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The Echo

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Lenten Theme: Through The Eyes of Jesus

February 15—5pm

**Inquirer's
Class**

February 12, 29—7pm

Meditation

February 18—7pm

**Ash Wednesday
Service**

Imposition of
Ashes
& Music

February 18—6pm

**Bean Soup
Dinner**

Life Beyond Loss

How grace has brought us
safe thus far and grace will
lead us home.

Led by
Yvonne
Baldwin

Tuesdays

Beginning February
24—7pm

**Lectio
Divina**

April 2—7pm

**Maundy Thursday
Service**

Communion
& Music

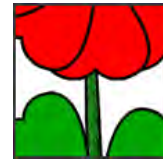
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Feldenkrais

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NOTES FROM THE PASTOR:



I always think about Dr. Anthony L Dunnivant in February.

Tony was one of my professors at LTS, he was a noted Restoration historian, an ordained Disciples minister, and served as Dean at LTS after I graduated. I was a non-traditional student at the time (read “old”) and we quickly discovered that he and I, as well as another friend and fellow student Scott, were all born in 1954, as was the stone shrine built around the original Meeting House at Cane Ridge. I have a picture of the three of us, crouched beside the cornerstone there: “1954”.

Tony loved history, and was a great teacher. During my MDiv work there, I took 6 history classes – far more than needed – just to sit under his teaching. He believed strongly that those who do not know their past are doomed to repeat it. He thought it was important to know the roots of our heritage, both the Christian heritage and our own strain of belief that led us to Cane Ridge in 1801.

His tests were legendary (as in HARD). They were a combination of short answer, essay, and identification. On his tests each item in the identification section had to be answered with three salient points; and, as he pointed out often: “*Old Religious Dead guy* will not suffice”

I am getting ready to offer yet another Inquirer’s Class for those adults who wish to know more about the Disciples as a group, FCC as a specific church, and church membership in general. I always use material that was part of an assignment for the Disciples history class I took. He said it would come in handy, and it has.

Why think about him in February? Tony passed away in February of 2001 – he was not quite 47. His funeral was a wonderful combination of laughter, tears, and to be truthful some anger at such a loss of a life so young. He is a part of the history of the denomination, and the seminary, and of my own history as well as those of many other students. From time to time I want to tell folks about him, and what he taught me. How his life and his witness made a difference in my own spiritual development and my growth as a minister.

Don’t you have someone like that in your life?

Pastor Mully

YOUTH DIRECTORS



The youth had a great meeting in January talking about Martin Luther King Jr. The older youth discussed the “I Have A Dream” speech and references to scripture. The younger youth talked about resolving conflicts with others in peaceful ways. They enjoyed making dream catchers after the discussion. Thank you the Catherine and Brent Rogers for providing the delicious meal.

The February meeting will take place on the 22nd immediately after service until 3:00 p.m. The youth will be learning about Lent. If you would like to provide the meal, please contact Mary Claire or Chris.

Peace and Blessings,

Chris Prichard and Mary Claire Williams
Co-Directors of the Youth Program

CHOIR DIRECTOR



This month we have welcomed back our MSU Interns and are excited to once again have them sharing their talents with us. They will be participating in a variety of solo offerings over the next few months which I’m sure we all will very much enjoy. We were also thrilled to have Dr. Nathan Nabb (saxophone) with us this month as a guest and are looking forward to having Dr. Robert Pritchard (flute) with us on the first Sunday of February as well. Instrumental guests offer a lovely variety to our worship music and are always much appreciated.

As Lent begins in February, the choir will offer a Lenten Introit and a Lenten Benediction each week. Please feel free to use the text of these pieces as part of your own Lenten prayer journey. The Lenten Introit text reads: *Teach me thy way, O Lord, and I will walk in thy truth. O knit my heart unto thee, that I may fear thy name. I will thank thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart, And will praise thy name for evermore. Amen.* Stay warm everybody!

Genny Jenkins, Choir Director



We are now receiving money from Kroger on a quarterly basis. The amount received in December was \$464.56. And **thank you** for your continued use of your **Kroger** card for First Christian Church.

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

February 1: Psalm 111: 1-10

February 8: Mark 1: 32-39

February 15: Mark 9: 2-9

February 25: Luke 23: 33-35a



February Birthdays



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| 9- Peggie Reynolds | |
| 12- Brent Rogers | 18- Alicia Carter |
| 17- Glen Buckner | 20- Norm Lytle |
| 17- Betty Hall | 24- Susan Thomas |
| 18- Hedy Caldwell | 26- Billie Jean Clayton |

Treasurer's Report

Income for the first three Sundays in December is \$8,591.00.

The average income needed to pay the church expenses is \$10,221.95

Walking the Labyrinth the Feldenkrais Way

Monday evenings, March 2nd, 9th, 16th.
Time: those interested will meet to decide if we start at 5:30 or 6:00 p.m. since some have asked for a later start time.

Whether you'll be walking the labyrinth for the first time or simply want to explore new ways to meditate, this class is for you. Each session will include a gentle Feldenkrais lesson focused on the evening's theme and a labyrinth walk. Support materials will be provided, with optional exploratory exercises during the week.

A great way to be wholistic in your Lenten study--by engaging your body, mind, and spirit. Open to adults of all physical abilities. Talk with Maggie or Ned if you have any questions, and to register. Cell: 776-4769 or email: Maggie@HolisticHealingNow.com

February Deacons

Sasha Reinhardt, Anita McNeal, Connie Kibbey, Dayna Seelig, Mike Seelig, Catherine Rogers.

We Hope It Won't Be Necessary

But if inclement weather becomes a problem, announcements will be seen on WKYT Snow-GO crawl and our Facebook page and webpage.



Stackable mugs

\$33.99

For more items, visit

<http://www.cafepress.com/fccmoreheadky>

Thank You

Thank you for my gift card to CoffeeTree. It is one of my favorite stores in Morehead.

I know I will enjoy using it for special items. Each time I use the card, I will remember your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely

Barbara Marsh, Church Secretary



Mack Fund

Donation
Bill Davis

Living Memorial Fund

In Memory of
Sibyl & Mike Keller
Jane Y. Holbrook

INQUIRER'S CLASS FEBRUARY 15

Why is our communion table in the center of the sanctuary? Who are the people who pass the offering plates? What does the Chalice mean? On Sunday, February 15 at 5 pm, Pastor Molly will hold an Inquirer's Class for folks who want to learn more about the Disciples of Christ, the way our church functions, and other areas of our walk. It will run about 90 minutes. It is open to ALL adults – member or non-member, first time visitor or long time attendant.

COMING UP IN 2015

February 15: 5pm.

Inquirer's Class

February 15 & 22:

Week of Compassion

February 18—6/7pm:

Bean Soup Dinner/Ash
Wednesday Service.

The beans and drinks will be provided. Please bring a dessert or cornbread .

Each Sunday in February:

Undie Sundays

March: Coming soon TBA: Work Day



Week of Compassion

The Week of Compassion offering will be received on February 15 and 22 and reaches widely, impacting lives in our own neighborhoods and those we may never meet but who are in need of our compassion. God provides the resources so that we can give back. We're giving back to God what is already God's—so that we might all thrive!

"I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance" (2 Cor 8:12-13).

Our abundance becomes their need and their need becomes our abundance. What if we all lived as if this is our call?

We could change the world.

Will you put your Compassion into Action?



During the month of February, we will have our **Undies Sundays**. Pick up a paper heart located at either entrance to the sanctuary to select the type, size, and gender you are purchasing.

If you have any questions, please contact Mike or Dayna Seelig.

**Remember First
Sunday "Souper" Bowls
after church
2.1.15.**

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 544



The young women of Troop 544 are giving us a delightful present: they are in the process of digitizing many of the pictures that are here in the building – from black and white images posed in front of the sanctuary to last year’s youth Sunday – and putting them on CD. When they have completed this project, they will have a Silver Award and we will have copies of decades of snapshot moments in our church. Our hope is to make them available on the church website. Troop leaders are Susan Thomas and Marge Thomas; Maggie Alden and Annabelle McNeal are among the members; and Leah Craig will be assisting them with information about archiving and preservation.

Christian Care Communities

Thank you for your kind and generous gift of \$50 received in December. Your concern for those who need special care to live lives of independence and dignity enables us to offer care and support to over 3,000 Older Adults and their families each year.

In Christ’s love,
Bill Schiphorst
Director of Church Relations

Gateway Homeless Coalition, Inc.

We received a nice note thanking everyone in our congregation for the wonderful Thanksgiving baskets. “We delivered the baskets to families who had stayed in our shelter during the past few months, and were very grateful!”

Marilyn Smith **Paul Semisch**
Executive Director Assistant Director

Build-A-Bed


Thank you for your extremely generous donation. This money will be used to help us reach our goal of providing 160 beds to children in need in Eastern Kentucky/ We can never know how much a new bed means to a child who has never slept in one. Your gift is immeasurable.

Sincerely,
Many Claire Williams
Program Director
MSUCorps AmeriCorps

People’s Clinic

On behalf of the volunteers, staff and patients, I sincerely thank you for your generous gift. Your commitment to help the uninsured receive health care is sincerely appreciated. Many folks struggle to meet their co-pays as well as their deductible under the new federal insurance programs. They can be seen at the clinic without any charge if certain criteria are met. Most sincerely,
Jim Brandenburg
Executive Director

February 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Service First Sunday "Souper" Bowl Lunch</p>	2	3 5:30 Yoga	4 5:30 Bells 7:00 Choir	5 5:30 Yoga	6	7
<p>8 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Service</p>	9	10 5:30 Yoga	11 5:30 Bells 7:00 Choir	12 5:30 Yoga 7:00 Meditation	13	14 <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i>
<p>15 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Service</p>	16 	17 5:30 Yoga	18 6:00 Bean Soup Dinner 7:00 Ash Wednesday Service ASH WEDNESDAY	19 5:30 Yoga	20	21
<p>22 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Service—Lent 1 After Church: Youth Meeting</p>	23 6:30/7:00 Executive/Full Boards	24 5:30 Yoga 7:00 Lectio Divina	25 5:30 Bells 7:00 Choir	26 5:30 Yoga 7:00 Meditation	27	28

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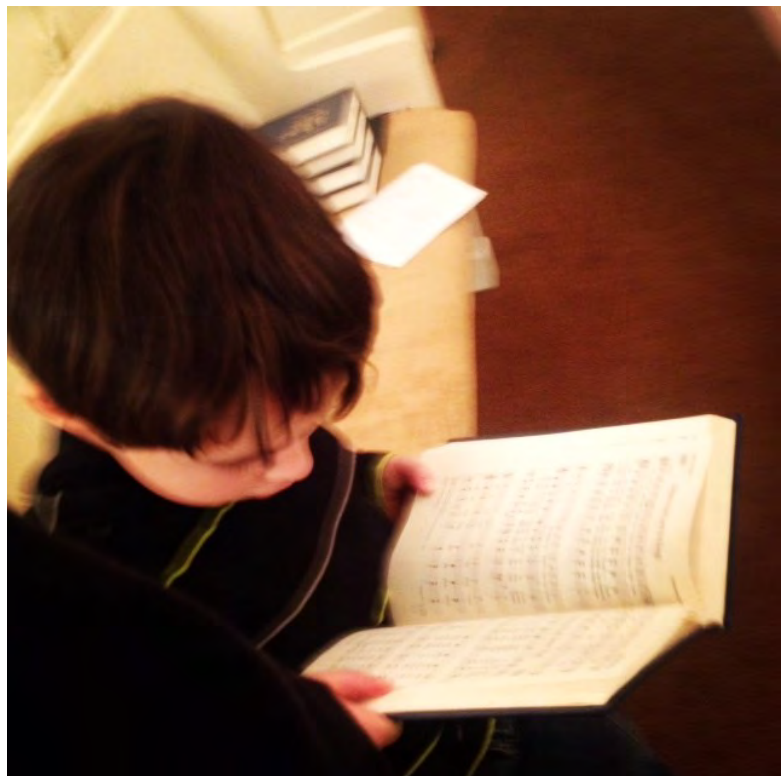
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