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Dear Church,

A preacher was giving a sermon about forgiveness on Good Friday and he asked his congregation, “how many of you have forgiven your enemies?” About half of those present held up their hands. He then rephrased his question, “how many of you want to forgive your enemies?” Gradually, every hand in the congregation went up, except for one in the front row, Sadie Horowitz. “Mrs. Horowitz?” inquired the preacher, “are you not willing to forgive your enemies, especially on this Good Friday when God forgives us all?” “I don’t have any enemies” replied Sadie, smiling sweetly. “Mrs. Horowitz, that is more impressive. How old are you?” “Ninety-eight,” she replied. “Oh Mrs. Horowitz, what a blessing and a lesson to us all you are. Would you please stand up and in front of this congregation tell us all how a person can live ninety-eight years and not have an enemy in the world?” Sadie got up slowly, turned to face the congregation with a beatific smile, and said “I outlived all those old fools.”

This humorous story speaks to the basis of love, or the lack of it, in our lives. I found it very poignant, as we’ve been thinking together about God’s love as the core of our faith in our latest sermon series. We began the first sermon by exploring how our beliefs and actions are important, but behind them all is the love that is God. We then furthered this by discovering that we know the love of God because this love was made known to us when Jesus was crucified for our sake. The love that is God reorders and reorients everything about our lives. It is this love that makes us followers of Jesus. This love imbues our relationship with Jesus, our relationship with fellow Christians, and beyond the church to our relationships with everyone and everything.

By fathoming the depths of the love that is God together, I pray that we become more attentive to who God is, who we are called to become, and what we are called to do. And especially that we won’t stay like Mrs. Horowitz this October!

Grace & Peace,

Prayer is an important part of our congregational life. If you have an update for prayers and praises, please contact the church office 837-4760 or email: Churchoffice@fcclouisburgks.org

FIGHTING CANCER Janet Whitmer; Ken Asher's friend **Don Hudson**; **Tom & Linda Reppell**; Julia's friend, **Emily Albright**; Mary Schaumburg's brother, **Bob Fleming**;

Remember our shut-in friends: Winona Hornbuckle; Myrtle Lee Reed; Anna McConnell; Peg Irwin and Bill & Reno Shaffer.

PRAYERS Susan Ewing's daughter **Melinda Dragush** had surgery August 25 for melanoma cancer; **Tom, Linda and Scott Reppell** as Tom fights cancer, Linda might have brain tumor and will get MRI Sept. 14 and Scott has special needs; **Jim & Debbie Melvin** as Jim finishes chemo treatments; **Rev. Pronin** beginning a trip to preach the gospel in Poland and that God will prepare the hearts of the people to receive the message; **Bernie** cut off part of his finger with a table saw; Bill & Reno ask prayers for their **son-in-law's family** as his father, Romaine Dennis passed away Sept. 2; Asher's friends, **Don Hudson family** as Don passed away and their friend **Jerry Bedgood's family** as he passed away; Linda Cutshaw's **sister** fell and has some broken bones and her great nephew **AJ**, who is 11, is in youth psychiatric hospital for counseling; **Linda Patterson Hoffman** and **Jackie Raymer-Catrette** as Jackie's husband, Bill was killed in a car accident on the 7th; Patty Kelsy passed away from COVID; Bernie's brother **Bob Hadsall** had a stroke and is paralyzed on his right side; **All those** displaced by the fires in the Western US; Encouragement for **the leaders of our congregation**; Linda Cutshaw's Granddaughter **Kara** and her fiancé **Colton** lost a dear friend over the weekend; **Sarah Armour's** health; **Pat Miller's** health. **Jack Kline's** health; Roy & Maurine's grandson, **Roy V** broke his arm; **Linda Cutshaw's** cousin Dan passed away from cancer; **Brandon Doles** broke tibia September 11; Gary & Betty's step grandchild, **Dazia** exposed to Covid; Paul & Brenda for son and daughter in law's marriage; Sandy & Frank's grandson, **Josh**, had accident Sept. 18 playing a game and received broken teeth; Bill & Reno's friends, **Bob McFarland family** as Bob passed away; **Don Aye's** Aunt Evelyn, died on September 23 from Covid; **Jill Niebrugge's** grandmother, Carol Maddern passed away September 14; Damon Dennis's **dad** broke his hip and had surgery Sunday, September 27; Deana's **sisters** health stabilized and is home and her coworker, **Mark** who stopped cancer treatments now is in experimental two week radiation treatment and doing better; **unrest in Louisville**; **Patton family**; Franks brother in law, **Jim** dealing with depression; Reno's cousin, **Joanne** in Napa, CA. to be safe from the fires; Bill & Reno's friend, **Wanda Lawrence** will have a heart valve replacement done on October 7;

PRAISES **Frank** doing better; **Barb** got to meet new great granddaughter, Alaina Renee; **Mary** thankful for her dizziness is getting better; **Trace & Elijah** turned 16 and **Dean & Heather** celebrated their anniversary; **Patrick & Chelsea Harris** blessed with a son, **Beau Warren** on Sept. 5; Paul & Brenda's son, **Stephen** and his wife **Katie** took Covid tests and it came back negative; Kline's grandson **Gavin** who will turn 7 and wants a bookcase for his birthday; Those sick with COVID at **Faith Chapel of Louisburg** have recovered; The fellowship and encouragement we share together; **Chili & cinnamon roll Lunch** on September 27; We are blessed by **our Sunday School Teachers**; **Pat Miller** doing better; **Keith Cowee** better; **Anna Niebrugge** celebrated her birthday Sept 29; **Pat & LeRoy Williams** have new granddaughter, **Avery Ketzner**; **Jeffrey** went back to work Sept. 30;

CONCERNS **Jim & Debbie Melvin**; **Asher family**; prayers for church board; **Betty Reed**; our Nation; our church family; **Dixie Forney**; **Ruthie Boles**; all of our missionaries, the **Pronins, Barkers & McKnights**; **John Barker**; **Bob Jester**; Joe Shaffer's daughter, **Lesley**; **Pastor Justin**; **Youth Ministry**; **residents** at Vintage Park and Louisburg Health & Rehab; **Marilee Barker** and her family also all those who give care!

Serving In October

Elder

Offering & Communion

10:30am—Roy McLellan

Sunday School 9am.



Sympathies are extended to Chris & Jill Niebrugge at the passing of her grandmother Carol on Sept. 24.

Also to Don & Steffany Aye at the passing of his Aunt Evelyn on Sept. 23

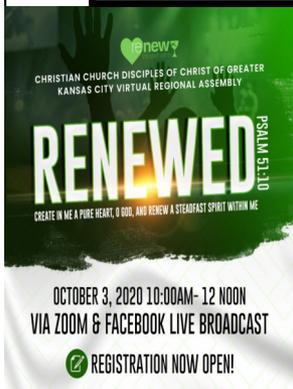


Support
Our Region by
Purchasing a
T-Shirt

Contact the
church office to
place an order.
Price is \$25.00

Saturday, October 3

**Regional Assembly Worship
celebration 10am**



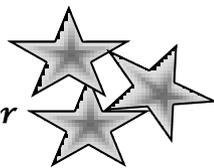
Visit the regional
website to register

www.kcdisciples.org



Birthdays

in
October



If your birthday does not appear on our list and you would like it to, please send your birth date, **only day and month**, to Jean at the church office, or call 837-4760. Also, please let us know if we have made an error in recording your birthday.

- 2—Connie Cleek
- 2—Kathleen Brant
- 3 Julia Schwartz
- 4—Mike Johnson
- 6—Erik Lien
- 17—David Dellinger
- 17—Tom Basore
- 17—Matthew Lien
- 20—Mark Reed
- 21—Grant Basore
- 21—Susan Kneeder
- 21—Michelle Bridges
- 21—Mark Arnett
- 21—Collyn Peterson
- 22—Chris Niebrugge
- 24—Barry Stuart
- 26—Mike Boles, Sr.
- 26—Denise Ward
- 26—Havynn Johnson
- 29—Bradley Swenson
- 30—Larry Cutshaw
- 30—Amy Landis
- 30—Kristy Kohlenberg
- 31—Amy Allen



The red can collection for

October will go to

Micah Ministry



If you would like to give to the red can collection from home, you may send a check and specify on the memo line.

www.micahministry.org

October Worship

www.fcclouisburgks.org

- Outdoor worship @ 10:30am
- Recorded Sunday Worship Services
- Live Sunday School @ 9:00am on Zoom
- Live Zoom Fellowship Thursday @ 9:30am Bible Study @10:00am

HOW CAN I TITHE?

For those who are not able to attend worship services during this time, you can mail your tithe to the church

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Worship Attendance

9:30a.m.

August 30	47 outside	20 online
Sept. 6	48 outside	20 online
Sept. 13	51 outside	20 online
Sept. 20	46 outside	15 online
Sept. 27	46 outside	12 online

Financials

Balance on hand—	August 20	\$79,074.47
Receipts (budget & non-budget)		\$11,745.67
Expenditures (budget & non-budget)		\$ 9,745.88
Net Change in Encumbered Funds		0.00
Balance on Hand—	Sept. 17	\$81,074.26

Halloween on Broadway

in Louisburg

will be held on

Saturday, October 24

4:00-6:30pm



The Rocks Are Crying Out: Show Up; Speak Up; Stand Up is the theme this year for our Reconciliation Sunday **October 4.**

The Reconciliation Ministry Special Offering is used to fund our Church's mission imperative to become a pro-reconciling and anti-racist church utilizing experiential education, inclusive worship, and intentional dialogue. Our efforts to promote healing, relationship, and restoration in the whole family of God are enlivened by funds from this offering.



**Welcome
to
Beau
Warren
Harris**

Son of
Patrick & Chelsea Harris
Born September 5

Grandson to
Sandy Harris & Pauline Hintz

**Tall Oaks Gala:
It's Virtual! It's Online!**

November 8, 2020—
Evening Program and Live Auction

November 8th through the 15th —
Silent Auction

Please consider donations with a
value of \$30.00 or greater by the end
of September.

Contact Ann Morton with questions.
913-515-3828 or email
amorton324@gmail.com

Operation Christmas Child



Shoe boxes are available
If you would like to donate
money, it will be used for
postage.

This is a great opportunity to
witness to families

Flu Shots will be given this year at
Auburn Pharmacy. Let them know you
are from First Christian Church and a
portion of the proceeds will be given back
to the church.

We are accepting donations for
Blessings in a Backpack



We need single serving
non-perishable food
items. For example tuna
packets, granola bars,
mac and cheese etc.

For more information email
eslingerheather@yahoo.com

Online Sunday School Lessons

Older Children

Don Aye is holding Zoom Sunday
School on **Sunday morning at 9am.**

Contact the church office
for more information.

Young Children

To watch videos for Children's Wonder
and Worship (in place of Sunday
School), please visit the Families and
Children DHM YouTube channel.

www.youtube.com/channel/UCL10TN4

[Jh_3Pa0wEGXTeFSg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL10TN4Jh_3Pa0wEGXTeFSg)

**DEADLINE FOR
NEWSLETTER ARTICLES**

Our next newsletter will be published the week of October 25. Please have items into the church office no later than Friday, October 16

The Church Board meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7 p.m.

The next Board Meeting will be Thursday, October 15 — 7 p.m.

**We Are Seeking a
Youth & Family Director**

First Christian Church is seeking an individual who feels called to the work of ministry to join us in serving the youth of our congregation and local community as our new Youth and Family Director.

If you or anyone you know would be interested in joining us in this ministry, please contact the church office by phone (837-4760) or email (churchoffice@fcclouisburgks.org).

To view the job description and compensation, please visit www.kcdisciples.org/ministry-opportunities.html



Weekly Bible Study
Thursday mornings on Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/808946274>
Meeting ID: 808 946 274

9:30am Fellowship
10:00am Bible Study

Pastor Justin Schwartz
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We are collecting:

- Best Choice UPC Labels, Auburn Pharmacy caps, pop tabs, educational box tops and quarters for Heifer International.

FALL BAZAAR CANCELLED

The Fall Bazaar has been cancelled for November of 2020.