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LENT AT FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

SUNDAYS: On February 26th, Dr. Alana Scott began a class on history and the labyrinth. Attendance is still open. The class starts at 6 PM and meets in the parlor. Here is a schedule of topics for discussion:

March 4: Labyrinths of the Ancient World

March 11: The Labyrinth in Medieval Times

March 18-25: Not Meeting (Spring Break)

April 1: Ideas of the Labyrinth during the Renaissance and Reformation

April 8: The Labyrinth in the Modern World and Popular Culture

MONDAYS: A special Lenten Feldenkrais class, "Walking the Labyrinth with Your Senses", will begin Monday, March 5th, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Talk with Maggie Miles if you have any questions (776-4769).

THURSDAYS: Tyler Whipkey, our Phillips Seminary intern, will lead a discussion of the lectionary passages Pastor Molly will be preaching during Lent. They include several passages in Mark and in John. Each Sunday's bulletin will include the passage to be looked at for the week. The class will begin at 7 PM on March 1st and will meet in the parlor. **This Thursday, the scripture to be discussed will be Mark 8: 31-38.**

ON TUESDAY, March 6th, Pastor Molly will hold an Inquirer's Class in the parlor from 7:00 until 8:30pm.

ON THURSDAY, April 5th, FCC will host a joint Maundy Thursday service with Faith Presbyterian Church at 7:00pm.

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Our symbol for Lent is the work of our own Catherine Rogers



NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

At the January Board meeting, there was much discussion about forthcoming work to the church: refinished doors, painting throughout the sanctuary and narthex, new carpeting, piano trucks and flooring. It sounded overwhelming! At the February Board meeting, President Ron Walke was able to announce completion of everything except 1 small piece of floor trim and pads for the balcony pews. **27 days!** I will no doubt fail to mention someone important, but I need to publically thank Ron, Di, Yvonne, Mickey, Jim Gross, the MSU golf team, Leeann and Josh Akers, the Fuzzy Duck, and Ryan (whose office was bombarded with noise and dust and smells for almost 1 month).

A lot can happen in a few short weeks – and when there is preparation, anticipation, and intention change can be substantial and long lasting. Which reminds me: how is your Lenten season going? Have you been steady and intentional? Good for you. If not, remember that God gives us a morning each day. Begin again. Keep trying. Transformation is a life long process, but it is not so overwhelming when it is tackled one day at a time. Be in prayer for others around you who are on this journey with you. Grant them the same space for change you would wish for yourself.

The sanctuary has had new life breathed into it. Let us be able to say the same about those who worship in it!

Do. Love. Walk.

Pastor Malley



Worship Corner by Jonathan Adkins



Our major choral musical event will be singing for the Maundy Thursday service. We will work jointly with the Presbyterians on this project, so special rehearsals are required. Our schedule is as follows.

Sunday, March 25 2-4 pm

Sunday, April 1 2-4 pm

Wednesday, April 4 7-9 pm

It is not necessary to attend all rehearsal, but the more you attend, the better the music will sound. Come one, come all for this exciting Maundy Thursday opportunity.



Dear Pastor Molly and FCC,

Thank you for the lovely funeral service you performed for our Aunt Pig (Vivian Carpenter). Your words were very comforting to all of us.

Many thanks also to the ladies who served the luncheon. We all are most grateful for the support you and your congregation gave to our dear Aunt Pig.

Warmly,
Annelle Roose



Our Sanctuary has a fresh coat of paint and new carpet!

Dear friends of DOVES,

On behalf of our clients, board of directors and volunteers, I want to thank you for your donation to DOVES. In order to continue serving victims of domestic violence and their children we must depend on members of the community to provide assistance to our program. Thank you for your generous donation and for your continued support of DOVES.

As you may already know DOVES is the only domestic violence shelter that serves residents of the Gateway area. DOVES provides the following services: safe, secure shelter, food, clothing, crisis counseling, legal advocacy, outreach services, and referrals to other agencies.

Thank you again for remembering our residents.

Sincerely yours,

Pat Collinsworth
Executive Director

A special "thank you" goes to Josh and Leeann Akers for assembling and installing the new protective flooring in the sanctuary!

Time to Order Easter Lilies

If you would like to provide a lily for church on Easter Sunday, April 8th in memory or in honor of someone, *please let the florist know that the flowers need to be at the church by noon on Friday, April 6th.* They need to be wrapped in white paper with white ribbons. If you would like the dedication to appear in the bulletin that Sunday, *please fill out this form, cut it out, and turn it into the church office by Wednesday, April 4th.*

___ In memory of *or* ___ In honor of: _____

Given by: _____

Our Nominating Committee is working on the 2012-2015 rotation of deacons, the 2012-2014 Vice President, and perhaps new elders. They ask you to join them in prayer and discernment as this process unfolds. If you have ideas about people you feel have the necessary gifts and talents for these positions, please let one of the committee members know: Roger Fischer, Emma Gross, Jami Hornbuckle, Bill Mann, Maggie Miles (chair), and Darlene Perkins. **Only church members may be nominated.** The slate will be presented to the board at the March meeting for approval; then the slate will be published in the ECHO, the bulletin, and on the website so that the congregation may know the names. The slate will be voted on by the congregation at the May annual meeting.

Suggestion for Elder _____ Suggestion for Vice President _____

Suggestions for Deacon _____

This slip may be put in the basket provided in the sanctuary, or given to one of the committee members.

For those who enjoy reading the sermon Bible passages for the month, they are as follows for March:

March 4: Mark 8: 31-38
March 11: John 2: 13-22
March 18: John 12: 20-33
March 25: John 3: 14-21



Addendum to the Directory

We are getting ready to create an addendum page to the directory. If your info has changed, please let the office know so it can be corrected.

March Deacons

Debbie Griffin, Guy Griffin, Emma Lou Gross, Jim Gross, Liz Reffitt, Mary Claire Williams.

We need volunteers to provide lunch for our youth in April. To volunteer your time and services, contact Emma Irick at 937-216-8006.

Treasurer's Report

Income for February:

\$9,406.62

*The average monthly expenses calculated for the board meeting is **\$9,718.27.***



For the month of January, we received a check from Kroger for \$264 to go towards our backpack program.



Bell Choir rang at Russell Cave Rd. Baptist Church on February 26th.

BOARD MEETINGS

Monday, March 26th

Committees @ 6:00

Executive Board @ 6:30

Full Board @ 7:00



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\$17.99

For more FCC items, visit cafepress.com/fccmoreheadky

Operation Paperback

We are still sending paperback books to our troops overseas. If you would like to donate, please place your gently used book in the box provided in the Fellowship Hall.

Food Pantry

The requested item for the month of March is canned spaghetti and ravioli.

*Remember to pick some up the next time you

Monthly Luncheon

We will have a luncheon of pizza and salad after church on March 4th. The luncheon is free, but a \$5 donation to the church operation fund would be wonderful.

YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK

The Outreach Committee is pleased to announce that your generous donations during the holiday season and your desire to help a child will allow our church to offer partial scholarships to at least thirty (30) children. We have selected three opportunities for these kids: 4-H camp, Kids' College, and the fifth grade trip to Washington, D. C. We chose these opportunities because they already have partial scholarship guide lines in place and work with the Youth Service Centers of each school to make their selections.

The 4-H camp is a four day overnight experience involving archery, canoeing, camping skills, and much more. Kids' College is a four day camp co-sponsored by the Rowan County School System, Maysville Community and Technology School, 4-H, and Girls Scouts Wilderness Road Council, which offers breakfast and lunch and a choice of two activities, and the Washington, D.C. trip is a long weekend overnight for all fifth graders in Rowan County.

The Outreach Committee would like you to know that the donation cards that you "bought" during the Christmas season are available year round. Perhaps you would like to consider buying these \$25 dollar cards in memory or in honor of someone during this Lenten/Easter season.

Thank you FCC for having such generous hearts. The children of Rowan County will never know who you are but they will always remember that someone cared enough to give them wonderful experiences and lifetime memories.

William and Regina Mack Capital Improvement Fund Report

In Memory of Margie and Wathan Gullett
Jim and Emma Lou Gross

In Memory of Alice and Scott Gross
Jim and Emma Lou Gross

On Saturday, March 24th from 9am to noon, FCC will have a work day to clean and straighten up our church building. Donuts, orange juice, and coffee will be available to all those



who participate. Come join us and make our church home sparkle!



Would all committee chairs please have proposed budgets for the 2012-2013 church business year by the March board meetings.

Dr. Bill Mann's faculty recital has been rescheduled for 5:00pm on March 4th in the Duncan Recital Hall in the Baird Music Building at MSU.

March Birthdays

- 1- George Hill
- 4- Jim Fred Cassidy
- 4- Josh Akers
- 8- Catherine Rogers
- 9- Lee Chaney
- 11- Linda Bryant
- 12- Melodie Hoff
- 14- Jean Mack
- 22- Cathy Hammond
- 26- Ron Walke
- 28- Roger Fischer



Living Memorial Fund

In memory of Vivian Carpenter
Etta Jane McCarty
Harold & Jane Holbrook
George & Jean Hill
Annelle Roose

March 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 5:30 Yoga 7:00 Lenten Bible Study	2	3
4 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Service: Lent 2 After church: Luncheon 6:00 Labyrinth in History	5 5:30 Feldenkrais	6 5:30 Yoga 7:00 Inquirers' Class	7 5:30 Bells 7:00 Choir	8 5:30 Yoga 7:00 Lenten Bible Study	9	10
11 9:45 Sunday school 10:45 Service: Lent 3 Noon Youth 6:00 Labyrinth in History	12 5:30 Feldenkrais	13 5:30 Yoga	14 5:30 Bells 7:00 Choir	15 5:30 Yoga 7:00 Lenten Bible Study	16	17
18 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Service: Lent 4 Noon Youth Older youth	19 5:30 Feldenkrais	20 5:30 Yoga	21 5:30 Bells 7:00 Choir	22 5:30 Yoga 7:00 Lenten Bible Study	23	24 9am Work Day
25 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Service: Lent 5 Noon Youth	26 6:00 Committees 6:30 Executive 7:00 Full Board	27 5:30 Yoga	28 5:30 Bells 7:00 Choir	29 5:30 Yoga 7:00 Lenten Bible Study	30	31 Fellowship Hall reserved 10-1

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Rev. Molly Smothers, Minister

Jonathan Adkins, Choir

Emma Irick, Youth Director

Josh Akers, Youth Leader

Ryan Brown, Secretary

Chia-Ling Hsieh, Organist

Michael Young, Pianist

Sarah Chaney, Bell Choir

Kaitlyn Reynolds, Nursery

Rose Pettit, Nursery

Darrin Roe, Custodian

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SYMBIOSISDUO featuring our own Stacy Baker and Deb Eastwood. Photo provided by Doug Hoff.