

PHILLIPSBURG FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

FEBRUARY 2021 NEWSLETTER



From The Pastor's Pen

- By Pastor LeRoy Herder

2020 Pastor's Report

2020 was indeed quite a year. We began with normal services and plans for the future. In February several of our women attended Women's World in Manhattan. In March, six men attended a men's conference in Omaha, which greatly inspired them.

Then in mid-March, everything changed. Covid-19 had reached Kansas and everything was pretty well shut down. We were preparing to have a special 'thank you' dinner for those who had worked in our Encouragement Ministry. That was cancelled, as was everything else. No Sunday morning worship, no men's breakfast, no youth groups. No Easter services at all! We were basically shut down from mid-March through May.

In June, we began Sunday morning services after a plan was made as to how to best serve communion. Two deacons put on rubber gloves, set the individual juice cups on the communion table, the people walk up, are handed a bread wafer, then pick up their cup. It ended up working out quite well. We continued to meet all summer, but had no VBS or other special gatherings.

The end of August our church secretary contracted Covid-19. I was quarantined for 2 weeks. The elders decided to cancel services for the second Sunday in September. Youth groups started back in September. Attendance has been up and down, but it has been such a great blessing to be able to share with one another again.

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We had a fellowship dinner in September and the Thanksgiving dinner in November. Both were well attended. We held a Christmas Eve service at Huck Boyd.

But during all the shutdown, we still had many blessings including:

Zaylee Geldenhuys was born to Barney and Anna in January and dedicated in August. Tessa Alice Imm was born to Anthony and Bailey in August and dedicated in November. How we praise God for these precious new little ones.

The offerings have remained consistent. The glory goes to God.

Because of the shutdown we began and have continued to put the Pastor's sermon live on Facebook. The response has been encouraging. We have had people tune in from Texas, Colorado, Hawaii and other places.

This has been a tough year for me – and for everyone. Through it all, I know I have learned to trust in the Lord in a more profound way. I've spent more time in the Word, in prayer and in thanksgiving. Now, let's move ahead in 2021, trusting God all the way.

God's blessings be with you all,

Pastor LeRoy

Woman's World

Woman's World has been sponsored by Manhattan Christian College for 44 years.

Several women from Phillipsburg have attended and been blessed.

Because of Covid-19 this year's event will be online.

It will be Friday night, February 26 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m, live streamed on Facebook and YouTube.

Mark your calendar and plan to tune in and be blessed.

For more information go to:
mccks.edu/womans-world-2021-virtual.

Church Events

- Feb 07 Christian Men's Fellowship
- Feb 08 Material Girls Quilt Guild
- Feb 09 Prayer Shawl Ministry
- Feb 14 Fellowship Dinner
- Feb 21 Elders Meeting
- Feb 22 Missions Meeting
- Feb 03, 10, 17, 24 Youth Groups



Celebrate Valentine's Day!

On Feb 11th Gwen and I will be married 65 years. We have packed a lot of experiences into those years. Each year we say to each other how would you like to celebrate? This year we don't have to debate that question.

We plan to attend the Church dinner to be held at First Christian on Feb 14th right after Worship service. We are looking forward to fellowship with our Church family. Jim Lanier says the menu is ham and beans, chili soup and corn bread (provided) and whatever we as a congregation bring by way of veggies, salads or desserts. We will also plan to deliver meals to some who cannot come. Some of the Lord's servants enjoy delivering these meals. Please call the Church office if you would like to have a meal delivered.

Also, if you have a unique story of your romance, wedding or marriage, we would love to have you share it with us, so plan on doing that. Those who are not married might learn some things from the long time married couples.

Let me share a few scriptures with you.

Over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Colossians 3:14

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. John 15:13

So Jacob served seven years to get Rachel, but they seemed like only a few days to him because of his love for her. Genesis 29:20

Love ya,
Pastor Herder

FEBRUARY SCRIPTURE

So now I am giving you a new commandment. Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples.

John 13:34,35 (NLT)

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

01 Wayne Younts

05 Ella Hindman

07 Barney Geldenhuys

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

JANUARY ATTENDANCE

03 - 107

10 - 89

17 - 88

24 - 78

31 - unavailable

COOK MISSION OFFERING

\$344.04

JANUARY OFFERING

03 \$3,912.00

10 \$3,227.00

17 \$3,549.00

24 \$1,425.00

31 unavailable

Each Sunday we need to collect

\$2,596.15 to meet our budget.

Please pray about your giving.

Remember, you cannot out-give God.