

FORT LEWIS CHRISTIAN INFORMER

JUNE 2023

Established June 1926
FORT LEWIS CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ)
2931 WEST MAIN STREET
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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: sec.flcc@gmail.com
Donita Moore	Minister of Music
Gary Baldwin	Minister of Drama
Vickie Richardson	infant - 3 years old

THE CLUB HOUSE ROOM

Dana Witt Pre-school to kindergarten

THE PLAY HOUSE ROOM

Dana Witt grades 1- 5

THE TREE HOUSE ROOM

Sid Witt grades 6 - 12

THE LIGHT HOUSE ROOM

WITHIN THE CONGREGATION



Jewell Epling, Richfield Living
3719 Knollridge Rd., (223 Willow
Cottage), Salem, VA 24153

Bill Epling, Richfield Living, 3719 Knollridge Rd. (117
Honeysuckle Cottage), Salem, VA 24153

Jackie Reynolds, Richfield Living, 3719
Knollridge Rd., (208 Blue Ridge Cottage)
Salem, VA 24153

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

Thelma Wilkes, Richfield Living, 3719 Knollridge Rd.,
(219 Willow Cottage), Salem, VA 24153

HOME BOUND: Brandy Dickerson and
Mike Prillaman

ONGOING RECOVERY:

Continue prayers for the following:

Guy and Sharon Jackson, Cecily Morgan,
Carol Oliver, Betty Richardson, Glenn Prather,
Tom Cook, Lance Brewer, Hamm family,
Maxine Hance, Don Dye, Cliff Whitley,
Dana Witt, Dawn Grant, Prentice Lowe,
Mark, Fredia and Larry Blankenship,
Robbie Francisco, Wayne Craig, Kati Wright,
Sandy Mischianti, Esta Griggs, Helen Granger,
Chris Morris, Monique Carroll, Gary Baldwin,
Heather Lawrence, Wayne Ayers, Joy Carter,
Bob & Donna Andrea, Sharon Grabreth,
Pete Broughman, Ernest Moore, Dan Akers,
Dawn Derocher, Debbie Thompson,
Dennis Carter, Coy Harris, Connie Smith
Jennifer and Indy Bradford, Susie Gipson,
Dorothy Thompson, Sarah Wheeler,
Tom Brewer, Lucy Prillaman, Don Shores,

WORSHIP PLANS

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

*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.*

Guida Lefler, Missy Richardson, Maurie Sutton,
Hodges family, John Sutton, Debra & Al Lewis,
Janet Epling Shaw, Debbie Bourne,
Tommy Eaton, Ortie and Patsy Boyd,
Brenda Heath, Danny Crouse, Edna Moran,
Matthew Billups family, Butch Boley,
Telie McCoy, Terry Wingfield, Joyce Woodlief,
Sidney Combs, Brian Palazzolo, Joyce Morris,
Ron Prillaman, Jerry and Linda Willis,

~Butch Boley continues to recover from knee replacement surgery done at the VA Hospital.

~Dan Akers, brother to Pat Byrd, remains a patient at Chippenham Hospital in Richmond.

~Ron Prillaman continues to recover from a heart procedure done at Roanoke Memorial May 18th that went well.

~Jerry and Linda Willis were visiting in Charlottesville where Linda took a fall that broke her leg in 3 places. She is at UVA and will have trauma rehab before coming home. While there, Jerry had a bad dizzy spell in Linda's room, was taken to the ER, had several test done in the 8 hours he was in the ER. They cherish your prayers and limited phone calls, cards are always welcome, send to their home.

*Our deepest sympathy to Ken Griggs and family on the loss of his aunt, Elve Belt, who passed away April 23, 2023. She lived in MO. Also, to Jeff Vass on the loss of his step mom, Peggy Davis Vass, who passed away on May 13, 2023. Also, to Linda Craig on the loss of her aunt, Dot Morris, who passed away May 18, 2023.

~ We welcome into the fellowship of the church, Butch Christian, who rededicated his life to Christ and moved his membership to FLCC on Sunday, May 14, 2023. **WELCOME Butch!**



Sgt. Marisa Baumann,
Capt. Tom F. Faucher III,
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 - if you are having a meeting at the church, when leaving, be sure all doors are locked, lights off and check air and/or heat if used.

***WE HAVE A RECYCLE BIN FOR HARD PLASTICS! (NO STYROFOAM) (located just inside the kitchen door). We also recycle batteries, eye glasses, soda tabs (bring these to the church office).**

*Mark your church directory - new address for Robbie Francisco, 3730 Richfield Lane, #208, Salem, VA 24153 (phone is same)



Thank you to all who donated blood on our last drive on April 3, 2023. 16 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 Pat Byrd, Annis Eaton, Margaret Lacy, Harriette Lawrence and Ellen Richmond who made and brought snacks for the blood drive. Our next blood drive is scheduled for June 5, 2023.

~ George Hales



GRADUATION TIME -

Our congratulations to Joshua Prillaman who graduated from Glenvar High School on May 24th as a Valedictorian. He plans to attend Virginia Western for 2 years and then transfer to Roanoke College.

Congratulations to Annaliese Roragen, great, great niece to Harriette Lawrence, who graduated from Cave Spring High School on May 23rd. Annaliese wants to be a teacher.

Congratulations to Hannah Gracie Terry, granddaughter to Wayne and Linda Craig, who graduated from Radford University on May 6th. She already has a job at West Salem Elementary starting in the fall.

Congratulations to Andrew (Andy) Todd Baldacci who graduated from JMU University on May 11, 2023 with a B.S. degree in communications. He is the third "Duke" from the Baldacci family. Andy will be moving to Murfreesboro, Tenn. to pursue fame and fortune. Proud grandparents are Ted and Sandy Baldacci.

Congratulations to Madeleine Grace Calderon who graduated May 12, 2023 from SMU Law School. She will be working for Freeman Law, Frisco, TX. Madeleine's mother is Torryea Calderon and is granddaughter to Tom and Sandra Brewer.

Congratulations to Maegan Burnette, daughter to Mark Burnette and step daughter to Heather, will graduate in December from Radford University with a degree in Speech Pathology. She and her dad will be visiting Scotland for her graduation present.

Congratulations to Jacob Willard, son of Randy and Trina (Bogle) Willard, who graduated May 12, 2023 from Virginia Commonwealth University with a Bachelor's of Science with a major in Computer Science and minor in Environmental Studies. He has started a job as a Junior Technology Consultant at Intact Technology in Richmond.

Congratulations to Isaac Prather, son of proud parents Eric and Lauren Prather and grandparents, Glenn and Alice Prather, graduated from Christiansburg High School on May 20, 2023. Isaac was a star soccer player for CHS and will be attending a technical school to become a lineman.

**CONGRATS AND BEST
WISHES FOR YOUR
FUTURE ENDEAVORS!**

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Cliff Whitley (2), Makenna Prillaman (3),
Hunter Jones (6), Ellen Richmond (9),
Jordan Griffin (10), Cindy Jones (11),
Mark Burnette (11), Brandy Dickerson (13),
Bryce Eaton (15), Micayla Barnes (17),
Joshua Prillaman (18), Sarah Thomas (19),
Brad Watson (22), Todd Baldacci (23),
Gregg Ayers (24), Haden Murphy (26),

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

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

*On the bulletin board, see sign-up sheets for: moments with children, lighting altar candles, deacon schedule, reading scripture, attending and helping with Vacation Bible School, work day at the church, May 20. 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.

*GENERAL ASSEMBLY - Theme: *Kingdom of God Within Us Among Us* - in Louisville, KY, go on line to register. July 29 - August 1,

*VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - June 11-15 from 5:30 - 7:30 PM. FLCC, Westhampton Christian Church and First Christian, Salem will be the host church. There is a sign up sheet if you plan to attend or help.

*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.

*SECURITY DURING SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES: Sid Witt and Carmel Sheppard, will ensure that all doors are appropriately locked and all lights are turned off and heat/air is set properly following Sunday services and bathrooms are checked.

*EVERY MONDAY - 6:00 PM the Disciple Players sign choir will meet at the church.

*ELDER'S meet June 5, 2023, at 2:00 PM at the church.

*CHURCH BOARD MEETING - June 12, 2023 at 6:00 PM at the church

*SENIOR SOCIAL SOCIETY will meet on Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at 9:00 AM at Famous Anthony's for breakfast.

*Camp at Craig Springs begins in June and goes through August - be sure you are signed up and registered to attend!

***CRAIG SPRINGS CAMP DATES**

June 19-23 New Covenant Camp
(have completed 1st - 5th grade)

June 25-30 Nature Camp
(campers arrive on 26th)
(by invitation only)

July 3-8 Special Camp
(campers with physical & intellectual disabilities)

July 10-15 Triple 1 Camp
(have completed 3rd - 12th grade)

July 17-22 CAMPDD
Culinary, Art, Music, Photography, Dance, Drama
(have completed 3rd - 12th grade)

July 24-29 Triple 2 Camp
(have completed 3rd - 12th grade)



Carmel and Susie Sheppard
and Dan Oyler for spreading
mulch in the children's play
ground.

Thanks to Debbie Repsher for the beautiful banner hanging over the 'Evangelism' table in the gathering area. (of course thanks to Scott who helped hang the banner). Also, there is a welcome sign outside at the entrance that came from Debbie and Scott.

Thanks to the following who helped mount the new TV's: Sid Witt, Brent Richardson, David Carroll, Ron Prillaman, Matt Cox, Joshua Prillaman, Mark Brittain, and Jerry Brittain.

Thanks to Susie Sheppard for the **MOTHER'S DAY** magnetic bookmark crosses for all moms.

Thanks to Vickie Richardson, Barry Booher and Gary Baldwin for the **MOTHER'S DAY** backdrop in the gathering area. We hope you used it to take pictures with your mom and or family.

Thanks to all who helped with **WORK DAY**, May 20, 2023: Roger and Margaret Lacy, Tobie and Annis Eaton, Jerry Brittain, Matt Cox, Dan and Bobbie Oyler, Mark and Diana Curtiss, David Carroll, Jennie Sue Murdock, and Ken Griggs.

Just got a call from Church World Service thanking FLCC congregation for our continued support of their services (Roanoke CROP walk, blanket drives, etc).

ELDERS ECHO

We are all different.....each one of us created by God to be different, with different talents, gifts, likes and dislikes. We all have different personalities and that is how God created us.....to work together as one with our many different gifts. And since we are all different with our many likes and dislikes we all respond differently to situations and I believe that God wants us to work together through situations, offering our many different gifts to each. I believe this is how we learn and grow in our faith. And as we work together as one body of Christ we do so in love for one another (Let all that you do be done with love. 1 Corinthians 16:14). If we can do this within the walls of our church and our homes it can only spill over to others in our community and our world. Let us invite the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts and our church and our homes with the joy of His love for each other! What a difference it would make in this hurting world if we all do that!

So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another. Having them gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them. Romans 12:5-6a

~ Susie Sheppard, elder

SAVE THIS DATE!
2023 VDWM WOMEN'S MINISTRY
FALL RETREAT - OCTOBER 6 - 8, 2023
HILTON GARDEN INN, LYNCHBURG
QUESTIONS?

Contact: Marney Brickhouse
cbrickhouse6@cox.net; 757-880-2545

Fort Lewis Christian Church
Board Meeting
May 8, 2023

The board meeting of Fort Lewis Christian Church was held on Monday May 8, 2023 at 6 pm. Chair Dan Oyler called the meeting to order and opened with a devotion.

Members present:

Dan Oyler, Diana Curtiss, Ron Prillaman, Susie Sheppard, Jerry Brittain, Iona Holland, Pat Hales and Pastor Matt Cox. Also present were Donita Moore and Roger Lacy.

Members not present: Cindy Jones, Brent Richardson and Ken Griggs.

Minutes: Changes were made to the April 10th minutes and the minutes were then approved with the changes. Changes filed in the church office.

Trustees: No report given. Dan Oyler stated the trustees will proceed with the church audit soon.

Treasurer: Ron Prillaman gave a summary of the financial report. Financial report accepted as submitted and filed in the church office.

Minister: Minister's report given by Pastor Matt Cox. Report filed in the church office.

Elders: Elders report given by Jerry Brittain. Report filed in the church office.

Deacons: No report.

Stewardship/Finance: No report, no chair secured.

Worship: No report.

Music Ministry Report: Music ministry report given by Donita Moore. Report filed in the church office.

Property: No report, no chair secured.

Christian Education: No report.

Evangelism: Evangelism report given by Dan Oyler. Report filed in the church office.

Membership: No report.

Outreach: Outreach report given by Pat Hales. Report filed in the church office.

Audio/Video: Audio visual report given by Jerry Brittain. Report filed in the church office.

Pastoral Care: No report, Pastoral Care Committee has been dissolved and the duties transitioned to the Elders.

Old Business: Roger Lacy reported as chair of the Administrative Committee on the purchase of a new copier. Report filed in the church office.

The playground mulching is complete.

The drop-down ceiling in the choir room has been fixed and Dan Oyler reported that the contractor also discovered that the outside wall was not actually tied to the joists, so he fixed that as well. The cost was \$250.

New Business: Dan Oyler stated that there may be some small purchases for the May 20th Workday.

Roger discussed several options for replacing the existing lights in the sanctuary, all explained in depth in the Administrative Committee Report, filed in the church office.

Before the meeting was adjourned we discussed CPR and AED training and making sure the battery in the AED has been replaced and is working.

Meeting was adjourned with prayer by Pastor Matt at 7PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Susie Sheppard (for Cindy Jones)

***DISCIPLE WOMEN** will meet Wednesday, June 7, 2023 at 10:00 AM. All are welcomed!

JUST WOMEN is our Bible study for women by women - (lesson pages 15-18) Grief, Joy and the Importance of Ritual. Scripture - John 16:16-22

*The Disciple Women is sponsoring a **CHURCH WIDE BLANKET DRIVE FOR CHURCH WORLD SERVICE** for Mother's



Day and Father's Day. There will be **NO** booklets. Deadline for collecting monetary donations will be June 25.

FOR SALE = NEW PRICES:

~ Pecan halves \$11.25 (price increase)
Pecan pieces \$10.50,
black walnuts \$13.75 (price increase),

~ 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

***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.

***PENTECOST** special offerings were taken in May and helps multiply the impact of new Disciples churches as they serve communities where they are needed most.

"GET OFF YOUR CAN!"

EVERY MONDAY

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?

MONDAY MADNESS

9:00 - 10:00 AM - SIGN CHOIR

10:00 - 11:00 AM - GET OFF YOUR CAN EXERCISE CLASS

11:00 - 12:00 noon - 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

***DO YOU LOVE TO SING?** Want to use your gift to serve others in a meaningful way? Please consider joining the Carilion Clinic Hospice Choir. The choir sings for hospice patients at the request of their families, using our voices to provide comfort to the spirit and psyche of those who are dying. The choir sings for patients in small, a cappella groups of 4-5 sharing music specially composed for this purpose as well as traditional favorites. Interested? Please contact Sue Huntington, Volunteer Coordinator, at 540-224-4795 or sghuntington@carilionclinic.org for more information.



Food
Pantry
Needs

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.

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

3-31-2023 Beginning Balance -	\$ 77,195.44
Deposits	\$ 9,399.44
Checks/ <u>withdrawals</u>	<u>\$ (16,019.23)</u>
4-28-2023 ENDING BALANCE -	\$ 70,575.65

BUILDING FUND

3-31-2023 Beginning balance	\$41,244.89
Deposits	\$ 1,443.32
Checks/ <u>withdrawals</u>	<u>\$ (7,364.81)</u>
4-28-2023 Ending balance	\$35,323.40

SERMON TITLES AND SCRIPTURES FOR

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

June 04

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:1-9

Sermon: "The Trinity"

June 11

Scripture: Matthew 16:13-20

Sermon: "Who do you say that I Am?"

June 18

Scripture: Ephesians 6:1-4

Sermon: "It's in the Bag"

June 25

Scripture: Matthew 24:4-14

Sermon: "Signs of the End"



Did you have a father who gave you advice? He probably gave you advice on relationships, how to take care of your

money, car, or a hundred other things.

I guess fathers have been giving advice as long as there have been fathers.

Take for example Solomon who said, in Proverbs 5:7, "And now, O sons, listen to me, and do not depart from the words of my mouth." Solomon goes on to give all kinds of advice as recorded in the book of Proverbs. (Good advice)

Lieutenant Commander J.P. Carr's father gave him some advice when his first child was born. He said, "Teach her as many of the seven hundred thousand words of the English language as you have time to, but be sure she knows that the greatest word is God, the longest word, eternity; the swiftest word, time; the nearest word, now; the darkest word, sin; the meanest word, hypocrisy; and the deepest word, soul." That sounds like good advice to me.

Here is a little more good advice:

~ Happy moments: praise God (James 5:13)

~ Difficult moments: seek God (Psalm 63:1)

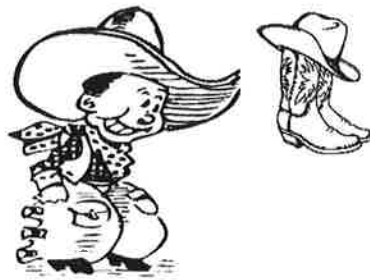
~ Quiet moments: worship God

(Psalm 4:4).

~ Painful moments: trust God (Psalm 7:1)

~ Every moment: thank God (Psalm 100:4)

~ Pastor Matt



COUNTRY HOEDOWN

Saturday, June 24th

5:00 – ???pm at *Fort Lewis Christian Church*

**“The Bridge Christian Ministry Band”, a bluegrass band from The
Bridge Church Roanoke**

Hot dogs, barbeque, slaw, baked beans, chips, cookies, drinks

5:30 – 6:30pm food served

Country dancing (square, line, reel, two step, etc.)

“Cake Walk” – Cornhole – Kid’s activities

\$5.00 per person donation (children under 12 free) – **sign up and get
tickets** from Judy Oliver, Bobbie Oyler,
Valerie Johnson, Pat Byrd . . .

OR

RSVP to Church Office (540) 380-4636

Donations to help defray costs are welcome – put Country Hoedown
on your check

Come one, come all – have fun and enjoy fellowship

(Country/Western attire optional)



LOOKIE LOOKIE

WE HAVE COFFEE:

IN JUNE LOOK FOR COFFEE TO BE ADDED TO
THE WELCOMING TABLE IN THE
GATHERING AREA!

**WE ARE 96 YEARS OLD
THIS MONTH**





Fort Lewis Christian Church

2931 West Main Street, Salem, Virginia 24153 | 540.380.4636

To: Whom It May Concern

From: Ron Prillaman, Treasurer

Date: May 8, 2023

Re: Treasurer Report, April 30 Financials

April overall was a fair month for the Church financially. Cash flow from the Building Fund (BF) was sufficient to cover the new lower monthly mortgage payment. The General Fund (GF) had a small loss that required the use of cash reserves.

GF contributions in April were \$11,631 and expenses were \$12,999 with a monthly deficiency of \$1,368. Monthly revenue increased \$2,574 compared to March. Expense were normal and expected with the majority for personnel needs. GF contributions year to date were \$55,060 with expenses of \$50,560 and an excess of \$4,499. Excesses from January and February continue to help softer months.

BF donations improved in April and were supplemented by interest income from certificates of deposit. The mortgage payment has recasted downward to \$2,681 per month and was the primary cash need of the BF. The mortgage balance was \$334,359.

Outreach activity slowed in April and consisted of donations to six outreach ministries that totaled \$1195. Remitted donations totaled \$2,142 which was largely comprised of Week of Compassion funds. Activity in the Committee accounts was low.

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