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FEbruary 2010



Our Deepest Sympathy

Our deepest Christian sympathy and love are given to Frank and Jackie Trent upon the death of Frank's brother, John Trent. John died on January 19 in Florida. A memorial service for John will be held in February.

We pray for God to richly bless Frank and Jackie and all members of their family with His peace and comfort during this time of sorrow.

If you were unable to give during January, the CWF will wait a couple of weeks to send the check to Church World Service.
If you want to contribute, please place your gift in the Sunday morning offering and clearly mark it for the blankets.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to India Bryan upon the birth of 2 great-grandchildren, Mekala Kate and Jake Hunter, who were born on December 23.

We praise God for the birth of these wonderful gifts.

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Congratulations to Amber Lee and Jonathan Light for being awarded DAR Good Citizens Award. As local winners they both went onto district competition. Jonathan won on the district level and will move onto state competition.

Congratulations to Amber Lee for being selected as Snow Queen 2010 at Giles High School.

We are so proud of these young people.

SOMEONE, SOMEWHERE NEEDS A BLANKET



As of the fourth Sunday in January, the total amount given for blankets is \$1,270, which will purchased 254 blankets.

This amount is now \$70 more than last year. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR WONDERFUL SUPPORT.**

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SPECIAL LENTEN SERVICES SCHEDULED



During Lent, which begins on Ash Wednesday, February 17, there will be several special services.

On Ash Wednesday, we will have an Ash Wednesday service in our sanctuary at 7:00 PM. This is a time to confess our sins to God and to receive the mark of the cross in ashes as a symbol of our repentance.

Also beginning on Ash Wednesday, the Giles County Christian Ministers Association will hold Lenten services at Christ Episcopal Church in Pearisburg. The services will start at 12:05 PM and a light lunch and will last no longer than one hour.

The ministers preaching will be:

February 17: The Rev. Shirley Larson, First Presbyterian Church, Narrows, and Pearisburg Presbyterian Church.

February 24: The Rev. Chris Brown, First UMC, Narrows

March 3: The Rev. Paula Dell Campbell, Eggleston Circuit UMC

March 10: The Rev. Anne West, Christ Episcopal Church, Pearisburg

March 17: The Rev. Rob Lough, Pembroke Charge UMC

March 24: The Rev. Jack Jenkins, Staffordsville UMC Circuit

March 31: The Rev. Doug Hynrich, First UMC, Rich Creek

On Good Friday, April 2, a service will be held at Christ Episcopal at 12:05 PM with seven ministers speaking. A list of the ministers speaking will be in the March newsletter. Lunch will not be served.

Please plan to be in attendance at all services, if at all possible. Lent is a wonderful time for all of us to remember our sinfulness and the wonderful love and forgiveness of God and the saving grace of Jesus.



Blankets have been purchased by Allie Riffe in honor of the Ladies of First Christian Church.

Blankets have been purchased in loving memory of John Trent by Nancy and Wendell Millirons.

Blankets have been purchased in honor of Beulah Johnson and Mary Dillon by CWF Group 3.

THE STUDENTS ARE COMING

During the week of February 28 -- March 5, students from Boston College and Holy Cross College will be coming to Narrows to provide some improvements in the community. Some of them will be visiting our preschool.

On Tuesday, March 2, at 6:00 PM, we will be having a potluck dinner to feed the students. We need to provide food to feed about 30 students and some town officials in addition to ourselves.



Please plan on attending this meal and let's give these wonderful students a very warm southern welcome with good food and good fellowship.

If you have any work around or in your house some of the students may do, or if you know of someone who could use their help, please let Dennis know and he will contact Jessie at the town hall.



Compassion and Aid Received in Haiti

If you've been watching the news, you've inevitably heard about the difficulties of getting aid, supplies, and medical care to those affected by the earthquake in Haiti.

While it is true that the delivery of aid has been hampered by many factors, including infrastructure-related challenges, Week of Compassion can assure you that aid is reaching many of those who need it.

Martin Coria, Church World Service Regional Coordinator for Latin America and the Caribbean, now based in the Dominican Republic and working closely with *Servicio Social de Iglesias Dominicana* (SSID), noted that with pre-positioned CWS kits and blankets, SSID was able to provide relief to the victims of Haiti's massive earthquake in the first twenty-four hours of the disaster. On Wednesday, January 13, SSID sent a flight with supplies to Port-au-Prince, and their staff was able to see the needs firsthand and quickly provide the most crucial supplies and assistance.

Since then, CWS has established a storage and distribution center in the Dominican Border Town of Jimani, and has begun to provide assistance for Haitians who may try to enter the neighboring Dominican Republic.

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Week of Compassion is sharing resources and changing lives. Thank you for sharing your resources and helping to change lives.

Through the Week of Compassion offering, which we will receive during worship on February 21 and 28, we join with other Christians around the world to share our treasures with those who are in desperate need.

Please give generously as God has given to you.



A donation to the Memorial Fund in memory of John Trent has been made by members of the choir.

DISCIPLES MEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETING



The Disciples Men's Fellowship will meet on Wednesday, February 24, 2010, at 6 P.M. in the church fellowship hall.

Please note this is the fourth Wednesday, instead of the regular third Wednesday.

Discussion is planned for a possible fund raiser sometime this year.

Please plan to attend and invite some friends.

**UPDATED BIBLE
READINGS**



1	Exodus 27 – 28 ; Matthew 21:1-22
2	Exodus 29 – 30 ; Matthew 21:23-46
3	Exodus 31 – 33 ; Matthew 22:1-22
4	Exodus 34 – 35 ; Matthew 22:23-46
5	Exodus 36 – 38 ; Matthew 23:1-22
6	Exodus 39 – 40 ; Mathew 23:23-39
7	Leviticus 1 – 3 ; Matthew 24:1-28
8	Leviticus 4 – 5 ; Matthew 24:29-51
9	Leviticus 6 – 7 ; Matthew 25:1-30
10	Leviticus 8 – 10 ; Matthew 25:31-46
11	Leviticus 11 – 12 ; Matthew 26:1-25
12	Leviticus 13 ; Matthew 26:26-50
13	Leviticus 14 ; Matthew 26:51-75
14	Leviticus 15 – 16 ; Matthew 27:1-26
15	Leviticus 17 – 18 ; Matthew 27:27-50
16	Leviticus 19 – 20 ; Matthew 27:51-66
17	Leviticus 21 – 22 ; Matthew 28
18	Leviticus 23 – 24 ; Mark 1:1-22
19	Leviticus 25 ; Mark 1:23-45
20	Leviticus 26 – 27 ; Mark 2
21	Numbers 1 – 2 ; Mark 3:1-19
22	Numbers 3 – 4 ; Mark 3:20-35
23	Numbers 5 – 6 ; Mark 4:1-20
24	Numbers 7 – 8 ; Mark 4:21-41
25	Numbers 9 – 11 ; Mark 5:1-20
26	Numbers 12 – 14 ; Mark 5:21-43
27	Numbers 15 – 16 ; Mark 6:1-29
28	Numbers 17 – 19 ; Mark 6:30-56

**COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS
CALENDAR**

Below is the Count Your Blessings calendar for the ladies of the CWF to use as a guide for contributing to the blessings boxes.

This is a good idea for all of us to use this calendar in order to recognize and to share our blessings with others.

February 2010

- 1 - .05 if you saw your shadow like the groundhog
- 2 - .05 if you fed your pet
- 3 - .02 for each glass of water your drank
- 4 - .05 if you wore anything white
- 5 - .05 if you wore a jacket
- 6 - .10 if you got up after 8 AM
- 7 - .05 if you wore shoes
- 8 - .05 if you wore something with long sleeves
- 9 - .05 for each pet you own
- 10 - .10 if you washed dishes
- 11 - .05 if you were on the computer
- 12 - .03 for each valentine you mailed
- 13 - .05 if you did not clean house
- 14 - .03 for each valentine received
- 15 - .10 if you celebrated President's Day
- 16 - .05 if you read part of a book
- 17 - .05 if you cooked dinner
- 18 - .10 if you ate salad
- 19 - .05 if you watched a movie
- 20 - .10 if you went out to lunch or dinner
- 21 - .10 if you skipped church
- 22 - .05 if you went to work
- 23 - .10 if you ate lunch
- 24 - .03 for each cup of coffee you drank
- 25 - .05 if you read the newspaper
- 26 - .02 for each dish you put in the dishwasher
- 27 - .05 if you ate any candy
- 28 - .05 if you skipped Sunday School

**SAVE YOUR
ALUMINUM CAN
POP TABS**

The Youth Department invites you to join them in helping support the Ronald McDonald house in Roanoke. It is very simple to do!

All you have to do is remove the pop tabs on aluminum cans and bring them to the church. There will be a special container for collecting them in the narthex.

I received this devotion in an email recently. I believe it has a great message for all of us.



Today's Scripture: Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people. -Galatians 6:9-10 (NIV)

Recently my buddy Will visited a friend in the hospital. As he was backing out of the parking garage afterwards, an SUV slammed into his brand new sports car. There sat his dream car -- crumpled and broken. He felt the same way. Will was angry and frustrated, but he put those emotions aside to ask about the other driver. The woman said that she was okay and then began to cry. She had learned from her doctor that she had cancer. She was worried about her family and felt lost and afraid. Will prayed with her. Then they exchanged insurance information and went their separate ways.

My friend could have vented his frustration on the person who smashed his new car, but he chose to care for her instead. His actions demonstrated the grace he had received from God. This grace can transform us into people capable not only of receiving grace but also of showing it.

Each stressful encounter with another person gives us the chance either to focus on ourselves or to minister to another. Each person we encounter -- the aggressive co-worker, the annoying neighbor, the driver who cuts us off in traffic -- gives us an opportunity to show grace.

Rob Luttrull (Texas, USA)

I hope to see all of you in Sunday School and worship as we gather together to experience more of God's grace in our lives.

Peace and love to all, Dennis

Evelyn Shrader is now at Riverview Nursing Home. Her address is: Riverview Nursing Home, 120 Virginia Avenue, Rich Creek, VA. 24147.

PRESCHOOL

NEWS



Hello Church Family,

I hope everyone has had a wonderful start to the New Year. The preschool kids have been busy. The four-year-olds are on the letter P. We have talked about penguins and how they have wings but can't fly. We had a special snack of pancakes that the children helped to make. They were so excited!

Our three-year-olds are learning body parts.

If anyone has a spare moment the children loved to be read too, just give me a call and we will set up a time.

Have a wonderful winter,

Ms. Nikki

Attention!

Dennis is now in the church office from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM.

THINK ABOUT IT

Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all." (Mark 9:35)

CHILDREN & YOUTH NEWS

February 2010



Missions Madness
Learn to Serve



Every Sunday at 4-5 pm
Beginning January 24
Preschool thru 6th grade



We will be learning who to serve and how we can do it! Each week we will focus on a way to put service into action by doing a mission project.

Come join us...
LEARN TO SERVE



TUBING TRIP

February 27, Sat.
Leave church at 8 AM

We will tube from 9 am - 1 pm.
Bring packed lunch & drink.
(There is a concession stand, but it is VERY expensive.)

Cost: \$10.00 for children under age 18.
(Must be 44 inches tall)
\$24.00 for adults

PLEASE SIGN UP BY FEB. 12.
SEE CHRISTY LAWSON



JOIN US EACH
SUNDAY...
Sunday School @
9:45 am

Music Time each week
before class.

Calendar of Events

2/7, Sun. @

4pm-

Missions Madness
Youth Comm.
Meeting

2/12, Fri. - Must

register for

Tubing by today

2/13, Sat. - TBA

Organize for

Valentine's

Banquet

2/14, Sun. - Host

Valentine's

Banquet

2/21, Sun. @

4pm-

Missions Madness

2/27, Sat. @

8am- Leave for

Tubing Trip

2/28, Sun. @

4pm-

Missions Madness

VALENTINE'S BANQUET

February 14, Sunday
Following the Morning Worship



The youth of our church will be hosting a special lunch and program for our church family.

Our menu will include spaghetti, salad, bread, and dessert. Our program will include "The Parent-Child Game Show, songs, and a special "Love Is..." Video produced by the youth.

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy!
Please sign up in worship

NEXT YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING...

Feb. 7, Sunday @ 5:00 pm



SERVING IN FEBRUARY 2010

If you are unable to serve, please arrange for a substitute and contact Dennis Martin at 726-2111 so he will be aware of who is serving.

<u>ELDERS</u> George Caldwell Robert Trent Glenn Shrader, alternate	<u>DEACONS</u> Sharon Shrader* Lowell Deeds Donnie Crawford Hollie Ferguson * denotes chairperson of groups	<u>DEACONESSES</u> 7th Brenda Caldwell * 14th Joyce Robertson 21st Allie Riffe 28th Freda Wright
<u>JUNIOR DEACON</u> Rachel Palmer <u>LOCK BUILDING</u> George Caldwell	<u>GREETERS</u> 7th Lowell Deeds 14th Joshua Palmer 21st Cindy Light 28th Rachel Palmer	<u>NURSERY</u> 7th Paula Lee 14th Shaina Palmer 21st Katrina Lucas 28th Chris Trent
<u>ACOLYTES</u> 7th Christopher Green 14th Chase Lawson 21st Slater Ferguson 28th Emilie White	<u>CHILDREN'S SERMON</u> 7th Dennis Martin 14th Joshua Palmer 21st Hollie Ferguson 28th Chris Trent	<u>READ SCRIPTURE</u> 7th Donna Dunn 14th Stan Ferguson 21st Frank Trent 28th John Robertson

January Birthdays and Anniversaries

1	Chad Blaker Chase Blaker Frank & Jackie Trent	17	Dickie Ingram Macie Madison
		18	Phyllis Spangler
7	Hollie Ferguson Jamie Lucas	19	Lynda Ann Atkins
		22	Brooklyn Lucas
9	Julie Shrader	26	Jonathan Austin Naomi Morris
10	Glenn Shrader		
15	Mary Johnston Freda Wright		

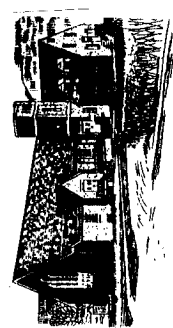
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14 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 12:30 PM Valentine Banquet For Entire Church -- Sponsored By Youth Of The Church 4:00 PM Church History Class, Fellowship Hall	15	16	17 Ash Wednesday 12:05 PM Lenten Service, Christ Episcopal Church, Pearisburg 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service 7:45 PM Choir Practice	18	19	20 8:00 AM Elder's Breakfast, Church
21 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 3:00 PM Vacation Bible School Organizational Meeting, First Baptist Church 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Church History Class, Fellowship Hall & Youth Meeting: Missions Madness	22 12:00 PM Newsletter Articles Due In Church Office 12:00 PM Sunshine Group, First United Methodist Church, Narrows	23	24 12:05 PM Lenten Service, Christ Episcopal Church, Pearisburg 6:00 PM Disciples Men's Fellowship, Fellowship Hall 7:00 PM Choir Practice	25	26	27 8:00 AM Youth Tubing Trip, Winterplace Ski Resort
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MINISTER'S OFFICE HOURS: Monday - Thursday mornings, 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM. Days off: Friday and Saturday. Contact at church at 726-2111, at home 726-7231, or in emergency, call minister at 599-3947.

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