

In essentials, unity. In non-essentials, diversity. In all things, charity.

**First
Christian
Church**
(Disciples of Christ)
A Green Chalice Ministry



The Echo

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February 2020

First Sunday Lunch Souper Bowl



February 2—12pm

The Deacons are our hosts for Souper Bowl. The congregation is requested to bring salads/sides, sandwiches, or desserts. The deacons will provide soup and drinks. Contact Curt Hammond or Elizabeth Ash.

Congregational Meeting

February 16, 2020

There will be an important congregational meeting at the conclusion of the Worship Service. All members are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting.

Catherine Rogers

FCC Board Chair



Rev. Vicki Ray

God Among Us in Ordinary Time

Advent has come and gone. Christmas has come and gone. It is now a new calendar year, although the Church liturgical year began with the first Sunday of Advent. Epiphany has come and gone, as well as, the celebration of Jesus' baptism. We now find ourselves in a period of time that goes by several names. Sometimes this may be confusing. At times, I know it has been for me.

Season of Epiphany. Epiphanytide. Ordinary Time. For example, the first Sunday in February this year is the Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany or the Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time. The season or time begins with Epiphany, January 6th, and ends the day before Ash Wednesday. It's the time in the church year when we do not focus on a particular event. That is, we do not celebrate any events related to Christmas or Easter. The *Revised Common Lectionary* uses these terms in providing scripture readings for the counting time of growth—spiritual growth.

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Spotlighting Gateway Baskets

First, a huge thank you to our Outreach committee, congregation, and delivery elves. Our Christmas project went well— everything delivered and all paid for!! Yay!

Now on to a new year. February through October we furnish a basket for folks transitioning from the Gateway Shelter to a home. These are sometimes singles, but many are families with children and jobs. The baskets contain new items such as sheets, towels, rugs, pots, dishes, microwave, etc. The average cost per basket is \$300.

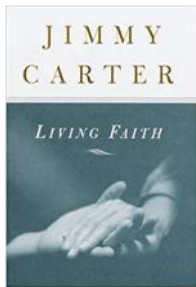
Gateway Shelter serves five counties and transitions 6-10 households per month. The staff does follow ups with these families and the success rate is 90%. What a tremendous asset this agency is to our community.

We have had sign ups for the baskets and all slots are full. If you would like to still help out with this or other projects, contact any of the Outreach Committee members. There is no end to the assistance we can give.

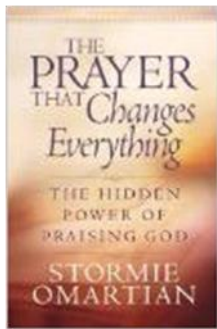
Members – Ashley Adkins, Elizabeth Ash, Jeff & Ronetta Brown, Alicia Carter, Sarah Chaney, Genny Jenkins, Connie Kibbey, Bob Pryor, Marge and Susan Thomas.



CHURCH LIBRARY SPOTLIGHT

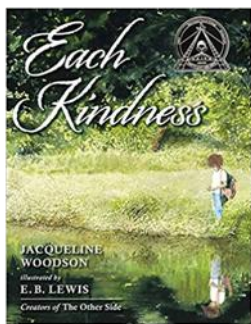


Living Faith, by Jimmy Carter (Christian Living). For almost three decades, President Carter has regularly spent part of each Sunday reading from scripture and sharing his personal faith with neighbors, friends, and visitors at his Baptist church in Plains, Georgia. In *Living Faith*, he draws on this experience, exploring the values closest to his heart and the personal beliefs that have nurtured and sustained him. For President Carter, faith finds its deepest expression in a life of compassion, reconciliation, and service to others. *Living Faith* is filled with stories of people whose lives have touched his--some from the world stage, more from modest walks of life. We see how President Carter learned about other faiths from Prime Minister Menachim Begin and President Anwar Sadat; learned a lesson in forgiveness from a clash with commentator George Will; how he was inspired by the simple theology of preacher Ely Cruz, "Love God and the person in front of you"; and how the cheerful strength of family friend Annie Mae Rhodes taught him the meaning of "patient faith." Rooted in scripture and infused with a vision of how a dynamic faith can enrich our public and private lives, this is the most personal book yet by one of our most admired Americans--a warmly inspirational volume to give and to share.



The Prayer that Changes Everything: The Hidden Power of Praising God, by Stormie Omartian (Spiritual Growth). Stormie Omartian inspires readers to open their lives to *the* prayer that changes everything—the prayer of praise to God. This bestselling look at prayer and worship has a fresh cover for a new audience. Intimate conversations with God often focus on immediate needs, concern for others, and direction regarding His will, but praise requires believers to look beyond themselves and their circumstances and place their attention solely on God. Stormie shares personal stories, biblical truths, and practical guiding principles to reveal the wonders that take place when Christians offer praise in the middle of difficulties, sorrow, fear, and, yes, abundance and joy. Study questions are incorporated into each chapter so that readers receive the opportunity to put what they learn into practice. *The Prayer That Changes Everything* helps them uncover the amazing power, benefit, and freedom that can be found in praising God.

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Each Kindness, by Jacqueline Woodson and illustrated by E.B. Lewis (Focus on Children and Youth). This unforgettable book is written and illustrated by the award-winning team that created *The Other Side* and the Caldecott Honor winner *Coming On Home Soon*. With its powerful anti-bullying message and striking art, it will resonate with readers long after they've put it down. Chloe and her friends won't play with the new girl, Maya. Every time Maya tries to join Chloe and her friends, they reject her. Eventually Maya stops coming to school. When Chloe's teacher gives a lesson about how even small acts of kindness can change the world, Chloe is stung by the lost opportunity for friendship, and thinks about how much better it could have been if she'd shown a little kindness toward Maya.

by Connie Kibbey, Librarian

(Source: Amazon)

Every Sunday
In
February is
Undie Sunday

During the month of February, we have our annual Undie Sundays. It is an Outreach Project where we help our community by donating new underwear to the Rowan County schools' Family Resource Centers. There will be baskets by the entrances to the sanctuary for your donations. More information on sizes and styles will be communicated soon.

Contact Marge Thomas or Genny Jenkins

CHOIR AND BELLS



Genny Jenkins



Sarah Chaney
Bell Choir
Director

The music department is in full swing for the new semester. Youth bells are meeting on Monday at 7pm, Adult Bells on Wednesday at 5pm, and Choir on Wednesday at 7pm. We have been working on our Green Chalice initiative in January and will continue for the first several weeks of February with Calls to Worship, Invocations, and Hymns of Invitation that are celebrating a Creation Care theme. Coming up in February please mark your calendars for the Ash Wednesday service on February 26. FCC will be hosting this service in conjunction with Faith Presbyterian Church and First Baptist Church. We will have dinner at 6pm and the service at 7pm. We hope everyone will come and join us for this beautiful service to begin the Lenten season as a church family.

Genny Jenkins, Choir Director

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David Toole, Associate Dean of Duke Divinity School, provides this insight into this time: "Ordinary time is 'ordinary' in part because of what it *is not*: It is not Advent or Christmas or Lent or Easter. It is not ... the time during which the church is engaged in preparations for, or celebrations of, the birth, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Ordinary Time is also ordinary because of what it *is*: ... the season that makes up most of our time ... every year, depending on the dates of Epiphany and Easter. It is a time during which we are called ... to follow Jesus, and in following him, to listen to him. ... No bright stars. No earthquakes. Just a voice that strikes our ear amid the ordinariness of our lives and announces that God is among us."¹ Blessed be your Ordinary Time!

¹David Toole, "Matthew 4:12-23," *Feasting on the Word: Preaching the Revised Common Lectionary, Year A, Volume 1*, eds. David L. Bartlett and Barbara Brown Taylor (Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press, 2010), 284-88.



Tulips for Easter. This year we will have potted tulips as our Easter flower. We have arranged with Creative Touch Florist to order red, pink, yellow, and purple tulips. We will have more info in The March Echo. As always, the flowers may be dedicated in memory or in honor of a loved one or friend. The dedications will appear in the Easter bulletin on April 12, 2020. The cost will be \$15.

Our Lenten Journey

Make plans to join us for special services during Lent
with Reverend Vicki Ray.



Ash Wednesday, February 26. Ecumenical service with Faith Presbyterian and First Baptist Church. Dinner will be at 6pm and the service will be a 7pm at First Christian Church.

All Sundays in Lent, March 1-**Palm Sunday**, April 5.

Maundy Thursday, April 9. Ecumenical service with Faith Presbyterian and First Baptist Church. Dinner will be a 6pm and the service will be at 7pm at Faith Presbyterian.

Good Friday, April 10. Ecumenical service with Faith Presbyterian and First Baptist Church. Dinner will be at 6pm and the service will be at 7pm at First Baptist Church.

Easter Sunday, April 12. He is risen!

Understanding Our Role



We are stewards of God's Creation.



Rev. Kerry Conlee

Rev. Conlee

February 2-16

We welcome Reverend Kerry Conlee who grew up in Owingsville and graduated from Bath County High School in 1977. He attended Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond and graduated in 1981 with a degree in History Education, receiving his teacher's certification for grades 7-12, with a minor in Dairy Herd Management. After Eastern he attended Lexington Theological Seminary from which he graduated in 1985 with a Master of Divinity degree. He has served several churches in Kentucky in the Christian Church (DOC), United Methodist Church, and The Presbyterian Church (USA). Though Kerry is a deeply committed member of the DOC, his beliefs allow him to fulfill ministry in any of the mainline church traditions. Besides engaging in ministry, Kerry worked for the Commonwealth of Kentucky in the administration of public assistance programs (KTAP, Food Stamps, and Medicaid) for 20 years.

Kerry's son, Jordan W. Conlee, lives in Elizabethtown and works in real estate. Jordan is married and has three wonderful children.

~Thank You~

Dear Congregation and President Rogers, Thank you for the Christmas gift and very special love offering. It is very much appreciated in knowing the support it represents. I am committed to the mission of First Christian Church and will always strive to do my best to represent our Christian values and to support the congregation. I am proud to be your secretary.

Sincerely, Barbara Marsh



February Hymns

February 2

Anthem *Blest Are They*
Hymn of Praise *Gather Us In* #284
Hymn of Invitation *Many Are The Lightbeams* #492
Hymn of Communion *What Does the Lord Require of You?* #661

February 9

Anthem *We Are Called*
Hymn of Praise *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service* #461
Hymn of Invitation *You Are The Seed* #487
Hymn of Communion *Take Our Bread* #413

February 16

Anthem *Healing River*
Hymn of Praise *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* #517
Hymn of Invitation *For the Healing of the Nations* #668
Hymn of Communion *Take My Life* #609

February 23

Hymn of Praise *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* #233
Hymn of Invitation *From All that Dwell Below the Skies* #49
Hymn of Communion *Alleluia! Hear God's Story* #330

What's Going On Websites



The Message Bible Browser

<https://www.biblegateway.com/versions/Message-MSG-Bible/>

Green Chalice Ministry

www.discipleshomemissions.org/missions-advocacy/

Christian Churches in Kentucky (Disciples of Christ) (our regional DOC)

www.ccinky.net

Christian Churches (DOC) in the US/Canada

<https://disciples.org/>

Disciples of Christ Branded Merchandise

<https://disciples.org/store/> or
<https://www.cafepress.com/+disciples-of-christ+gifts>



Shout from the Hills

You are invited to the SERF 2020

Women's Event, a Kentucky

Disciples Women themed weekend. *A Mountain Top Experience. March 13-15, 2020.* Christmount Christian Assembly in Black Mountain, NC.

Online reg: www.christmount.org Early bird reg. is Feb. 18. Facebook- "SERF Women's Event."





Acolytes
Bringing In The Light

February 2— John Akers
February 9—Alana Sholar
February 16—John Akers
February 23—Alana Sholar

February Deacons

February 2—Fran
Helphinstine, Curt Hammond,
Kaitlyn Paschall, Jeff &
Ronetta Brown.
February 9—Liz Ash, Curt
Hammond, Kaitlyn Paschall.
February 16—Curt Hammond,
Kaitlyn Paschall,
Mary Claire Williams.
February 23—Leeann Akers,
Curt Hammond,
Kaitlyn Paschall.
Jim Fred Cassity is a
permanent deacon.

January Elders

February 2—Susan Thomas
and Yvonne Baldwin
February 9—Carmen Swim
February 16—Joe Barrett
February 23—Joe Barrett

Living Memorial Fund

in memory of

Robert Rogers
(Brent Rogers' uncle)

by

Fran Helphinstine

Mack Fund

in memory of

Thelma Brown
(Marge Thomas' Mother)

by

Sarah & Rex Chaney



February Birthdays

12- Brent Rogers
12- Anthony Paschall
17- Betty Hall
18- Hedy Caldwell
18- Alicia Carter
20- Norm Lytle
22- Atlas Ashford
24- Susan Thomas

January Treasurer's Report

Income is **\$6,443.00.**
Expenses are **\$5,572.44.**



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. 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).

Labyrinth Prayer Blessings Schedule (after Worship Service)

April 5th (Palm Sunday)
July 5th
October 4th
January 3rd, 2021

ONE LESS THING TO REMEMBER

A convenient way to give is direct debit to support your church. Just complete the Authorization Agreement for Direct Debit, attach a voided check, and give to Treasurer Joe Barrett. No more need to remember your checkbook.

AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT FOR DIRECT DEBIT

I (we) hereby authorize First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Morehead, Kentucky, hereinafter called FCC, to initiate entries to my (our) Account indicated below at the Financial Institution named below, hereafter called _____, and, if necessary, initiate adjustments for any transactions made in error. I (we) acknowledge that the origination of ACH transactions to my (our) account must comply with the provisions of U.S. law.

(Name of Financial Institution)

(Address of Financial Institution
—City, State & Zip)

_____/_____
(Routing Number) (Account Number)

Checking Savings
(Select One)

AMOUNT AND DATE TO BE DEDUCTED:

1st Monday of month ___ Amount: \$ ___
2nd Monday of month ___ Amount: \$ ___
3rd Monday of month ___ Amount: \$ ___
4th Monday of month ___ Amount: \$ ___

You may choose any number of Mondays. PLEASE note, the deductions will take up to two business days (so for instance, you might not see your deduction until that Wednesday).

This authorization is to remain in full force and effect until FCC has received written notification from me (or either of us) of its termination in such time and in such manner as to afford FCC and Kentucky Bank a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

Name(s) _____

(Please Print)

Signature _____
Date _____

Signature _____
Date _____






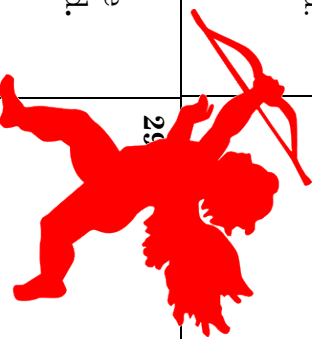
Please attach VOIDED CHECK.

In & Around FCC

January 5, 2020 - First Sunday Lunch



First Christian February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
26 Rev. K. Alexander 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service Newsletter articles due. Undie Sundays all month.	27 6:30 Executive 7:00 Full Bd Mtg 7:00 Youth Bells	28 5:00 Yoga 	29 5:00 Adult Bells 7:00 Choir Publish newsletter	30 5:00 Yoga	31 Office closed.	1 February 
2 Undie Sundays all month. Rev. Kerry Conlee 10:45 Worship Service 12:00 1st Sunday Lunch Souper Bowl	3 7:00 Youth Bells	4 5:00 Yoga	5 5:00 Adult Bells 7:00 Choir	6 5:00 Yoga	7 Office closed.	8 LOVE WINS
9 Rev. Kerry Conlee 10:45 Worship Service 2:00 2nd Sunday Hike	19 Youth Bells	11 5:00 Yoga	12 5:00 Adult Bells 7:00 Choir	13 5:00 Yoga	14 Office closed.	15
16 Week of Compassion Rev. Kerry Conlee 10:45 Worship Service 12:00 Congregational Mtg	 17 Presidents Day The office will be closed. 7:00 Youth Bells	18 5:00 Yoga 	19 5:00 Adult Bells 7:00 Choir	20 5:00 Yoga	21 Office closed.	22
23 Week of Compassion Rev. Vicki Ray 10:45 Worship Service Newsletter articles due.	24 6:30 Executive 7:00 Full Bd Mtg 7:00 Youth Bells	25 5pm Yoga	26 Ash Wednesday at FCC 6:00 Dinner 7:00 Service Publish newsletter	27 5:00 Yoga	28 Office closed.	29 

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Genny Jenkins, Choir
Jiyeon McGillicuddy,
Keyboardist
Sarah Chaney, Bells
Makayla Reynolds, Nursery
Open, Youth
Barbara Marsh, Secretary

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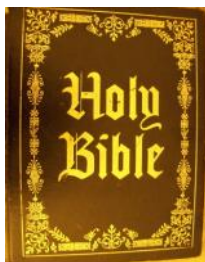
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Join us for live Sunday
Worship Service @ 10:50am



<https://www.flickr.com/people/139711677@N02/>

Bible Readings
for the Month
Disciples of Christ
Lectionary



February 2—Matt 5:1-12
February 9—Matt 5:13-20
February 16—Matt 5:21-47
February 23—Matt 17:1-9

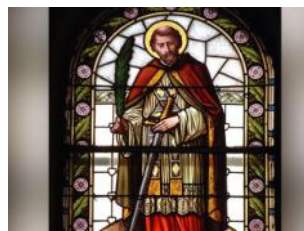
The St. Andrews Cross on the green chalice signifies we are a Green Chalice Ministry church. Our certification is pending for “Certified Green Chalice Ministry.”



We Have Reached Our Library Capacity!

We are not accepting any donated books at this time.

We realize that without the many donations of our generous church members, we would not even have a library. However, we've currently reached a point where we have run out of room for any more books. Thank you. Librarians Connie Kibbey and Ronetta Brown



Saint Valentine (Italian: *San Valentino*, Latin: *Valentinus*) was a widely recognized 3rd-century Roman saint, commemorated in Christianity on February 14. From the High Middle Ages his Saints' Day is associated with a tradition of courtly love. There

are two different Saints' Lives for a St Valentine on February 14, but they are probably the same man. Saint Valentine was a clergyman – either a priest or a bishop – in the Roman Empire who ministered to persecuted Christians. He was martyred and his body buried at a Christian cemetery on the Via Flaminia close to the Ponte Milvio to the north of Rome, on February 14, which has been observed as the Feast of Saint Valentine (Saint Valentine's Day) since 496 AD.