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

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

First Sunday Lunch January 7/12-2pm Breakfast Brunch



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Thank you for a great 2017!



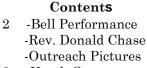


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The Bell Choir performed at U.S. Bank during Hometown Holidays and at North Fork Senior Living. The merry bell ringers are (left to right) Alana Scott, Jeff Brown, Sarah Chaney, Genny Jenkins, Alicia Carter, and Jennifer Arrowwood. The group is directed by Sarah Chaney.

#### **Reverend Donald Chase**

We welcome back the Reverend Donald Chase, who will be with us for worship services during January. Reverend Chase is the director of Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) and lead chaplain at the Lexington VA Medical Center where he has served for the past almost 11 years. His education includes the M.Div., M.A., and B.S. degrees.



#### THANK YOU from the Outreach Committee



...to everyone who donated, shopped, wrapped, fed and delivered. Elizabeth Ash (checked shirt, left photo) watched as a member of the MSU Women's Basketball team wrapped gifts. Sarah Chaney organized a dinner before they began wrapping gifts. (Lower left corner) Connie Kibbey, Alicia Carter (center), and Jennifer Arrowwood were happy helper elves. The gifts were grouped by families on each table waiting to be

> wrapped. Coach Greg Todd (below center) and daughter joined the team in helping to make the holidays a little brighter this year. For more pics, please see page 8.

> > Photos by Sarah Chaney and Marge Thomas.

#### **YOUTH GROUP**

The Youth worked very hard on the Advent Youth Service held December 24, 2017. It was a beautiful service, and we are very appreciative of their willingness to share their precious gifts with us. Thank you to everyone who helped with the



Mary Claire Williams



service and supported the youth by joining us in worship on Christmas Eve. Thank you to the adult choir members who accompanied the youth. A very special thank you to Genny

Jenkins for her hard work in rehearsing and preparing the youth for the service.

On December 19<sup>th</sup>, the Youth caroled to some of our homebound elders. We

had a great time spreading Christmas cheer, and the elders were very happy to see us. Our January meeting will take place on Sunday, January 28th immediately following the service until 3:00 p.m. We are looking for a few people to help provide the



meal. Please contact Mary Claire if you are willing to help. We will continue into the new year with lessons on the theme of the year "Bread for All." If you would like to help teach Children's



Church, you can sign up on the bulletin board.

The months of January through December are open.

**Mary Claire** Williams Youth Director Photos by Mary Claire Williams





CHOIR and BELLS

As we head into winter and the return of Ordinary Time, we continue to look for and present the best our music department has to offer. In January we will have anthems Genny Jenkins from Alana Scott and the various bell choirs, along with the return of our vocal choir. We are so proud of Reagan Stamper,

our soprano intern, who is student teaching this semester and we wish her



all the best! And we are excited to welcome Ms. Summer Lighthall to our intern program beginning this semester. Happy New Year and blessings to you all.

> Genny Jenkins Choir Director



Thank you to Reagan Stamper, our soprano during the fall term, for sharing your talents with us.

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### ~Thank You~

~Thank you to the cooks for providing the MSU Women's Basketball Team dinner on Dec. 6. Sarah Chaney

~It is so heartening when we receive a gift from a generous donor that allows us to say "yes" to one more Older Adult or family that needs Christian Care Communities.

James W. Patton, VP, Mission Advance

~Thank you to Rebecca Davison for the donation of 30 Gerti bags for the Outreach program. 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



#### Join us for YOGA on Jan. 2

Yoga resumes on Tuesdays/Thursdays at 5:30pm. The class is by video and lasts approximately an hour. Leader: Leon Smothers.

#### Heart Healthy Benefits of Yoga

More Than 4000 years old, the practice of yoga originated in India. using breathing, meditation, stretching, and poses and postures, yoga focuses on the mind-body connection promoting both physical and emotional well-being.

#### **January Elders**

7—Alana Scott and Larry Fannin 14—Alana Scott and Yvonne Baldwin 21—Jack Whidden and Joe Barrett 28—Paul Semisch and Jack Whidden

#### **January Deacons**

Fran Helphinstine, Kathryn Rogers, Leeann Akers, Mary Claire Williams, Charlene Bradford, and Makayla Reynolds.



### A <u>Change of Plans</u> for Baby Boy Shower for Raven Evans

Please join us for a special baby show for Raven Lynn Evans on **January 27 at 2pm**.

We hope that everyone knows they are welcome.

The shower was planned for January 6, but needed to be changed for unforeseen circumstances. For more information, please contact Darlene Perkins at (cell) 606-356-1993.

# Birthday Party for Miles Paschall

All are invited on Saturday, January 13 at 2pm in the Fellowship Hall. Contact: Kaitlyn Reynolds Paschall.



### **Church Library!**

The following donations are being

requested from the congregation:

Christian Books

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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, self-help, inspiration, 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. *Thank you to Sarah Chaney for the Reader's Digest subscription!* 

### **Treasurer's Report**

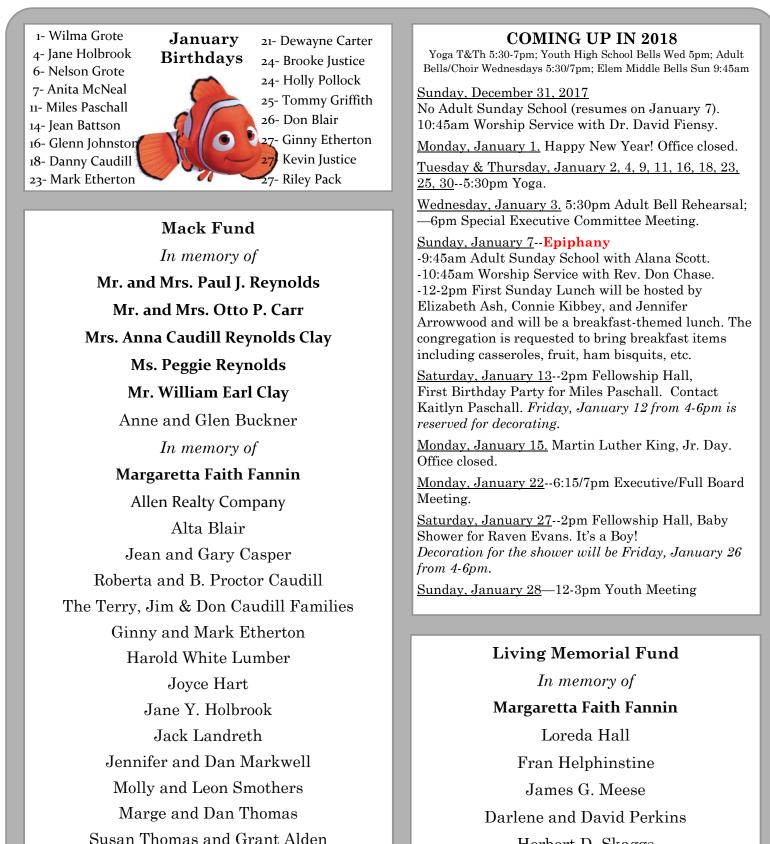
Income for the first four Sundays in December is \$8,614.55.

Expenses for December are \$12,304.70.

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

#### **Gateway Home Baskets**

Thank you to the contributors to this Outreach. Our next Gateway Home Basket will be in January. Contact Susan or Marge Thomas if you would like to help.



Scharline and Jack Whidden

Carol and Skip Vencill

Kay and Mike Linville

**Yvonne Baldwin** 

**Rosemary and Jerry Powell** 

Herbert D. Skaggs

L. C. Skaggs

In memory of

Phyllis Anne "Pucky" Jayne Bradley **Darlene and David Perkins** 

Fran Helphinstine

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Santa (Brent Rogers) visited First Sunday Lunch on December 3. Photos by Sarah Chaney



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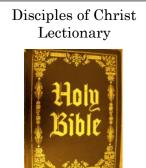
Interim Minister Genny Jenkins, Choir Mary Claire Williams and Barbara Marsh, Secretary Sarah Chaney, Bell Choir Kaitlyn Rhoden, Nursery Darrin Roe, Custodian

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Jan. 7—Mark 1:4-11 Jan. 14—John 1:43-51 Jan. 21—Mark 1:14-20 Jan. 28—Mark 1:21-28



### **MSU Women Supports FCC Outreach**

Morehead State University's Women's Basketball Team helped wrap gifts for our Christmas Outreach families this year. We are grateful for these very tall elves, Coach Greg Todd, Sarah Chaney, Susan and Marge Thomas, and all the Outreach Committee team members.

