Encouraging News
August 25, 2019

COMING SOON...

Apple Festival of Kendallville
October 5th & 6th, 2019

First Christian Church’s food booth is located adjacent to the log cabin facility on the fairgrounds. For many years running, New Brunswick Stew w/roll and Fruit Kabobs have been our specialties along with coffee, hot chocolate, hot & cold cider. (Just a note...After much frustration with the preparation of the fruit kabobs, we won’t be doing those this year).

Needless to say, we need you! Volunteers, especially new and “younger than old” are needed to accomplish our goal and that is to raise funds for IN HIS NAME, a ministry of the church, which is then used to provide funds to those within the church and others when financial needs arise. So...Get your 1830-1860 era costumes out of storage or buy a pattern and make something. A suggestion sheet for what is acceptable as well as sign-up sheets to help during the event will be available at the table September 1st.

If you have questions, please ask Marietta Hite, Sandy Heitz, Linda Jackson, Lisa Hostler, or Kim Williams

THIS IS ALSO A GREAT WAY TO GET TO KNOW OTHERS IN OUR CONGREGATION. THE FELLOWSHIP IS GREAT! PLEASE JOIN US!!!

Anyone can count the seeds in an apple, but only God can count the apples in a seed.
SINCERE THANKS!

I prayerfully wish to thank all who have prayed for me and the healing of my thumbs. God has been most gracious to me and to Diana during this trial. All of the cards and notes were a bright light, so thank you church family. I am on the mend thanks to our all powerful God!

In Christ’s Abundant Love,
Perry Lawrence

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Refresh Your Heart by Welcoming
Gabriel William DiSanto, age 9

It was brought to my attention that it would be good for us as a church family to welcome Mike and Anna’s new son, and Natalie’s new brother, by gifting him with items of clothing and toys. I shared this with Mike and he felt overwhelmed with the idea that we would be considering this. He checked with Anna and I now have information about Gabriel that I will let them share:

Gabriel’s clothing sizes are a boys size 5 or 6. He currently needs clothes for the fall and winter months. We will take hand-me-downs too! Gabriel likes cars, Toy Story, coloring, puzzles, bubbles, Legos, and other arts & crafts stuff!

We should keep in mind that once Gabriel gets to the US and is in the loving care of parents, getting good nutrition, etc., he will blossom!

So if the Lord leads you to want to contribute, you may drop off items at the office and I will see that they get taken to their home before they return. Have them to me, Linda, by Monday, September 9. Thanks and have fun shopping!

FYI...Addison Agen, the young lady from Concordia HS who performed on The Voice and ended up coming in second place over all, will be singing at the fundraiser for NeighborLink of Fort Wayne. The fundraiser is on Thursday, September 26 at 7:00 p.m., with her performance scheduled for 8:00 p.m. The location is at the University of St. Francis at their Performing Arts Center in Fort Wayne. Tickets are available for $20. For information and tickets go to tickets.artstix.org.

NeighborLink Network is where churches, businesses, civic groups, and concerned neighbors are empowered to help senior citizens, those with disabilities, single parents, and anyone facing life’s circumstances that have needs beyond their physical or financial ability on their own. It was launched in 2003 in Fort Wayne after a small church community began engaging in intentional acts of service. As they put their faith into action, they built relationships and began responding to larger tangible needs for vulnerable homeowners. You can go to their website neighborlinknetwork.org to find out more about the organization. See Carol Chandler if you have any questions.

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Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come. “Tis grace hath bro’t me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
John Newton,
“Amazing Grace”

He will never forget you nor forsake you or fail you. Sometimes, it’s in the crisis that we see God more clearly than ever. He comes with peace, with power, with protection, and with a sense of His deepening presence. If you’re in a crisis today, look upward. “Set your mind on things above, not on things of earth, for your life is hidden with Christ in God”. Colossians 3:2-3

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