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A Bit of Church History



It was just recently that we learned a little more about the history of our church. Many of you are familiar with the river mural, in our church baptistery. It is signed by the artist; "CXC." But who was "CXC"? On the evening of Sunday, January 19 we hosted *The Nottingham Four*. During a conversation that night, the artist's full name was revealed. "CXC" is short for Charles X. Carlson. He was an American Visual Artist, who eventually settled in the Lancaster, Pennsylvania area. To learn more about Charles X. Carlson, please read the biography on page 3, from the Carlson Cultural Trust Scholarship website. (*Church History* continued on page 3)

"She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue."

Proverbs 31:26

Women on Mission

WOM will meet on
Monday, March 16th
at 1pm,
at the home of
Nancy Hudler.
All ladies are welcome!

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR...

COFFEE Connection

Monday, March 16th
from 6am-9am.

Come connect and pray
with our JLMCC families,
over some coffee and
doughnuts.



March Anniversaries

1	Clint & Joyce Blithe
2	Bob & Arlee Brown
24	Devin & Amy Short
27	Ralph & Judy Veasey



March Birthdays

1	Betty Ball
1	Sonny Hayes
6	Sarah Walsh
7	Hunter Hokuf
10	June Bibey
10	Margie Jackson
10	Carol Neall
13	Donna Sprout
14	Jacob Perry
15	Tim Bayer
19	Ryan Perry
23	Carol Evans
24	Bernice Jackson
24	Richard Jackson
25	Joy Grant
25	Taylor Johnson
26	Mark Gray
26	Marcia Murray
28	Chrissy Norton
30	Linda Thornton

Valentines at Victoria Park

Oh yes! Our *Friendship Bible Study* enjoyed a slightly different format on the morning of Thursday, February 13th (that's the day before February 14th). Really? The day of "hearts, chocolates and love in general" seemed to be a good opportunity to express our love and prayer support for each other...so we did! Prayer partners each gave and received personal valentines and varieties of sweets. In addition, an "artistic project" challenged our skills with brush and water. (You should have seen the masterpieces.)

To set your mind at ease, the program began with a study from God's Word, on His love and the love He wants us to show for those around us everyday. (I John and many other scriptures)

Currently, our studies have been on the topic of "Mysteries of Heaven." It's amazing information.

We learn...we love...we laugh, too! We're praising the Lord for His blessings every week! This past month, two new women have joined with us. As spring approaches, you may think about joining our "Friendship" group as well. If you would like to join us, call Mille Bee Cavanagh at 410-287-4280.



HELP WANTED

Seeking **12** faithful & committed men, for this year's reenactment of the Lord's Last Supper.

Performances will be at 7pm on Saturday, April 4th and 8:30am & 10:30am on Sunday, April 5th.

If you feel God leading you to be a part of this ministry, please see Patricia Adkins.



IMPORTANT EVENTS/DATES

Sunday, March 1, 9:20am: Breakfast

Saturday, March 7, 7:45am: Men's Prayer Breakfast @ Denny's & Deacon's Meeting @ church

Wednesday, March 11, 6:30pm: March Business Meeting after Bible Study/Prayer Meeting

Monday, March 16, 6am-9am: JLMCC COFFEE Connection

Monday, March 16, 1pm: WOM at Nancy Hudler's

Sunday, March 22: April *Lamplighter* articles due

Thursday, March 26, 10am: Fold April *Lamplighter*

Saturday, April 4, 10:30am: Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 4, 7pm: Last Supper Reenactment

Sunday, April 5, 8:30am & 10:30am: Last Supper

(Church History continued from page 1)

Charles X. Carlson (1902-1991) was an American Visual Artist born on June 26, 1902 to farmer immigrants from Finland who moved to the United States in 1888. Charles was one of nine brothers and sisters. He began painting at 7, decorating chalkboards. Due to an adolescent illness, dropped out of school at 12 by influence of his father and worked multiple jobs throughout the next 10 years of his life. While working he continued to paint the constant changing environment he lived in. He received formal art training at Crane Technical College and Chicago Art Institute in Illinois, as well as the National Academy of Design at the Arts Student League in New York City. His studies took him abroad to Belgium and Germany. After all of his education and training, he holds his time at the Chicago Art Institute in highest regard. Carlson was an illustrator, cartoonist, mural painter and teacher. He painted through the Great Depression, making small pictures and selling a lot of them for small amounts of money. Carlson was always very business-minded and knew hard work would bring him wealth. He is credited for painting murals for Ford, General Motors and the Historical Museum of New York. 100s of his paintings are held around the world in private collections. He also worked for the War Department's Bureau of Public Relations during World War II, drawing many publicity items. After the war he continued to work for the government at the Pentagon, emphasizing the "good neighbor policy." He painted murals and put together exhibits for numerous countries in North, South and Central America. He was an expert in all painting methods, but enjoyed watercolor painting the most because it was the fastest. HE claimed he could paint a scene in 30 minutes with watercolor. Carlson's fast painting ability is why he was able to create so many fantastic paintings that are held around the world. HE created over 750 paintings during his time supporting the "good neighbor policy." After his work for the government, Carlson and his wife Lois settled in Lancaster Pennsylvania in 1947. Carlson continued to teach painting as well as author numerous illustration books. Carlson was an incredible artist who loved painting and desired to share it with others. He used painting to help him in every aspect of his life. It made his early jobs interesting and eventually became his main source of income. He used it to support his country during the war and eventually to make the world a better place by instilling art history into 3rd world countries. His niece and nephews openly share how little time they spent with Carlson, but how much of an impact he had on their lives. Most of them are employed in an artistic-ability requiring occupation, which was influenced by Carlson's teachings at family gatherings. Carlson's paintings are internationally collected and he is recognized for countless achievements including being the first painter to be paid by the National Gallery of Art in our nations capital. Most of his murals can still be seen around New York City. Carlson passed away June 15, 1991, at the age of 89 but his paintings and teachings will last throughout many generations to come.





Easter will be here before we know it. Here are some special events to watch for, here at FBCNE.

Saturday, April 4th, 10:30am: Community Easter Egg Hunt (sponsored by JLMCC)

Saturday, April 4th, 7pm: The Lord's Last Supper Reenactment

Sunday, April 5th, 8:30am & 10:30am: The Lord's Last Supper Reenactment

Sunday, April 12th, 6am: Easter "Sonrise" Service



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

REGULAR CHURCH SERVICES/EVENTS

Sunday

8:30am

WORSHIP

9:20am

Breakfast (1st Sun, monthly)

9:30am

📖 **Sunday School/Bible Study**

10:30am

WORSHIP/Children's Worship

Tuesday

6pm

🎵 **Praise & Worship Team Practice**

Wednesday

6:30pm

Kids' Klub

6:30pm

Youth

6:30-7:30pm

📖 **Prayer/Bible Study**

BUSINESS Mtg (2nd Wed—after Prayer Mtg)

Thursday

10am

Fold Lamplighter (Last Thurs of the month)

10am

Ladies' Prayer Time

Budget/Attendance Analysis

Budget/General Fund Weekly
Average as of 2/16/2020
(7 weeks): **\$3,273.**

Needed Weekly: **\$3,820.**

Budget Status: **-\$3,828.**

Maintenance/Building
Repairs Fund: **\$3,615.**

PARKING LOT FUND:

Received to date: **\$43,550.**

Church goal: **\$47,745.**

Average morning worship
attendance:

1/26/20-2/23/20: **80**