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The Echo

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Welcome new members!



Steve and Donna Graves

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Joined July 6th

New Office Hours

Beginning August 4th, the church office will be **closed on Mondays**. The office will be open on Tuesdays through Fridays during regular hours: 8.30am to 1 pm. And as always, if you need to get in touch with Pastor Molly, her cell phone is 356-5571.

GARDEN PARTY

The First Sunday Lunch on August 3rd will be a garden party! Please bring dishes made from produce out of your garden or from items purchased at a farmer market.

Notes from the Pastor:

Comfort is a wonderful thing; complacency can be not so wonderful. Often in church we get used to things going along (relatively) smoothly, and it's easy to forget that there are tasks to be done and bills to be paid, even in the summer!

July is always a slow month for us, both in attendance and in giving. We are a little behind at the end of July; please make sure to keep your offering coming even while you are on vacation.

The Labyrinth Garden has had some careful tending, which is great, but with the rain comes a new crop of weeds and 'strays'. If you have an hour, maybe you can spend it making the garden beautiful.

We have a lovely group of young people who come to service each week. We are glad to offer Children's Church for those who have not been through Pastor's Class; but we need adults who will volunteer their time to teach those little ones.

The Prayer Chalice sits on the chancel each week, and holds the requests of many of the church family who desire additional prayers. Are you someone whose gift lies in that ministry? Please see Maggie Miles if you are.

The list of committees and other opportunities for service was on the back of the 27 July bulletin, and it is also on the bulletin board. If you've not yet found a place to work, see if there is one that suits you.

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And, on a completely different note, we say a fond "thank you" to Ryan Brown, who will be leaving us 5 August for a position with the Rowan County School System as a permanent substitute. He has been a valuable aid to all aspects of the church for the last four years. Be sure to take a moment and thank him for his work and his ministry. We wish the best for him, and for Jessica and Leland, as he moves into this new phase of life and send him off with our prayers. Please also be in prayer as we seek a replacement for him. The job information can be found on the church website.

Complacency can lead to neglect; make sure, each day, you are grateful for all that is around you. I am grateful for this church.

*Pastor Mally* 

I hope everyone has had a great summer! This is a busy time of year for many families with "back-to-school" excitement and all the activities that come along with that. We will be getting in the spirit of the season with "back-to-choir" activities in August! The first of these will be that regular choir rehearsals will commence on August 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Any and all congregation members interested in singing are welcome! We will continue the fun by joining in worship starting on August 24<sup>th</sup>. I have been doing some planning for the fall and am very excited about the music we will be bringing to you throughout the coming months. Anyone with questions about choir should feel free to contact me anytime.

—Genny Jenkins, Choir Director

The youth and their families had a great time at the July Family Picnic at Cave Run Lake on Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all of the parents and grandparents who brought food for the picnic, and thank you to Roger and Chris for grilling. The middle and high school youth took a trip kayaking down the Licking River while the nursery and elementary youth spent time at the beach. We all joined together to enjoy hamburgers and hot dogs at Twin Knobs. It was a wonderful day full of fun and fellowship.

The August meeting will take place on August 24<sup>th</sup> from noon until 3:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. **We are looking for someone to provide lunch to the youth.** We will have approximately 20 people to feed.

Peace,

Chris Prichard & Mary Claire Williams

FCC Co-Youth Directors



During the month of July, our church received a check for \$401.00 from Kroger.

### AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 3- Jack Landreth
- 4- Rob Sloss
- 5- Joyce Hart
- 10- Kaitlyn Reynolds
- 17- Jeff Bizzel
- 18- Lara Fannin
- 20- Ival Bryant
- 21- Peggy Bizzel
- 25- Charlie Tingle
- 26- Debbie Griffin
- 27- Etta Jane McCarty
- 27- Darren Reinhardt
- 27- Adrian Swain



### AUGUST 10...

- During worship service, we will recognize Maynard Reinhardt and Annabelle McNeal, both of whom are graduating from being an acolyte. We will also honor Ellie Williams as she will become a new acolyte.
- New parking permits will be available in the sanctuary. We thank Doug Hoff for the photograph used this year. We ask that each family only take one permit per car.
- There will be a new deacon training on August 10 after worship service.

In August we will have our "Undie Sunday" outreach. At each door you will be able to pick up a paper heart that has the size, gender, and type of underwear to buy.

The meditation group will begin meeting again in August, on the 14th and 28 at 7:00pm. Contact Paul Semisch for more info.

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

August 3: Genesis 32: 22-31  
 August 10: Matthew 14: 22-33  
 August 17: Matthew 15: 21-28  
 August 24: Matthew 16: 13-20  
 August 31: Exodus 3: 1-15



### Treasurer's Report

Income for the first four Sundays in June  
 7,817.00

*The average income needed to pay the church expenses is \$10,218.54*

### August Deacons

Ned Breschel, Joe Barrett, Roger Fischer, Charlene Bradford, Alicia/Dewayne Carter, and Brenda Combs.

Children's Church will start August 3. We have ordered a new book in our line of curriculum!

The board meeting will take place on August 25, beginning with the executive board at 6:30pm and the full board to follow at 7:00pm.

On August 31, we will have our 5th Sunday Offering to Christian Care Communities.

Prayer Ministry is a group of church members who've made the commitment to be intentional about praying for others, our church, and specific concerns that are placed in the Prayer Chalice. If you would like the Prayer Ministry to partner with you in prayer, simply place a request in the Prayer Chalice or in the offering plate. You will find colored slips of paper on the table ledge in front of the Prayer Chalice, and tucked inside the pew hymnals. All requests are kept private and confidential. If you feel God is nudging you toward exploring a deeper life of prayer, and you need a flexible program to participate more intentionally in church life, there's a place for you. Please talk with Maggie Miles in person or by text (606-776-4769), or any member of the Prayer Ministry team.



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### Kroger Card Change

Beginning in September, there will be a change made to the way you use your church Kroger cards that benefit our backpack program. Instead of having to load money onto a gift card, your Kroger Plus discount card will be scanned at the register and the amount of groceries you purchase will go toward our program. Mike and Dayna Seelig will have a table setup at the September First Sunday Lunch to help get everyone's setup.

A friend of FCC (and Pastor Molly), Rev. Dean Bucalos, is now the mission specialist for prison and jail ministries with our denomination's National Benevolent Association. As part of his ministry, Dean has helped start a DoC congregation at the Diersen House in Louisville. Diersen House is a halfway house for women who are transitioning from prison to a new life. Our church provides worship once a quarter at the House. Last quarter Chris Prichard, Paul Semisch, and Natalie Mineer went with Pastor Molly for a service. Ask any of them, and they will tell you how wonderful the experience was. We are going again Tuesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, and would love to have more join us! We can take up to 14 folks. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board downstairs. We would need to be at the House at 6.30, and cannot stay past 8.30. You can either meet folks there, or we can arrange a convoy :-). Paul will be bringing the message that evening, and Chris will be singing. The more the merrier!

For more information:

**Mission Behind Bars and Beyond**  
**New Life in Christ Christian Church**  
**(Disciples of Christ) at The Diersen House**  
[www.missionbehindbarsandbeyond.org](http://www.missionbehindbarsandbeyond.org)

### INQUIRER'S CLASS/PASTOR'S CLASS

On Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, at 5 pm, Pastor Molly will hold a class for those adults who are either new to the church, would like to learn more about the denomination and how our church functions, or even folks who have been members a while but would like a refresher course. The class should run about 90 minutes.

Also, if you have a young person who has expressed an interest in being baptized, please let Pastor Molly know by 15 August. She will be glad to teach a Pastor's class if there is interest.



FCC,

It has been my pleasure to serve you as secretary these four years. I truly will cherish the friendships I have made in my time here. I hope that you feel that you have gained as much from my employment with the church as I have.

—Ryan Brown

#### **Mack Fund**

In memory of Curtis Adkins, Hoodie Allen, Barbara Allen, Barbara Tackett, Darlene Perkins' mother, Bernie Harrison, and Myron Doan, *given by Jack and Scharline Whidden.*

In memory of Barbara Tackett and Myron Doan, *given by Tommy and Neva Griffith.*

In memory of Leona Read, *given by Kenny and Betty Hall.*

Dear FCC,

Thank you for sending me to Wa-Kon' Da -Ho. It means so much to me that I was able to go without paying a dime. I hope I will be able to go next year, as well as many years after.

Sincerely,  
Maggie Alden

#### **Living Memorial Fund**

In memory of Darlene Perkins' mother

Glenn and Eva Johnston  
Fran Helphinstine

In memory of Leeann Akers' grandmother

Fran Helphinstine

In memory of Curt Adkins

Jack and Peggy Bizzel

On August 10th the adult Sunday School class will begin a new series entitled The World Of Biblical Israel. The series begins by examining what all "Israel" connotes in the Bible: the person, the people and the place. Part of this includes challenging some of the generally held understandings of the history of ancient Israel. For instance, the Bible presents two histories on the return of the Israelites from bondage in Egypt—the most recognized one in Joshua and another in Judges. As it turns out, archaeological evidence favors the account in Judges.

But The World of Biblical Israel is more than a sweep of Old Testament history. It zooms in on the daily life of ordinary Israelites. From the family compounds to the battlefields and from the kitchens to the temples, it puts flesh on the bones of the biblical stories. The course will look at many aspects of daily life in ancient Israel: wedding types and implications; economics and politics of the area; local worship; lives of the rich and the poor; literacy and education; food and the family meal; and views on intermarriage.

These presentations are enriched through the use of art, relief sculptures, writing, and administrative records, both from the Israelites and from other peoples of the region to see how they viewed ancient Israel. Additional elements such as maps, family trees, and timelines provide an even more detailed visual representation of the people, their relationships, and the sites they occupied. Join us at 9:45 am on the top floor!

#### **Looking Ahead to September:**

- Paul Semisch will be leading a book study on Thich Nhat Hahn's Our Appointment with Life at 7 pm on Tuesdays, beginning September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Books will be available at CoffeeTree Books.
- Dan and Marge Thomas will be providing fish and hushuppies at the September First Sunday Lunch, on the 7<sup>th</sup>. We are asked to bring sides to go with the meal. Yum!
- Be cleaning out your closets and garages! The Whiddens will again be organizing our Annual Yard Sale to be held on September 20<sup>th</sup>, during The Arts and Eats Festival. Remember, while you are gathering: please price your items; NO clothing. The Fellowship Hall will be available to bring your items on the 17<sup>th</sup>.
- The church picnic will take place on September 26<sup>th</sup>, after church, at Carter Caves State Park. Details are elsewhere in the ECHO. Mark your calendars for a fun day! More details in next month's newsletter.



# Photos from the Youth Kayak Trip

Courtesy of Sarah Chaney



# August 2014

| Sun                                                                                                                                         | Mon                                                          | Tue                                                  | Wed                                           | Thu                                               | Fri       | Sat       |
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| <p>3</p> <p>9:45 Sunday school</p> <p>10:45 Service</p> <p>Noon: First Sunday Lunch</p>                                                     | <p>4</p>                                                     | <p>5</p> <p>5:30 Yoga</p>                            | <p>6</p> <p>5:30 Bells</p>                    | <p>7</p>                                          | <p>8</p>  | <p>9</p>  |
| <p>10 ACOLYTE RECOGNITION</p> <p>9:45 Sunday School</p> <p>10:45 Service</p> <p>Noon: Deacons Training</p> <p>Parking permits available</p> | <p>11</p>                                                    | <p>12</p> <p>5:30 Yoga</p> <p>Diersen House trip</p> | <p>13</p> <p>5:30 Bells</p> <p>7:00 Choir</p> | <p>14</p> <p>5:30 Yoga</p> <p>7:00 Meditation</p> | <p>15</p> | <p>16</p> |
| <p>17</p> <p>9:45 Sunday School</p> <p>10:45 Service</p>                                                                                    | <p>18</p>                                                    | <p>19</p> <p>5:30 Yoga</p>                           | <p>20</p> <p>5:30 Bells</p> <p>7:00 Choir</p> | <p>21</p> <p>5:30 Yoga</p>                        | <p>22</p> | <p>23</p> |
| <p>24 CHOIR BACK</p> <p>9:45 Sunday School</p> <p>10:45 Service</p>                                                                         | <p>25</p> <p>6:30 Executive Board</p> <p>7:00 Full Board</p> | <p>26</p> <p>5:30 Yoga</p>                           | <p>27</p> <p>5:30 Bells</p> <p>7:00 Choir</p> | <p>28</p> <p>5:30 Yoga</p> <p>7:00 Meditation</p> | <p>29</p> | <p>30</p> |
| <p>31 Fifth Sunday Offering</p> <p>9:45 Sunday School</p> <p>10:45 Service</p>                                                              |                                                              |                                                      |                                               |                                                   |           |           |



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**Rev. Molly Smothers, Minister**

Genny Jenkins, Choir

Mary Claire Williams and

Chris Prichard, Youth

Ryan Brown, Secretary

Chia-Ling Hsieh, Organist

Michael Young, Pianist

Sarah Chaney, Bell Choir

Ashley Morris, Nursery

Bethany Glahnswe, Nursery

Darrin Roe, Custodian

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Our wonderful bell choir. Photo provided by Sarah Chaney.