

In essentials, unity. In non-essentials, diversity. In all things, charity.

First
Christian
Church
(Disciples of Christ)



The Echo

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First Sunday Lunch

April 8 ~ 12-2pm



Pizza Party

The congregation is requested to bring sides or desserts.

Invite a friend!

EASTER SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

April 1, 2018 ~ 10:45am



Reverend Donald Chase,
Minister

Reverend Renee Chase,
Minister

There will be two baptisms during the worship service.

We invite everyone to join us as we celebrate the risen Christ.

Nursery services available.



Our Worship Services are back on Facebook. Thank you to Roger Fischer for his continued work on this project, and thank you to the donor and new computer donation which is making this possible. Here is the website: www.facebook.com/fcc.morehead. For privacy and security reasons, we will be starting the videotaping and will be going "live" on our Facebook page after the Prelude @ 11am on Sundays.

NEW Choral Scholars Program. Genny Jenkins and the MSU choir interns with the MSU Music Department will present a concert on April 30. Details page 3.

Nominations for Deacons and Vice President



President Swim is opening the nominations again for deacons/vice president. Those nominated must have been a member for at least one year. The slips are at both entrances to the sanctuary. You may also email the office (fccmky@gmail.com) or call the office (606-784-4836) and leave a message. When attending services, please place your nominations for members in the basket provided. Please see form on page 4.

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We Need Each Other

A majestic cathedral in Northern Europe was known for its magnificent organ. Unlike the electric organs of today, these organs depended on a man who would pump by hand the air needed for the organ to produce its great sound.



Reverend Don Chase

A guest organist was scheduled to play for the 4 PM recital featuring the works of Mozart and Mendelssohn. The brilliant guest organist bowed before the crowd and said, “*For my first selection I will play a piece by Mozart.*” He sat at the organ and began to press the keys but absolutely no sound came out. He attempted a second time; but again, to no avail. This time, very aggravated, he said loudly, “*For my first selection I will play a piece by Mozart.*” He returned to the keyboard, but still no sound. Suddenly he heard a voice from behind the organ, “*If you don’t say ‘we,’ I ain’t gonna pump!*” The organist smiled and said, “*For **OUR** first selection **WE** will play a piece from Mozart.*” The great music was heard by all.

The church of Jesus Christ always plays its best music when we realize “we” and not “I.” Perhaps this is why Jesus put a table – the Lord’s Table – at the center of our faith.

But it’s true: we need each other! It not only takes a village to raise a child, but it also takes a village to grow a strong faith community. Parker Palmer, one of my favorite authors, understands the importance of community, saying: “Whether we know it or not, like it or not, honor it or not, we are embedded in community. Whether we think of ourselves as biological creatures or spiritual beings or both, the truth remains: we were created in and for a complex ecology of relatedness, and without it we wither and die. This simple fact has critical implications: community is not a goal to be achieved but a gift to be received.” (Parker, *Thirteen Ways of Looking at Community*, 1998).

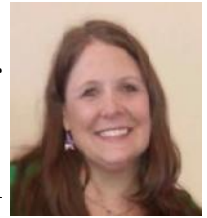
How do you like that...*void of community – God’s special gift – we die!* It eludes us eternally. Not only does community maintain life, it is also the source of our healing: physical, emotional, and spiritual. I think of the Lakota people and their practice of the “inner circle” (“*hocokah*”) comes to mind. Originally formed around the elders of the community, this practice promoted healing, change, and intense communal support. As psychiatrist Lewis Mehl-Madrona describes the practice, “We can make community, create community art, create community ceremony and dance and ritual and music for our healing, even if faced with the lack of blueprints for how to do this. We can dance. We can keep rhythm. No other primate from capuchin monkeys to non-human apes can keep rhythm. This is uniquely human, and we must use it to our full advantage to entrain ourselves to coherence with each other for maximal healing and transformation (Mehl-Madrona, *Healing the Mind through the Power of Story*, 2010).”

If I am hearing the good doctor correctly, he is telling us we need each other – and to just do it! Don’t worry about doing it “correctly,” just be and stay in community! I am so very thankful for our tribe, sometimes called the First Christian Church, as we worship, work, and play together. Truly, a genuine and authentic gift of community! As St. Paul reminded the faith community in Philippi, “I thank God upon every remembrance of you.” As always, I look forward to dancing and being in community with you on Sunday. Glad to be your (transitional) pastor.

Pastor Don

YOUTH GROUP

Due to inclement weather, the March youth meeting was cancelled. The Easter egg hunt is rescheduled for Sunday, April 8th during the First Sunday Lunch.



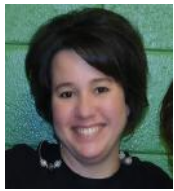
Mary Claire Williams

Sunday, April 22—12-3pm Youth Meeting. The April Youth Meeting will take place on Sunday, April 22nd immediately after the service. I am looking for someone to help provide the meal. Please contact Mary Claire Williams, if interested.

Thank you to Mark Etherton and Makayla Reynolds for volunteering for Children's Church in April. If you would like to sign up for another month, please sign up on the bulletin board or tell Mary Claire.

Spring Youth Sunday. The Spring Youth Sunday and graduation service will be announced soon. Graduation slips will be out soon, so please send information to the office if you would like to honor a graduate.

Peace and Blessings, **Mary Claire Williams**, Youth Director



Genny Jenkins

CHOIR and BELLS



The FCC Choral Scholars Program Dinner and Concert

Monday, April 30 5:30/7pm

As you know, the intern program here at FCC is an integral part of our larger music program and mission. The program not only assists in providing wonderful music for our various services, but also is of a great benefit to our interns. It allows them to leave school with a solid piece of experience on their resume and gives them a substantial grounding in how a church music program works - extremely valuable experience for their future!

At my suggestion, the board has agreed to name the program *The FCC Choral Scholars Program* and we are going to hold an event (which I hope will become an annual endeavor) on Monday, April 30 to help raise additional funding for the program. The event will be a dinner at 5:30pm followed by a concert at 7pm. We will sell tickets to the dinner and the concert will follow. The concert will be a variety program of music provided by the interns and other friends from the MSU Music Department.

Please mark your calendars to attend this special event! It will be a wonderful evening of fellowship and music - and all for a very good cause that is near and dear to our hearts.

Genny Jenkins, Choir Director

~Thank You~

~To the Board and congregation: Thank you so much for beautiful St. Andrews silver cross and love offering during Christmas. I am blessed beyond measure and truly appreciate your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely, Barbara Marsh

~ Thank you to Darlene Perkins, Jack Whidden, and Mary Claire Williams for church transport for Jim Fred Cassity in March. FCC

~We thank Leeann Akers for communion preparation and Mary Claire Williams for Children’s Church in March. FCC

~Mary Claire Williams and the Build-A-Bed Committee would like to thank FCC for its continued support over the years. Build-A-Bed

Nominations for Vice President/Deacons Due ASAP

Each year our church calls into order a Nominating Committee, comprised of 1 elder, 2 deacons, and 3 members at large. The function of this committee is to fill necessary positions within the church board – officers and deacons. This is done through a system of gathering names from within the congregation. Anyone who has been a church member for the 12 months prior to the new church year (which begins on 1 July) may be considered. Slips for suggesting possible names are available at each door of the sanctuary. **The deacon co-chairs determine how many new deacons need to be added to the roster, which consists of a term of three years on, one year of sabbatical.** It is the job of the Nominating Committee to count the names on the slips AND TO MAKE CONTACT WITH THOSE WHO ARE NOMINATED. Please be in prayer for the Nominating Committee as they work and serve our larger church. **NOMINATION SLIPS NEED TO BE TURNED IN BY ASAP.** Baskets are available at each sanctuary door in which to place the slips, or you may drop them in the offering plate or mail them to the office. [You may also call or email your nominations. \(fccmky@gmail.com\)](mailto:fccmky@gmail.com)



Why Become a Member?

A frequently asked question around here is “Why is it important that I become a member? If I am invited to participate in communion, worship, and fellowship by attending—why should I join?” We offer several reasons why we encourage people to join around here.

- Our church provides a distinct voice within this community. We are a unique group of believers. By formally joining, you are adding your voice to ours. You are saying, ‘I am glad there is a church like this in Morehead.’
- When you are a member, you have voting power. In congregational decisions and in choosing elders and diaconate members, you have a say. You also have the opportunity to serve as a committee chair.
- Community thrives on commitment. Membership is a way of telling those around you: ‘I am here for you, and I know you are here for me.’

There are several ways of becoming a member of the First Christian Church. One is by **public confession of faith** in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior followed by baptism. If you have already been baptized, there is no requirement to be re-baptized.

You may come by **transfer of membership** from another congregation. Or, if you are a member of another church, but wish to affiliate with our congregation (for instance, if you are a college student or your home church is not close by), you may join by **Watchcare**. This allows for all the privileges of membership. An invitation is extended after the sermon at almost all services of worship.

We encourage speaking with the pastor before such a time, but it is not essential.

Come and serve God with us!

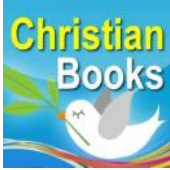
5th Sunday Offering April 29

Please help support **Christian Care Communities**, which offers carefree senior living and long-term care.
www.christiancarecommunities.org

April Birthdays

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| 1- Joshua Pack |  | 22- Dan Thomas |
| 8- Sam Rogers | | 24- Alex New |
| 12- Julia Hawkins | | 25- Joe Barrett |
| 13- Ryan McGillicuddy | | 28- Maggie Alden |
| 16- Grant Alden | | 28- Jacquelyn Caudill |
| 17- Phillip Swim | | 30- John Schiessl |
| 18- Kenny Hall | | |

Church Library Needs

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| Bookcases |  | Self-help |
| Small desk/table | | Inspirational |
| DOC books | | Wellness |
| Bible study | | Spiritual growth |
| Biographies | | Devotions |
| Christian living | | Christian fiction |
| Books having to do with:
Faith, Family, & Aging | | Social justice |
| Grief/suffering | | Children's books |
| Religious | | Young adult books |

Monetary donations may be made at 227 East Main Street, Morehead, KY 40351. *Thank you to Pat Dailey for book donations!*

April Gateway Home Basket

Items for the April basket for those transitioning to a permanent home from the Gateway Homeless Shelter are due April 8th.

Treasurer's Report

Income for March is \$9,027.00.
Expenses for March are \$8,963.84.

April Elders

- 1—Mark and Ginny Etherton
8—Mary and Ginny Etherton
15—Carmen Swim and Jack Whidden
22—Alana Scott and Paul Semisch
29—Susan Thomas and Joe Barrett

April Deacons

Leeann Akers, Makayla Reynolds,
Genny Jenkins, Jim Gross, Fran Helphinstine

April Events

Yoga Tues & Thurs 5:30-7pm; Youth/High School Bells Wed 6:15pm; Adult Bells/Choir Wed 5:00/7:00pm; Elem/Middle Bells Sun 9:45am

Thursday, March 29 1pm Easter lily delivery due from your florist; 7pm Maundy Thursday Service at Faith Presbyterian Church.

Friday, March 30 12pm at Faith Presbyterian Church—Community Good Friday Service; 7pm at FCC—Tenebrae Service.

Saturday, March 31 11-2pm John Akers Birthday Party. Everyone invited. Leeann Akers.

Sunday, April 1 Easter Sunday Worship Service with baptisms.

Saturday, April 7 12-5pm Sam Rogers Birthday Party. Everyone is welcome. Contact Kathryn Rogers.

Monday, April 8 12-2pm First Sunday Lunch Pizza Party. The congregation is requested to bring sides and/or desserts.

Sunday, April 22 12-3pm Youth Meeting.

Monday, April 23 6:16/7pm Executive/Full Board Meetings.

Sunday, April 29 12pm Elder Meeting; 5th Sunday Offering for Christian Care Communities.

Monday, April 30 5:30/7pm Dinner and Concert—The FCC Choral Scholars Program.



Attention RV Enthusiasts! Are you aware that Christmount has full hook-up RV sites on their grounds? Did you know that you could stay there free of charge this summer in exchange for volunteer hours? Sound interesting? Find out more at www.christmount.org/work-volunteer or e-mail rvvolunteerinfo@christmount.org. Christmount is the national camp and conference center for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. Located in Black Mountain, NC, Christmount's mission is to provide opportunities for Christian hospitality, rest for the soul, and renewal for the journey.

Easter, also called Pascha (Greek, Latin or **Resurrection Sunday**), is a festival and holiday celebrating the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, described in the New Testament as having occurred on the third day of his burial after his crucifixion by the Romans at Calvary 30 AD. It is the culmination of the Passion of Jesus, preceded by Lent, a forty-day period of fasting, prayer, and penance.

Most Christians refer to the week before Easter as "Holy Week"—it contains the days of the Easter Triduum, including Maundy Thursday, commemorating the Maundy and Last Supper, as well as Good Friday, commemorating the crucifixion and death of Jesus. In Western Christianity, Eastertide, or the Easter Season, begins on Easter Sunday and lasts seven weeks, ending with the coming of the fiftieth day, Pentecost Sunday. In Eastern Christianity, the season of Pascha begins on Pascha and ends with the coming of the fortieth day, the Feast of the Ascension.








Easter and the holidays that are related to it are *moveable feasts* which do not fall on a fixed date in the Gregorian or Julian calendars which follow only the cycle of the sun; rather, its date is determined on a lunisolar calendar similar to the Hebrew calendar. The First Council of Nicaea (325) established two rules, independence of the Jewish calendar and worldwide uniformity, which were the only rules for Easter explicitly laid down by the council. No details for the computation were specified; these were worked out in practice, a process that took centuries and generated a number of controversies. It has come to be the first Sunday after the ecclesiastical full moon that occurs on or soonest after 21 March, but calculations vary.

Easter is linked to the Jewish Passover by much of its symbolism, as well as by its position in the calendar. In most European languages the feast called Easter in

English is termed by the words for passover in those languages and in the older English versions of the Bible the term Easter was the term used to translate passover. Easter customs vary across the Christian world, and include sunrise services, exclaiming the Paschal greeting, and decorating Easter eggs (symbols of the empty tomb). The Easter lily, a symbol of the resurrection, traditionally decorates the chancel area of churches on this day and for the rest of Eastertide.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Office Hours: M-Th 8:30-1pm	3 5:30 Yoga	4 5:00 Adult Bell Choir 6:15 High School Bell Choir 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	5 5:30 Yoga		7 12-5pm Sam Rogers Birthday Party. All Welcome.
8 Rev. Donald Chase 9:30 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service 12-2:00 First Sunday Lunch		10 5:30 Yoga	11 5:00 Adult Bell Choir 6:15 High School Bell Choir 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	12 5:30 Yoga	13 Office closed.	
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Genny Jenkins, Choir
Mary Claire Williams and
Barbara Marsh, Secretary
Sarah Chaney, Bell Choir
Kaitlyn Rhoden, Nursery
Darrin Roe, Custodian

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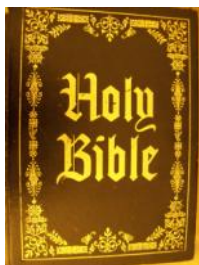
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Lectionary



- April 1—John 20:1-18
- April 8—John 20:19-31
- April 15—Luke 24:36b-48
- April 22—John 10:11-18
- April 29—1 John 4:7-21

