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FROM Cindy's Desk...

Hi All,



Is your soul as bone tired as mine? It feels like everywhere I turn there is pain and fear, distrust and hatred. The recent mass shooting in Greenwood, Indiana, hit me hard. I lose my way in all that darkness. I feel lost, and I'm too weary to fight any longer. Do you feel like this too?

This is when we need to remind ourselves that we worship One who never deserts us...even in the darkness. God holds us close to steady us. We also worship the Light of the world who gives us work to do to keep us focused. Each of us is to share the Light into the darkness.

Alone, this may not sound like much. But when enough Light-sharers stand together...the darkness eases. It's what Leo Tolstoy called "adding your light to the sum of light." I call it letting the Love of Christ within each of us...out into the world. When that Light comes together...it's then we can begin to see the glimmer of everlasting Hope. Stay strong and faithful, my dear friends!

Cindy

INVITE EVERYONE: FRIENDS, FAMILY, NEIGHBORS, CO-WORKERS, PEOPLE YOU MEET,
TO WORSHIP AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH AT 10:30AM ON SUNDAYS!



OPEN ARMS UPDATE

Open Arms is currently working to help fill the gaps that the transition of Genesis to A Better Way has caused.

We are starting a new program to help families in a domestic violence home have a way to escape, by helping to get women into a hotel for the immediate need or paying for the first month of rent in a new apartment. Hopefully when A Better Way has finally gotten their feet into the community we will be able to work with them to assist with families needs.

Respectfully,
Samantha, OAM Secretary

NEW WEBSITE

We finally have a new and easy to use website up for the church. It has information about non-profits we work with, a calendar and a page with our sermons in writing and in video format. You can also find each newsletter there as well.

If you see it and have other ideas, please let Cindy or Samantha know.

The website is still:
<https://www.firstchristianrichmond.com>

POOL PARTY UPDATE

We had about 60 people come and enjoy our church swim on July 10. The weather was great and as usual the snacks were delicious. We hope to have your continued support so we can do it again next year.

Thanks,
April Jones,
Christian Nurturing Coordinator

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Our recent return to having Sunday School for adults has proved to be a success. We've been studying the Book of Acts and the discussion has been insightful. We'll be beginning a new course August 14. Don't know which topic yet, but we hope you can join us. We meet in the Seekers Classroom (SE corner of our main floor) at 9:15 Sunday mornings. Hope to see you there!



Samantha will be out of the office the following week:

October 10 to October 17

We will need volunteers to man the office and answer the phones and the door, Monday through Thursday, 8:30a to 2:30p. If you are available, please let Samantha or Cindy know!

Thank you!

ITEMS WE COLLECT

Have you noticed the containers at the ramp door? We collect several items to distribute to organizations.

- Used printer cartridges
- The pull tabs off of soda cans

And we are going to start collecting postage stamps, both new and used. These will be given to a Veteran's Association.

Cut used stamps from the corner of the envelope.

Please place any of these items in the proper containers and we will see that they get to the organization.

WHAT'S COMING UP?

UPCOMING EVENTS



On **Sunday, August 7th**, immediately following worship we will have a church wide party! There will be music and games.

Meat and table service will be provided. Please bring drinks and a side dish to share! Come join us for a great time of fun and fellowship!

BLESSING BOX AND FENCE SCHEDULE

Month	Group
2022	
August	Elders
September	CWF

DEADLINES

- Announcements for the Bulletin are due to the office by Tuesday, 9:00am, each week.
- Articles and information for the Visitor are due to the office by Wednesday, August 17. This will help insure that the newsletter goes out on time.

Submissions can either be dropped off in the office or e-mailed to FCC@firstchristianrichmond.com.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

For safety and security reasons, please remember that the church is not to be left unlocked. If you are here for a meeting, you should plan to have someone wait by the door or call the church office and we will be able to let you in.

HOSPITAL VISITS

If you are admitted to the hospital, please have a friend or loved one contact the church office so we will know you are there. The hospital has made several changes and there is no good way for us to know you have been admitted. If you are in a nursing home, please ask a staff member to notify us if you are transferred.

When we are notified, we will ask if you want to be placed on the prayer concerns list or Prayer Chain. If you wish to keep your hospitalization confidential, your privacy will be respected. The church has assigned volunteers for hospital visits, so someone from the church can see you while you are there.

BUDGET UPDATE as of June 30, 2022

June Contributions Received:	\$ 9,379.26
June Total Expenses:	\$ 14,079.74
June Net Income:	\$ -4,700.48
Total Contributions:	\$ 71,536.44
Total Expenses:	\$ 94,472.64
Total Net Income:	\$ -22,936.20