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COMMUNITY OUTREACH WARRIORS OF THE MONTH ROBERT AND MARTHA WRIGHT

Robert and Martha Wright have been members of First Christian church for 55 yrs. They are two of the most supportive members of our congregation. They have both served as deacons and Robert has served several terms as an elder. They have been part of numerous church programs and outreach ministries. You can find them volunteering for and participating in almost every event our church hosts.

Bob has been one of the faithful CMF members, holding several leadership roles and currently serving as vice-president of our church group. He attends district meetings and regional and area retreats. He's always on the volunteer list for pancake or spaghetti lunches and car washes, as the men raise funds to support Special Camperships. Before our current lawn care team took over the mowing, Bob rode countless miles on a mower, along with another "Bob," Bob Wynne. He continues to help with trimming and other lawn care tasks. One can see several examples of Bob's woodworking skills around the church-- beautiful cabinets and shelving. He was a shop teacher for Hampton City Schools and generously used his skills to do numerous repairs around the church. He was part of the team that constructed the utility shed behind the church building.

In a like manner, Martha has been very active in CWF and women's ministries. She has served as president of the general CWF as well as group leader on numerous occasions. She was a physical education teacher for Hampton City Schools and for several years was the recreation leader for the Todds Lane Churches Ecumenical Vacation Church School, at its largest having over 100 students with 7 churches participating. Martha was an energetic worker in the twice yearly yard sales, the CWF fundraiser. When she and Bob became "snowbirds," she always returned from Florida with a generous supply of key lime juice to make tarts and to answer the requests for sugar-free desserts at the bake sales! She has attended regional CWF meetings and delighted in taking others with her.



Martha has seen opportunities to serve and encouraged others to participate. When a relative was teaching in Namibia and saw the need for English books in his school, Martha launched a drive in church that resulted in a small library for that school. For many years, Martha was a member of the Chancel Choir and participated in the hand-bell choir.

Bob and Martha were gifted with numerous talents and skills and very generously chose to share them to further the ministries of First Christian Church.

Do you know a Community Outreach warrior to whom we should give special thanks? Send us a brief write-up for our Newsletter's new 'Community Outreach Warrior of the Month' column!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

TIDEWATER EXCHANGE CLUB PAINT NIGHT

What happens when you take red, blue, green, white, yellow paint, along with a blank canvas? You get adorable pink pigs and a whole lot of fun! Our newest ministry partner, **Tidewater Exchange Club**, hosted a paint night this past month. The food was plentiful and delicious. The fellowship was lively. Every pig painted was different. Which was surprising, since some of us newbie's used stencils. And the instructor was fantastic.

Tidewater Exchange Club exists to serve those with disabilities in our community. Their president Sally Nichols is a woman on a mission who never seems to get tired. Every penny of the money her club raises goes right back into the community, supporting such events as the Special Olympics, and our North Hampton Community Connection Event. So, please keep an eye out for their next painting night, coming early in the fall.



WELCOME TO OUR NEW CHURCH FAMILY MEMBERS!

ALEX AND DANTE JOHNSON

COMMUNITY EVENTS

NORTH HAMPTON COMMUNITY CONNECTION

WOW!!! Thank you for your support!
We tried something new and we were successful!
20 pizzas were consumed by volunteers
34 vendors provided a variety of offerings
47 volunteers signed in
294 purple hot dog tickets were received
312 people signed in on the guest list

According to my list of things that were to happen- they all did!!!!
And the weather was perfect!
I cannot thank you enough for your support! I'm very proud to be a member of First Christian Church and to know people like you!
Please be ready to do it again October 28, 2023!
-Joan Davis



Silent Auction May 7 - 14

We are auctioning off these two beautiful baskets to help raise money to send our church's youth to camp this summer sponsored by the Salty Christians Sunday class.

These baskets and the awesome items in them were donated by our own Ms. Mildred Bliss Wagstaff and a lovely young man she has taken under her wing - Chris Floyd

The auction will be held during fellowship after church worship service in the Narthex.



ELDERS OF THE MONTH OF MAY

Bob Bowman

George White

READERS MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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| May 7 | Ron Milovac |
| May 14 | Daryl Johnson |
| May 21 | Connie Herring |
| May 28 | George and Jacque White |

Thank you so much for your dedication to this ministry. Please be sure the office has your current email address so that our secretary can send the bulletin and reading to you for the week you are scheduled to read. You will be responsible for leading us in the Call to Worship and reading the scriptures or reflective reading. Please read through each before Sunday morning so that you are familiar and comfortable with them. A pronunciation guide is available at the lectern for your use if you should need it. On the Sunday that you read please just take a seat behind the lectern shortly before the service starts. You may return to your regular seat once you have finished reading. If you find that you are unable to read on your scheduled day please contact another reader to switch Sundays with you or contact me and I will arrange for someone else to read. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me. Thank you, again, for your participation in this ministry.

Linda Kuster
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UPCOMING EVENTS SPREADING OUR MUSTARD SEEDS

- May 04 CWF Meeting at 10:30 AM in the Parlor
- May 06 District 8 CMF Meeting at 9:00 AM
- May 7 & 14 Silent auction for Spring Camp fundraiser after service
- May 9 Welcome Table Meeting at 6:30 PM
- May 10 Executive Committee Meeting at 5:30 PM
- May 14 Mother's Day
- May 29 Memorial Day

BIRTHDAYS

May 04
Pat Johnson

May 14
Cynthia Heier

May 18
Barbara Matthews

May 21
Janice Fulbright

May 24
Rob Cuthrell

May 29
Joan Davis

ANNIVERSARIES

Chris and Cynthia Heier

May 08

