



MESSENGER



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A publication of First Christian Church, Meadville, PA

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.
Philippians 4:6

For your family and your home.

For the hurting...

For the sick...

For the lost...

For those who mourn...

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU PRAYED?

Pray without ceasing.
1 Thessalonians 5:17

For strength to endure...
"We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on You."
2 Chronicles 20:12

A prayer of praise and joy!
Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances.
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

For God's Kingdom to come...
"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."
Matthew 6:9-10

For your relationship with Jesus.

For the church...
They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.
Acts 2:42

A prayer of thankfulness...

A prayer of forgiveness...
Confess your sins to one another and pray for one another.
James 5:16

For your nation and its leaders...
For wisdom, justice, and revival.

Pray in the Spirit on all occasions.
Ephesians 6:18

Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence...
Hebrews 4:16

PRAISE

JOY

ENDURANCE

GOD'S KINGDOM

RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS

THE CHURCH

For every need. Every season. Every moment. Prayer changes everything.



NERF WARS

FCC
TEENS

SUNDAY, JULY 26TH
ALL 7TH-12TH GRADERS ARE INVITED!!

**LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED AFTER
CHURCH BEFORE WE LEAVE!
PIZZA WILL BE PROVIDED AT THE EVENT!
WE WILL RETURN AROUND 7PM.**



**Sign up with Robert, Ashley or
Candi to get a permission slip
and the link for waivers!**

Attendance

	Sunday School	Worship	Night
05/31	84	150	no classes
06/07	74	148	no classes
06/14	79	139	no classes
06/21	65	141	no classes

Offering

Weekly Budgeted Needs - \$5,503.89

	Budgeted	Designated
05/31	\$4,356.00	\$1,790.00
06/07	\$5,451.00	\$50.00
06/14	\$4,780.00	\$30.00
06/21	\$3,321.00	\$10,379.00

Online giving for the month of May

This amount is in addition to the amounts printed above.
\$3,418.45

Hi Kidz,



School is out!! It's officially summer break! I am sure everyone is already enjoying being outside with all the fun activities summer brings!! 😊 One super fun activity is **Summer Memorization!!** Make sure you see me to get a packet and start learning those Bible Verses and Fun Facts about things in the Bible!! Earn prizes when you recite them to me!! 😊

Our next outing is for everyone!! The whole church family!! It's our All Church Picnic on Sunday, July 19th after Worship at Common Grounds in Saegertown. Come join in on a few hours of food, fun and fellowship with your church family. Don't forget to sign-up at Heritage Hall! 😊

Kidz, if anyone is still interest in attending Deep Valley Christian Camp this summer, see me for dates and information. Camp is an awesome time!

KidZone Kidz and their families mark your calendars for **Saturday, August 1st, 1-5pm** for a great time at the Reffner's house for a **KidZone Family Swim and Picnic!!** Plan now to attend this awesome event and sign-up at KidZone check-in counter.

Kidz, have a great week!! I look forward to seeing everyone at church this Sunday! Invite your friends and don't forget to bring your Bibles!! See you Sunday!! 😊

God Bless,
Miss Lori

Remember, a friend loves at all times!!
Enjoy your Summer Break!!



SHOEBOX PACKING PARTY

To Benefit OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

July 8-11 & 13-15, 2026

First Alliance Church 2939 Zimmerly Rd.
9 am-noon; 1-4pm; 6-9pm (7/11 is 9-12 only)

Bring own snacks & drinks

Questions? Call Kathy at (814)823-2574

To sign up use QR code or go to:
<https://signup.com/go/NHocxON>



If you would like to help pack, call Barb Smith at 931-216-6139

Come join us!!

All Church Picnic

Sunday, July 19th at 12:30pm

Common Grounds, 19473 Grotto Lane,

Saegertown

We will be having bbq chicken and hot dogs. Please bring a dish to share. Plates, cups and silverware will be provided.

Sign up are in Heritage Hall.



WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Saturday

July 11th

8:30am

Heritage Hall

BRING A DISH TO SHARE!



FIRST
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Meadville, Pennsylvania

Forever Young Senior Summer Picnic

Thursday, July 30, 5:30pm

Stainbrooks at 16846 Scenic Drive



Sign up in Heritage Hall.
Please indicate what dish or item you will bring.

Hotdogs and drinks will be provided.

Crawford County Care Center Worship

Sunday, July 26th

Sunday, September 27th

November 29th

So far in 2026, we've had from 20 some to as high as 32 residents in attendance. They are active, appreciative, engaged, and a blessing to our program. They sing along from the songbooks that Sherry Lemke has put together.

We are looking for more volunteers. Devotion/Mini Sermon for July 26th will be Steve Hills. September 27th and November 29th are still open.

We need help setting up and taking down our equipment. We could use a hand every Sunday we attend.

If you would like to help with this ministry, please contact Denny Weaver at 814-282-0465 or Sherry Lemke at 814-671-7571.

Missions Report

Hector & Joy Rodriguez
Serving in Mexico
NewInternational.org

When God fast-forwards your life >>>

Last year, we started praying specifically about the opportunity to return to Queretaro (where we lived 2017-2022) in 2027 to plant a church in southeastern area of the city. In March, the owner of the house that we are renting in Pachuca told us she is selling the house and we have 90 days to move out. We were completely surprised by this announcement and started praying for our next steps. With the counsel and blessing of our New International Regional Directors, we have made the decision to move to Queretaro at the beginning of July.

We can see how God has been working to prepare us for this transition as well as the new project. It is exciting and nerve wracking to have our plans fast-forwarded by a year. We ask for your prayers as we pack up our house in Pachuca and say goodbye to dear friends and neighbors. Our time in Pachuca has been fundamental in preparing us for what God is calling for us to do in Queretaro.

Specific Prayer Requests:

- good goodbyes and hellos
- packing and moving process
- additional funds for costs due to moving
- preparations for Queretaro church planting project
- learning transitions for Lucia and Gaby

Thank you!

First Christian Church,

Thank you so much for your monetary donation in May. We appreciate your thinking of us on Mother's Day. Donors like you keep our mission of providing hope and help in Christ and offering practical help through our Store and Parenting classes and more! Your generosity and support ensure some of the most vulnerable in our community will be cared for. You truly make a difference.

Better together in Christ.

PCOM Board of Directors and Staff

Thank you!

Friend of First Christian,

Thank you so much for the angel statue. She has helped us all get through this difficult time.

She will be a reminder of how much we love and miss Sonny. This is a good part of our lives.

Again thank you, The Kougher Family

Thank you!

A huge thank you goes out all the women the helped with the Joy of Fatherhood breakfast. The women really stepped up and brought in dishes and helped in so many ways. It was so awesome!!



Opportunity to Double Your Impact for Children in Sierra Leone



Double Your Impact for Children in Sierra Leone

"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others..." – 1 Peter 4:10

God has opened an exciting opportunity for Transformation Education! Through the generosity of a longtime TE partner participating in the doTERRA Healing Hands Foundation Match Program, every gift to our literacy project will be **matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$10,000**.

In Sierra Leone, many children begin school speaking a local language but must learn and be tested in English. Your gift will help equip teachers with practical literacy training and reproducible materials that help children learn to read, grow in confidence, and better understand God's Word.

We are grateful to the doTERRA Healing Hands Foundation for its commitment to multiplying the impact of every donation.

Please pray for God's provision and consider making a matched gift today.

Learn more, give and tell others: Reaching Children Through Literacy Matching Campaign. Ways to Make a Donation and Have Your Gift Matched.

1. Scan the QR code.
2. Donate online:
 - a. Visit www.transformedsil.com.
 - b. Click the blue "DONATE HERE" box on the home page.
 - c. You will be directed to our matching grant donation page.
 - d. Complete your donation online.
3. Contact Gwen Smith at 814-350-1205, if you need assistance making your donation.

Every gift will be matched dollar-for-dollar through our doTERRA Healing Hands matching grant, doubling your impact to help provide literacy and Christian education for children in Sierra Leone.

Pray With Us for Future Ministry Leaders

"And what you have heard from me... entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others also." – 2 Timothy 2:2

As Transformation Education grows, we are praying that God will raise up faithful leaders to help carry this ministry into the future. We are seeking individuals, couples, churches, or ministry partners with a heart for Christian education, discipleship, and reaching the unreached through literacy and the Gospel. Please pray for God's guidance as we identify and develop future leaders who will help strengthen and expand this work for generations to come. If someone comes to mind, we would welcome an introduction and the opportunity to begin a conversation.

Together in God's love,
Gwendolyn Joy Smith
Transformation Education (TE)-Director
www.transformedsil.com



Counters

- 7/05 Dawn Fronce
Candi VanTuil
- 7/12 Katie Heiner
Michelle Glenn-Pennino
- 7/19 Sherry Manuel
Jan VanTuil
- 7/26 Eileen Smith
Marci Dickson



Communion Servers

Bruce Lawrence
Brian Little
Doug Torok
Kurt VanTuil

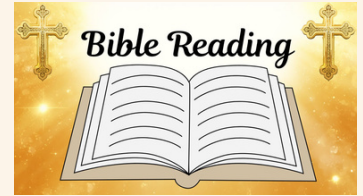
Communion Meditation

- 7/05 Ric Fraker
7/12 Denny Weaver
7/19 Mark Williams
7/26 Rich Sorger

Communion Preparation

Rich Sorger

JULY



1. Psalm 36-39
2. Psalm 40-45
3. Psalm 46-51
4. Psalm 52-59
5. Psalm 60-66
6. Psalm 67-71
7. Psalm 72-77
8. Psalm 78-80
9. Psalm 81-87
10. Psalm 88-91
11. Psalm 92-100
12. Psalm 101-105
13. Psalm 106-107
14. Psalm 108-118
15. Psalm 119
16. Psalm 120-131
17. Psalm 132-138
18. Psalm 139-143
19. Psalm 144-150
20. Proverbs 1-3
21. Proverbs 4-7
22. Proverbs 8-11
23. Proverbs 12-15
24. Proverbs 16-19
25. Proverbs 20-22
26. Proverbs 23-26
27. Proverbs 27-31
28. Ecclesiastes 1-4
29. Ecclesiastes 5-8
30. Ecclesiastes 9-12
31. Songs of Solomon 1-8

Anniversaries

- 3 Todd & Susan Andrews
6 John & Mary Andrews
Al & Pauline Hartick
7 Sandy & Marge Porter
9 Keith & Linda Bishop
Todd & Alyson Carlson
12 Bill & Monica Heisey
18 Scott & Janice McKinney
22 Delbert & Tracy Liller

Greeters

Heritage Hall

- 7/05 Eileen Smith
7/12 Bill Hunt
7/19 Cheryll Hodges
7/26 Bill Hunt

KidZone Check-in Counter

- 9am Shawn Hollabaugh
10am Brian Smith

Birthdays

- 1 Tucker VanTuil
5 Anastasia Joliet
6 Audrey White
Claribel Hetrick
10 Todd Carlson
11 Kim Reffner
13 Sherry Manuel
15 Dave Keppler
Michele Williams
Maddie Liber
16 Nathan Sorger
Landon Cauvel
18 Gwen Smith
19 Robert Bolin, Jr.
20 Kelly Wade
22 Marge Porter
23 John Pellerin
24 Cedric Eastman
26 Benjamin Reffner

KidZone

Sunday School

- 3's
3's-K Lori H.
4's-K
1st
1st-3rd Marci Dickson
2nd-3rd
4th-6th Jenni Torok

Worship

- Tammy Manuel
Chris Fraker
Bonnie Guffey
Shawn Hollabaugh
Denny & Judy Weaver

Nursery

- | | <u>9:00am</u> | <u>10:00am</u> |
|------|---------------|---------------------|
| 7/05 | Jenna W. | Amanda B./Marina L. |
| 7/12 | Jen S. | Mary S./Ariana L. |
| 7/19 | Alyson C. | Natalie K./Hope H. |
| 7/26 | Levina H. | Lindsay K./Avery K. |

Soup Kitchen

Marabeth Geiger,
George Tedesco, Ernestine
Steinberg, Linda Karns,
Randy & Denise Guy

Baptismal Ministry

Male Assistant:

Ric Fraker

Female Assistant:

Jess Kornman



July



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Elders, 7pm	2 Worship Practice, 6pm Al-Anon, 7:30pm	3	4 
5	6	7	8	9 Worship Practice, 6pm Al-Anon, 7:30pm	10	11 Women's Prayer Breakfast, 8:30am
12 Fellowship Meeting, after Worship	13	14	15 Soup Kitchen, 10am Council, 7pm	16 Worship Practice, 6pm Al-Anon, 7:30pm	17	18
19 Church Annual Picnic, 12:30pm	20	21	22	23 Worship Practice, 6pm Al-Anon, 7:30pm	24	25
26 Youth Trip, leaving after Worship CCCC Worship, 2PM	27	28	29	30 Forever Young Picnic, 5:30pm Worship Practice, 6pm Al-Anon, 7:30pm	31	



Need a ride to Sunday School and Worship?
Call the church office at
814-336-3540 by Friday at noon.



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Sunday Services:

Sunday School.....9am
Worship Service.....10am
Sunday Evening Programs start Sept. 20th

Church Office Hours:

Monday - Friday.....9am - 3pm

Staff:

Robert McGuire - Senior Minister
Lori Hollabaugh - Director of Children's Ministry
Mark Manuel - Custodian
Kelly Wade - Secretary

