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Letter from President Rogers

Dear First Christian Church family: I cannot believe that it has been just over two months since we last were together under one roof to worship and to fellowship with one another. I'm not sure about you, but there are days when it seems as if it has been much longer. I miss all of you and am longing for the time when it is safe enough for us to come back to worship together under one roof.



President Catherine Rogers

Regarding our worship services, at the May meeting of the FCC Board, it was by unanimous consent that we have decided to return to having our own online services streamed onto the church's Facebook site on Sundays at 10:45 a.m. Please note that when Roger Fischer, Genny Jenkins, and I met with Rev. Vicki Ray to develop plans for the virtual re-opening of First Christian Church, our foremost concern was always the health and safety of our

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Rev. Nancy Gowler

Search and Call Committee

Reverend Nancy Gowler will be arriving in Morehead in mid-June. This is a very exciting time of transition for our church and one that we are very much looking forward to. We'd like to pass along a heart-felt thank you to Reverend Vicki Ray for being so wonderful during these past several months and for helping Reverend Nancy as well.

The committee thanks you for your prayers and support during this process and asks for your patience as Reverend Nancy makes her way to Kentucky and begins to settle in to her new role with us. More information about how and when she will be available to congregational members will be forthcoming once her arrival dates are set.



Thank you,

Anne Buckner, Mark Etherton, Jim Gross, Genny Jenkins, Makayla Reynolds, Mary Claire Williams



Breath, Wind, and Spirit

This has certainly been an interesting and quite different spring for all of us—one for the record books in so many ways. I hope this issue finds all of you well and coping successfully with our new "normal."

The 40 days of the Lenten Season have come and gone. Palm Sunday and Holy Week have come and gone. Easter Sunday has come and gone, as well as the seven Sundays of Eastertide—that time after Jesus was raised from the dead,

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Rev. Vicki Ray

church family. It was that same concern that was expressed the Board members. The plan that was approved is:

Only four people will be in the sanctuary: the minister, one liturgist, pianist, and Roger recording the service from the balcony;

Everyone will wear a mask and gloves at all times to protect one another and to demonstrate good practice to our viewers. (NOTE: Jiyeon will remove her gloves to play the piano);

The participants in the online service will use the same door for entrance/exit. The minister will go to the pulpit on the right (nearest the choir area) by way of the minister's office. The only time that the minister will move to another area will be when the invitation to communion is given, which will be done at the communion table;

Sanitizers and cleansers will be available so that the last person leaving the sanctuary will be able to sanitize commonly used areas, i.e., door handles, stair railings, etc.

NOTE: The above plan may change slightly upon the arrival of Rev. Nancy Gowler, as she may have alternate ideas to conducting services online. We will also monitor the number of positive COVID-19 cases. Should an increase in positive cases occur, there may be a change in how or whether the services will continue.

If you would like to be a liturgist at the Facebook service for a Sunday during the month of June, please email Genny Jenkins at gjenkins1168@gmail.com.

Our return to services livestreamed to our Facebook page will begin on Sunday, May 31st, at 10:45 a.m. As there will be an invitation to join in for communion, you are invited to join in the communion service. It does not matter what we use for communion elements; it can be a cookie and a glass of milk, coffee and toast, a soda and potato chips. What matters the most is that you will be once again taking part in communion with your fellow church family members, even though the service will be online.

As a final note, I must also express my gratitude to the following people:

To Rev. Vicki Ray for the work that she put in to meet with (virtually) her fellow clergy and research the guidance that was used to develop the plan to return to our own Facebook services. She has been a dedicated member of the clergy who has gone above and beyond the role of a supply pastor.

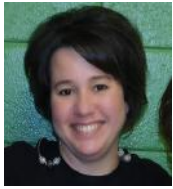
To Genny Jenkins and Sarah Chaney for their work in helping us worship and study together at our Vesper services and Bible study sessions. While we miss being able to talk to one another face to face, these meetings via Zoom have allowed us to stay in touch with one another.

To our secretary, Barbara Marsh, for keeping us connected and informed while staying safe in her home through these trying weeks.

Finally, I must thank all of our church family for your patience, your resolve, and your concern for our church, our community and our state. This has been a difficult time for everyone – a time that has tested us, but it has also been a time when we have discovered the true meaning of strength, family and connections. I pray that we are able to continue to show our strength and learn the joy of reconnecting as family. As our Governor has been saying each day, we will all get through this together. Stay safe and stay healthy.

Blessings to all,
Catherine Rogers

CHOIR AND BELLS



Genny Jenkins
Choir Director



Sarah Chaney
Bell Choir
Director

This spring our wonderful Walcker pipe organ turns 50! To celebrate this occasion, we had planned a showcase as part of our annual April benefit concert, but alas, we were not able to hold that event. In lieu of this, please enjoy this wonderful gift that has been presented to us by Ted Gentry, organist at Maxwell Street Presbyterian Church in Lexington, in honor of the late, dear Curtis Hammond.



If you would like to thank Ted personally (and I hope you will), you can email him at theodoregentry@gmail.com or mail him a card at 4004 Kenesaw Drive, Lexington, KY 40515.

To view the video of the mini-recital, visit our videos on Facebook, or type in <https://youtu.be/ooXMRIU9APk>

Genny Jenkins

Walcker Pipe Organ

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when he appeared to his grieving Disciples just as he had promised.

This coming Sunday is Pentecost—the birthday of the church. While we cannot, as yet, safely worship and celebrate in person the coming of the Holy Spirit, my hope is that you will **WEAR RED** wherever you may be, and come together online. We will also celebrate our Lord's Last Supper, separately, yet together in the Spirit of our Lord.

Pentecost is the day the Holy Spirit came in wind and tongues of flame to stir the disciples hearts and set them aflame with the passion to proclaim the love of God, revealed in Jesus of Nazareth, for all peoples, all nations, all creatures in heaven and on earth.

In keeping with the Spirit of Pentecost and the respiratory effects of the novel coronavirus, each Sunday in June will focus on breath. The biblical writers use the words *ruah* (Hebrew) and *pneuma* (Greek)—breath, wind, spirit—all three, to describe the life-giving nature of God.

June 7th we will focus on the various images and names we human beings use to describe who God is and our relationship with God and each other. June 14th we will look at the vision of a valley of dry bones in the book of Ezekiel, where God breathes new life into the lifeless bones of the people. June 21st we will look at what it means to **be living stones**, when nothing could be more lifeless than a stone.

June 28th will be my last Sunday with you as your supply pastor, as you will welcome your new pastor, Rev. Nancy Gowler, into your fold, to lead you as a shepherd leads her flock. My honest & sincere prayer is that you, along with your new pastor, will continue to lift up and hold before the faith community a vision of being church as it ought to be, as God envisions it—so that all of us together, may **live into God's vision** of love.

These past weeks you have blessed me with your trust and confidence and care, as we have struggled to be church, separate yet together, during a global pandemic. I pray that I have been a blessing to you. From the deepest part of my heart, thank you for inviting me to share with you this journey of faith.

~ Rev. Vicki Ray



Pentecost Wind and Fire

March-April-May Treasurer's Report

Income for March is \$7,279.00.
Expenses for March are \$7,195.42.

Income for April is \$7,213.62.
Expenses for April are \$5,195.24.

Income for May is \$7,050.47.
Expenses for May are \$6,185.31.

~Hello and Thank You~



Ritta Abell

Dear Congregation: I miss you guys a lot. :(I plan to send money for the Easter flowers. Tell the church family to remember me and I said hello and send my love to all.

Be Blessed,
Ritta R. Abell, PhD

Dear First Christian Church: Thank you so much for the outpouring of love and support to our families in this incredible time of grief. It gave us such great comfort experiencing the church family that Curt had always spoken so fondly of. Thank you for the fried chicken and use of all the facilities for Curt's great send off. Special thank yous from Abby, Meghan, Larry & Joan Hammond, Bob Hammond, Pammy (Curt's sister) and Scott Bates, and our kids Joshua, Aaron, Liz and Ellen.

Pammy Bates (Curt Hammond's sister)

To Todd Harmon: Thank you for mowing the church yard. We understand from your neighbor, Jackie Bailey, that all you ask in return is prayers for your family. We are so grateful for this act of charity.

Sincerely, FCC

Dear Congregation: Thank you so much for your generous donation to our program. We appreciate your continued support. We hope you are staying safe during this time. Your monetary donation will provide essential items and services to our survivors we serve.

With much respect,
Doves of Gateway Staff

Dear Friends: Thank you for your donation to Gateway Homeless Shelter. We are so grateful for the help of our donors who make sure that we continue to have the resources we need to help our clients.

Sincerely,
Marilyn Smith, Executive Director



Esther by Hermann Anschuetz,
19th century

Women of the Bible Study

When: Tuesdays

Time: 7pm—
7:30pm

Everyone is
invited to attend.

On June 2, 2020,
the subject will be
Esther.

To review, please
read The Book of
Esther.

Key Verse: "And who knows whether you have not
come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"
(Esther 4:14)

Email Sarah Chaney at
sarah.chaney78@yahoo.com.
A link will be sent before the meeting.

Gateway Basket Items

are due the week of June 1.

If the office is closed,
please contact Marge Thomas.



What's Going On Websites

The Message Bible Browser

[https://www.biblegateway.com/versions/
Message-MSG-Bible/](https://www.biblegateway.com/versions/Message-MSG-Bible/)

Green Chalice Ministry

[www.discipleshomemissions.org/missions-
advocacy/](http://www.discipleshomemissions.org/missions-advocacy/)

Christian Churches in Kentucky (Disciples of Christ)
(our regional DOC)

www.ccinky.net

Christian Churches (DOC) in the US/Canada

<https://disciples.org/>

Disciples of Christ Branded Merchandise

<https://disciples.org/store/> or
[https://www.cafepress.com/+disciples-of-
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Mack Fund

in memory of

L. Curtis Hammond

by

Anne Buckner

Marge and Dan Thomas

Joyce Hart

in memory of

Harold Smothers

(Leon Smothers' Brother)

by

Anne Buckner

Marge and Dan Thomas

in memory of

Phil DeHart

by

Anne Buckner

in memory of

Scharline Whidden

by

Ann and Ed Scott

Sandra and Ewell Scott

Joyce Hart

Anne Buckner

Marge and Dan Thomas

Emma Lou and Jim Gross

Sandy and John Gullett

GINNY and Ted Pass II

Janet Bignon

Virginia Becher

Easter Gift

by Anne Buckner

in memory of

Jean Riley

(Leon Smothers' Sister)

by

Marge and Dan Thomas

April-May-June Birthdays

April

- 1- Joshua Pack
- 13- Ryan McGillicuddy
- 16- Grant Alden
- 17- Phillip Swim
- 18- Kenny Hall
- 22- Dan Thomas
- 24- Alex New
- 25- Joe Barrett
- 28- Maggie Alden

May

- 3- Sarah Chaney
- 4- Keyairah Bailey
- 7- Jiyeon McGillicuddy
- 8- Deb Eastwood
- 11- Dianna Fischer
- 12- Kathy New Frazier
- 16- Di Walke
- 26- Ned Breschel
- 29- Dennis McKay

June

- 2- Carmen Swim
- 5- Brenda Combs
- 5- Tresia Swain
- 7- Genny Jenkins
- 17- Eliza McGillicuddy
- 23- Meghan Hammond
- 25- Ethan Jenkins
- 26- Wayne Caldwell
- 27- Leeann Akers
- 29- Susan Whidden



Give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good. His love
endures forever. Psalm 136:1

Living Memorial Fund

in memory of

Wanetta Sublett

(Leeann Aker's Grandmother)

Harold Smothers

(Leon Smothers' Brother)

L. Curtis Hammond

by

Fran Helphinstine

David Perkins

in memory of

Roy Lambert

(Rev. Vicki Ray's Uncle)

by

Fran Helphinstine

in memory of

Scharline Whidden

by

Betty and David Cutts

Linda and Ival Bryant

Ella and Gary VanMeter

Marylene and Johnnie Fryman

Julia and Jay Moore

Betty and Russ Brengelman

David Perkins

Betty and John Philley

Camargo Class of 1961 % of

Patty Smith Toy

Fran Helphinstine

Gerald DeMoss

Peggy and Johnnie Townsend

Gail and Charles Tingle

in memory of

Jean Riley

(Leon Smothers' Sister)

by

Fran Helphinstine

in memory of

Daniel Preston Armstrong

(Dana Quisenberry's Uncle)

by

Fran Helphinstine

Our Organ—Walcker Facts and Figures

The replacement value of the Walcker pipe organ at First Christian Church, Morehead KY, is \$460,000.00. This is based on the industry standard of \$23,000.00 per rank. This pipe organ consists of 20 ranks of pipes. Insurance estimate by Randall L. Ruppert, Ruppert Pipe Organ Company LLC, 2018.

The history of Walcker pipe organs begins with the appearance of Johann Eberhard Walcker (1756 - 1843) as an independent organ builder in Cannstatt, a suburb of Stuttgart, Germany, in the year 1780. He had studied with Johann Georg Fries, an organ builder in Heilbronn. J. E. Walcker is remembered in particular for his organs in the Garrison Church of Ludwigsburg (1782) and in the City Church of Cannstatt (1794). His son Eberhard Friedrich Walcker (1794 - 1872) took over the business begun by his father and in 1820 settled in Ludwigsburg. Eberhard Friedrich Walcker achieved great recognition upon completion of an organ for St. Paul's Church in Frankfurt (1833 - 74 registers). The organ incorporated several features which were unique at that time, including an elaborate series of mutation stops constructed according to principles developed by Abbe Vogler, and an open 32-foot register in the pedal, which was highly praised. A great demand for instruments built by Walcker followed this success, as evidenced by several notable international installations: St. Peter's Church, St. Petersburg, Russia (1839 - 65 registers); Ulm Minster (1856 - 100 registers); and Boston, USA (1863 - 89 registers). The Boston organ remains to this day one of the finest examples of organ building of that time.

Beatrice Johnson Patton

A Remembrance by Jackie Flaum

I always enjoy reading the comments of those who complete contact forms on our website (<http://www.fccmorehead.org/>.) We received one recently from a former Morehead resident after Easter. I hope you enjoy her information as much as I did. *Editor*



"I just made a donation for Mother's Day in honor of my mother Rebecca Patton Ross and her mother, my Mama, Beatrice Patton. I spend many, many Sundays in FCC in Morehead—even sang in the adult choir a summer. On Mother's Day I think of them even more often than I do normally—and about all those whose lives touched and blessed mine along the way."

Wanting to know more about her memories, I asked her to share and the following was received.

"My grandmother Beatrice Johnson Patton was a member of FCC for as long as I can remember (I was born in 1946). Her husband was E.D. (Ernest Dock) Patton of Soldier who was in the lumber business. He also helped start The Citizen's Bank in Morehead. He died in 1940 in Ashland, where they were living at the time. I don't know, but I suspect she bought the farm and moved back to Morehead shortly after he died.

His two sisters were Mayme Wylie and Ethel Patton who also attended FCC along with Annie Penix, whose daughter married a cousin of my mother's. Mayme, Ethel, Annie and Beatrice celebrated their 90th birthday in a church-wide party "The Gay Nineties" in the church's hall.

My mother Rebecca Frances Patton married Herbert C. Ross, and we lived in Ashland. But I spent all my summers and as many weekends as I could with my grandmother on her farm outside Morehead. It was a hay and tobacco farm plus I kept ponies and horses there.

When I was in high school my father built Sunnybrook Golf Course on half of the farm. I played lots of golf there! After she died in 1988, my mother sold the farm to Morehead State and they ran it as a golf course for years. Now, sad to say, it is shuttered.

I vividly remember FCC then, going to church and Sunday School—I even sang in the choir one summer. Anne Reynolds, who is still a member, I believe, and I had dinner last year!

My grandmother attended every event FCC had—often she took me with her.












I remember her funeral was held there. At the end the whole congregation stood up and held hands in a huge snake-like circle. Pastor Roy (I think) said we would sing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" then drop hands and let her go. That is burned in my heart forever.

I miss these grand folks every day."

Jackie Patton Ross Flaum



First Christian June 2020

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| <p><i>The office is closed at this time. Calls are being forwarded. Thank you.</i></p>  | | | | | | |
| May 31 Rev. Vicki Ray Pentecost—"Birthday of the Church"  facebook.com/fccmorehead @ 10:45am. Gateway Basket items due. | June 1  | 2 Women of the Bible via Zoom 7pm "Esther" Email sarah.chaney78@yahoo.com to join. | 3 | 4 Vespers Service via Zoom 7pm. Email gjenkins 1168@gmail.com | 5 | 6 D-Day  |
| 7 Rev. Vicki Ray 10:45 Worship Service  "Names & Images We Use to Describe God" facebook.com/fccmorehead | 8 | 9 Women of the Bible via Zoom 7pm. Email sarah.chaney78@yahoo.com to join. | 10 | 11 Vespers Service via Zoom 7pm. Email gjenkins 1168@gmail.com | 12 | 13 |
| 14 Rev. Vicki Ray 10:45 Worship Service  "Valley of Dry Bones" facebook.com/fccmorehead | 15 | 16 Women of the Bible via Zoom 7pm Email sarah.chaney78@yahoo.com. | 17  | 18 Vespers Service via Zoom 7pm. gjenkins 1168@yahoo.com | 19 Juneteenth | 20 First Day of Summer |
| 21 Rev. Vicki Ray 10:45 Worship Service  "What it Means to be Living Stones" facebook.com/fccmorehead | 22 Zoom Meetings 6:25pm Exec Bd 7:00pm Full Board A link will be sent. | 23 Women of the Bible via Zoom 7pm. Email sarah.chaney78@yahoo.com. | 24 | 25 Vespers Service via Zoom 7pm. Email gjenkins 1168@yahoo.com | 26 | 27 |
| 28 Rev. Vicki Ray 10:45 Worship Service and Welcome Reverend Nancy Gowler  facebook.com/fccmorehead | 29  | 30 Women of the Bible via Zoom 7pm. Email sarah.chaney78@yahoo.com. | July 1 | 2 Vespers Service via Zoom 7pm. Email gjenkins 1168@yahoo.com | 3 | 4 Independence Day  |

Father's Day

Flag Day

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Jiyeon McGillicuddy,
Keyboardist

Sarah Chaney, Bells
Makayla Reynolds, Nursery
Open, Youth
Barbara Marsh, Secretary

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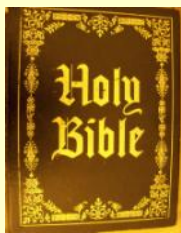
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Join us for live Sunday
Worship Service @ 10:45am

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Bible Readings
for the Month
Disciples of Christ
Lectionary



June 7—Matt 28:16-20
June 14—Matt 9:35-10:8
June 21—Matt 10:24-39
June 28—Matt 10:40-42

The St. Andrews Cross on the green chalice signifies we are a Green Chalice Ministry church. Our certification is pending for "Certified Green Chalice Ministry."



 We continue to work tirelessly to serve the needs of First Christian Church and we count on the support of you, our friends.
Thank you.

Mountain Hospitality

When a visitor from distant parts is asked what he thinks of Eastern Kentucky, he almost always praises the hospitality of the people. That is probably the most outstanding feature of this section. The husky mountaineers are more interested in doing something for the pleasure and comfort of their neighbors—and they construe this word to mean any human creature with whom they come in contact—than in hoarding up immense bank accounts or even in supplying their own needs.

The mountain section of Eastern Kentucky is honored with having the purest type of Angle-Saxon blood to be found anywhere in the world at this time. Though these people have not race prejudice above a proper ancestry pride, they do possess a characteristic peculiar to themselves of being unusually mindful of the welfare of others.

It is fortunate for us that the Morehead State Normal School and Teachers College is located in the midst of this reign of good will. This institution could not have advanced so rapidly had it not been for the readiness of the people to lend a helping hand to whatever enterprise was undertaken; but this they have done, without asking or considering in advance what the reward or returns would be. The only question in the minds of the people has been "Will it help the boys and girls of Kentucky and America?" How could our School Fair last fall have been a success affording entertainment and education exhibits for hundreds of people for two full days, if the business men of town had not contributed liberally at the request of our honorable faculty? As the supporting element of our Y.M.C.A., in which we are so much interested and which we pride ourselves upon having established and given national fame to, we must again turn to such men as a druggist, an editor, and an eminent horticulturist of this vicinity.

This benevolent spirit is not confined to town and the surrounding country but is noticeable on the campus of our school. The boys think nothing of carrying all the students' trunks from the trunks to the rooms at term ends, and evening paying for the hauling. At one time, late in the night, all by himself, one student, for the benefit of a new student, carried a trunk from the depot. Our boys also gladly respond when needed to fight forest fires. Surely they will have the ambition to fight the daily battles against vice and crime.

The girls of the school are equally alert when any duty or opportunity for helping faces them.

The beneficent influence, blended with genuine American ideals and ambition, has made of this new normal and college a prosperous and growing school of which we are proud.

"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," is the motto by which Morehead students strive to live. This spirit of service and brotherly love for others has developed a common tie among the students of this school never to be forgotten.

Editorial, 1927 Raconteur,
Morehead State Normal School and Teachers College, p87