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The Echo

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**Happy Anniversary FCC
New Church Year
Begins July 1**

Join us this Sunday, June 28, for
Installation of Officers and Deacons

Officers for 2015-2016

President: Paul Semisch

Vice President: Alana Scott

Secretary: Fran Helphinstine

Treasurer: Joe Barrett

Diaconate Class of 2015-2018

Returning: Fran Helphinstine, Maggie
Miles, Mary Claire Williams

New: Leeann Akers, Chase Barnett,
Carrie Frazier, Donna Graves,
Steven Graves, Kathy New,
Chris Prichard

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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members of the FCC Family,

I am excited to begin this upcoming year as president of the congregation! When I agreed to serve as vice-president of the congregation last year, I did not anticipate that we would be starting a period of transition in our pastoral leadership when my term as president began. Life is full of surprises!

We are starting a new chapter in our congregational life as we begin our search for a new pastor. Times of transition can be exciting and filled with promise but they can also be very stressful and difficult. I would like to thank EVERYONE who is offering their time and talents to make sure that life at FCC continues in as smooth a manner as possible. We have a wonderful Search Committee which is already hard at work in identifying an interim minister and making sure that the search process is undertaken in a prayerful and reflective manner. Special thanks also to our church secretary Barbara, our deacons and elders, staff members, Executive Board, prayer ministry, and our faithful congregation members who are working behind the scenes to make sure that things are getting done and the needs of our congregation members are being met! This church truly exemplifies "love in action".

As we begin this new church year, let's renew our commitment to stay connected to God in prayer and to each other through our participation in this community of faith. As Pastor Molly preached in a sermon earlier this year, everything else will fall into place if we "stay connected". Staying connected in prayer and community is the single most important thing we can do as we move through this process. It is also the foundation of true discipleship.

Please feel free to contact me by phone, e-mail or in person if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to serving you in the upcoming year.

Peace,

Paul Semisch, President-Board of Directors

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YOUTH DIRECTORS

The youth are taking
a break from regularly
scheduled meetings. We will be in touch
with parents through email
about a summer outing in July.
Regular meetings will
resume in August with the start of school.



Peace and Blessings,
Mary Claire Williams
and Chris Prichard
Co-Youth Directors

CHOIR NOTES

In last month's column I discussed one of my favorite hymn tunes (St. Clement) and as I was reflecting on this month's topic, a song kept running through my head – because I've been practicing it on the piano recently – and so that's what I'd like to share with you this month.

I'll be playing the piano for Sunday service on July 5th and the piece I've been working on for the prelude is an arrangement of "My Lord, What A Morning" (#708 in our hymnal). This song is one of my favorite African-American spirituals. As I was looking up some information about it, I found a commentary that talked about how many of the spirituals seemed to draw a parallel between the slaves' desire to be free and thoughts about the end of days. You can read the commentary here:

<http://compvid101.blogspot.com/2010/10/my-lord-what-morning.html>

This got me thinking about freedom (maybe also an apt topic so close to July 4th). And even though slavery has been abolished in our country for more than a hundred years, the dream of freedom is one that still resonates with our world today in many ways. Freedom from danger, freedom from oppression, freedom from prejudice, freedom from war – these are the fervent hope and a dream not yet realized for so many. Even in our own country, the news of yet another shooting – in a Charleston church – and the senseless violence and the seemingly unimaginable loss of so many innocent lives, brings home a feeling of sorrow so deep that it seems nothing could comfort us. This song, to me, is like a prayer and a reflection of hope.

Sometimes in our turbulent world it feels like justice and hope have gone underground, hidden away where we can't get to them. In the third verse of this eloquent song, the lyric says: *You'll hear the Christian shout, to wake the nations underground.* Finding ways, in our own lives, to "shout" – about hope and freedom, both in our words *and* in our actions – seems to do justice to the vision of the song.

Genny Jenkins, Choir Director



We are now receiving money from Kroger on a quarterly basis. For this quarter, we received \$358.56. www.krogercommunityrewards.com

Sign up to support our church. Enter this number 11559, (FCC, Morehead). (How to enroll, p. 6)

Lectionary Schedule

July 5: Mark 6: 1-13
 July 12: Mark 6: 14-29
 July 19: Mark 6: 30-34,
 53-56
 July 26: John 6: 1-21



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

July Birthdays

Treasurer's Report

Income for the **first three Sundays** in June is **\$5,939.00.**

The average income needed to pay the church expenses is \$10,206.86.

July Deacons

Mitch Wilson, Curt Hammond, Cathy Hammond, Brent Rogers, Carmen Swim, and Phillip Swim.

THANK YOU

It is such an honor to have our names connected with the labyrinth, though so many people are a part of that thin place. The remembrance book is so personal, and is very touching. I will wear the unique warrior piece with pride and for courage. Our luncheon was a kind and happy occasion during a very busy time for a lot of participants. Our generous cash gift allows for a needed time away. But of course our thanks will always begin and end with the ten plus years of love, prayers, worship, work, growth, fellowship, and community. Leon and I look forward to seeing what God has in store for FCC.

With love,
 Pastor Molly 

Electronic giving doesn't take vacations

This summer, if you can't make it to church due to travel or other commitments, we encourage you to automate your regular donations. The church relies on the consistent financial support of the congregation and electronic giving offers an easy way to give on a recurring basis. Please visit the church website <http://www.fccmorehead.org/>



To the members of First Christian Church of Morehead, Kentucky

The 2014-2015 fiscal year has been a very interesting and productive time for our church. I would like to thank all the members for their service and dedication. No one person or select group of people can accomplish our Lord's mission by themselves. We have many "things" to do in the next year and our church board and search committee will need all the members' support and prayers.

Thanks again for your hard work and dedication!

Sincerely, Sarah Chaney

COMING UP IN 2015

July 1—No bell choir rehearsal.

July 5—The Rev. Robert Stauffer will preach the worship service.

July 7-9-14-16-21-23-28-30—5:30pm. Yoga

July 8—No bell choir rehearsal.

July 18-22—Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) General Assembly. Columbus, OH.

July 27—6:30/7pm. Executive/full boards.

OUTREACH

We've been able to offer assistance for all camps, the back pack program for the schools, etc., because of specific donations for those programs. They were made possible from funds from last year.

Thank you.

When you shop at AmazonSmile, Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to First Christian Church. Bookmark the link <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/61-0865444> and support us every time you shop.

(How to enroll, p.6)



Search Committee Update

On Sunday, June 14, some of you met Rev. Merry Jones, the candidate Dr. Greg Alexander recommended as an interim minister. The committee reviewed her credentials and interviewed her following Sunday's service. Rev. Jones is an experienced and capable minister, whose years of experience assisting churches in interim settings make her an excellent fit to guide us through this transition period while we search for a new minister. We extended an offer of a six-month contract, which she has accepted.

She will begin in mid-August. In addition, the committee has secured the services of Rev. Robert Stauffer, again upon the recommendation of

Dr. Alexander, to fill the pulpit July 21, 28, and July 5. The committee asks your prayers and thoughtful input as we move through this process. We know that following Pastor Molly's departure, our goal is to keep our programs moving, our ministries productive, and our spirits engaged. We have faith that both the process and the outcomes hold blessings and growth for us all.

Thank you. Yvonne Baldwin, Chair

Dear Dayna,

We would like to sincerely thank you and your church for providing a meal for Camp SMILE. We appreciate it so much!

Thanks again, Teresa and Nathania
Teresa Howell, DNP, RN, CNE
Professor of Nursing, MSU

Sympathy to the Tingle Family

Velma Brown Tingle, 94, widow of Charles Tingle, died Fri, June 12, 2015. She was born Dec 9, 1920 in English, Kentucky, daughter of the late George and Anna Lee Robertson Brown. She is survived by a son, Dr. Charles W. (Gail) Tingle, Morehead; a daughter, Charlotte Ann Tingle (Lonnie) Owens; five grandchildren, Charles Adam (Lori) Tingle, Capt. Nathan Brown (Dana) Tingle, Dr. Emily Lynn (Stan) Settle, Aaron Brown Owens, Anna Lauren (Todd) Martin. Memorials are suggested to Disciples Women Educational Fund, First Christian Church, 911 High Street, Paris, KY 40361.


hinton-turnerfuneralhome.com

Do. Love. Walk.




Thank you to all those who brought cookies or participated in Camp SMILE at Morehead State University. Camp SMILE (Sharing Memories in a Loving Environment) is a collaborative effort by St. Claire Regional Hospice & Palliative Care and The Morehead State University Department of Nursing. Camp SMILE is offered to children, 5-17 years old, who have been involved in Hospice or who have suffered the loss of a loved one. The camp was one of the largest ever offered and served over 100 campers.

AmazonSmile

 First Christian Church is registered with AmazonSmile. AmazonSmile is a website that lets customers purchase from Amazon.com and have 0.5% of the price of the purchase donated to a charitable organization of their choice. There is no extra cost to the customer and no administrative fee charged to the organization. Each quarter, the Amazon Smile Foundation makes the donation to the charitable organization by electronic funds transfer to its bank account.


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Kroger Community Rewards Card

-  · If you do not already have a card and you need a Kroger Plus card you can get one at the store or at the church from Dayna and Mike Seelig.
- Register your Kroger Plus key tag or card at www.krogercommunityrewards.com. Click on "Sign in/ Register" on that site. Most individuals will need to SIGN UP TODAY in the "New Customer" box.
- You will need to enter a zip code, click on your favorite store and enter your email address and create a password.
- You will be sent a message to your email inbox. You will click on the link in your inbox and enter your email and password and proceed to the next step.
- Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards Information and put your Kroger Plus Card/keytag number in. Update or confirm your information.
- Enter this number "11559" as First Christian Church of Morehead, KY's number. Or you can look for the name in the alphabetical list. Click on confirm once you have done one of these two things to identify the organization.
- To verify you have enrolled correctly, you will see our church's name on the right side of your information page.

With this new program you will only be able to support one group since there is one number on your KrogerPlus Card. If you use your KrogerPlus Card/keytag or use the phone number at the register associated with your KrogerPlus card then you will receive discounts, fuel points as you always have and FCC will receive money from Kroger to support our church.

July 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 NO Bells	2 5:30 Yoga	3	4 Happy Birthday America 
5 9:45 NO Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service	6	7 5:30 Yoga	8 NO Bells	9 5:30 Yoga	10	11
12 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service	13	14 5:30 Yoga	15 5:30 Bells	16 5:30 Yoga	17	18
19 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service	20	21 5:30 Yoga	22 5:30 Bells	23 5:30 Yoga	24	25
26 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service	27 6:30/7:00 Execu- tive/Full Boards	28 5:30 Yoga	29 10:00 Morehead Ministerial Association 5:30 Bells	30 5:30 Yoga	31	

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Interim, Minister

Genny Jenkins, Choir
Mary Claire Williams and Chris
Prichard, Youth
Barbara Marsh, Secretary
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**Disciples of Christ
Identity Statement**

We are disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.



Labyrinth Flower Garden

Photo by Sarah Chaney