9:00 AM at Famous Anthony's for breakfast.

*Check out the bulletin board for the sign-up sheet 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. Also, sign up to read scripture, lighting altar candles and moments with children.

***POOL PARTY!** See attached flyer and be sure to SIGN UP on bulletin board or call the office, we need a headcount.

We'd like to have a POOL PARTY at the Salem Racquet and Swim Club (1431 Red Lane, Salem) on Saturday, July 16th from 5PM - 8:30PM. Please sign up at the main Bulletin Board near the Sanctuary or let Bobbie Morris know. We need to get a reasonable headcount to determine if there is enough interest to proceed and an idea of how many party treats to have if it's a go.

Pool Party!



"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**

MONDAY MADNESS (MORE IS HAPPENING)

9:00 AM - SIGN CHOIR

9:30 AM - LINE DANCE AROBICS

**10:00 AM - GET OFF YOUR CAN
EXERCISE CLASS**

11:00 AM - DRUM CIRCLE

(for more detailed information, see Gary)

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**.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - 2022

Fort Lewis joined together with First Christian in Salem for VBS in June. The theme was Wilderness Escape and we learned about Moses' and the Israelites' escape through the Red Sea as God made a way for them. And we learned about how God provided manna and quail and how God gave them the strength to defeat the Amalekites. We also learned about Passover and about how God gave us the ten commandments. We learned how the Israelites lived in tents in the desert and how they made bread and butter. We learned about camels and how the Israelites made their own sandals and how they made jewelry from the sand all around them and we learned how to weave. And we learned to trust God because He is always with us and gives us what we need.

Leaders, helpers, youth helpers and children all had a blast! And we learned that when you say *Shalom* to someone you are wishing God's peace for them.

So thanks to all our kids and adults who participated in 2022 VBS. Teachers and students attending: Susie Sheppard, Diana Curtiss, Carol Brown, Fentress Boley, Paul and Amanda Murphy, Bobbie Oyler, Ali Brown, Wren Prillaman, Harper, Hanna and Hayley Agner, Haden, Collin and Luke Murphy and Lark Prillaman.



*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.

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Sid & Dana Witt 7-3-1998
Mark & Fredia Blankenship 7-7-1950
Mark & Heather Burnette 7-21-2016
Terry & Carol Oliver 7-24-1971
John & Mollie Dunstan 7-24-2001
Dan & Bobbie Oyler 7-30-1966

JULY BIRTHDAYS

David Brown (1), Glenn Bowe (5),
Danielle Whitley (8), Helen Garrett (8),
Myra Barger (8), Olivia Look (8),
Jackson Hartman (9), Howard Hartman (11),
Mark Curtiss (11), Amanda Murphy (13),
Isaac Crockett (15), George McMillan (17),
Kevin Jones (17), Erin Widener (18),
Butch Boley (19), Xander Burns (19),
Sarah Jones (22), Kristi Prillaman (27),
Roggie Agner (27), Wilder Lee (30),



Just wanted to take a moment to thank everyone for their prayers, calls, cards, food, etc. during the past ten months. As a family, we have had some really exciting times as well as some really devastating times. We never imagined we would lose Mom so suddenly last August or that Dad's diagnosis with Stage 4 lung cancer would happen so soon after. Followed by Mackenzie's nasal surgery that didn't have the expected outcome that we had hoped and then dad's difficult time with chemotherapy. Next was the devastating fire that caused Peggy and David to lose their home and their belongings. Fortunately, we were able to celebrate some happy moments too! Sam's college graduation which was followed two weeks later by her wedding and Maddie's prom. However these occurred the weekend that Dad passed so we went from an extreme high to an extreme low in less than 48 hours. We finished out this 10 month roller coaster ride with Maddie's

graduation from high school. We really couldn't have gotten through all this without our faith in the Lord nor without our family, friends, and you - our church family. We truly appreciate all the love and support that you have shown us.

~ Vickie and Brent Richardson

FORT LEWIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT GENERAL FUND

BEGINNING BALANCE \$82,309.40
(includes general fund, outreach, reserves)

May 2022 deposit \$16,059.45
Givelify deposits \$ 2,578.65

Disbursements: \$13,658.66

ENDING BALANCE \$87,288.84
5/31/2022

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

BUILDING FUND FUNDRAISER BUILDING FUND

BEGINNING BALANCE \$47,122.79

May 2022 deposits \$760.00
(pledges, givelify, memorials, Kroger)

Disbursements \$4,465.20

ENDING BALANCE \$43,417.59
5/31/2022

***JOAN DORSEY CLOTHING CLOSET** at South Colorado and Seventh Street in Salem is open each Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings from 9AM to noon.

***A THANK YOU FROM THE SALEM KIWANIS CLUB** - "Thank you for being a Hole Sponsor for our Salem Kiwanis golf tournament again this year. We also thank you for putting a team in the tournament. We hope your team enjoyed their round of golf at the beautiful Hidden Valley Country Club. Your generous contributions helped greatly with the success of our event and was very much appreciated".

*Thanks to all who come out and work on odd jobs around the Church property.



GOOD THINGS HAPPENING THESE DAYS

Vacation Bible School was a smashing success. A wonderful group of workers and leaders and teachers from FLCC helped to create a Great Bible School Experience for many children. It was exciting to hear the children at Sunday Worship tell us all about the Great Christian Event that was Vacation Bible School last week. Our thanks to our adults that worked so hard to give our kids a wonderful week of learning, fellowship and fun. I hope we can build on this year's success to look forward to the future of VBS.

Bobbie tells me that on Monday mornings we often have a gaggle of people walking around our parking lot wearing strange clothing. I figure that must be the GET OFF YOUR CAN exercise group stirring around and stretching their legs and their mountain attitudes. You are welcome to join them on Monday mornings for exercise, fellowship and fund. They also collect food for the food pantry. You can be an athlete and a Good Samaritan at the same time.

We have a whole lot of folks watching our Worship services on UTUBE every week. The record shows that 11,200,147 people tuned in last week. We are working hard to get the

number higher for next week. Tune in and check us out. Many members worked for months to get us this high quality program on UTUBE and FACEBOOK. If you would like us to bring you communion like we use in Worship, please call the church office and tell Bobbie.

Our attendance at church is growing. Come and fellowship with us. Home is wonderful, but it isn't Church.

**At your service,
Dr. John Dunstan**

SERMON AND SCRIPTURE

**CALL TO WORSHIP WILL BE
THE SAME EVERY SUNDAY:
THE LORD IS GOOD, HIS MERCIES ARE
EVERLASTING, LET US WORSHIP THE LORD
TOGETHER**

JULY 03

Scripture: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

Sermon: Preaching Jesus

JULY 10

Scripture: Luke 10:25-37

Sermon: How to Inherit Eternal Life

JULY 17

Scripture: Luke 10:38-42

Sermon: Are You Driven to Distraction?

JULY 24

Scripture: Luke 11:1-13

Sermon: Jesus, Teach Us to Pray

July 31

Scripture: Luke 11:13-21

Sermon: Be Rich Toward God

<p>2022 YARD SALE TOTAL \$7,184.73 that will benefit the building fund</p>



Since all of our graduates have graduated by now, it's only fitting to recognize them again:

***Sam Richardson** graduated from Liberty in May with a Bachelors. Also, we congratulate Sam and Josiah Cook on their marriage in May 2022.

***Maddie Richardson** graduated from Salem High School in May.

***Isaac Crockett** graduated from Northside High School in May.

***Sarah Jones** graduated from Salem High School in June 2022.

***Allie Mitchem** graduated from Salem High School in June 2022.

***Kirsten and Ryan Crouch** (twins) graduated from Glenvar High School with honors in May 2022.

***Rachel Prather** graduated from Franklin Co. High School in May 2022.

***Kevin Jones** received certifications for Technology from Woodrow Wilson Workforce in May.

***Spencer Curtiss** graduated from Project Search (a classroom and job training he's been doing for the past year)

***Emily Sheppard** graduated with honors on May 7th at the Duke School of Divinity and she was ordained at First Christian, Salem, on May 29, 2022.

Fort Lewis Christian Church Board Meeting June 20th, 2022

Call to Order & Prayer - Paul Murphy and Ellen Richmond

Board Members Present: Paul Murphy, Ellen Richmond, Roger Lacy, Jerry Brittain, Carol Brown, Ron Prillaman Non-Voting
Absent: Judy Oliver, Vickie Richardson, Linda Willis Non-Voting, Diana Curtiss

Minutes of the April 11th 2022 Board Meeting: Minutes were sent to the congregation via the Church's Newsletter. Jerry made a motion to dispense of the reading of the minutes. Ellen seconded and all members approved.

Financial Reports - Ron Prillaman provided a detailed financial report to the Board. Attached to file with minutes.

Minister's Report - Pastor John Dunstan noted that he believes that attendance and mood have been consistently improving within the church. He believes the church is finding its rhythm and is set to begin its next phase of church growth and development. Overall, he is pleased with the current state of the church.

Ministry Reports:

~ **Elders** - Roger Lacy gave his report. Attached to file with minutes.

~ **Stewardship/Finance** - Dan Oyler gave his report. Attached to file with minutes.

~ **Worship** - Diana Curtiss was absent, but the Board discussed options on how to increase volunteers for Moments with Children during service. No decisions were made.

~ **Search and Call** - Sid Witt was absent, but members of the Board who also serve on the Search and Call Committee noted that the committee is actively reviewing resumes for a full-time pastor and working with the regional minister, Bill Spangler-Dunning, during the process.

~ **Audio/Visual** - Jerry Brittan gave his report. Attached to file with minutes.

Other Old Business:

~ **Facility Updates** - Paul Murphy noted no update at this time other than what was discussed at the previous meeting.

~ **VBS Update** - Paul Murphy thanked those that volunteered to assist the joint VBS effort between First Christian in Salem and Fort Lewis. The program was a success and several families from Fort Lewis attended. A young Mr. Collin Murphy noted that he wished VBS went for two weeks!

New Business:

~ **Letter from Dan and Bobbie Oyer** - attached to file with minutes. Dan discussed the need to add activities and start planning events to attract new members while keeping existing members engaged. The Board had a lengthy discussion on the challenges facing the church (and all churches) post-COVID shutdown. Dan will work on forming a committee or discussing the issue with church families in the congregation.

~ **Craig Springs DOC Camp Donation** - Paul Murphy discussed the option of donating to Craig Springs. The Board discussed and decided to send a one-time check of \$300 to be revisited on an annual basis. Roger made the motion, Jerry seconded, and all voted in favor.

~ **Liberty Alarm System** - Paul Murphy discussed an option to bundle all alarm inspection and monitoring into one service. The bundle would be a cheaper option than what is currently being paid. Roger made a motion to approve, Jerry seconded, and all voted in favor.

~ **Piano moving** - Susie Sheppard discussed options on moving the choir room up-right piano to another location so the baby grand piano can be used in the choir room. Several ideas were discussed. Susie will research and discuss with several members and report back to the Board.

Next Meeting - August 8th, 2022, 6:00 PM,
at Church and via Zoom

Closing Prayer - Ellen Richmond



ECHOES

Matthew 22:34-39 New International Version (NIV)

The Greatest Commandment

³⁴ Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. ³⁵ One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: ³⁶ "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" ³⁷ Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

Sometimes we make our faith take a hard path! We agonize over the potential sins of life. Make no mistake, they appear to us every day of our lives. Some are just simple ones and others are a lot more complex. Sometimes we don't even think about them at all - just as the shoe ad tells us - just do it! Sometimes we can conquer our sins with discipline - sometimes we give in and do it! Sometimes we look at the 10 commandments: only worship God; don't worship idols; don't misuse God's name; remember the Sabbath; honor your parents; do not kill; do not commit adultery; do not steal; do not lie; do not covet others. Some of these are very easy for us to obey, while others are much harder!

But really, the solution is simple - condense the passage from Matthew above and post it on your bathroom mirror where you will see it every morning when you get ready for the day.

To paraphrase the words above:

"...Love the Lord your God with all you heart, soul and mind; and Love your neighbor as yourself."

Now - Just Do It!

~ Dan Oyler, Elder