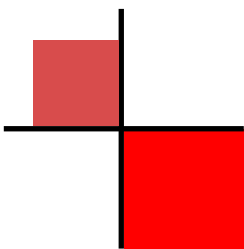


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**You Are
Invited**



**First
Sunday Lunch**

December 3

12-2pm

Fried Chicken

The congregation is
requested to bring
sides and desserts.

Join the fellowship
and
bring
a
friend!

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The Echo



December 2017

Advent and Christmas Opportunities



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PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

As we all know, the Pastor is the glue that holds the church together, and along with the church board, Elders, and Deacons, the various standing committees and the individuals who give of their faith, time, and talents, assures the day-to-day functions of the church. The pastor teaches, counsels, coaches, and supports. The pastor shepherds the flock, cares for and visits the sick, the shut-in, and the depressed. The pastor touches us all with love and reminds us that with grace, we can and will walk the walk. FCC Morehead was blessed to find Rev. Lisa Comingore Smith. Her sweet spirit, infectious laugh, and loving kindness captured the hearts of the pulpit committee and led to her hiring nine months ago. It is with deep regret that FCC Morehead announces the resignation of Rev. Lisa, submitted to Board Chair Phillip Swim, and accepted with note by the church board on Monday, November 27, 2017. The board, Elders, Deacons, the PRC, and the congregation extend our love, prayers, and best wishes to Rev. Lisa and her family.

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

Thank you to everyone who signed up to bring items for our Christmas Outreach program and for all our shoppers and planners!! This year we will be providing food baskets and household items for 11 families in the Rowan County School system as well as 10 households serviced by St. Claire Home Health. This includes clothing and toys for 27 children. Items are due in Fellowship Hall no later than December 3rd. Toys and other gifts for the children should be delivered wrapped and labeled with the child's name and the letter of the family. The MSU women's basketball team will be wrapping the clothing on Wednesday, December 6th. Please see Sarah Chaney if you would like to help feed these very tall elves.



Delivery of the baskets is scheduled for December 10th immediately following the worship service. Please plan to stay afterward and help us deliver Christmas baskets. We are still in need of monetary donations. You can give your check to Joe Barrett or simply put it in the collection plate with "Christmas Outreach" in the memo. Susan Thomas, Outreach Co-Chair

TIME TO ORDER POINSETTIAS

We are again ordering white poinsettias from the MSU horticulture department. If you would like to make a donation or purchase a poinsettia *in memory of* or *in honor of* an individual, please either give this slip to Barbara, leave in office, email, or call with your order by **Wednesday, December 13.** Church office phone is (606) 784-4836 and email is fccmky@gmail.com. Cost is \$10 each.

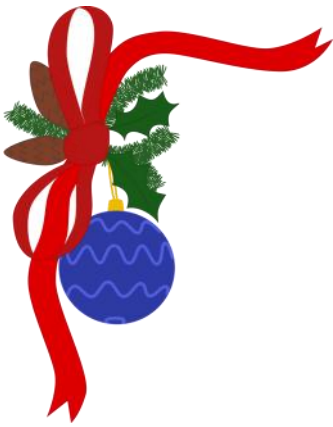


___A donation or ___A poinsettia

___In honor of or ___In memory of

(name of person/s)

Given by _____



YOUTH GROUP



Mary Claire
Williams

The youth had a great time shopping for the Thanksgiving baskets. It is very meaningful to them to be a part of our holiday outreach programs. They are very engaged and understand that there are many people in our community who appreciate our help during difficult times. Thank you to Paul Semisch for working with us to put the baskets together at the Gateway Homeless Shelter. The ten baskets were given to families who recently transitioned out of the shelter. Thank you to Jennifer Arrowwood, Kathryn Rogers, and Jackie Bailey for driving and assisting with the youth.

The Youth Christmas Program will take place on Sunday, December 24th during the service. Please make plans to attend this service and support our youth. Thank you to Genny Jenkins for working with the youth to prepare for this service. A rehearsal schedule was handed out along with binders for each youth to work on their part. Please make sure the youth practice their parts.

The youth will be caroling to some of our elders on Tuesday, December 19th. I will send more details about this through email as the date approaches.

Thank you to Mark Etherton for teaching children's church during November. We really appreciate you!

My love and blessings to all this Christmas season.

Mary Claire Williams, FCC Youth Director



Note: Chris Prichard submitted his resignation as Youth Co-Director during November. First Christian Church and the Youth Group will miss Chris and his wonderful leadership and generous, caring attitude. He has been a true blessing.



Genny Jenkins

CHOIR and BELLS

The month of December will be a busy one for the FCC music department! On December 2nd, the bells will be playing at US Bank from 5:00 to 6:00 as part of Hometown Holidays. Our special music for December will be the choir on December 3, Eric Brown on December 10, the High School Bell Choir on December 17, and then the youth, along with our church musicians, will be presenting a service of lessons and carols on the morning of December 24 for the fourth Sunday of Advent. On the night of December 24 at 10:00pm, we will have our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service.



Happy holidays to one and all of you dear church!

Genny Jenkins, Choir Director

Note: A picture of the Adult Bell Choir at North Fork Senior Living is on p. 6.

~Thank You~

~To Connie Kibbey and Susan Whidden for being office elves the week of November 5 while Barbara was out of the office. FCC

~Thank you to everyone for transportation to and from church. It has been a blessing to me. Jim Fred Cassity

~On behalf of the Gateway Homeless Coalition, I would like to express our gratitude for the wonderful Thanksgiving baskets we received from the youth group. We will give these baskets to families who have recently transitioned out of our shelter so that they can enjoy a festive Thanksgiving dinner! Thank you to each of the youth and to Mary Claire Williams for coordinating this gift. Marilyn Smith, Executive Director

~Thank you to Etta Jane McCarty and Ginny and Mark Etherton for providing lunch for the volunteers at the Peoples Clinic on November 7 and 21, respectively. FCC

~ Thank you to Jennifer Arrowwood, Kathryn Rogers, and Jackie Bailey for driving and assisting with the youth on November 19 while Thanksgiving basket shopping. Mary Claire Williams

~Thank you to November helpers Leeann Akers and Connie Kibbey for communion preparation and sanctuary elf, respectively. FCC



ALL MEANS ALL T-SHIRT

The "Rainbow Chalice" T-shirt comes in gray or blue. Please contact the office if interested.

S,M,L,XL \$20

2X \$21

3X \$22

YOGA

Yoga has ended for the year. The class will resume in January on their usual Tuesdays/Thursdays at 5:30. The class is by video and lasts approximately an hour. For more information, please contact Leon Smothers.

Bread For All



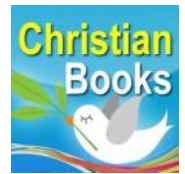
Helper Elves Needed

The church is in need of helpers during the week

to replace pew pad registration and prayer slips, check the communion table candles and acolyte torch wicks, and tidy up the sanctuary. This usually takes about an hour. If you feel led to help, please contact the office (606-784-4836).



Church Library!



A new church library is being planned. It will be located on the main floor of the church in the conference room. This lending library will be for everyone in the church, from the young to the young at heart! The materials in the library will support the personal journeys of faith and spiritual growth we are all on together. No church funds have been requested for the library. The following donations are being requested from the congregation: book cases, a small desk/table, a small lamp, and books from the following categories: Disciples of Christ denomination books, Bible study, biographies, Christian education, Christian living, faith, family, and aging, grief/suffering, religious history, inspiration, self-help, wellness, spiritual growth, devotions, Christian fiction, social justice, children's books, and young adult books. If you would like to make a monetary donation to support the needs of the library, please let Joe Barrett know. If you have any questions about the library, please see Connie Kibbey or Ronetta Brown.

Support us when you shop this holiday

In the previous quarter, \$6.83 was donated to FCC by

AmazonSmile.

Amazon donates when you shop at smile.amazon.com.




Here's our link:

[http://smile.amazon.com/ch/61-0865444](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/61-0865444)



December Birthdays

- | | | |
|--------------------|---|---------------------|
| 1- Alta Blair |  | 21- Sasha Reinhardt |
| 1- Eric Carter | | 22- Jeremy Skaggs |
| 2- Karen Ross | | 24- Jon Stigall |
| 6- Larry Fannin | | 26- Ethan Caudill |
| 7- Jami Hornbuckle | | 28- Kathryn Rogers |
| 15- Draven Quinn | | 28- Kristi Skaggs |

Treasurer's Report

Income for November is \$8,036.89.

Expenses for November are \$12,918.66.

(Expenses are monthly expenses, which is an average of the past 12 months.)

December Deacons

Mary Claire Williams, Makayla Reynolds,
Dewayne Carter, Alicia Carter,
Jon Stigall, Genny Jenkins

December Elders

- 3—Mark and Ginny Etherton
10—Mark and Ginny Etherton
17 Mark and Ginny Etherton
24—Carmen Swim and Yvonne Baldwin
31—Joe Barrett and Susan Thomas

Mack Fund

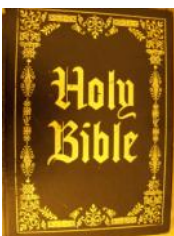
In memory of

**Jane Caudill
Jim McCarty**

Etta Jane McCarty

Bible Passages

- December 3—Mark 13: 24-37
December 10—Mark 1: 1-8
December 17—John 1:6-8, 19-28
December 24—Luke 1:26-38
December 31—Luke 2:22-40



COMING UP IN 2017

Saturday, Dec. 2—5-6pm Adult Bell Choir will be playing at US Bank during Hometown Holidays.

Sunday, Dec. 3—First Sunday of Advent.

"*Advent Peace Canon*" by choir. Wrapped toy gifts are due at the church. Please keep the names of the child/children with the gifts.

-First Sunday Lunch. The church will provide fried chicken and drinks. The congregation is requested to bring sides and desserts.

Wednesday, December 6—MSU Women's Basketball Team will wrap gifts and will enjoy a dinner. If you can provide a salad or dessert, please contact Sarah Chaney (606-207-2421).

Friday, December 1—Last day of classes for MSU. Finals week is Dec.4-8.

Saturday, December 9—MSU graduation.

Sunday, December 10—Second Sunday of Advent. Roger Fischer will be preaching and Eric Brown will be the guest soloist. "*Comfort, Comfort Ye My People*" by choir. The Christmas gifts will be delivered in the afternoon. If you would like to help deliver, contact Susan Thomas (606-776-6446).

Wednesday, December 13—Last day to order poinsettias. Order slip on p. 2. Dedications will be in the bulletin on 12/17. **5-6:30pm Practice for Christmas Eve** morning service (all participants: choir and bells).

Friday, December 15—Last day of classes for Rowan County schools.

Sunday, December 17—Third Sunday of Advent. Roger Fischer will be preaching. "*Magnificat*" by choir. The High School Bell Choir will be ringing. The poinsettias will be displayed on the 17th and 24th. They may be taken home after the Christmas Eve Service.

Tuesday, December 19—The youth will be **caroling** to some of our elders.

Wednesday, December 20—5-6:30pm Practice for Christmas Eve morning service (all participants: readers, singers, and bells).

Sunday, December 24—Fourth Sunday of Advent. The youth, along with our church musicians, will be presenting a service of Lessons and Carols during worship service. At **10:00 pm**, we will have our annual **Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service**.

Monday, December 25—Office closed.



Gateway Home Baskets

will resume in January. Thank you to all who contribute to this Outreach. Our next Gateway Home Basket will be in January.

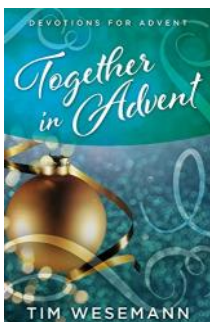


The Adult Bell Choir played for the residents of the North Fork Senior Living on Sunday, November 26. Pictured left to right are Alana Scott, Jeff Brown, Sarah Chaney, Genny Jenkins, Alicia Carter, and Jennifer Arrowwood. Our good friend Jim Fred Cassity, (right) hosted the event.

Photo by Sarah Chaney



*May the
Lord Bless
You and
Your
Family
This
Christmas.
May Your
Hearts
Rejoice
Always In
The Gift of
God's Only
Son.*

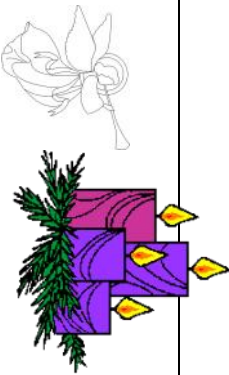






Advent Devotional Books Available Now

Advent begins December 3.

The weekly books contain a journey through Advent, as the Spirit guides. The season clamors for our time and energy. Take time to allow God's presence, life and love to impact our presence in the lives of others. May God bless our journey through Advent together. Devotional books are located at both entrances to sanctuary.

First Christian Church December 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Office Hours: M-Th 8:30-1pm						
			.		1 Last day of MSU classes. Office	2 Downtown: Hometown Holidays. Bells play at US Bank from 5-6pm
3 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service 12-2:00 First Sunday Lunch Advent 1 Outreach wrapped toy gifts are due at church.	4 MSU finals week through Dec. 8	5	6 5-6:30 Practice for Christmas Eve morning service (Choir and Bells 5:30 MSU Women's Basketball team dinner and wrap gifts	7	8 Office closed	9 MSU Winter Graduation
10 Roger Fischer preaching. 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service Advent 2	11	12	13 5-6:30 Practice for Christmas Eve morning service (Choir and Bells)	14	15 Last day of classes for Rowan County Schools. Office closed.	16
17 Roger Fischer preaching 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service Advent 3	18 	19 Youth caroling 	20 5-6:30 Practice for Christmas Eve morning service (all participants: Readers, Singers, and Bells)	21	25 Office closed	23
24/31 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service 10pm Candlelight Service Advent 4	25 Celebrating the Blessed Day of Jesus Birth. Office closed. 	26	27 No rehearsals	28	29 	

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Interim Minister

Genny Jenkins, Choir
Mary Claire Williams and
Barbara Marsh, Secretary
Sarah Chaney, Bell Choir
Kaitlyn Rhoden, Nursery
Darrin Roe, Custodian

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***Merry Christmas
from your
church staff.
Genny,
Mary Claire,
Barbara,
Jiyeon,
Kaitlyn,
and Darrin.***