

**First
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Church
(Disciples of Christ)**



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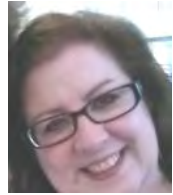
**FIRST SUNDAY
LUNCH
After Worship
Service
August 7**



GARDEN PARTY

Everyone is invited to stay for lunch on the first Sunday in August. The church will provide drinks and desserts. Members of the congregation are asked to bring their favorite salads.

PRESIDENT ALANA SCOTT



I have always loved going back to school in August.

My mom jokes that I loved school so much when I was a child that I figured out a way to stay in school for the rest of my life. She's not wrong. I like figuring out my new schedule, seeing my friends, getting cranked up for college football, and buying new school supplies. I've never been excited about buying new clothes but someone could probably start a mini-Office Depot with all of the school supplies I have at my house. I like the rhythm of school. The day is organized around class periods, meetings, and office hours, and the year is organized around school terms.

I have also always loved church.

My mom dropped me off at the nursery as a 2-week old newborn, and there have been very few Sundays in my life without the morning spent in church. Maybe I partly love church for the same reasons I love school. There's a schedule, I see my friends, and I even get to use school supplies on occasion. There's the rhythm of the church year, with Advent, Lent, Easter, and Ordinary Time. Just as we are facing a new school year, we are facing a new church year. The labyrinth has been re-worked. We have new music for both choir and hand bells. And there will also be meetings, and friends to see. We have a new deacon, and new church officers. There's God's call to honor, the Bible to read, our spiritual lives to develop, and worship to experience.

It's going to be exciting. I hope you are as excited as I am!

2016 Annual Planning Meeting

Several of us met after church on July 24 to develop a basic schedule for the upcoming church year. This was a very productive meeting as we established a basic month-by-month schedule. Please be on the lookout for ways in which you can be involved in church activities. From church dinners to youth activities and our Outreach Ministry, *there is something for everyone.* We have the template established but much of it needs to be filled in, and *it can only be filled in with your support.*

Alana Scott, President



MERRYMENTS

There are always recipes to request after our First Sunday Lunches since there are some flat out awesome cooks at FCC. This summer's lunches have kept that trend going with delicious salads, soups, and desserts. But this summer, I've seen another dish prepared which contains some very unusual ingredients.

It might surprise you to learn that asphalt, biscuits, rakes, and bibles have something wonderful in common: together, they become the Recipe for Garden Fresh, Home Grown, Summer-Time Stewardship. The portions of each of these ingredients can be a little tricky, yet each adds to the delicate texture of this dish.

The asphalt provides, shall we say, the "foundation" for the base of this summer stewardship recipe. Its firmness allows the other ingredients to build upon its surface. The biscuits add just the right amount of stewardship grace that has provided meals to members who have recently had health or family needs.

The rakes help to stir up, not only the dirt and gravel of the summer labyrinth project, but also adds the stewardship of smoothness for how we have been walking together with Jesus this summer as a church, and in our daily lives as we have reached out in kindness and support to one another and our neighbors. The Bible provides the depth and breadth to our stewardship dish. It adds the most nutritional value through its grams of goodness, its cups of compassion, and its rich protein of power, perseverance and peace.

Added together these special ingredients have been prepared and served as summer projects, summer servanthood, and summer soul-food: A dish that has been grown in faith, prepared by generous hearts and hands, and offered in the hope that through this stewardship recipe, we might all be inspired to taste the wonder of God's kingdom being reflected and acted out in and through the missions and ministries of our church. Come taste and see what the Lord is doing in this place called First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Morehead, KY.

It's pretty much a guarantee, you won't go hungry.

Rev. Merry Jones



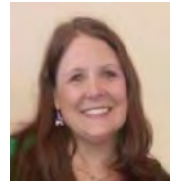
PULPIT SEARCH COMMITTEE

The pulpit search committee continues to review portfolios for potential candidates as they become available. On Thursday July 28, the committee will conduct a telephone interview. The group appreciates the prayerful support and encouragement of the congregation.

Yvonne Baldwin, Chair



YOUTH GROUP



The youth have been on their regularly scheduled break during the month of July. We look forward to getting back together in August for a back to school cook-out (stay tuned for date/time to be announced). We hope everyone has had a safe and restful summer! Our first regular youth group meeting will be Sunday, August 28.

Best wishes for a fantastic start to the school year for all of the FCC Youth!

Peace and Blessings,

Mary Claire Williams and Chris Prichard, Co-Chairs

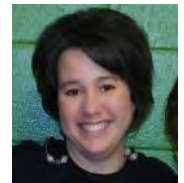


BELL CHOIR

The Bell Choir will be performing for the residents of Cave Run Manor, KY 801 South, Morehead, Kentucky on Wednesday, July 27.

Sarah Chaney, Leader

CHOIR



This summer, as we celebrate the gifts of so many musically talented individuals within our congregation and community, I have been reflecting on how grateful I feel to be a part of this wonderful church. The way in which this group of people welcomes others and embraces diversity is unlike any other experience I have ever had with religion.

Earlier this summer I was talking with a college student and the subject of church came up in passing. He asked, "Which church do you attend?" And when I told him, he said, "Oh yeah, that's the nice church." And the fact that whatever he had heard about us led him to the conclusion that we, as a church, are nice is just about the best compliment I think we could ever receive. And that is why I know that no matter what challenges we face (searching for a minister while simultaneously searching for an organist and/or pianist comes to mind) we are going to face them with grace and love and patience and it will be ok. Because we have each other and we know how to treat each other. And in this crazy world that is so reassuring.

Our guest musicians will continue to join us as we go into August. And the choir will be coming back to rehearse and join us for worship in August as well. The bell choir has begun working on music for this fall and will be playing at Cave Run Manor at the end of the month. Thank you for your continued support of music in our church.

Genny Jenkins, Choir Director

Thank Yous

-To our summer guest musicians: Chialing Hsieh-Genny Jenkins piano duet; Bell Choir; Matthew Taylor (saxophone); Charlie Day; Amanda and Jesse Wells; Alana Scott; Chris Prichard; Becky Alfrey and Friends; FCC Vocal Quartet: Jeff Brown, Genny Jenkins, Alana Scott, Natalie Mineer; Ethan Jenkins and Wiley Tanner, trombone duet; and Eric Brown. Thank you for sharing your gifts with us. Sincerely, FCC

-Thank you for your donation of \$190 on July 7. It helps us provide a full range of service for Older Adults. These services include home health and day care for those living at home, safe and affordable housing on one of our 10 campuses, rehab services for transitioning to home, and skilling nursing care for those who are frail and in need of constant care. Christian Care Communities.

Mack Fund

In Memory of

Billie Jean Clayton

Rex and Sarah Chaney

Joe Barrett

Jim & Emma Lou Gross

Kenneth & Betty Hall

Joyce Hart

Dan & Marge Thomas

Mack Fund

In Memory of

Michael Lewis

Jim & Emma Lou Gross

Joyce Hart

Dan & Marge Thomas

Joys

Brenda Combs grandson, Braxton Ward, who routinely placed as the Rowan County High School boys' track squad's main pole vaulter, participated in the 50th United States Track and Field Junior Olympic Championships in the event in Sacramento, California from July 25-31.

Outreach Committee



The Outreach Committee is getting ready to start the new year. Anyone interested in becoming a member, please contact Susan or Marge Thomas (Susan 606-776-6446; Marge 606-356-2983; or email stmoopie@hotmail.com).

Undie Sundays

Outreach will be having Undie Sundays in August, helping the kids of Rowan County go back to school. This program assists the Family Resource Centers with new underwear for those unexpected accidents. Sizes small to XL, male or female are needed. Please stop by your favorite local undie spot and pick up a pack or two. Bins will be located in the church for your donations.



RENEW YOUR KROGER CARD PLEASE!



August is the month to renew our Kroger Rewards Plan. EVERYONE MUST sign in to their account and renew. We will have a computer (and help) available at church dinners. This is how we fund the backpack program. So, please, please, please renew your Kroger card. It is an easy way for us to get healthy snacks to kids who need them.

Treasurer's Report

Income for the first four Sundays in July is

\$9,070.50

*The average income needed
to pay the church expenses is*

\$10,322.96

Regional News and Retreats

For more info: <http://www.kydisciples.net/>

Wednesday, August 10, 6pm: "Mission First Gathering," a District wide event for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will be held at First Christian Church, Mt. Sterling. The "Gathering" is intended to give the congregations in our district the chance to share mission ideas between our local churches and collaborate on opportunities for mission needs in our district. We are invited to come share in a meal and table fellowship at 6:00, followed by discussion on the many ways we serve our Lord in and through our missions and ministries. This will give us all new ideas and new ways to witness in our own communities. **Please contact Merry or the church office if you would like to join her in representing our church at this new and exciting event.**

September 22-24. Regional Assembly. This year's theme is "Grounded, Growing, Overflowing" and will be held at Crestwood Christian Church, Lexington. Workshops include Becoming a Welcoming Space; Ministry with the Aging; Energizing Your Leadership: Growing Your Most Valuable Resource; Involving Kids and Youth in Worship; Buddy Break...Kids with Special Needs are our VIP Kids!; and many more workshops. For more information, follow this link: www.ccinky.org. Our church office has an Assembly Program with all the information.



AUGUST 2016 BIRTHDAYS

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| 3 Jack Landreth | 17 Jeff Bizzel |
| 5 Joyce Hart | 20 Natalie Mineer |
| 8 Ronetta Brown | 21 Peggy Bizzel |
| 10 Kaitlyn Reynolds | 25 Charlie Tingle |
| 11 Jennifer (Justice Hall) Arrowwood | 27 Etta Jane McCarty |
| | 27 Adrian Swain |



Happy Belated Birthday

Leon Smothers' birthday was July 25. The Echo apologizes for the unintentional error.

COMING UP IN 2016

Sunday, July 31— Fifth Sunday Offering for Christian Care Communities.

Sunday, August 7— Immediately after worship service: First Sunday Lunch—Garden Party. The church will provide the dessert and drinks, and congregants are requested to bring salads.

Wednesday, August 10

- Mission First Gathering—6pm: District Event at FCC, Mt. Sterling.
- MSU student move in begins.
- Choir rehearsal resumes—7pm

Thursday, August 11—First day of classes for Rowan County schools.

Monday, August 15— MSU classes begin.

Sunday, August 21—After worship service: Fall 2016 Elders' Planning & Prayer Meeting.

Monday, August 22—6/6:30/7pm: Outreach/Executive/Full Board Meetings.

Sunday, August 28—12-3pm: Youth Meeting.

August Elders

August 7—Jami Hornbuckle and David Perkins

August 14—Alana Scott and Jami Hornbuckle

August 21—Mark and Ginny Etherton

August 28—Mark and Ginny Etheron

Consider Electronic Giving

Electronic giving offers an easy way to give to the church. It is easy to set up at your bank or credit union. The church appreciates any form of giving, including the old-fashioned way. Please contact the church office (606) 784-4836 or Joe Barrett, Treasurer, (606) 875-9412. *Thank you.*

Living Memorial

Fund Gifts

In Memory of

Michael Lewis

David and Joyce Saxon
Etta Jane McCarty
Fran Helphinstine

In Memory of

Billie Jean Clayton

Etta Jane McCarty
David & Joyce Saxon
Dan & Jennifer Markwell
William & Mary Scroggin
Jack & Kay McAllister
Gary & Jean Casper
Susie Halbleib
Jane Y. Holbrook
Perry & Mary Ann Thompson
Fran Helphinstine
Claude & Oveda Messer
Burl & Linda Hogge
Vanda Galen

In Memory of

Gordon Prichard

Fran Helphinstine

In Memory of

Nancy Rawlings

Fran Helphinstine

In Memory of

David Huls

Fran Helphinstine



Governor's Scholars Community Service Project

On Saturday July 16, a group of 19 Governor's Scholars came to FCC for a community service project. The week before, the students learned about the history of the Faith Garden and its role in church outreach and spirituality through a lecture/discussion presented by Yvonne Baldwin.

Under the direction of Jackie Bailey, Mark Etherton, and Yvonne Baldwin, the students worked in teams to uproot the overgrown monkey grass, dig annuals and herbs that have overgrown their spaces, install a drain pipe under a portion of the labyrinth paths, take up and stack the memorial bricks, and begin the process of making the Faith Garden less labor intensive and better drained.

The students worked from 10am to 2pm in hot, muggy conditions, but their energy and enthusiasm remained high, sustained by trail mix, box lunches, and homemade cookies, along with gallons of water and Gatorade. They plan to make this type of service an important part of their stay in the various communities that host GSP.

FCC is indebted to GSP and this wonderful group of students.

Yvonne Baldwin

First Christian Church - August 2016 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Office Hours Monday-Thursday	8:30-1:00 pm					
	1	2 5:30 Yoga	3 5:30 Bells	4 5:30 Yoga	5 Office closed	6 
7 Undie Sunday 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service 12:00 1st Sunday Lunch	8	9 5:30 Yoga	10 MSU Move In 6:00 Mission 1st Gathering 5:30 Bells 7:00 Choir	11 MSU Move In 1st Day Rowan County schools 5:30 Yoga	12 MSU Move In Day Office closed	13
14 Undie Sunday 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service	15 MSU First Day of Classes	16 5:30 Yoga	17 5:30 Bells 7:00 Choir	18 5:30 Yoga	19 Office closed	20
21 Undie Sunday 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service 12:00 Elders' Lunch Mtg	22 6:00 Outreach 6:30 Executive 7:00 Full Board Meetings	23 5:30 Yoga	24 5:30 Bells 7:00 Choir	25 5:30 Yoga	26 Office closed	27
28 Undie Sunday 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service 12-3:pm: Youth Meeting	29	30 5:30 Yoga	31 5:30 Bells 7:00 Choir			

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Merry Jones, Interim Minister
Genny Jenkins, Choir
Mary Claire Williams and
Chris Prichard, Youth
Barbara Marsh, Secretary
Sarah Chaney, Bell Choir
Kaitlyn Rhoden, Nursery
Darrin Roe, Custodian

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Lectionary Schedule

(Disciples of Christ Lectionary)

August 7—Luke 12: 32-40

August 14—Luke 12:49-56

August 21—Luke 13: 10-17

August 28—Luke 14:7-14



Parking Lot Repair Donations

*Thank you to the following
for their donations
to help with the
new parking lot paving project.*

Jackie Bailey

Joe Barrett

Roger & Dianna Fischer

Jim & Emma Lou Gross

Kenny & Betty Hall

Fran Helphinstine & Rob Sloss

Brent & Catherine Rogers

