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# The Echo

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## New member!



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### BABY DEDICATION

During the worship service of April 6, Leland Joshua Brown, the son of Ryan and Jessica Brown, will have his baby dedication ceremony. The First Sunday Lunch will be a pizza and salad feast in his honor.

### EASTER EGG HUNT

After the service and First Sunday Lunch on April 6, an Easter egg hunt will take place. The older youth will hide the eggs and the younger youth (including the nursery youth) will hunt them.

## NOTES FROM THE PASTOR:

{My thanks to my sweet husband Leon for the idea for this message. He's smart.}

One of my father's favorite adages went: *Slow and steady wins the race; not the fast, uneven pace.* It's taken from a fable by Aesop about the tortoise and the hare. As we sit here halfway through Lent, that adage goes through my head a lot.

~Some folks are excited for Lent to be over, so they can go back to (fill in the blank – eating chocolate, going back to swearing or complaining, watching “The Voice”). They are living in the future, which means that they may not be aware of what is going on in the here and now. Sort of defeats the purpose of Lent, huh?

~Some folks suffer from Shiny Object Syndrome – they latch onto an idea, a fad, a new way of doing something (or even a new church) and dive straight into the deep end. They want to get involved in everything, be a part of everything then.....oops! Another Shiny Object comes by, and off they go. They are missing the dailyness of learning about things, the slower process that allows things to be absorbed fully.

~Some folks come to me and want to learn ‘how to be a Christian’ in the same way they learn how to perform CPR, or how to carve a turkey. {Even my father – who was so very fond of the above adage – was frustrated because he didn't want to learn to read music – he just wanted to learn how to play a song!!!} When it is explained to those folks that following Jesus is a lifelong journey, and we never get all the answers, and we learn something at least every other day if not every day --- well, that doesn't suit. They are wanting a fast track approach to being God centered. If one exists, I'd love to know about it. Or maybe not. I can only learn so much in one day, and the journey is far too interesting and wonderful.

Be here now. Slow down and listen. Take time to know who is around you in the pews. Realize that our lives are marathons, and not sprints. Be in it for the long haul.

Pastor Malley 

## EASTER OFFERING

Our denomination Easter offering will take place on April 20 and April 27. This offering goes to benefit the Disciples Mission Fund.



## **NEW CHOIR INTERNS**

*From left to right...*

**Charlie Day:** From Lawrenceburg, Indiana, he is a music education major in his freshman year at Morehead State. He will be singing and playing guitar for us!

**Jasmine Wheeler:** From Morehead, she is a music education major in her freshman year at Morehead State. She is also busy holding a job at Mr. Gatti's. She has volunteered to do some dancing, too!

**Nick Wolford:** From Jackson, Ohio, he is a music education major in his freshman year at Morehead State. He will be singing and playing piano for us!

The youth would like to say thank you to the congregation for your support during our donation drive for the Gateway Homeless Shelter during the month of March. We collected a lot of items that will benefit the shelter and the citizens of our community. A very special thank you to Paul Semisch who helped us organize this project.

The April meeting will take place on Sunday, April the 27<sup>th</sup> from noon until 3:00 p.m. This will be a very important meeting for any of the youth who would like to participate in Youth Sunday on May the 11<sup>th</sup>. We will be planning and practicing for our service. **If you would like to provide the meal for the April meeting,** please see Mary Claire or Chris.

There will be an Easter egg hunt on Sunday, April the 6<sup>th</sup>. **If your youth would like to participate, please bring a basket. If you would like to donate small candy to go in the eggs, please place it on the table closest to the kitchen in the fellowship hall.**

Mary Claire Williams and Chris Prichard  
FCC Youth Co-Directors



During the month of February, our church received a check for \$439.08. **The cost of healthy food rises each month—PLEASE continues to reload and use your Kroger card to continue to fund this ministry.**

### April Birthdays

- 1- Joshua Pack
- 8- Sam Rogers
- 12- Julia Hawkins
- 13- Nathaniel Young
- 15- Jasarae McKinney
- 17- Phillip Swim
- 18- Kenny Hall
- 22- Dan Thomas
- 24- Alex New
- 23- Emily Tingle Settles
- 25- Joe Barrett
- 28- Maggie Alden



We have three great applicants for our choir position. Interviews are to take place this week (March 30-April 5). With hope, we will be able to name our new director within a few days after that. Please continue to keep this process in your prayers, as well as our candidates and our search committee: Sarah Chaney, Julia Hawkins, Chris Prichard, Alana Scott, along with Jami Hornbuckle and Pastor Molly.

Maggie Miles has made great strides in her recovery! She and Ned are hoping that she will be moved to Cardinal Hill Rehab in Lexington sometime this week. Until then, please continue to send cards to the West Liberty address or to their home.

It's that time of year again! On Tuesdays in May, FCC is blessed with the opportunity to provide lunch for the volunteers at Peoples' Clinic. Dayna and Mike Seelig have a signup sheet on the downstairs bulletin board, along with information sheets. We appreciate all your help ahead of time!

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

- April 6: John 11: 1-45
- April 13: Matthew 21: 1-11
- April 20: John 20: 1-18
- April 27: John 20: 19-31



\*Dates in purple represent Lenten services. The Easter service is in gold.

### Treasurer's Report

Income for first 4 Sundays in March  
\$10,219.00

*The average income needed to pay the church expenses is \$10,147.75*

### April Deacons

Stacy Baker, Deb Eastwood, Paul Semisch, Kathryn Rogers, and Catherine Rogers.

### Children's Church

We thank Mary Claire Williams for taking Children's Church in April.

CAVE RUN SYMPHONY will perform its spring concert at 3pm on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at the Rowan County Middle School. We have several church members playing with this group, and it promises to be a great afternoon of music. Want to go, but don't have a listening buddy? Want to go, but don't want to drive? All you have to do is buy a ticket to the event (at CoffeeTree Books/Fuzzy Duck, Holbrook Drug Store, Rowan County Performing Arts Center, or online at [www.thecrso.com](http://www.thecrso.com)) then give the church office or Susan Thomas (776-6446) a call. We will make sure you will have a ride there and back, AND sit with a great group of other music lovers!

## Nominating Committee Report

The nominating committee gathered your recommendations and nominations and presented the following list of individuals to the board, who approved the list to be sent for a congregational vote on Sunday, May 4 after the worship service:

### Elders

Jami Hornbuckle, Susan Thomas, and Paul Semisch

### Officers

President: Sarah Chaney; Vice President: Paul Semisch; Secretary: Fran Helphinstine; Treasurer: Joe Barrett

### Diaconate Class of 2014-2017

Cathy Hammond, Curt Hammond, Matt Nutter, Brent Rogers, Sasha Reinhardt, Anita McNeal, Mitch Wilson, and Connie Kibbey.

### Deacons to go on Sabbatical 2014-2015

Pat Adkins, Lee Chaney, Fran Helphinstine, Maggie Miles, Elizabeth Reffitt, Mickey Reffitt, and Mary Claire Williams.

## Time to Order Easter Flowers

This year, like last, FCC is in partnership with the Horticulture program at MSU to provide beautiful flowers for the sanctuary on Easter Sunday. Instead of purchasing Easter lilies like we have in the past, we can choose between Merlin daffodils, Heavenly white daffodils, and Easter egg tulips that will be delivered to the church in terra cotta pots. **PLEASE TURN THIS SLIP INTO THE OFFICE WITH PAYMENT FOR THE FLOWERS (\$10 PER POT) BY NOON ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16.** Names of the individuals to be honored or remembered will appear on the back of the bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 20th.

Merlin daffodils   *or*    Heavenly white daffodils   *or*    Easter egg tulips

In memory of   *or*    In honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_



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We received a generous donation from Margaret "Muff" Scott for Easter flowers. The card read: "Easter always brought back so many happy memories of growing up in Morehead."

Peace and Love,  
Muff Scott

The names of the individuals in whose memory the donation was made will appear on the back of the bulletin on Easter Sunday.



The choir would like to say a big “thank you” for the new chairs!

Betty Lewis Snyder made a donation to the Mack Fund in memory of Hubert Allen.

Dear friends (and family) at FCC!

Thank you for your extremely generous donation to the Jubilee Center fund for DACA applicants. The Jubilee Center board has been humbled and encouraged to receive such a donation all the way from Kentucky (and, I admit, it’s made me awfully proud!)

Your donation is being used to help a young undocumented person apply for DACA. Applying for DACA is likely to help put this young person on the path to citizenship. Thank you!

We hope to continue to expand our DACA/immigration advocacy program and are fortunate to now have a DACA recipient on our board. Thank you again for your generosity and support in this effort.

Gratefully,  
Lauri Briscoe

We thank all of our FCC church family for your continued love, support and prayers during Maggie's rehabilitation. They sustain us in a very tangible way. We appreciate all of your acts of kindness, visits, words of encouragement, and texts. We keep you in our prayers.  
—Maggie Miles & Ned Breschel

## Youth trip to the Homeless Shelter

Photos courtesy of Chris Prichard and Mary Claire Williams



## APRIL 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>6 <i>Baby Dedication</i>            9:45 <i>Sunday school</i>            10:45 <i>Service</i>            First <i>Sunday lunch</i>            Easter egg hunt            5pm <i>Video study</i></p>	<p>7            3-5 <i>Girl Scout 544</i></p>	<p>8            5:30 <i>Yoga</i>            7pm <i>MBTI prayer study</i></p>	<p>9            5:30 <i>Bells</i>            6:30 <i>Choir</i></p>	<p>10            5:30 <i>Yoga</i>            7pm <i>Lectio Divina</i></p>	<p>11            Noon <i>Good Friday service at FCC</i></p>	<p>12            1-5 <i>Fellowship Hall re-served</i></p>
<p>13            9:45 <i>Sunday School</i>            10:45 <i>Service</i></p>	<p>14            3-5 <i>Girl Scouts 544</i></p>	<p>15            5:30 <i>Yoga</i></p>	<p>16            Noon-<i>Flowers slips due</i>            5:30 <i>Bells</i>            6:30 <i>Choir</i></p>	<p>17            7pm <i>Maunder Thursday service at FCC</i></p>	<p>18            Noon <i>Good Friday service at FCC</i></p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20 <b>EASTER OFFERING</b>            9:45 <i>Sunday School</i>            10:45 <i>Easter Service</i></p>	<p>21 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>            3-5 <i>Girl Scouts 544</i></p>	<p>22            5:30 <i>Yoga</i></p>	<p>23            5:30 <i>Bells</i>            6:30 <i>Choir</i></p>	<p>24            5:30 <i>Yoga</i></p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27 <b>EASTER OFFERING</b>            9:45 <i>Sunday School</i>            10:45 <i>Service</i>            Noon-3 <i>Youth</i></p>	<p>28            3-5 <i>Girl Scouts 544</i>            6:30 <i>Executive Board</i>            7:00 <i>Full Board</i></p>	<p>29            5:30 <i>Yoga</i></p>	<p>30            5:30 <i>Bells</i>            6:30 <i>Choir</i></p>			

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Mary Claire Williams and

Chris Prichard, Youth

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Daffodils in the labyrinth garden.  
Courtesy of Carmen Swim.