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LIVING A LIFE FILLED WITH THANKFULNESS

Do you know that our office staff does more than just answer the phones, create, and print bulletins, and coordinate Sunday services?

It turns out they have also been secretly acting as God's little angels. Quietly spreading blessings of food throughout our community.

Through our connection with our sister congregation, Chalice Christian Church, and Chalice's connection with Food Lion. Pastor Debbie and Tawana have been able to work together to distribute over 200 boxes of food, to various ministries feeding the hungry in our community.

Pastor Greg, pickups up the food in VA Beach, he and Debbie deliver it to First Christian and Tawana does her magic making connections and deliveries, helping to make sure no one goes hungry this holiday season.

As true Disciples of Christ, First Christian Church and Chalice Christian Church are working together in unity, striving to meet needs in the community in which we serve.

New Class Forming:

What does it mean to be a Disciple of Christ?

Pastor Greg Ott will be leading us in a 5-week course on the beliefs and traditions of the Christian Church, Disciples of Christ. The class will be offered on Monday evenings at 7:00, beginning January 16, 2023. This class will be offered as a hybrid, in-person at the church and also on Zoom. If interested in attending, please contact Pastor Debbie Ott.

Church Events

- **Jan 9th - Advent Tuck Away**

Poinsettia Mishap

Unfortunately some of our beautiful poinsettias got over waered and have drowned. Fortunately, we still had many to adorn our sanctuary for Christmas Day. If you ordered a plant and would like to have it, please take it with you after the service on Sunday.



Proverbs 22:17

“A merry heart does good like medicine”

*Happy
New Year*

*Do not remember the former things,
Nor consider the things of old.
Behold, I will do a new thing,
Now it shall spring forth,
Shall you not know it?
I will even make a road in the wilderness
And rivers in the desert.
- Isaiah 43:16-19*

READERS MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Jan 1	Chris & Cynthia Heier
Jan 8	Carolyn & Dave Boyer
Jan 15	Bob Bowman
Jan 22	Robert & Martha Wriight
Jan 29	TBD



Thank you for your dedication to this ministry. Please mark your date on your calendar and in the event that you cannot lead on your scheduled date please contact someone else on the list to arrange a trade of dates or contact me and I will make substitute plans for you.

PLEASE read over your scripture before Sunday so you are familiar with the reading. There is a pronunciation guide at the lectern if you should need it. If you have any questions at all about the scripture itself or anything else connected with this ministry, please do not hesitate to call me.

On the day you lead you should meet in the sitting area across from the front office at 10:30 with others participating in worship that day. Thank you so much for your continued willingness to support this ministry. Blessings, Linda Kuster

Thank You!

Speaking on behalf of the whole staff ...

I say "Thank You" for our generous Christmas gifts. It is with heartfelt gratitude that we serve this congregation. Your gifts truly show your thankfulness for each of us as a staff member. Your appreciation for our gifts and talents encourages us to work hard to create meaningful worship services. Thank you once again.

Pastor Debbie, Tawana, Connie, and Frank



Pastor's Pen Did You Hear?

Our Christmas cantata was FANTASTIC!! Connie Herring, I think I speak for the whole congregation when I say, you did a wonderful job of combining our choir with the choir from Bethany United Methodist Church. The music was beautiful!!

It was a blessing to have an opportunity to worship together, with Bethany, combining the traditions of our two congregations. Pastor, Jeff Cannon, and his congregation were gracious and extended a very warm welcome to all. We concluded our time of fellowship with a delicious meal provided by the women of Bethany. As your pastor, I look forward to other opportunities where we will join together again with our wonderful brothers and sisters in Christ at Bethany. I did hear a view murmuring of perhaps combining handbell choirs....

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January Celebrations! Birthdays

- January 8 Jason Crawford
- January 9 Taylor Goode
- January 12 Betsy Bowman
- January 20 Frank Dynes
- January 22 George White
- January 28 Lorraine Mills

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