

FORT LEWIS CHRISTIAN INFORMER

OCTOBER 2022

Established June 1926
FORT LEWIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ)
2931 WEST MAIN STREET
SALEM, VIRGINIA 24153
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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: sec.flcc@gmail.com
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, Richfield Living
Willow Cottage, 3719 Knollridge Rd.,
Salem, VA 24153

Jackie Reynolds, Richfield Living, 3719
Knollridge Rd., Salem, VA 24153

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

Thelma Wilkes, Richfield Living - Willow Cottage,
3719 Knollridge Rd., Salem, VA 24153

HOME BOUND: Brandy Dickerson and
Mike Prillaman

ONGOING RECOVERY:

Continue prayers for the following:

Bill Epling, the Oaks, Richfield Living,
Guy Jackson, Steven Brown, Cecily Morgan,
Joy Carter, Carol Oliver, Tom Cook,
Terry Wingfield, Betty Richardson,
Glenn Prather, David and Carol Brown,
Harvey Howell, Allen Moran, Marc Golden,
Bari Neighbors, Carol Duncan Esau,
Lance Brewer, Edith Good, Maxine Hance,
Don Dye, Cliff Whitley, Dana Witt,
Mark, Fredia, Larry and Debbie Blankenship,
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,
Ernest Moore, Patsey and Ortie Boyd, Pat Byrd,
Jennifer and Indy Bradford, Eva Gordon,
Terry McVey, Diana Smith, J. L. Gordon,
Peggy Nixon, Dorothy Thompson, Travis Eaton,
Trish and Josh Hepler, Wayne Ayers,
Doris Harris, Daniel, Arin and Jack Lowe,

Ricky Pinkerman and family,
Jerry Cronin, Dawn Grant, Gale Bair,
Sam Mountcastle, Steve Jacobs,
Dale Byington, Lucy Prillaman, Joyce Lyons,
Nastassia Huddleston family, Agnes Shores,
Charlie and Guida Lefler, Larry Graham,
Cochran family, Allen Watson, Jac Brittain,
Susie Gipson, Teacher, Olena Motsar and her
students from Ukraine

- ~ Susie Gipson is in ICU at Lewis Gale with pneumonia. Sister to Joy Carter and Pat Cox.
- ~ Agnes Shores, mother to Debbie Respher, is at her home with Debbie as caregiver to both parents. Agnes will have home health and home therapy.
- ~ Joy Carter continues fighting 'long term covid'.
- ~ Lance Brewer continues with infusions.
- ~ Travis Eaton, grandson to Tobie and Annis, continues to recover from a broken shoulder.

*Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Helen Garrett who passed away September 3, 2022. Pat Cox, Joy Carter, Susie Gipson and families. Also, to Debbie Repsher and family on the loss of her aunt, Clara Watson, who passed away September 13, 2022.



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

'Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us...bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. In Jesus Name, Amen'

***Reminder** - when leaving the church, be sure all doors are locked, lights off and check air and/or heat.

***On the bulletin board, see sign-up sheets for:** moments with children, lighting altar and memorial candles, reading scripture and there is a sheet for congregation members to suggest songs they would like to sing during worship service. Also, we are 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.

***ADULT STUDY GROUP** resumed, Sunday, September 25, 9:30 AM, meeting in the Hearts and Souls Sunday School Class. NO cost for the class.



**American
Red Cross**

Our next blood drive at Fort Lewis Christian Church will be on Monday, October 3, 2022 from 1-6 pm. Schedule an appointment 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 October 3, 2022.

Thanks, George Hales

***RECONCILIATION OFFERINGS** was taken September 25th and will be taken again on October 2nd. Reconciliation is a special mission of the Christian Church (DOC). It began in the 1960's as a response to victims of American racism. In the years since, Reconciliation has been a partner with local religious and secular groups in the struggle to overcome racism. Make your check out to the church and mark it for reconciliation.

***WATER CRISIS IN JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI** is a fast-moving situation. If you would like to help with bottle water, we can make monetary donations to Week of Compassion. Make your check out to the church and mark it WOC or water for Mississippi.

*Continued help is still needed for **Ukraine**. Give to Week of Compassion! (mark your check for Ukraine)

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

***DISCIPLE WOMEN** will meet Wednesday, October 5, at 10:00 AM. Lesson 7

~ "Called For Such A Time as This" is the theme of the Virginia Disciples Women's Ministry Fall Retreat to be held October 14-16, 2022 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Lynchburg.

~ **NEW PRICES:** Pecan halves \$10.75, Pecan pieces \$10.50, black walnuts \$11.50, 15 different flavors of Imitation flavoring (7 oz) \$3.00 each, natural flavoring (4 oz) strawberry \$10.25, \$8.25 each for maple, cherry, raspberry, brandy, blueberry, peach, dish cloths \$1.25 each.

***ROANOKE VALLEY CROP HUNGER WALK** Sunday, October 9, see attached flyer!

***ELDER'S meet** - October 10, 5:00 PM

***CHURCH BOARD MEETING** - October 10, 6:00 PM

***SENIOR SOCIAL SOCIETY** will meet on Wednesday, October 12, at 9:00 AM at Famous Anthony's for breakfast.

***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. Some household articles such as bedding and kitchen utensils are available.



Requests have increased and donations have decreased, so anything you can help with will be greatly

appreciated. Place in the baskets when entering the church.

***There will be another WORK WEEKEND AT CRAIG SPRINGS - OCTOBER 7-8-9, 2022**
see Susie Sheppard for information



ROANOKE VALLEY CROP HUNGER WALK

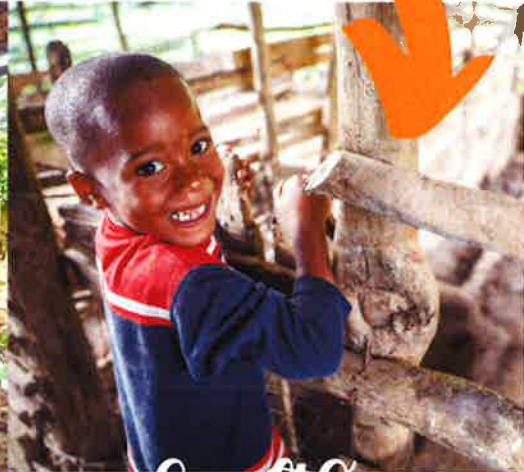
YOU CAN HELP TRANSFORM COMMUNITIES



nutritious FOOD



clean WATER



healthy KIDS

Sunday, October 9th, the WALK to fight against disease, disaster, and displacement, which causes hunger, happens in Roanoke. Join our fundraising effort to help our neighbors in the Roanoke region and worldwide get the meals needed for sustainable food security NOW and TOMORROW.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

You can participate as part of a team, or as an individual.
It is as easy as **1, 2, 3!**

1. Register today at www.crophungerwalk.org/roanokeva or scan the QR code.
2. Talk to friends, family and neighbors and invite them to join your team or sponsor you.
3. Join us in-person WALK DAY, Sunday, October 9th at First Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 2101 S. Jefferson Street, Roanoke, VA 24014. We will walk together to end poverty and hunger around the world.
Registration at 1:30pm; Step off at 2:00pm.



Funds raised support Feeding Southwest Virginia Community Solutions Center and the global ministry of Church World Service.

CROP HUNGER WALK
ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME



Sign up for Work Weekend HERE:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1lZ2KMTGdKucjRmbcAUBYd-n5dnMOjegBh7yqVJFxxHE/edit>

CRAIG SPRINGS

WORK WEEKEND!

We Need You!

October 7-9
Craig Springs Camp & Retreat Center
30 Craig Springs Cir, New Castle, VA 24127

If you can't make it in person, you can donate here by heading to the link and choosing "Craig Springs Capital Projects" from the dropdown list!

[HTTPS://WWW.CCINVA.ORG/ONLINE-GIVING](https://www.ccinva.org/online-giving)

Questions? (503) 877-0501 kwhitlow59@verizon.net

"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

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**.

*All ages accepted - chairs provided, however, if needed, you can use the whole time - work at your own pace - bring water - dress comfortable wear comfortable shoes for movement

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Jay and Katy Grieco 10-3-2003

Gary Baldwin & Barry Booher 10-21-2014

Ryan and Kellie Pry 10-24-2015

Chris & Stacy Harrison 10-24-2015

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Jane Watson (2), Alex Hunley (4),

Reed Marks (5), Gary Baldwin (6),

Jerry Willis (7), Brenda Johnston (11),

Dylan Prather (15), Abigail Jones (16),

Joy Rottkamp (17), Jane Wright (18),

Norman Morris (19), Mike Whitley (19),

Debbie Repsher (20), Matthew Oyler (20),

Heather Burnette (20), Bentley Campbell (21),

Rachel Prather (23), Jacob Harry (24),

Paul Comer (25), Lark Prillaman (25),

Iona Holland (27), Thomas Brewer (27),

Betty Richardson (27), Dustin Marks (28),

Gary Wright (29),



Dear Church family,

"Thank you all for the gifts and words of encouragement as I begin this next journey in life. I

appreciate each and everyone of you that has helped me grow and become the person I am today!" ~Wishing you and your families all

the best! **Love Allie Mitchem**

"Your kind expressions of sympathy is gratefully acknowledged and deeply appreciated. Thank you for the donation to the building fund and our gift cards". ~**The Garrett Family**

"Thank you so much for the school supplies for our school. The items were perfect and helped fill the voids of some of our most needed items. It was perfect. We appreciate you and all the ways you partnership with us at Fort Lewis Elementary School". ~ **Lisa Dixon**

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

BEGINNING BALANCE \$73,292.34
(includes general fund, outreach, reserves)

August 2022 deposit \$11,706.46
Givelify deposits \$1,200.43

Disbursements: \$11,586.73

ENDING BALANCE \$74,612.50
8/31/2022

**KROGER COMMUNITY
REWARDS PROGRAM**

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

BEGINNING BALANCE \$47,275.69

August 2022 deposits \$2,090.00
(pledges, givelify, memorials, Kroger)

Disbursements \$104.00

ENDING BALANCE \$49,261.69
8/31/2022

II. The world of things and technology has changed more during her lifetime than any other king or queen ever in history. She is the head of the Church of England but worships in the Church of Scotland. Her Royal Family has been challenged internally by every kind of difficulty. One of the British Royals has settled in America . And I thought we kicked the British out a few years ago. Princess Dianna was a challenge and the queenly grandmother sadly was forced to practically disinherit one of her younger male offspring. Being Queen for so many years and dying at the age of four score and sixteen, she has presided over more developments and changes in technology and culture than any other monarch ever.

As I listen to the clergy of Scotland and England present the oratory of her funeral I am reminded of the ancient nature of our faith. Some of the biblical readings are over three thousand years old. The ancient castles and cathedrals are a setting of life of yesteryear. But as I watch the ancient scenes of an ancient Royal Culture and ancient religious verbiage I am clearly reminded of the famous passage of scripture, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever".

When Elizabeth became queen the cheer went up for her, **GOD SAVE THE QUEEN**. This meaning, O God, give the queen long life and success. But today the ancient Cry, God Save the Queen, has a different meaning. From this day forward, God Save the Queen, is a prayer that God will accept her into His Loving Embrace, Bring Her into His Everlasting Kingdom, And bring her into Eternal Life. Today the King of All is saving the Queen of England in the most profound and eternal meaSURE.

From the Christian Church to the Church of England and Scotland let us together raise our thankful prayers on behalf of Elizabeth as we pray - **GOD SAVE THE QUEEN**, forever and ever Amen.

**Prayerfully,
Dr. John Dunstan**

God Save the Queen

It seems like the Queen of England, Elizabeth, has been on the royal throne of England forever. Being a student of

history, I know that England has had many many kings and queens. I like Elizabeth. She cut her political teeth while in her twenties in the face of World War



**SERMONS/SCRIPTURE FOR
OCTOBER 2022**

OCTOBER 02

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11:3-29
Sermon: Communion

OCTOBER 09

Scripture: Matthew 26:20-30
Sermon: Communion

OCTOBER 16

Scripture: John 6:53-59
Sermon: Communion

OCTOBER 23

Scripture: Luke 22:14-23
Sermon: Communion

OCTOBER 30

Scripture: Luke 19:1-10
Sermon: Communion: Eating with Jesus

**RESULTS OF THE CONGREGATIONAL VOTE
FROM SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2022**

Out of 64 votes, 46 voted "yes" and 18 voted "no". The vote required a 2/3 majority to pass; therefore the vote passes with 72% majority and Matt Cox will be offered the position of Full Time Minister.

~Paul Murphy, board chair

Also, thanks to all who set up tables, decorated, and furnished food for our "meet and greet" session on Saturday, September 17, 2022 and for the clean up!

ELDERS ECHO:

As we start "Fall", a new season in Nature, we as children of "God" should be starting a new time in prayer for each other and for our church.

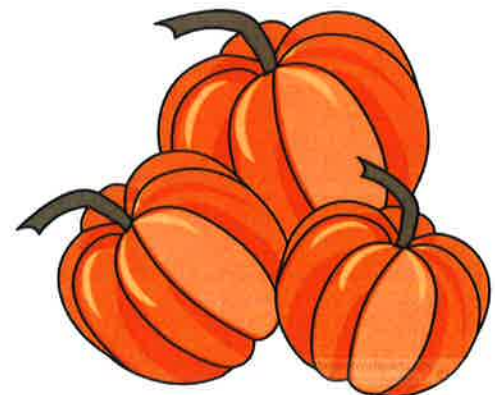
We have the opportunity by attending Sunday School, or Bible Class to move forward in our faith journey. None of us ever understand all that is written in the Bible, but we can all try to follow its teaching.

Do we let others see "Jesus" in our day-to-day activities? Are we pointing them toward eternal life with our savior?

God has given each of us a different talent - some teach, some preach, some cook or clean, some fight fire or crime, some are doctors or nurses.

All of us should be peace keepers! My prayer is for each of us to do Gods will for our life!

~In love,
Harriette Lawrence, elder





Harvest Festival

Come Join Us!

Saturday, October 15
4 pm – 7 pm

Fort Lewis Christian Church

2931 West Main Street – Salem, Virginia
540.380.4636 | www.flccsalem.org

GAMES & CRAFTS | TRUNK OR TREAT
CHILI COOK OFF
FOOD | CAKE & PRIZE WALK

Sign-up sheets on bulletin board outside office

4 pm

Kids: Games & Crafts
Adults: Decorate Your Car

4:30 pm

Deadline for Chili entries



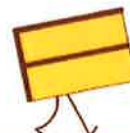
4:30 pm

Trunk or Treat Begins



5:00 pm

Let's E-A-T!
Chili & lots of other items



CAKEWALK

6:00 pm

Cake Walk & Prizes

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Salem, VA 24153

Return Service Requested



COME JOIN US AT
FORT LEWIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ)

AS WE

REACH UP TO GOD in worship and praise;

REACH IN OUR HEARTS and MINDS to discover our spiritual gifts;

REACH OUT to serve all people; and

REACH ACROSS BARRIERS for peace, justice and mercy