

News



Views

January 26, 2011

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Wilmington, NC

Italics indicate non-FCC group

Sunday, January 30

8:45 am Turning Point Service
9:45 am Sunday School
10 am Discovery Class
11 am Traditional Worship
5-7 Youth

Endowment Sunday

Monday, January 31

12 pm Al Anon

Tuesday, February 1

6 pm Circle Martha
6:30 pm Financial Peace Univ.
7 pm Carolina Vocal Arts Ensemble

Wednesday, February 2

10:30 am Circle Mary
5 pm Trustees
6 pm Stewardship
7:30 pm Chancel Choir

Thursday, February 3

6 pm Worship Band

Friday, February 4

Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, February 5

4 pm Capps/Richardson Wedding
7 pm Narcotics Anonymous

Sunday, February 6

8:45 am Turning Point Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11 am Traditional Worship
Youth Return from Mid-Winter
Mission Sunday

Recent Attendance

	8:45	11:00
1/23/11	57	120



February 6

Mission Sunday

The El Salvador Team will give a presentation on their November trip at both services.



Endowment Sunday January 30

Due to the good work of the Christian Church Foundation and the growth of the market, the Trustees will make a distribution from our Endowment on January 30.

These funds, designated by church policy to be used for special, non-budgeted ministries, allow us to show care and love for the world in the name of our Lord.

Plan to come and celebrate!

Notices and Reminders

Worship focus for Sunday is *Spiritual Conversations*; Isaiah 55:10-13, John 3:1-16.



Lectionary Readings for use in your daily practice of prayer and scripture.

Micah 6:1-8, Psalm 15

Matthew 5:1-12, I Corinthians 1:18-31



Pray for Our Missionaries

Teresa and Anil Henry serving in India.

Spiritual Growth Group

Using the book, *Making All Things New: An Invitation to the Spiritual Life* by Henri Nouwen, Dr. Perry will be leading a spiritual growth group beginning February 14. Nouwen speaks of the way our lives are “filled.” This small group experience will focus on building spiritual relationships, spiritual practices, reflection on Jesus’ life, and listening to God. We will seek to identify what “fills” our lives and find more ways to open our hearts so that God can fill us. The class will meet in Room 12 from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm for six weeks beginning Monday, February 14. Class size is limited to 12 for discussion purposes. Each person will be responsible for purchasing their own book and reading it before the class begins (available on Amazon for \$11). **Space is still available. Please call the church office by February 7, to register.**



To All who participated in a memorable Legacy Sunday—preparing food, sharing personal legacies, and enjoying the fellowship—we truly give thanks.

— Membership Team

A Word from Lance, cont'd

actions that last. In 1988, the J.C Parker family established the J.C. Parker Endowment Fund for capital needs of the church. It is designed to be permanent and the proceeds have been used for large repairs and equipment needs. A loving action that has lasted for over 20 years. Then in 1997, our congregation created The First Christian Church Endowment Fund because a large number of gifts were given in memory of Carolyn Morris. In my time here as I have listened to stories about the many matriarchs and patriarchs of FCC, Carolyn’s name has always come up. Her deep spirituality and love for God and First Christian church resulted in actions that lasted and many people in our church and community acknowledged that through their gifts. This Endowment fund was designed to be a permanent fund that would continue to grow in value while proceeds from it could be used for special non-budgeted ministries. When funds are available, distributions are made guided by our congregation’s policy. This fund is intended to be a meaningful testimony to the importance of the continuation and expansion of the ministry of Jesus Christ even beyond the life of the individual giver. Over the years other gifts have been given and added to it, most recently from the Betty Bowman estate. Partly because of Betty’s gift, our Trustees are able to make a distribution this year. I know she would be pleased. And just a few months ago the Joe D. and Doris W. Eakes Endowed Fund was established to benefit local ministry for abused children.

Loving actions that last. Sometimes it’s something homemade. Sometimes it’s time. Sometimes it’s presence. Sometimes it’s a handshake. Loving actions come from the love of God and they always last.

Who, what, where, when?



How Much Wood Can FCC Chop?

EVERYONE is invited to join the group from FCC going to the Salvation Army woodlot to help cut, stack, and deliver wood. Come help our neighbors who depend on this wood to heat their homes!

When: Saturday, January 29

**Where: 7 am Meet for Breakfast at Jimbo's
7:30 am Leave for Woodlot**

If you have questions, contact Rev. González.



2011 ASP Mission Trip for Youth and Adults

Interested in a mission trip this year? Anyone wanting to participate in the Appalachian Service Project (ASP) mission trip **for youth and adults** needs to sign-up by turning in their \$150 non-refundable deposit to Chris Wrede or Rev. González **no later than February 13**. Questions? Contact Chris Wrede or Rev. González.

Mark Your Calendar for the Camp Caroline Work Days March 19 & April 16, 9 am - 3 pm

Please help us get ready for the 2011 camping season! Some items on the agenda include: install gutters, fix minor repairs, paint fence, paint cabin bathrooms with mold & mildew resistant paint, trim bushes, cut small limbs and other yard work, pressure wash buildings. Bring your paint brushes or rollers (we'll supply the paint), chain saws, hedge trimmers, hammers, pressure washer (don't forget water hose), etc. We'll have a continental breakfast and lunch. Please call Jane Alligood, (252)946-8840, let her know that you are coming so that we will have enough food prepared.



Valentine Boxes for FCC College Students

DWM/CWF will soon be packing their annual Valentines Day boxes for FCC college students. If you currently have a child(ren) in college, we want them to receive a box. Please call Faith at the church office with their name and address information. DWM ladies will be packing the boxes on Sunday, February 6, after the 11:00 service. Everyone please bring candy, home made goodies, and snacks so that we can be generous with our goodies. Please put them in the Woman to Woman Sunday School class, Room 6. Thanks, everyone. Questions, call Sherry Hickman, Becky Shipton or Joy Roberts.

Worshiping in Wilmington

How should one worship God? Is there one best way to do it, or are there a variety of ways? What can we learn from those who worship differently than us? In the next six months, FCC youth will be visiting other congregations to experience worship in different traditions. Among others, they will visit an Episcopal church, a Greek Orthodox church, and a Catholic church. They will begin with a visit to St. Luke AME Zion Church on January 30.

Margaret Respass has a new cell phone number: 442-6851.

Bring **canned corn** in January
for the Food Pantry.



Put it in the Little Red Wagon.

Please do not bring items that have expired or are close to their expiration date. Thank you.

Prayer Concerns

Long Term Health Care Concerns

Wilma Briggs, Helen Dunn, Rosa Gaylord, Foye Marshburn, Betty Nash, Betty Snook, Jeanette Wolfe

Our Sympathy to

- Ramona Barr, upon the death last week of her mother, Edith Nobles

Church Family

- Ellie Duckett, participating in a clinical trial
- Dave Dutcher, seeking employment
- Briggs Ensign, recovering from heart surgery
- Ed Ferrier, Ann Boston's father, at Autumn Care for physical rehab
- Allan Huband, undergoing chemotherapy
- Amanda Koester, recovering from gallbladder surgery
- Jim Lee, undergoing treatment and tests
- Margaret Respass, recovering at home after hospitalization for anemia
- Joseph Sanders, recovering from gallbladder surgery
- Kim Sibbach, stage IV cancer, hormone treatment for cancer
- Diana Wierse, recovering at home from knee surgery to repair torn ACL
- Jeanette Wolfe, Davis Healthcare Center, small stroke which has affected her speech

Friends and Family

- Jeff Grimes, Joanne Stout's nephew, cancer
- Luis Guardiola, Rev. González' cousin, deployed to Afghanistan
- Luz Rodriguez, Brenda Morales' mother in Puerto Rico, recovering from a stroke
- Matthew Slaughter, Amanda King's fiancé, deployed to Afghanistan
- Kathy Wirkus, Alicia Luse's sister, undergoing radiation and chemotherapy
- Community of Puente Azul, El Salvador
- People of Haiti and Chile

Serving January 30

11:00 Communion Table Prayers

Charles Sanders, Roger Bullock

Home-Bound Communion: Millie Griffin, Tim Whitehead, Duane Luse

Deacons

Barry Jordan (captain), Jane Coleman, Brook Hall, Andy Koester, Amanda Koester, Kenny Morris III, Carlotta Smith, Chris Wrede

Communion Prep

Andy & Mandy Koester, Phyllis Powell

Children Worship & Wonder

Jan 30 Ailsa González & Tricia Heath
Feb 6 Bridgette Johnson & Ron Gore

Turning Point Kids

Jan 30 Joy Roberts & Stacey Adam
Feb 6 Kelly Ensign & Lindsey Tarrant

Minister On-Call Schedule

Jan 28-29 Rev. González 395-5594
Feb 4-5 Dr. Perry 200-9507

Greeters

8:45 Jan 30 Shawn & Michelle Allen
Feb 6 Steve & Dava Bright
11:00 Jan 30 Nancy Manning
Feb 6 Cleve & Bunny Goodnite

Lay Reader

Jan 30 Kenny Morris Sr.
Feb 6 Vanessa King

Sunday Door Lock-up

Jan 30 Andy & Nancy Black
Feb 6 Ellen Shepard

Budget Update

Budget through 1/23/11	\$229,380.00
Income	<u>216,883.38</u>
Income Short of Budget	\$12,496.62

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A Word From Lance

Loving actions that last. I think we all can remember things that people have done for us that have had lasting impact. I have a few homemade cards in my dresser drawer that my children made for me when they were little. When I pull out that crayon art with large letters a place in my heart comes alive. For some of us it was a time of illness when a special friend came and stayed with us. And we'll never forget. Maybe it was a pot of homemade soup that communicated to us that we are remembered. Maybe it was a Sunday morning when someone made their way through the crowd in the welcome area of the church and found us asking how we were doing and we really needed it that day.

Loving actions that last. This coming Sunday we will celebrate some particular loving

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