

# FORT LEWIS CHRISTIAN INFORMER

JANUARY 2023

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

Rev. Matthew Cox (December 4, 2022)	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
	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

Bill Epling, the Oaks, Richfield Living,

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:**

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, Dawn Grant,  
Mark, Fredia and Larry Blankenship,  
Robbie Francisco, Wayne Craig, Kati Wright,  
Sandy Mischianti, Esta Griggs, Helen Granger,  
Chris Morris, Monique Carroll, Betty Rice,  
Ryan Pry, Gary Baldwin, Heather Lawrence,  
Pete Broughman, Pruitt family, Gale Blair,  
David & Sharon Moran, Ernest Moore,  
Patsey and Ortie Boyd, Debbie Thompson,  
Jennifer and Indy Bradford, Terry McVey,  
Diana Smith, Susie Gipson, Peggy Nixon,  
Terry Elkins, Dorothy Thompson, Lynn Meek,  
Trish and Josh Hepler, Wayne Ayers,

Doris Harris, Sarah Wheeler, Steve Jacobs, Daniel, Arin and Jack Lowe, Jerry Cronin, Dale Byington, Ricky Pinkerman and family, Lucy Prillaman, Joyce Lyons, Don Shores, Nastassia Huddleston family, Dennis Carter, Guida Lefler, Larry Graham, Cochran family, Allen Watson, Susie Gipson, Dawn Derocher, Missy Richardson, Garland Humphrey's mother, Rebekka Dunstan, Maurie Sutton, John Sutton, Jim Maxwell, Janet Epling Shaw, prayers for mother and 3 children on the loss of husband/father, Rosemary Boardwine, Debbie Bourne, Teacher, Olena Motsar and her students from Ukraine

- ~ Joy Carter continues with health issues.
- ~ Debbie Bourne is home after time at Lewis Gale with blood sugar problems.
- ~ Mike Prillaman is home and continues his recovery after time at Lewis Gale. Since he is having trouble swallowing, he is with hospice four days a week. Also, keep Pat in your prayers.
- ~ Bill Epling continues with rehab at Richfield.
- ~ Rosemary Boardwine was a patient at Lewis Gale, with pneumonia.



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.

### **CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2023**

- ~ **Board Chair** - Dan Oyler
- ~ **Vice Chair of board** - Diana Curtiss
- ~ **Secretary of the board**- Cindy Jones
- ~ **Treasurer** - Ron Prillaman
- ~ **Financial Secretary** - Bobbie Morris
- ~ **Christian Education** - Sid Witt & Vickie Richardson
- ~ **Evangelism**, co-chairs - Bobbie Oyler and Judy Oliver
- ~ **Member Care**, co-chairs - Sandra Brewer and Linda Craig
- ~ **Property** - vacant
- ~ **Stewardship/Finance** - vacant
- ~ **Worship** - Susie Sheppard
- ~ **Outreach**, co-chairs - Carol Brown and Pat Hales
- ~ **Human Resources Designee** (in constitution) - Kristi Prillaman

**Chair of Elders:** Jerry Brittain

**Chair of Deacons:**

\*On the bulletin board, see sign-up sheets for: moments with children, lighting altar 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.

### **\*SEEKER'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**

Sunday, 9:30 AM, meeting in the Hearts and Souls Sunday School Class.

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

### **JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

Tobie and Annis Eaton 1-21-1966

### **JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Linda Craig (4), Thelma Wilkes (6),  
Bobbie Morris (8), April Bennett (9),  
Joyce Jones (9), Haylee Griffin (10),  
Sabrina Lee (11), Dave Barger (15),  
Glenn Prather (22), Kati Wright (22),  
Wren Prillaman (22),  
Mark Blankenship (23),  
MacKenzie Richardson (24), Ken Griggs (26),  
Guy Jackson (30), Bella Showalter (31),



Thank you to all who donated blood on our last drive on December 5, 2022. 22 pints of blood were donated. The Red Cross had established a goal of 17 pints. Thanks to Carmel Sheppard for advertising the blood drive on our sign in front of the church. Thanks also to Sandra Brewer, Pat Byrd, Annis Eaton, Patricia Hales, Margaret Lacy, Jennie Sue Murdock and a couple of angels whose names I missed who made and brought snacks for the blood drive. Our next blood drive is scheduled for February 6, 2023.

Thanks,  
George Hales

### **\*LOA SOUP FOR SENIORS -**

Help provide a hot meal on a cold day and remind thousands of seniors in need that the community has not forgotten them. We will start collecting food items NOW through the month of January and will be delivered on February 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. (we will need someone to deliver) We can also collect monetary contributions- (make your check out to the church and mark it for LOA soup) **SUGGESTED ITEMS NEEDED:** Soup, crackers, ramen noodles, canned meats such as tuna, chicken, Vienna sausages, canned vegetables, canned fruit, peanut butter, jelly, oatmeal or cream of wheat, cereal or cereal bars, carnation instant breakfast, ensure or boost. (low-salt, nutritious items are preferred)

**\*ELDER'S meet - January 9, 2023, at 2:00 PM**

**\*CHURCH BOARD MEETING - January 9, 2023 at 6:00 PM**

**\*SENIOR SOCIAL SOCIETY** will meet on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 9:00 AM at Famous Anthony's for breakfast.



*kindness*

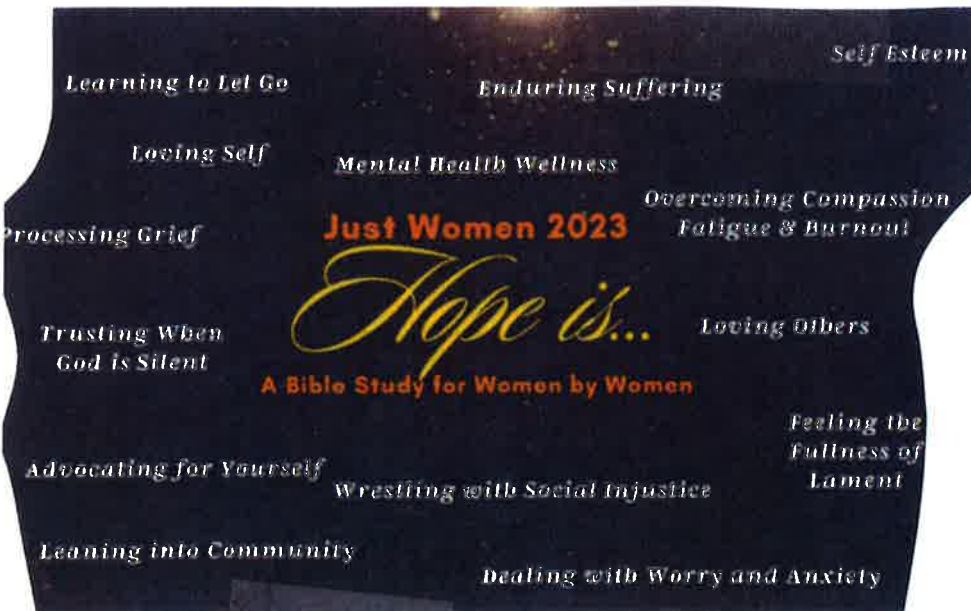
is like snow -  
It beautifies  
everything  
it covers  
-Kahlile Gibram

**\*DISCIPLE WOMEN** will NOT meet in January and February.

**FOR SALE = 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.

**JUST WOMEN** is our Bible study for women by women. Here is a preview of some of the lesson topics in the 2023 edition:



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.

**POINSETTIAS GIVEN during the holiday in MEMORY and HONOR OF LOVED ONES**

- Judy Oliver
- Mark and Diana Curtiss
- Roger and Margaret Lacy
- George and Pat Hales
- Steve Huffman
- Mark and Heather Burnette
- Pat Byrd
- Carmel and Susie Sheppard
- Cliff Whitley
- David and Iona Holland
- Gary Baldwin and Barry Booher
- Valerie Johnson
- Brent and Vickie Richardson

**\*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.



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

**BEGINNING BALANCE**      \$62,742.26  
(includes general fund, outreach, reserves)

November 2022 deposit    \$19,738.50  
Givelify deposits        \$1,078.16

Disbursements:    \$13,151.43

**ENDING BALANCE**                \$70,407.49  
11/30/2022

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

**BEGINNING BALANCE**      \$41,312.86

November 2022 deposits    \$4,410.00  
(pledges, givelify, memorials, Kroger)

Disbursements        \$4,681.66

**ENDING BALANCE**                \$41,041.20  
11/30/2022

**ELFS PROJECT= 16 families got 2  
boxes each**



**"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





## The New Year!

Wow it's really flown by for me! New Year's Day is upon us I guess it's just another day for some but I think most of us see it as a day not just to mark a new date change but a chance to make some big changes in our lives to start a new a chance to start fresh.

It seems like a natural time for beginning something, which is why lots of people make New Year's resolutions (*whether they stick to them or not is another story!*).

The Christian life offers lots of opportunities for fresh starts, for changing what we've been doing or beginning to live differently.

Each week as we gather to worship, I hope you see it as a chance to Refocus yourself - To reset your week - to focus on Christ to reconnect with HIM and HIS SPIRIT - to refresh yourself in HIS presents.

As we hear the songs of praise and worship, hear His word being preached His message of Love, forgiveness, strength and wisdom we get a fresh start.

We hear the good news that because of God's forgiveness, because God loves us, we all get a fresh start. Psalms 103:12 says, "As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us."

We can be confident in our walk with the LORD as we draw strength from our LORD and one another as the body of Christ for we are one in Christ and our unity "In Him".

Brothers and Sister lets go into this New Year with enthusiasm and Hope as we serve Him in our hearts, homes, church and community.

Matt Cox, minister

## SERMON TITLES AND SCRIPTURES FOR JANUARY 2023

(sign up, on bulletin board, if you are interested in reading scripture)

### JANUARY 01

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 29:10-16

Sermon: Our certainty in an uncertain world

### JANUARY 09

Scripture: Matthew 6:25-33

Sermon: Seek First the Kingdom

### JANUARY 15

Scripture: John 1:29-42

Sermon: Jesus Baptism

### JANUARY 22

Scripture: Matthew 4:12-42

Sermon: The call of the Disciples

### JANUARY 29

Scripture: Luke 2:22-40

Sermon: "We The Meek"

### FEBRUARY 05

Scripture: Malachi 3:1-4

Sermon: "A refiners fire"

Happy  
New year

## "GIVELIFY PROGRESS"

This past October Givelify celebrated 5 years as an alternate giving opportunity for Fort Lewis Christian Church. That same month we passed a milestone of a total of more than \$100,000.00 being given using this option. There were a total of 1,117 separate donations given to reach this amount.

If anyone would like to use Givelify, please contact Roger Lacy for details. Also, if you are now receiving your quarterly FLCC contribution reports by mail and would like to have them e-mailed to you instead, please contact Roger and give him your e-mail address.



"I want to thank everyone for the love that was expressed to my family and myself through calls, cards visits and food, during Mom's illness and passing. I truly have an amazing, loving church family".

Thanks you all,  
Debbie Repsher

~ Thanks to all who helped with the 2022 ELFS project for Fort Lewis Elementary School. Thanks to your amazing generosity, the church's ELFS project was able to provide 16 families with a food box and a Food Lion gift card. Donation was delivered on Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Fort Lewis Elementary School was appreciative of your thoughtfulness and concern for their students.

Thank you!  
George and Pat Hales  
Annis and Tobie Eaton  
Judy Oliver

~ Thanks to all who bought gifts for the Angel Tree names at church and those purchased for Richfield.

~ Thanks to all who contribute non-perishable food items for the Food Pantry. Every month food collected is take to the panty, this year, we donated 1,072 pounds.

~ Thanks to Judy Oliver, Valerie Johnson and Sharon Jackson for the bags of goodies that was given out to all members of the congregation.

~Thanks also, to Judy Oliver who furnished the goodies and to Dot Dye who furnished the containers that the Disciple Women delivered to our shut ins.

~ "Thanks to Fort Lewis Christian Church for my momentary gift that was very much appreciate". Bobbie Morris





# Fort Lewis Christian Church

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To: Whom It May Concern

From: Ron Prillaman, Treasurer

Date: December 12, 2022

Re: Treasurer Report, November 30 Financials

The financial performance of the Church improved in November, and this was a good month. A better November performance helped offset accumulated deficits for the year in the General Fund (GF), but reserves were still required to fund operations for the 11 months of 2022. Total donations for both funds through November increased approximately \$5,000 to \$174,404 from the same point last year. The improvement in donations was a welcome sign given rising costs experienced this year

GF contributions in November were \$16,182 compared to \$8,420 last month. Several large donations were received helping bolster GF receipts. Expenses for the month were \$13,816. There were no significant expenses that were unexpected, and expense centered on personnel, utilities, and building upkeep as noted in past reports. November expenses did include moving expenses for the Preacher of \$1,821 which are nonrecurring one-time charges. GF contributions for the year totaled \$131,013, and the accumulated deficit declined approximately \$3,000 to \$7,156 because of November operations.

Building Fund (BF) contributions totaled \$4,155 in November with the mortgage payment of \$4,680 as the primary cash expense. Despite improved BF donations this month, a net cash loss of \$536 was realized. The cumulative net cash loss for the year was \$6,875. The mortgage balance on November 30 was approximately \$431,514. Cash reserves in the BF are sufficient to cover 10 mortgage payments while the unofficial goal is at least 12 in case the Church incurs an unexpected situation where operations slow or stop for a period.

Outreach and Committee activity was moderate in November. Outreach funds received were \$1,540, and \$1,650 was remitted. Outreach year to date totaled \$19,683, and the four largest ministries were Elf & Wee Care Baskets, Good Samaritan, Week of Compassion, and Disciples Women Blankets.

If I can answer any questions, please call me at (540) 761-1998 or email at [xkrpx@yahoo.com](mailto:xkrpx@yahoo.com).