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# The Echo

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## Installation Sunday



New elders: Susan Thomas, Paul Semisch, and Jami Hornbuckle.



New deacons: Cathy Hammond, Curt Hammond, Connie Kibbey, Anita McNeal, Matt Nutter, Brent Rogers, Sasha Reinhardt, and Mitch Wilson.



New officers: Treasurer: Joe Barrett; Vice President: Paul Semisch; President: Sarah Chaney; Secretary: Fran Helphinstine

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## NOTES FROM THE PASTOR:

The church had to buy a computer for the pastor's office in late spring. I had been working on a refurbished Mac, and it was a wonderful thing.....until it wasn't. Anyway, I have this new machine. We get along pretty well, except for a couple of hiccups that may or may not be unique to it.

One of those hiccups looks like this: I will be typing along, and all at once, the cursor stops and whatever I've typed isn't visible. So the last sentence may look like this: ***We get along pret***, and though I've typed the rest of the sentence, it won't be shown until up to 15-20 seconds later. 15-20 seconds can be a long time in Einstein's world of relativity. In those seconds I have time to ponder. *Did I spell all the words correctly? Do I want to change what I've written?* And even on occasions when I've been typing an email, I have time to think: *WAIT! I don't want to say that! DELETEDELETEDELETE*. Then the remainder suddenly shows up and I can actually see what I've written.

It's a bit like the 7 second delay the industry used to in live television; there was enough of a lag in what was broadcast so that if someone inadvertently said something obscene, or there was a 'wardrobe malfunction', folks in charge could bleep out the word or change the image. (Apparently that's not done anymore.....)

I've often wished for a 7 second delay in my own life. Have you? Thoughts or words will come out of my mouth, and I immediately think, *"Take that back!"* But one can't. Or I've hit "send", only to try to UNsend the message I've written. We talk here at church about the 10 second rule (Counting to 10 before saying anything), listening without feeling the need to make a response, being able to have a conversation without putting oneself in the role of judge or fixer or expert. We can add to that the realization that anytime we hit 'send' or a 'share' on a Facebook response, we've sent something out into the atmosphere that cannot be retrieved. Ugly or thoughtless words once spoken cannot be un-heard.

While It's true that a repentant heart can always receive forgiveness from God, it is also true that we still and always will have to deal with the consequences of our actions. Maybe that's why the phrase "BE STILL" is throughout Scripture - it can be a reminder to be still and listen or look for God, but it can also be a reminder to be still and think before we speak. Words create; we also know that from Scripture. Be sure anything you create this week is kind, helpful, loving, and caring.

Here's to the church who was practicing "Slow Religion" before it was cool.....

Pastor Malley 

Greetings church family! We hope that all the FCC young disciples are having a great summer. We are in the process of planning a fun youth outing for mid to late July. Parent of youth can expect an email soon asking about what dates will work best with everyone's schedule. After a short break we are looking forward to having all the youth together again.

Any church youth who have not been participating in youth group meetings but would like to do so, please talk to Mary Claire or Chris. We love seeing our group grow!

Blessing to all,

Chris Prichard & Mary Claire Williams

FCC Co-Youth Directors

Thank you all so much for the prayers and support during this process. I want to let everyone know that I am recuperating well and, even better, Angela's kidney numbers are looking fantastic since the transplant! I also want to thank you all so much for the meal! Not having to worry about cooking and planning meals has been such a gift to us during these last few weeks. I am looking forward to being back with you soon.

—Genny Jenkins



During the month of June, our church received a check for \$432.02.

### July Birthdays

- 3- Rex Chaney
- 3- Liz Reffitt
- 5- Dayna Seelig
- 7- Eva Johnston
- 7- Alana Scott
- 8- Jenny Duncan
- 18- Tracy Williams
- 19- Olivia Skaggs
- 21- Dewayne Carter
- 21- Mitch Wilson
- 21- Soni Lytle
- 21- Gail Tingle
- 23- Yvonne Baldwin
- 25- Emma Lou Gross
- 25- Leon Smothers
- 28- Abby Hammond
- 31- Paul Semisch



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

- July 6: Matthew 11: 28-30
- July 13: Romans 8: 1-11
- July 20: Genesis 28: 10-28
- July 27: Genesis 29: 15-28; 36-42



### Treasurer's Report

Income for the first four Sundays in June  
\$16,207.00

*The average income needed to pay the church expenses is \$10,143.24*

### July Deacons

Dewayne Carter, Alicia Carter, Jim Gross...we need three more! Please contact the church office if you are available!

### Children's Church

We will not have children's church in July. It will pick back up in August.

### CELTIC SPIRITUALITY: A study in July

The celtic culture has had a powerful effect on the culture of Appalachia. Beginning 10 July, and going for the next 3 Thursdays, we will meet to look at the traits of celtic spirituality. We will look at art, music, "anam caras", prayers, charms, and the concept of "going mystical", in the sense that we are not to turn away from the affairs of the world but rather to see the unity of this world and the other. Interested? Join us at 7 pm on Thursday, the 10th of July, to learn more.

Have you been using your Kroger card? Have you gotten one? Do you need a new one? We have several new Kroger cards preloaded with \$5. Please contact the church office about getting one. The proceeds of our Kroger cards benefit the backpack program.

There will be a board retreat on Sunday, July 13 at 4pm for officers and new committee chairs.

The board meeting will take place on July 28, beginning with the executive board at 6:30pm and the full board to follow at 7:00pm.

The First Sunday Lunch will be on July 6th and will be a hotdog feast. Please bring sides that go well with hotdogs!

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, and tucked inside the pew hymnals. 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), or any member of the Prayer Ministry team.

# 2014 Regional Assembly

September 25-27



*'And, the rest is still unwritten...'*



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For further information, contact the Christian Church in Kentucky, 859-233-1391 or visit [www.ccinky.net](http://www.ccinky.net)

We have three youth members going to Camp Wa-Kon-Da-Ho this summer: Maggie Alden, Makayla Reynolds, and Olivia Skaggs. We wish them a wonderful, fun, and spiritually uplifting time as they join other youth from around the state!

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A friend of FCC (and Pastor Molly), Rev. Dean Bucalos, is now the mission specialist for prison and jail ministries with our denomination's National Benevolent Association. As part of his ministry, Dean has helped start a DoC congregation at the Diersen House in Louisville. Diersen House is a halfway house for women who are transitioning from prison to a new life. Our church provides worship once a quarter at the House. Last quarter Chris Prichard, Paul Semisch, and Natalie Mineer went with Pastor Molly for a service. Ask any of them, and they will tell you how wonderful the experience was. **We are going again Tuesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, and would love to have more join us!** We can take up to 14 folks. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board downstairs. We would need to be at the House at 6.30, and cannot stay past 8.30. You can either meet folks there, or we can arrange a convoy :-). Paul will be bringing the message that evening, and Chris will be singing. The more the merrier!

For more information:

**Mission Behind Bars and Beyond**  
**New Life in Christ Christian Church**  
**(Disciples of Christ) at The Diersen House**  
[www.missionbehindbarsandbeyond.org](http://www.missionbehindbarsandbeyond.org)

## New Addresses

Yvonne Baldwin: 23 Winterberry Ct.  
Morehead, KY 40351

Chase Barnett: 101 Buckner Branch  
Morehead, KY 40351

Chris Prichard: 420 Bishop Ct.  
Morehead, KY 40351

## Mack Fund

In memory of Myron Doan  
Rex and Sarah Chaney

In memory of Barbara Tackett  
Rex and Sarah Chaney

In memory of Hubert Allen  
Janet Mahaffie

## July 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 5:30 Yoga	2 4pm <u>The Heart of Christianity</u> 5:30 Bells	3 5:30 Yoga	4 OFFICE CLOSED	5
6 9:45 Sunday school 10:45 Service Noon: First Sunday Lunch	7 7pm Lectio Divina	8 5:30 Yoga	9 4pm <u>The Heart of Christianity</u> 5:30 Bells	10 5:30 Yoga 7pm Celtic Spirituality	11	12
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Rev. Molly Smothers, Minister  
Genny Jenkins, Choir  
Mary Claire Williams and  
Chris Prichard, 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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Folks serving up at the June First Sunday Lunch!