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# The Echo

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We welcome Diana Knoll to the staff of FCC! She was hired to serve our church as choir director. Diana holds a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Music Education from Morehead State University and is currently working on a Master's degree in counseling, also from MSU. She has served as music director at Morehead United Methodist Church and music educator in the Fayette and Rowan County school systems. We certainly will be in good hands with Diana at the helm of our choir!



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### January Birthdays

- 1- Wilma Grote
- 4- Jane Holbrook
- 5- Frank Bradford
- 6- Nelson Grote
- 8- Harry Mayhew
- 14- Jean Battson
- 16- Glenn Johnston
- 23- Mark Etherton
- 24- Holly Pollock
- 25- Tommy Griffith
- 26- Don Blair
- 27- Ginny Etherton
- 27- Mickey Reffitt



### Food Pantry

Until further notice, we will only be donating cereal to the food pantry.

Congratulations to Emma Irick! After graduating from MSU, she has become engaged and accepted a job in Louisville. As of Jan 1, Emma will no longer be serving as Youth Director. The Executive Board will work with Pastor Molly to establish a plan soon to address the vacancy.

During the months of January and February, we need individuals to volunteer to facilitate children's church. If you would like to, please contact Ryan Brown at the church office.

Looking to give someone a birthday of anniversary gift? Why not send a kid to camp in honor of that person or persons? Cards to send to the recipient are available in the church office and the donations are

### BOARD MEETING

**January 28, 2013**

Committees @ 6:00pm

Executive Board @ 6:30pm

Full Board @7:00pm

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

January 6: Matthew 2: 1-12

January 13: Luke 3: 15-17

January 20: John 2: 1-11

January 27: Luke 4: 14-20

### January Deacons

Joe Barrett, Fran Helphinstine, Josh Akers, Holly Pollock, Maggie Miles, Jami Hornbuckle



At the time of publication, the amount of money generated for our backpack program was not available. Remember to load your Kroger when you grocery shop!

### Treasurer's Report

Income for the **first four** Sundays in  
December:

**\$8,451.84**

*The average monthly income needed to pay the church expenses is 10,252.04.*

It always seems that during the holiday season we constantly try new dishes or new versions of old dishes at the myriad of Christmas parties we go to. Well, at the first Sunday lunch on January 6th after service, you will get an opportunity bring those new recipes you have been dying to try out. New recipes for a New Year!

The church office will be closed on January 1 for New Year's Day and on January 21 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

**Mack Building Fund**  
In honor of Kaitlyn Reynolds  
Glen and Anne Buckner

In memory of the Carr and Reynolds family  
Glen and Anne Buckner

In memory of Maude Clay  
Glen and Anne Buckner

In memory of Jack Whidden's mother  
Virginia and Mark Etherton

In memory of Al Baldwin's sister  
Fran Helphinstine

In memory of Glenn and Betty Walke and Oran and  
Evelyn Teater  
\*Ron and Dianna Walke

\*In addition to their contribution to the Mack fund, Ron and Dianna Walke donated to FCC's "Send a Kid to Camp" in honor of Pastor Molly and Leon Smothers.

**Living Memorial Fund**  
In memory of Ann Mayhew  
Tommy and Neva Griffith  
Alta and Don Blair

In memory of Jack Whidden's mother  
David and Darlene Perkins  
Kenny and Betty Hall  
Fran Helphinstine  
Glenn and Eva Johnston

In memory of Harold Holbrook  
Cheri Bentley

In memory of Morris Sparks  
Fran Helphinstine

We would like to thank Stephen Brashear for his fine work as our interim choir director during the Advent season!

There will be a women's retreat on "The Power of a Focused Heart" by Mary Lou Redding, a study of the beatitudes. It will take place on Friday and Saturday, April 5 and 6, at Carter Caves State Park. Any ladies interested should contact the church office.

Thanks to the following individuals and organizations for sending such lovely Christmas cards to FCC! If you would like to read them, they are in the church office.

Gateway House  
DOVES of Gateway  
Kentucky Appalachian Ministries  
Christian Care Communities  
Lexington Theological Seminary  
Jonathan and Libby Adkins  
The Modesitt family

Needed: Video back-up. Roger's recent knee surgery and his being out of commission for a while showed the need for someone to be a back-up for him. Needed is someone who can dedicate a little time to the project when needed. Doing the video work on Sunday morning is only the beginning. There is about an hour and a half of editing sometime during the week. This includes, editing from three camera sources, doing captions, and typing in the words of hymns and congregational responses. And then, delivering the finished product to the cable TV office. If you are interested, and don't mind learning how to put it all together, please let Roger know.

The church refrigerator will be cleaned out on January 6. If there are any items of yours that you do not wish to be thrown out, please have them removed by that time.

The Middle and High School Youth Group met in December to talk about the meaning of advent and what each week represents. You might have seen the purple prayer chain attached to the Chalice this month. That is our Advent prayer chain of hope. Each member of the youth group took strips of purple paper and wrote prayers of hope, and then we connected them to make a prayer chain. I was very moved by their prayers including: *I pray that the homeless find warmth and love this holiday season; I pray for hope that all of the politicians stay humble and honest; I pray for the light of God to light the darkest hearts; I pray that the war ends in Syria; and I pray for the kids we are shopping for this Christmas season.* They are such deep thinkers! These strips will be burned with the rest of the prayer slips following the church service on December 30<sup>th</sup>. This will represent us giving our prayers requests to God. After this activity, we went shopping for clothes for the Christmas Outreach Program. It was a great opportunity for them to see how a small deed like shopping can provide hope to a family in need this holiday season. I would like to say thank you to Eva and Glenn Johnston for providing lunch for our meeting this month. In January, we will be meeting in the parlor on Sunday, January 6<sup>th</sup> immediately following the first Sunday luncheon. Don't forget to bring your book and journal and read through page 60. We will meet until 3:00 p.m. We have some exciting activities planned for our spring semester. If your middle/high school student has been unable to join us this semester, please let them know they can join us at any time. As we wrap up our first semester, I would like to say thank you very much for the opportunity to work with the outstanding teens at FCC. They are an exceptional group of young ladies and gentleman that remind me of the true meaning of hope.

Mary Claire Williams

## December 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:45 Sunday school 10:45 Service Younger youth meet	3	4	5 5:30 Bells 7pm Choir	6 7pm Meditation group	7	8 12:30 Older youth meet for lunch and out- reach shopping
9 <b>Christmas Offering</b> 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Lessons in Carols Younger youth meet All items due at church (not food)	10	11	12 Noon: Poinset- tia slips due 5:30 Bells 7pm Choir	13 Women's BB teaming wrap- ping gifts at 5.30	14 Food due Poinsettias due By noon	15
16 <b>Christmas Offering</b> 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Youth Christmas Service <b>Christmas Delivery after church</b>	17	18	19	20 7pm Meditation group	21	22
23 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Service	24 Office Closed 10pm Christmas Eve Service NO BOARD MEETING	25 <b>CHRISTMAS</b> Office Closed	26 Office Closed	27	28	29
30 <b>Fifth Sunday Offering</b> 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Service	31					

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**Rev. Molly Smothers, Minister**

Diana Knoll, Choir

Mary Claire Williams, Older Youth

Ryan Brown, Secretary

Chia-Ling Hsieh, Organist

Michael Young, Pianist

Sarah Chaney, Bell Choir

Lindsey Morris, Nursery

Katie Messer, Nursery

Darrin Roe, Custodian

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Let's welcome to the world Henry Brent Rogers! He arrived December 24 at 12:25 pm. He weighed in at 8 pounds 4 ounces and measured 21.5 inches long. Mom and baby doing well. Grandson of Catherine and Brent Rogers.