

**First
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(Disciples of Christ)**

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The Echo

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Coming Soon!

“How Can I Get
Involved at First
Christian Church?”

President Paul Semisch
will present
information of the
many ways you
can share your
gifts and time
at
First Christian Church.

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First Sunday Lunch August 2—Garden Party

Immediately following worship service.
The congregation is requested to bring
vegetables and desserts. The church will
provide the drinks. Contact: Sarah Chaney.



Youth Outing

August 9—Cave Run Lake

The youth will picnic and swim.
Youth Leaders: Mary Claire Williams and Chris Prichard.

Choir Rehearsal

August 12—7pm

After a summer break, choir rehearsal resumes.
Director: Genny Jenkins.

The Rev. Merry Jones

August 17—Interim Minister

Rev. Jones' first day will be August 17. She will be
preaching the worship service on August 23.

Undie Sundays

During the month of August, we will be gathering
kids-high school size underwear to the Rowan County Family
Resource Center. Paper hearts with suggested sizes
and donation bins are available at both doors.

Welcome Back MSU

August 17—First Day Classes

Morehead State University students will move back
onto campus a week prior to that.

Youth Meeting

August 30 @ after church (12-3pm)

Regular youth meetings resume.
immediately following worship service,

NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members of the FCC Family,

We are in the midst of summer...and change is in the air at FCC! We have been blessed to have Reverend Bob Stauffer serving us these past several weeks, and will soon welcome our interim minister, the Reverend Merry Jones. She is tentatively scheduled to begin at FCC on August 17th, and her first Sunday in the pulpit will be August 23rd. We are very excited to have her join us as we continue our journey in searching for a new pastor.

Our Executive Board and committee chairs/co-chairs met in mid-July to plan for the upcoming church year. There will be a lot of wonderful things happening---and a lot of ways to get involved--- at FCC in the upcoming year: worship, youth activities, special church events and celebrations, outreach and service to the community. We are in the process of developing a flier for church members and visitors listing all the ways to get involved. It is exciting to see how this church family has come together to ensure that we continue to move forward!

Please continue to pray for our search committee, our Board and our congregation as we move forward. And please continue to remember those in our church family, community and world who need our prayers and support. We often say it and we really mean it: we are ALL connected, we are ALL brothers and sisters to one another, we are ALL children of our loving God. May our lives give witness to that belief.

Peace,

Paul Semisch, President

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YOUTH DIRECTORS

Greetings FCC family!

With the new school year quickly approaching, we are excited to start regular youth meetings again! Our regular youth meeting will take place after the church service on Sunday, August 30th and our lesson will focus on New Beginnings. A special thanks to the Seelig family for providing lunch for our youth!

We are planning our summer youth outing for Sunday, August 10th after church. We will go to the lake for swimming and a picnic. Parents will be getting more detailed information emailed to them soon.

We can't wait to have all the youth back together again!

Love and Blessings,
Chris Prichard & Mary Claire Williams
FCC Youth Directors

CHOIR NOTES

In this month's column I'd like to spend a moment thanking our church family for being a community of outreach. Earlier this summer, I had the pleasure of teaching hand bells to a group of high school students in the Upward Bound program.



This was made possible only through the support of our congregation. And let me tell you, these ladies were so appreciative! And they worked hard every day and were very successful in their learning and performance. I know that the time they spent here will remain in their memories as something very special. I wanted you all to know how much it meant to them - and to me!

Genny Jenkins, Choir Director

Re-enrollment for 2015-2016 will be from August 1—August 31, with the new year beginning on September 1. Go to www.kroger/communityrewards.com to refresh your membership. If you have not signed up to support our church, enter this number 11559, (FCC, Morehead). A portion of your purchases will be donated to FCC. Thank you.



Lectionary Schedule (During our interim minister search, the Disciples of Christ lectionary schedule may be used.)

August 2: John 6: 24-35
August 9: John 6: 35, 41-51
August 16: John 6: 51-58
August 23: John 6: 56-69
August 30: Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23



August Birthdays

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

Treasurer's Report

Income for July is
\$7,245.00.

The average income needed to pay the church expenses is
\$10,186.33.

August Deacons

Leeann Akers, Steven Graves, Donna Graves, Jim Gross, Kathryn Rogers and Mary Claire Williams.

Electronic

giving doesn't take vacations

This summer, if you can't make it to church due to travel or other commitments, we encourage you to automate your regular donations. The church relies on the consistent financial support of the congregation and electronic giving offers an easy way to give on a recurring basis. Please visit the church website <http://www.fccmorehead.org/>

Mack Fund

A donation was made
in memory of
Learlie Busby
by Fran Helphinstine

YOGA FOR ONE AND ALL

Have you ever wondered if yoga would be right for you? We are spotlighting this ancient exercise for mind and body this month.



When: Tuesday & Thursday at 5:30pm.

Who: 18 and over. All skill levels (or no skill whatsoever!). It's open to the community.

Cost: We do ask for a donation of cereal in the food box if you are able.

Equipment: We have extra mats for newcomers, but if you start coming regularly you probably want your own mat.

Where: Held in the basement fellowship hall.

Contact: Tim Thornberry:
timsthornberryjr@gmail.com

Current membership: about 8.

Undie Sundays in August

Part of the church outreach includes the Rowan County school system's Family Resource Centers. Underwear of all children's sizes (including XL) is collected. The red hearts are available at the church if you need a size suggestion.



When you shop at AmazonSmile, Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to First Christian Church. Bookmark the link <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/61-0865444> and support us every time you shop.



Deacon Training August 9

New deacon training will be held on August 9 immediately following the worship service. For information, please contact Sasha Reinhardt or Matt Nutter.

COMING UP IN 2015

- August 2**—The Rev. Robert Stauffer will be preaching the worship service. First Sunday Lunch—Garden Party immediately following worship service. The congregation is requested to bring vegetables and desserts. The church will provide the drinks.
- August 2-12-19-26**— Undie Sundays.
- August 4-6-11-13-18-20-25-27**—5:30pm. Yoga.
- August 9**—after church: Deacon training.
- August 9**—after church: Summer Youth Outing at Cave Run Lake with picnic and swimming. Contact Mary Claire Williams or Chris Prichard for more information.
- August 9 & 16**—The Rev. Robert Stauffer will be preaching the worship services.
- August 12**—7pm: Choir rehearsal resumes.
- August 17**—The Rev. Merry Jones begins an interim ministry.
- August 23**—The Rev. Merry Jones will be preaching the worship service.
- August 24**—6:30/7pm. Executive/full boards.
- August 30**—after church. Youth Meetings resume with lessons on *New Beginnings*.

Rev. Robert Stauffer

We have been blessed to have the Rev. Robert Stauffer in the pulpit during our search for a new minister. He was reared in central Kentucky (Frankfort and Louisville). He holds degrees from Transylvania University, Yale Divinity School, and Lexington Theological Seminary. He and the former Martha Nell Morgan have been married since October 1967, and have two sons, Stephen Edwards and John Robert. He held pastorates in Knoxville and Paris, Tennessee; at First Christian in New Castle, Indiana; and First Christian in Richmond, Kentucky over 36 years. For the past twelve years he has held twelve interims in Kentucky.

Search Committee Update

The search committee will conduct a Congregational Survey in early September. A subcommittee is working on the project now. This survey will enable the congregation to provide important input on many aspects of our church life as they relate to the selection of a new minister. Survey instruments will be available both in paper and electronic form. Rev. Merry Jones will join us as Interim Minister August 17.

Yvonne Baldwin, Chair

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Thank you

Thanks to our church family who have been so wonderful in helping with our appointments. It's been such a blessing. Thanks again.

In Christian love,
Jack and Peggy Bizzel



Left photo:
Camp Wakom-
Da-Ho
participants
(left to right)
Olivia Skaggs,
Makayla Reyn-
olds, and Grace
Banks.
Right photo:
“Our group”.



Letter from Camp Wakom-Da-Ho

“Church camp was an amazing experience. It’s a week where I get to be myself and forget about the outside world and truly connect with God on a different level, which is awesome. Thank you for giving me the chance, once again, to have so much fun!

Love, Makayla”

Gardens

A “big thank you” goes out to Fran Helphinstine, Jackie Bailey, Maggie Miles, Ned Bre-schel, and Yvonne Baldwin for their work this summer on the gardens. A recently re-furbished front door garden was meticulously weeded, trimmed, and mulched and white flowers were planted. This ministry is a very visual part of our main street church presence. Other gardens include the parking lot walkway (notice new rocks and trimmed hostas). The inspirational labyrinth garden is in constant need of caretakers. Thank you to all involved. Would you like to help? Have ideas for improvement or care? Contact Maggie Miles, (606) 776-4769.



First Christian Church - August 2015 Calendar


| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|--|--|-----------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----|-----|
| | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service First Sunday Lunch— Garden Party | 3 | 4 5:30 Yoga | 5 5:30 Bells | 6 5:30 Yoga | 7 | 8 |
| 9 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service After church: Youth Outing-Cave Run Run Lake After church: New Deacon Training | 10 | 11 5:30 Yoga | 12 5:30 Bells 7:00 Choir | 13 5:30 Yoga | 14 | 15 |
| 16 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service | 17 Rev. Merry Jones first day at FCC | 18 5:30 Yoga | 19 5:30 Bells 7:00 Choir | 20 5:30 Yoga | 21 | 22 |
| 23 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service Rev. Merry Jones First Sunday | 24 6:30/7:00 Executive/Full Boards | 25 5:30 Yoga | 26 5:30 Bells 7:00 Choir | 27 5:30 Yoga | 28 | 29 |
| 30 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service After church: Youth Meeting | 31 | | | | | |

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Interim, Minister

Genny Jenkins, Choir
Mary Claire Williams and Chris
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Barbara Marsh, Secretary
Chialing Hsieh, Organist
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Kaitlyn Rhoden, Nursery
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IN THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA

*We are Disciples of Christ,
a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world.*

*As part of the one body of Christ,
we welcome all to the Lord's Table
as God has welcomed us.*

• Disciples of Christ Identity Statement