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# The Echo

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**Thanks  
for a  
great  
2014.**



## NOTES FROM THE PASTOR:

Anybody remember the “Back to the Future” movie franchise? In “Back to the Future, Part II” Marty McFly goes into the far future to correct something that is happening in his present day (which was, at the time, 1989). The date he sets in the DeLorean time traveler is October 21, 2015 – which is less than 10 months from now.

Time is certainly fluid, isn't it? In 1989, the makers of that film depicted the world of 2015 in a remarkably accurate way: the rise of ubiquitous cameras, the influence of Asian nations over the United States, flat panel television sets mounted on walls, the ability to watch six channels at once, Internet video chat systems such as Skype, increased use of plastic surgery, head-mounted displays, and automated fueling systems. The film also correctly predicted a future where video games do not need hands or, at the very least, do not need traditional controllers. {Alas, though, we still don't have flying cars or hover boards.}

There are people whose jobs consist of predicting trends and possibilities and hot items for the new year. They are not the same as prophets, however – at least the prophets we read in Scripture. Those prophets are not interested in what might happen in the stock market, or what teams might be in the Super Bowl. They are interested in letting people know about their relationship with God and with one another; they keep telling us that if we keep on doing what we've always done, we'll keep on getting what we've always gotten.

You're being inundated with ads touting a “New You for 2015” – how to be thin, organized, connected, rich, and have a full head of hair. Around here, we encourage folks to begin each and every day anew - with the possibility of guidance, wisdom, patience, mercy, healing, and hope that comes by starting and ending each day spending time in meditation, prayer, Scripture, and connection with God.

Here's to not only a Happy New Year, but a joyful new day EVERY day.

*Pastor Mully*

## YOUTH DIRECTORS

December was a busy month for the youth! The youth did a wonderful job leading us in worship on December 14<sup>th</sup>. A special thanks to all of the youth, the parents, and Pastor Molly for helping us with the service. If you would like a copy of the service then please provide Kathy New with a blank DVD, and she will make you a copy.

On Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, sixteen of the youth went caroling to homebound elders and the Gateway Homeless Shelter. We had so much fun spreading Christmas cheer. After caroling we enjoyed dinner at Fazoli's and went to see Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb.

The next youth meeting will take place on Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to Catherine and Brent Rogers for providing the meal for the youth.

We look forward to another great year with our youngest disciples.

Happy New Year,

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



## CHOIR DIRECTOR

First of all, thank you so much to the members of FCC Morehead. You've welcomed me this year with such support and openness. I feel very much at home and love my time with you all. It is an honor to work with your congregation and I really appreciate your support of the music program and our endeavors. I also want to thank you for my Christmas gift – it was perfect (and well spent)!!

Secondly, to Chialing...what can we say about this superb musician. I think you will all agree that her contributions to our worship services are just phenomenal. She is always ready to help in any way she can and I love her interpretations of music so much. We are blessed beyond measure to have a keyboard player like this in our church.

Thirdly, to Pastor Molly for her unwavering support and help and love and just all around being pretty darn amazing at what she does.

And, lastly, an additional, well-deserved, pat on the back to my choir members. You guys are fantastic.

I hope you all have an amazing holiday season. You've certainly been a blessing to me this year.



Genny Jenkins



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.



### January Birthdays

- |                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Wilma Grote    | 14 Jean Battson   |
| 3 Steven Graves  | 16 Glenn Johnston |
| 4 Jane Holbrook  | 23 Mark Etherton  |
| 5 Frank Bradford | 24 Holly Pollock  |
| 6 Nelson Grote   | 25 Tommy Griffith |
| 7 Anita McNeal   | 26 Don Blair      |
| 8 Harry Mayhew   | 27 Ginny Etherton |



### Holiday Outreach

We would like to thank the youth groups for assembling the Thanksgiving baskets and shopping for the food. For the Christmas Outreach, we would like to thank those who donated funds, bought children's toys, shopped for clothes, shoes, household items, donation of wrapping material, wrapped presents and fed the MSU women's basketball team, brought food, organized the gifts and food, for delivery of gifts, and cleanup of the basement. Through your generosity we were able to serve 29 families with food between Thanksgiving and Christmas, and Christmas toys and clothing for 58 children within Rowan County.

Dayna and Mike Seelig, Outreach Chairs

### Thank you

On behalf of the Gateway Homeless Coalition, Inc., we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for the donation of \$3,0000 we received from the Living Memorial Fund. Funds were spent on the following items: staple food items for shelter residents, e.g., bread, milk, cheese, lunchmeat, vegetables; special client needs, e.g., prescription medications, bus tokens and bus passes, work uniforms; and other shelter necessities: cleaning supplies, personal hygiene items. Sincerely,

Marilyn Smith  
Executive Director

Paul Semisch  
Assistant Director

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

January 4: Matthew 2: 1-12

January 11: Mark 1: 4-11

January 18: John 1: 43-51

January 25: Mark 1: 16-20



### Treasurer's Report

Income for the first three Sundays in December is \$8,574.00.

*The average income needed to pay the church expenses is \$10,234.46.*

### January Deacons

Connie Kibbey, Cathy Hammond, Curt Hammond, Kathryn Rogers, Holly Pollock, and Matt Nutter.

### 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.

### DO YOU HAVE?

The church has need of a garment rack for the third floor storage area. Do you have one you could donate to us?

*Please and thank you.*

### Thanks from Operation Paperback

(when we were sending books to our troops)

Just a note of continued gratitude for all you do for our soldiers on 11 West! Tomorrow I have the privilege of spending Thanksgiving with our patients. The loving gifts sent to them by you and your volunteers are making a difference. Rosa Klocksien

For those new to Operation Paperback, Rosa is a nurse who works with soldiers suffering from PTSD and other mental health challenges. We have had the privilege of supporting her unit for several years now.

Chrissy Honeywell—President/CEO  
Operation Paperback  
Recycled Reading For Our Military

### Living Memorial Fund

The Living Memorial Fund Committee met on December 1st, and made the following disbursements:

People's Clinic \$2,000  
MSU Build-A-Bed \$3,000  
Gateway Homeless Shelter \$3,000  
Mission Behind Bars and Beyond \$1,000  
FCC Human Concerns \$6,000  
FCC Handbell Choir \$1,000

### Mack Fund

Donations were made in memory of

#### Regina Mack

Peggy & Jack Bizzel  
Jim Gross  
Wilma & Nelson Grote  
Betty & Kenneth Hall  
Joyce Hart  
Dr. Frances Helphinstine  
Oveda & Claude Messer  
Lois Spurlock

Thank You Very Much  
Leon and I would like to thank the congregation for your generous gift this Christmas. You are so kind to remember us each year. Please know that we remember you in prayer each day, and love you.

Proud to be your pastor, Molly

**Remember First  
Sunday "Brunch"  
after church  
1.4.15.**

### COMING UP IN 2015

**January 4th**—First Sunday lunch after church: please bring a brunch item.

**January 25**—Youth meeting after church. Thank you to Catherine & Brent Rogers for providing the meal.

**February 1** -The Adult Sunday School class will complete its current study on the 25th of January. The next week they will begin a look at Karen Armstrong's A History of God. Copies are available at CoffeeTree Books. Why not get a copy now and read ahead?

### 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 the month \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
2nd Monday of the month \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
3rd Monday of the month \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
4th Monday of the 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.



# We are thankful...



# ... to serve others.





# January 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Office closed	2	3
4 9:45 Sunday school 10:45 Service First Sunday "Brunch" Lunch	5	6 5:30 Yoga	7 5:30 Bells 7:00 Choir	8 5:30 Yoga	9	10
11 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Service	12	13 5:30 Yoga	14 5:30 Bells 7:00 Choir	15 5:30 Yoga 7pm Meditation	16	17
18 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Service	19	20 5:30 Yoga	21 5:30 Bells 7:00 Choir	22 5:30 Yoga	23	24
25 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Service Noon: Youth Meeting	26 6:30/7:00 Board Meetings	27 5:30 Yoga	28 5:30 Bells 7:00 Choir	29 5:30 Yoga 7pm Meditation	30	31

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**Rev. Molly Smothers, Minister**  
Genny Jenkins, Choir  
Mary Claire Williams and  
Chris Prichard, Youth  
Barbara Marsh, Secretary  
Chialing Hsieh, Organist  
Sarah Chaney, Bell Choir  
Ashley Morris, Nursery  
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Remember that this coming Sunday – January 4<sup>th</sup> – we will have baskets at each door containing our 2015 Epiphany Stars. These are for everyone who wishes to have one; they are just star shaped piece of brightly colored paper with a word printed on it. As you help yourselves to a star gift (without looking—just reach in and grab!), the significance is not lost. In this moment, you are not asked to give; you are invited to receive. This is a way to remind us that this is always the order of things in God's realm—God always gives first, and then we are invited to respond with our gifts and ourselves. Please ponder what significance this word might have in your life, and how God might be speaking to you through that simple message. Many of you have mentioned placing the star in a significant place – on your computer, in your Bible, or on your refrigerator – to remind you of that gift each and every day.

