

# PHILLIPSBURG FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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## From the Pastor's Pen

### Love Written In Blood

On January 26th, 2005 a California train derailed, killing 11 people and injuring over 200. One of those 200 was a 44 year old man named John Phipps. His story is the basis for this message. Phipps was the man who, though pinned in the wreckage of the train, scrawled a message in his own blood to his wife and kids. As he regained consciousness, he examined his head and body and saw he was bleeding profusely. An upended train seat sat right above him, and thinking he might be dying, wrote this message: "I (heart symbol) my kids. I (heart symbol) Leslie." Later he said, "It wasn't a conscious thought. I've always told my wife and kids I loved them, and it just happened. I didn't plan it. I didn't say I have to leave a last word. I just wrote it without thinking." His rescuers came on the scene minutes later and saw the message. Fire Captain Robert Rosario said, "I've seen some gruesome things on this job, but that moved me. My only thought was, I have to get that seat to his wife and kids." His wife said about the message, "Hallmark is never going to top that. It's moving, it's thoughtful and it's chilling all at the same time."

The story of John Phipps and his message written in his own blood is a moving one, especially at this time in which we celebrate human love, Valentine's Day. That love is the love of Jesus Christ for a lost world.

John 3:16 says **"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."** Wrapped up in that little word "gave" is a powerful truth. It means "to furnish, to give forth from one's self," and is the aorist tense, meaning it has no starting point or ending point. The love of God the Father was a giving love, a furnishing love. But the gift that the Father gave was not a neatly packaged, wrapped with wrapping paper, tied with a bow, gift. The gift of Jesus Christ to a sinful world was a bloody gift, a shocking gift, a sacrificial gift. We can live out the sacrifice of Christ by loving on another in our families and in the Church and those who need the Love of God.

Love ya

Pastor LeRoy



# Women's World

February 23, 24

Manhattan Christian College has been hosting Women's World for 41 years!

A couple carloads of women from Phillipsburg have gone the last few years and we would like to invite and encourage other women to join us.

It's fun! It's great fellowship! It's spiritually challenging! Come with us!

We leave about noon on Friday, check into the Hotel and attend the first session which starts at 4:00.

The event is finished around 3:00 on Saturday. The cost is \$85.00 which includes a tee shirt.

Friday night and Saturday noon dinners (always very good) plus cost of sharing a hotel room (about \$35.00)

There are choices of great workshops, plus 3 main sessions with inspiring music and speaker.

Come join us, ladies. For more information, contact Sherrie Robinson (543-2796) or Gwen Herder (543-2756)

## ROLES IN THE CHURCH WORKSHOP

Saturday, February 10 – 10:00 a.m. -12:00 noon

Looking at both LEADERSHIP and the role of EVERYONE in the church.

Every one is an essential part of the body.

Here is a short synopsis of what we will look at:

- 1, What does the word 'LEADERSHIP' mean and what does the Bible say about leadership in the Church?
- 2, What are some of the main challenges the church is facing in our times?
3. What personal role in the Church might God have for you?

Material will be provided.

This is not a closed meeting, If you are concerned about the future of the church, please come!

If you are interested in learning how you can be more effective for the Lord, please come!

I'm looking forward to a great crowd – for the Lord and for the church!

Doc Herder

## February Memory Scripture

### 1 John 3:1

See how very much our Father loves us, for he calls us his children, and that is what we are!  
But the people who belong to this world don't recognize that we are God's children because they don't know him.



## EVENING BIBLE STUDIES

Sunday evening Bible studies will be held February 18th and 25th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The studies will be held in the fellowship hall. There will be a slip sheet in the bulletin with content information coming soon.

## THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone who took me to appointments, shopped for groceries, brought food, called to encourage me, and, especially those who supported me with their prayers over the past few months. I'm so blessed to be part of this family of God.

Grateful beyond words,

Marilyn Jansonius

## CHURCH EVENTS

- 2/4 Christian Men's Fellowship
- 2/10 Leadership Training
- 2/11 Youth Group Box Dinner
- 2/12 Material Girls Quilt Guild
- 2/18, 2/25 Evening Bible Studies
- 2/19 Elders Meeting
- 2/20 Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 2/26 Missions Meeting
- 2/7, 2/14, 2/21, 2/28 Youth Groups
- 2/1, 2/8, 2/15, 2/22 Ladies Community Bible Study

## YOUTH GROUP BOX DINNER

The Youth Group 2nd Annual Box Dinner is scheduled for Sunday, February 11th following service. The Box Dinner auction will begin at 11:30 a.m.

Attention all girls/ladies – please bring a decorated boxed dinner.

Attention all boys/men – please bring your wallets.

Dinners will be auctioned to the highest bidder and said bidder will eat with the box's creator.

This event provides funds for the High School Youth Group Retreat. For more information contact Sherry Robinson.

## IF:GATHERING

Melba Rhodes, First Christian Church in Norton is inviting all the women in our church to: IF:Gathering at the Norton Christian Church, located at 208 N. Kansas Avenue.

Friday Feb. 9 Section 1 - 5:30 to 9:00 pm

Saturday Feb. 10 Section 2 - 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Section 3 - 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Register at:

[www.register.ifgathering.com/event/ifnorton](http://www.register.ifgathering.com/event/ifnorton)

or email: [gatheringncc@gmail.com](mailto:gatheringncc@gmail.com)

All women are invited to attend and participants are encouraged to register so the Norton gals know how many snacks/meals need to be provided. There is NO cost to attend.

Please contact Sherry Robinson for more info and car pool possibilities.



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

01 Wayne Younts  
05 Ella Hindman  
11 Stuart Jarvis  
11 Troy Turner  
12 Dakota Coomes  
13 Wendell Jarvis  
17 Gerald Minkler  
20 Nate Minkler  
21 Eugene Earl  
21 Norman Follis  
24 Makhaila Minkler  
27 Bob Moffatt

## JANUARY OFFERING

07 \$4,768.50  
14 \$2,282.00  
21 \$2,218.00  
28 \$2,255.00

Each Sunday we need to collect  
\$2,596.15 to meet our budget.  
Please pray about your giving.

**Remember, you cannot  
out-give God.**



## Marilyn Cook Mission

In December 2017 for 5 Sundays and  
January 2018 for 1 Sunday we raised  
\$376.37 for the Cook Mission.

## FEBRUARY 2018

### First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ

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### ELDERS

04 Stuart Jarvis  
11 Marilyn Jansonius  
18 Beverly Jarvis  
25 Clark Hopson

### DEACONS

Becky Lanier  
Dan Crist  
Emily Schneider  
Jason Dibble  
Gracie Dibble

### GREETERS

04 Volunteers needed  
11 Volunteers needed  
18 Volunteers needed  
25 Volunteers needed

### DEACONESS

Kristin Prewitt

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