

FORT LEWIS CHRISTIAN INFORMER

AUGUST 2022

Established June 1926
FORT LEWIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ)
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Rev. Dr. John P. Dunstan	Interim Minister
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Dana Witt	Pre-kindergarten to kindergarten
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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, 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
3719 Knollridge Rd., Salem, VA 24153

HOME BOUND: Brandy Dickerson and Mike Prillaman

ONGOING RECOVERY:

Continue prayers for the following:

Guy Jackson, Steven Brown, Cecily Morgan, Helen Garrett, Joy Carter, Carol Oliver, Terry Wingfield, Betty Richardson, Glenn Prather, David and Carol Brown, Harvey Howell, Tom Cook, Allen Moran, Marc Golden, Bari Neighbors, Carol Duncan Esau, Lance Brewer, Edith Good, Maxine Hance, Mark, Fredia and Larry Blankenship, Don Dye, Cliff Whitley, Dana Witt, Robbie Francisco, Wayne Craig, Kati Wright, Sandy Mischianti, Esta Griggs, Helen Granger, Chris Morris, Monique Carroll, Betty Rice, Gary Baldwin, Annis Eaton, Heather Lawrence, Nichols family, Alouf family, Pete Broughman, Pruitt family, Ryan Pry, David & Sharon Moran, Patsey and Ortie Boyd, Jennifer and Indy Bradford, Eva Gordon, Ernest Moore, Terry McVey, Diana Smith, J. L. Gordon, Peggy Nixon, Dorothy Thompson, Travis Eaton, John Aker, Trish and Josh Hepler, Betty Williams, Daniel, Arin and Jack Lowe, Wayne Ayers, Ricky Pinkerman and family, Jerry Cronin, Dawn Grant, Gale Bair, Sam Mountcastle, Dale Byington,

Lucy Prillaman, Joyce Lyons, Doris Harris,
Nastassia Huddleston family, Teacher, Olena
Motsar and her students from Ukraine

~ Annis Eaton continues to recover from a
broken shoulder.

~ Joy Carter continues fighting 'long term covid'.

~ Lance Brewer was at the Mayo Clinic where he
had exploratory surgery on Friday, July 15th, to
try and diagnose his medical condition. A number
of biopsies were taken and it might be two
weeks before they get any results.

~ Travis Eaton, grandson to Tobie and Annis, fell
off the dock at work and broke his shoulder.

~ Gale Bair, friend to Robbie Francisco, has been
diagnosed with pancreatic cancer

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



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



Our next blood drive at Fort
Lewis Christian Church will be on
Monday, August 1, 2022 from 1-6
pm. You can schedule your
appointment now at redcrossblood.org. There
has been a severe shortage of blood and has
been for 2 years due to the impact of Covid.
Please donate if you are able. If possible,
encourage your co-workers, friends and/or
relatives. If anyone would like to bring
sandwiches, cookies, etc., please have them in
the kitchen area by noon on August 1, 2022.

~ George Hales

*We welcome into the fellowship of FLCC,
Pat Byrd, who placed her membership with
us on Sunday, July 17, 2022.

*Correction for your church directory:
New address for Dustin, Danielle, Sawyer
and Reed Mark - 6308 Hidden Hill Circle,
Roanoke, VA 24018

***THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND
DONATIONS** for blankets for Ukraine.
We collected \$1,545.00.

***DISCIPLE WOMEN** will meet Wednesday,
August 3, at 10:00 AM. Our program will be
Lesson 5, *The Power of Silent Moves*. The
scripture is II Samuel 21:1-14.

***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, August 10th, 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.

"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**.

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Allen & Jane Watson 8-4-2001
Terry & Becky Elkins 8-5-1989
Ken & Esta Griggs 8-6-1983
Jeff Terry Criner 8-8-2018
Brent & Vickie Richardson 8-10-1996
David & Peggy Carroll 8-21-1999
Paul & Kathy Comer 8-24-1962

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Katy Grieco (1), David Carroll (2),
Baya Grieco (6), George Hales (6),
Jackie Reynolds (9), Wayne Craig (9),
Zachary Curtiss (15), Teddy Lee (17),
Harriette Lawrence (19), Sarah Sheppard (19)
Jerry Brittain (25), Carol Brown (25),
Allen Watson (26), Allie Mitchem (28),

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

*Again this year we want to collect school supplies to help Fort Lewis Elementary.

Here is a list of needed items:
disinfectant wipes (Clorox, Lysol, etc)
dry erase markers - paper towels
baby wipes - stickers - brads - pencils
sharpies - erasers/eraser caps for pencils
popsicle sticks - pipe cleaners - duct tape
masking tape - scotch tape - index cards
soft pencil pouch - play dough
sheet protectors - bottled water (8 oz)
plain white envelopes (large or regular size)

**Mini-Concert for School Supplies
Collection Project - In support of the
school supplies, you're invited to
bring your donations at 10:15 AM on
August 7th and enjoy listening to
special music before our worship
service.** A box will be placed in the
gathering area to drop off supplies. We
hope you will give generously!

Anything will be greatly appreciated!

**FORT LEWIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH
FINANCIAL REPORT GENERAL FUND**

BEGINNING BALANCE \$87,288.84
(includes general fund, outreach, reserves)

JUNE 2022 deposit \$9,487.00
Givelify deposits \$1,916.87

Disbursements: \$14,371.40

ENDING BALANCE \$84,321.31
6/30/2022

**KROGER COMMUNITY
REWARDS PROGRAM**

**FORT LEWIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH
BUILDING FUND FINANCIAL REPORT**

BEGINNING BALANCE \$43,417.59

JUNE 2022 deposits \$10,627.80
(pledges, givelify, memorials, Kroger)

Disbursements \$4,465.20

ENDING BALANCE \$49,580.19
6/30/2022

YARD SALE TOTAL: \$7,165.75

***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.

*Thanks to those who spend time at the church pulling weeds, changing lights, etc. Keep up the good work!



*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.

ELDERS ECHO

Once upon a time there was a young man who moved to a small town in Virginia. This young man lived a very simple life as a carpenter, building and repairing furniture and toys. He had no TV or radio. He made just enough money to buy food and the wood he needed for his trade. The folks in town were curious about him....but they were also drawn to his genuine kindness and compassion. He treated everyone with acceptance and love, without judgement. He got along with everyone and seemed to genuinely like being with people. But he was content and happy living alone. He seemed to understand so much about the scriptures and spent his free time in the evening in conversation with God.

This is a fictional story of course.....an author's idea of what it might be like if Jesus came to live among us now. Maybe not too far-fetched, really. What if you had a new neighbor move in and he seemed odd somehow.....maybe he looked different or had different ideas or beliefs than you? Would you welcome him? Or would you let fear keep you away? What do you think Jesus would want you to do? He commanded us to love, never judge, regardless of what someone looks like or what they believe. If we could talk to each other in a kind and loving way and get past our differences we might just find out that we are not so different. We all want to love and be loved.....and wouldn't the world be a much better place.

~ Susie Sheppard, Elder



TEAMMATES IN CHRIST

I am reading a book. The unusual title is, "The Apostle Paul, The Man You Loved to Hate." The female author says

that The Apostle Paul was to her as her mother in law, Fearsome and distant at first with many prohibitions and judgments but as you spend the years with her she becomes a trustworthy guide and friend. After all, it occurs to you one day, she raised the man you chose to live with. Sometimes her advice, teaching, and demands are just ahead of your time. You have to live into her wisdom. Then she passes, you look back and think, Wow, I learned so much from her. It must have been very difficult for her to get my attention, because when I married her son I already knew everything.

The author lifts up some of Paul's eternal themes. One of them is Teambuilding. Everywhere Paul went he built up the church. Sometimes he encountered a small congregation and sometimes he moved into a situation where the people would say, "We have never heard of the Holy Spirit".

Paul was hand chosen by God to Deliver the Holy Word of Life. Many of us resist being told what to do or how to do it. This seems to be part of the human condition. Of course, Paul's job was to redeem the human condition starting with you. The person in the mirror. Paul writes, " Stand firm in One Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel. The gospel is meant to bring all people together not divide them. All are on the same team: Christ's Team. Teammates in Christ Jesus. The gospel is bigger than all of us put together and Paul understood that reality. Paul understood that separately we can barely dent the darkness of the world around us. Together, as teammates, we can faithfully accomplish whatever tasks or challenges the Lord calls us to.

Jesus lived and died to build the church. So did Paul. Both of them call on us to follow them.

A mole hill today and a mountain tomorrow, But faith moves both mole hills and mountains. As you begin to make your plans for Fall be sure to include time for your sacrificial work for God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. God loves a cheerful giver. This means time and effort as well as money. Time and effort may well be more valuable to God than your money. Don't let your team down. Keep in mind to do your part for the Master. And may your good deeds go ahead of you to a Blessed Future. It starts with your thinking and planning and turns into your actions. As my mother in law used to say "Make yourself worth the salt in your bread" (I have no idea what that means)

Keep up the Good Work
Dr. J.P. Dunstan

SERMON/SCRIPTURE FOR AUGUST

AUGUST 07

Sermon: Where is Your Heart?

Scripture: Luke 12:32- 40

AUGUST 14

Sermon: Are Your Eyes fixed on Jesus?

Scripture: Hebrews 12:1-3

AUGUST 21

Sermon: Jesus is Wonderful!

Scripture: Luke 13:10-17

AUGUST 28

Sermon: "Yesterday, Today and Forever"

Scripture: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

FORT LEWIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

To: Whom It May Concern
From: Ron Prillaman, Treasurer
Date: July 10, 2022
Re: Treasurer Report, June 30 Financials

The Church had a good month financially with a cash surplus of approximately \$2,404 for both the General Fund (GF) and the Building Fund (BF). Proceeds from the yard sale were strong and were the key to a positive month. Monthly recurring contributions were not sufficient to cover monthly operating expenses but the trend compared to last year continues to show improvement.

The chart below details performance this year relative to last year for the GF. While June 2022 was an off month, there was improvement noted compared to last June. The trend is even more evident using year-to-date information. Expenses were running a little higher last year at this point, but that could be the result of when items are billed. Both time periods in 2022 showed improvement in donations with no unexpected GF expenses realized. Again, personnel and occupancy-related costs account for the bulk of Church-incurred expense. The surplus provides a nice cushion if more off months are realized.

	Contributions	Expenditures	Surplus/(Deficit)
Month of June 2022	9,670	11,645	(1,975)
Month of June 2021	9,010	13,425	(4,415)
YTD through June 2022	77,838	71,317	6,521
YTD through June 2021	72,456	74,407	(1,951)

The BF had a great month because of yard sale proceeds. Total contributions to the BF were \$8,858 which easily exceeded the monthly mortgage payment of \$4,465. There is also a cumulative year-to-date surplus of approximately \$3,300. However, monthly contributions to the BF were \$1,597 in May and \$1,510 in June. If July donations are at a similar level realized in May and June, the yard sale generated surplus will be expended. That being stated, cash in the BF checking account will cover 11.1 mortgage payments and does provide a cushion of time for improvement.

Outreach receipts totaled \$920 in June and consisted primarily of the Pentecost offering and Disciples Women's blanket drive.

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