

**First  
Christian  
Church  
(Disciples of Christ)**



# The Echo

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**Thank you for a great 2016!**



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Learning, growing, helping, serving, sharing, loving.  
We are First Christian Church.



## MERRYMENTS



Rev. Merry Jones

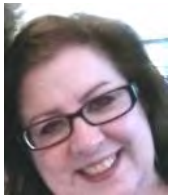
Dear, and beloved congregation-

How very grateful I am our paths have crossed, and that God has brought us together and blessed us as a "family of faith" for this past year and a half. Your love and support during my time as your interim have been deeply appreciated. The framed historic picture of the church, the wonderfully useful luggage bag, and your incredibly thoughtful love offering will always remind me of our time together. May God go with you, and bless you all, as your journey of faith into future ministries and missions continues, whether within the church, within the community, or reaching out beyond all borders to share the light and love of Christ.



Lovingly,  
Merry

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Alana Scott

Sometimes the weeks after Christmas seem a bit anticlimactic, but we have lots going on. The Rev. Don Chase will be joining us in the pulpit for a few weeks. The "first" Sunday lunch will be held on January 8th, and that evening the choir will be gathering to consider a spring music event. We will be beginning to talk about some group activities for the Lenten season, and anticipating some decisions from the Pastor Search Committee.

Stay tuned!

On the Journey Together,  
Alana



More  
2016  
pictures....



we  
are  
blessed.



## YOUTH GROUP



Chris Prichard

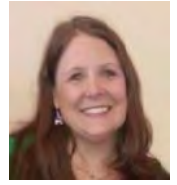
The Youth worked very hard on the Advent Youth Service on December 4th. It was a beautiful service, and we are very appreciative of their willingness to share their precious gifts with us. Thank you to everyone who helped with the service and supported the youth by joining us in worship.

On December 20<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 29<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the service until 3:00pm. We are looking for a few people to help us provide the meal. Please contact Mary Claire or Chris if you are willing help.

If you would like to help teach Children's Church, you can sign up on the bulletin board. The months of February through May are open.

Mary Claire Williams and Chris Prichard  
FCC Youth Co-Directors



Mary Claire Williams




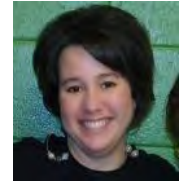
Youth carolers visited the Glen and Anne Buckner home on December 20.

Photo by Rev. Merry Jones


## CHOIR AND BELLS


I asked the interns to write a thank you for the December column! Here's what they sent me....

 To the Congregation: I would like to extend you all a heartfelt thank you for the support that you have given the choir interns, especially for the extra support that we received this past month! As college students, sometimes it can be difficult being away from our home and churches, and singing in this church choir has allowed us to keep a strong relationship with God. We are so appreciative to be a part of this church family, and we can't wait to come back in January! With gratitude, Reagan Stamper



Genny Jenkins

 Throughout my 4 years at MSU, I have been honored to sing for and alongside members of the congregation of FCC Morehead. I had no idea when I applied for the position the first semester, the tremendous blessing that was in store for me. This Christmas I was again tremendously blessed by the free will offering that was taken up for the interns. I am so very grateful for it and for the congregation that so generously gave to me and my fellow students. Thank you so very much, I look forward to singing for you again soon, and a Happy New Year! Charlie Day

 First Christian Church: I just wanted to say thank you for everything. I want to thank everyone for the love offering and the continuous support from everyone. I am very grateful for this position and I am very blessed to be here. This is one of the nicest church congregations I've ever met and being around everyone makes me incredibly happy. In closing I want to once again say thank you for everything. Andrew Hall

Genny Jenkins, Choir Director



### First Sunday Lunch—January 8

The First Sunday Lunch for January will actually be held on the SECOND Sunday, January 8th, because New Year's Day falls on the first Sunday. The theme will be breakfast foods.

We need eight volunteers to provide breakfast-type casseroles. If you would like to provide a casserole, she will get the word out to everyone when we have enough casseroles. The other items could be ham biscuits, sausage balls, muffins, Danish, coffee cake, doughnuts, fruit, juice, or anything you think would be a good addition to the meal. The hope is to provide a variety of foods in addition to the casseroles. Please let Connie (606-776-3163) know if you have any questions or need additional information. Thanks in advance for helping to get our "first" Sunday lunch of 2017 organized. It definitely takes a village!

Connie Kibbey, Organizer

### ~Thank You~

~We at Christian Care Communities celebrate this 132-year partnership! We thank you for your gift of \$101. Your gift is a wonderful blessing to those Older Adults we serve together.

James Patton, Vice President

~Thank you to Di and Ron Walke for their donation to the Christmas baskets. We appreciate and miss you! Gratefully, FCC

~Thank you to our Ministry Behind Bars & Beyond team: Darlene Perkins, Lucy & Bob Pryor, Carmen Swim, and Alana Scott.

FCC



### Office Closures

The office will be closed on Monday, January 2, and Monday, January 16.

### Martin Luther King Day January 16, 2016

Martin Luther King was an important civil rights activist. He was a leader in the movement to end racial segregation in the United States. His most famous address was the "I Have A Dream" speech. He was an advocate of non-violent protest and became the youngest man to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. He was assassinated in 1968.



In 1968, shortly after Martin Luther King died, a campaign was started for his birthday to become a holiday to honor him. After the first bill was introduced, trade unions lead the campaign for the federal holiday. It was endorsed in 1976, and the bill became law in 1983. Martin Luther King Day was first observed in 1986, although it was not observed in all states until the year 2000.

### YOGA FOR ALL RESUMING JANUARY 3

When: Tuesdays and Thursdays

Where: Fellowship Hall

Time: 5:30pm Bring: A mat and wear comfortable exercise clothing



**YOGA**

If you've never tried yoga, you don't know what you're missing. Many health professionals are recommending yoga to patients as a means for bringing wholeness, peace, and healing into their lives and for release from depression. Yoga is a mind, body and spirit practice. When practiced regularly, it provides physical, mental, emotional and spiritual benefits that are so much needed in today's hectic world. Yoga is inclusive, meaning that all are welcome no matter what walk of life you come from.

Class leader: Leon Smothers. Cell 606-356-2967 or Email: [smothers101@msn.com](mailto:smothers101@msn.com)



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



- 1- Wilma Grote
- 4- Jane Holbrook
- 5- Frank Bradford
- 6- Nelson Grote
- 7- Anita McNeal
- 14- Jean Battson
- 16- Glenn Johnston
- 23- Mark Etherton
- 21- Dewayne Carter
- 24- Holly Pollock
- 25- Tommy Griffith
- 26- Don Blair
- 27- Ginny Etherton
- 27- Riley Pack
- 27- Mickey Reffitt

### Mack Fund

*In Memory of*

Fryl Perkins  
 Billie Jean Clayton  
 by  
 Di and Ron Walke

### Living Memorial Fund

*In Memory of*

Ted Eldridge  
 (Carmen Swim's uncle)  
 by  
 Fran Helphinstine

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*In Memory of*

Fyrl Perkins  
 by  
 Jack J. Landreth  
 Fran Helphinstine  
 Don & Alta Blair

*In Memory of*

Danny Kearns  
 (Betty Hall's cousin)  
 by  
 Fran Helphinstine

### Treasurer's Report

Income for December is \$10,517.00  
 Expenses for December are \$11,742.37

### January Deacons

Genny Jenkins, Fran Helphinstine,  
 Carrie Frazier, Etta Jane McCarty,  
 Chris Prichard, Kathy New

### December Elders

Jan 1—Carmen Swim and Jack Whidden  
 Jan 8—Joe Barrett and Paul Semisch  
 Jan 15—Alana Scott and Carmen Swim  
 Jan 22—Alana Scott and Paul Semisch  
 Jan 29—Alana Scott and Joe Barrett

## COMING UP

### Sunday, January 1

#### 1st Sunday after Christmas Day

-10:45am: Worship Service—Rev. Donald Chase  
 -12:00pm: Executive Board Meeting (brief)

### Monday, January 2

The office will be closed.

### Tuesday, January 3

5:30pm: Yoga

### Wednesday, January 4

5:30pm: Bell Choir Rehearsal  
 NO Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, January 5

5:30pm: Yoga

### Sunday, January 8. First Sunday Lunch.

Breakfast theme. The congregation is requested to bring breakfast casseroles, ham biscuits, fruit, Danish, etc.

### Wednesday, January 11

-5:30pm: Bell Choir rehearsal  
 -7:00pm: Choir rehearsals resume

### Monday, January 16.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Office closed.

### Monday, January 23

-6:15/7pm: Executive/Full Board Meetings

### Sunday, January 29

-5th Sunday Offering.  
 -12-3:00pm: Youth Meeting

### Adult Sunday School

Sunday School will resume on January 8th. Leader Alana Scott will continue the series *Jesus and the Gospels*. The class begins at 9:45 am. Everyone is welcome!

### 5th Sunday Offering—January 29

Christian Care Communities' mission will be supported in an offering to enhance the journey of life for older adults.  
*Thank you for your offerings.*





First  
Sunday  
Lunch  
December 4


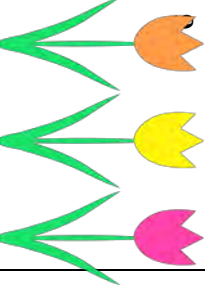

We served dinner  
to the MSU  
Women's  
Basketball Team.



MSU Women's  
Basketball Team  
wrapped gifts on  
December 7.

**IN &  
AROUND  
FCC**

## First Christian Church - January 2017

| Sun  | Mon  | Tue                    | Wed  | Thu   | Fri   | Sat       |
|--|--|------------------------|--|---|---|-----------|
| Office Hours 8:30-1:00pm<br>Monday-Thursday  |  |                        |  |  |   |           |
| <b>1</b><br>No Adult Sunday School<br>10:45 Worship Service<br>12:00 Executive Board Mtg                 | <b>2</b><br>Office closed  | <b>3</b><br>5:30 Yoga  | <b>4</b><br>5:30 Bells<br>No Choir rehearsal | <b>5</b><br>5:30 Yoga   | <b>6</b><br><b>Epiphany</b><br>Office closed  | <b>7</b>  |
| <b>8</b><br>9:45 Adult Sunday School<br>10:45 Worship Service<br>12-2 First Sunday Lunch                 |  | <b>10</b><br>5:30 Yoga | <b>11</b><br>5:30 Bells<br>7:00 Choir        | <b>12</b><br>5:30 Yoga  | <b>13</b><br>Office closed  | <b>14</b> |
| <b>15</b><br>9:45 Adult Sunday School<br>10:45 Worship Service   | <b>16</b><br>Martin Luther<br>King Jr. Day.<br>Office closed                       | <b>17</b><br>5:30 Yoga | <b>18</b><br>5:30 Bells<br>7:00 Choir        | <b>19</b><br>5:30 Yoga  | <b>20</b><br>Office closed  | <b>21</b> |
| <b>22</b><br>9:45 Adult Sunday School<br>10:45 Worship Service   | <b>23</b><br>6:15/7pm<br>Executive/Full<br>Board Meetings                          | <b>24</b><br>5:30 Yoga | <b>25</b><br>5:30 Bells<br>7:00 Choir        | <b>26</b><br>5:30 Yoga  | <b>27</b><br>Office closed  | <b>28</b> |
| <b>29 5th Sunday Offering</b><br>9:45 Adult Sunday School<br>10:45 Worship Service<br>12-3 Youth Meeting | <b>30</b><br>Newsletter<br>articles due  | <b>31</b><br>5:30 Yoga |  |   |  |           |



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Donald Chase, Supply Minister  
Genny Jenkins, Choir  
Mary Claire Williams and  
Chris Prichard, Youth  
Barbara Marsh, Secretary  
Sarah Chaney, Bell Choir  
Kaitlyn Rhoden, Nursery  
Darrin Roe, Custodian

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**Lectionary Schedule**

(Disciples of Christ Lectionary)

Jan 1—Matt 2:13-23  
Jan 8—Matt 3:13-17  
Jan 15—John 1:29-42  
Jan 22—Matt 4:12-23  
Jan 29—Matt 5:1-12



Happy  
New  
Year



Our Youth Group caroled at the homes of Faith Fannin (above left); Hedy and Wayne Caldwell (above right), Bill Davis (below left), and Wilma and Nelson Grote (below right) on December 20. Photos by Mary Claire Williams/Rev. Merry Jones

