

CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH

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Newsletter January — February 2020

*On the following pages you will find
reports from our committee chairs. Enjoy!*

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Pastor's Perspective — Derek Layman



Dr. Phil McGraw has been quoted as saying, “Children would rather come from a broken home than live in a broken home.” Unfortunately, being inhabitants of planet Earth, we have no choice but to live in a broken world. There is not a 'foster world' available to help us escape the pain, suffering, and injustices of the world in which we live.

However, as Christians, we have the opportunity, and heavenly mandate, to help ease the pain, suffering, and injustices of others by offering them comfort and advocating on their behalf. More times than not, this requires some sort of sacrifice on our part. Time, money, reputation, and social status are all things we value as Americans. The very things we highly value are most often the things we are required to risk or sacrifice as we seek to ease the burdens of other human beings.

The Apostle Paul had much to say about our obligation as followers of Christ to help others. He told the church at Galatia to “bear one another's burdens” and that by doing so they would “fulfill the law of Christ.” Paul also suggested to the church at Corinth that those who are most able to help others are those who have themselves passed through a time of suffering. 2020 looks to be a challenging, yet opportunistic, year.

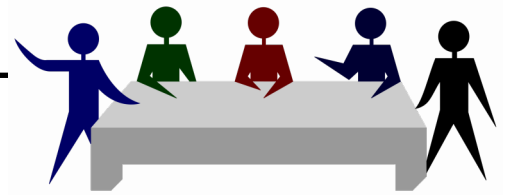
As we embark on this upcoming, and likely capricious, year ahead, it is my prayer that Christ Community Church will be found faithful in caring for one another and serving the community in which we live. Jesus said, “Everyone will know you are Christians (my disciples) if you love one another.” May those around us know we are Christians by our many expressions of love toward one another and others.

Blessings,

Derek

You may reach Pastor Derek at 540.420.6836

Governing Council - Bruce Gilbert, Chair



HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

2019 was a good year at God's Church and we hope 2020 will be even better.

Our pastor and committees did a great job last year, and plans and groundwork for 2020 are underway, including long term planning. More on these as they develop. One plan I do want to mention is a new handicap accessible entrance which will involve the conversion of a west end exit to a covered handicap accessible entrance. Architectural plans have been drawn and should soon be on display in the Narthex for your review and comments.

Kudos to our choir and Music Director for their beautiful singing, and to the Worship Committee for the wonderful guest singers and to our security team for their dedicated and vigilant service.

As always, your ideas and opinions are important. Please don't hesitate to contact me or any committee chairperson with a suggestion or concern to enhance any of the Church's ministries. In addition, a reminder that the Governing Council quarterly meetings are open to everyone and meeting dates are published ahead of time in the Bulletin.

Finally, I want to appeal to you again for volunteers, especially for our Nursery and Youth ministries. If you will help, please see Heather, Norma or Randy.

For the Governing Council,
Bruce Gilbert, Chairman

Property Committee - Mike Kordich, Chair



To better serve our congregation and visitors, the property committee has been working to develop a handicap entrance for the church.

This entrance will consist of a drive through portico and covered walkway to keep anyone using it out of the weather. To ensure that it matches the architecture of the church, it will look just like the current portico and walkway on the east side of the church.

It will be located in the south west corner and enter the sanctuary by the piano. The drive through will be accessible from the west parking lot and two of our current handicap parking spaces will have to be relocated.

Preliminary drawings are on display in the narthex. Please stop by and give us your opinion.

Accessible



Fellowship Committee - Denise Wilson, Chair



The fellowship committee would like to thank everyone who helped with our after church caroling lunch. It was an enjoyable event! We will continue to host the after church fellowship with help from the congregation. If getting more involved at CCC is on your 2020 to do list - we would love to have you on our committee.

Membership Committee - Jim Wilson, Chair



The membership committee continues to update the on-line directory.

If you need to update your information or photo send changes to: 4jrwilson@gmail.com.

If you are not in the directory (the directory is available for members and friends of CCC) and want to be, email. If you haven't been able to download and use the directory please let Jim know.

You can access the handy dandy directory on a smart phone, tablet or laptop/desktop.

Outreach Committee - Randy Agee, Chair



Amazon Smile, Kroger Rewards, Box Tops for Education, Coke Caps for Glade Hill School and Can Tabs for Ronald McDonald House Ministries all continue.

The next Penhook Food Pantry dates are January 9th and February 13th. Toilet paper and liquid dish detergent are in short supply. Please bring these items to CCC to help a neighbor in need.

Our Glade Hill School Ministry will continue to support kids and families in need with programs for weekend backpack food, spring field trip, school supplies and family food.

We continue to support the Franklin County Resource Center/Shelter, Faith Network, Helping Hands, Lake Christian Ministries and other local organizations with financial resources.

You can be specific with your donations to CCC Outreach Ministries. Donations to the General Outreach will go to local organizations or Caring Crafters. Specify your gift for the Family Outreach or the Y.E.P. Program and the funds will be used to help local families and youth enrichment in our community. Please let me know if you have any questions about CCC Outreach (randyagee360@gmail.com).

Thank you to everyone for your time, talent and funds that make this Outreach Ministry possible.

Blessings to all,
Randy Agee



Report by Barbara Armstrong:

Comfort quilts:

We distributed 40 quilts this year.

Coke product bottle caps:

780 oz. were distributed to Glade Hill School PTO.

Can tabs:

104 oz. (equaling 104 hours' stay at Ronald McDonald House) were donated.

Box tops for Education:

135 (equaling 10 cents each) were donated to Glade Hill School IPTO.

Outreach Committee - Randy Agee, Chair

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Caring Crafters Report by Emogene Weller



Giving back to the community and making a difference is the goal of the Caring Crafters. If you need to experience real JOY, come to the Franklin County Health and Rehab for 'birthday day' once per month. To bring a gift and celebrate a birthday for a resident that has basically outlived their immediate relatives brings tears of happiness. Sometimes we pray together, sometimes we just hug or hold hands and listen to a memory from years gone by. Over the past year, we have provided over one hundred lap blankets to the residents there. It is heartwarming to walk through the wings and see so many residents cuddled up in the blankets we have provided for them. We have also provided warm nonslip footies as a small Christmas gift this year thanks to generous donations given by Carolyn Paschall.

At the other end of the spectrum, we provided over three hundred scent pads to the NCIU in Roanoke. These help new moms and dads to bond with their precious little ones.

For Christmas, we will be presenting the NCIU with 40 Christmas blankets so that each newborn in December would be able to be swaddled in a Christmas blanket. Along with those projects, we also gave them squares of brightly colored fleece to use in the care of the preemies as they position them throughout the day.

We have Christmas bags ready for the Glade Hill backpack children, which are filled with school supplies for the second half of the school year. These will be distributed before Christmas.

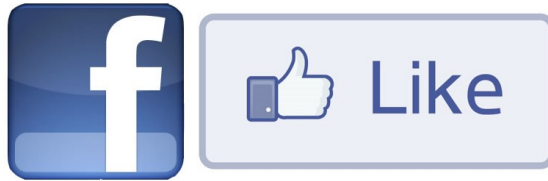
The emergency personnel have been given bags to hand out to young children as needed for traumatic situations which may occur. We thank Ruthann and Tom Werkheiser for their donations of small stuffed animals to fulfill that need. They have also donated enough to provide needy children at Rocky Mount Elementary with something special for the holiday.

We will continue to provide support for our veterans, the elderly and the newborn as we can. If you have concerns or needs in other areas, please feel free to speak to us so that we can try to help with that need.

God is certainly working through us to provide a little cheer and to let others know they are not forgotten. All are welcome to join us. This would be anyone willing to give time to help others. We meet at my home and have our own workshop area. Come and see what we are about!

Blessings,
Emogene

Communications Committee - Laura Southall, Chair



Visit our Facebook page

“Christ Community Church of Penhook Virginia”

and Select **“Like”**, so you’ll be notified of all the latest news.

Then invite your FB friends to Like our page!



We are working on a new, more modern website.
Stay tuned!



Snow season will be coming soon!

Glenn Ulman will once again be sending out texts of inclement weather closings of the church this winter.

Want to be notified?

Please text your name to (540)243-1388.

Security Committee - Glenn Ulman, Chair



Making our Church
Safe for All

I would like to take this opportunity to wish one and all a Happy New Year. Also, I hope everyone's Christmas was bright, and had many things to be thankful for on Thanksgiving.

Since the last newsletter, there have not been any perceived threats against the church. It has been quiet, which is a good thing as far as security goes.

The security team would like to invite prospective members (and anyone that would like to observe the training that is conducted) to our Quarterly Training Meeting which will be held on Saturday Jan 18th at 10:00 am. If you would like to attend, please see myself or a Security Team Member.

Subjects to be covered:

- ⇒ Overview of Church Security
- ⇒ Area Threat Briefing
- ⇒ Un-armed threat suppression training
- ⇒ Responsibilities of team members during an Un-armed threat situation.
- ⇒ Lunch
- ⇒ Weapons Familiarization

If anyone would like to volunteer for this safety ministry of the church, please see a team member — they have American flag name tags.

I also intend to conduct a Church Security Briefing on Sunday, Jan 26th after the service.

Glenn Ulman

Security Team Leader



Saturday	12/28	Church Un-Decorating Day
Thursday	01/09	Penhook Food Pantry
Thursday	01/16	Quarterly Governing Council Meeting 7:00 pm
Saturday	01/18	Quarterly Security Team Training 10:00 am
Thursday	02/13	Penhook Food Pantry

CHURCH COUNCIL

**We thank our newly elected
2020 Governing Council
for being willing to serve.**

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January

01 Kim Cassada
01 Kenzie Deel
14 Fred Curl
16 Anne Daly
18 Anne Fetterly
24 Ruthann Werkheiser
27 Robert Southall
27 Jerry Gwaltney
29 Randy Matthews

February

04 Carol Harding
04 Karen Copeland
07 Barbara Mason
13 Glenn Ulman
13 Carl Simpson
15 Marcia Pounds
17 Barbara Brooks
19 Bill Harding
20 Rindy Lionberger
20 Lee Cassada
23 Elton Trent
25 Sandra Saunders
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