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Church
(Disciples of Christ)**



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FIRST SUNDAY LUNCH After Worship Service

July 3



Everyone is invited to stay for lunch on the first Sunday in July. The church will provide hot dogs and drinks. Members of the congregation are asked to bring their sides and desserts.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Paul Semisch faced many challenges in his year as President and handled them with such grace that I can't imagine stepping into his shoes. But I'm not, really. Each of us, each year, has our own gifts and our own contributions to our faith community. I am always amazed at our church family's ability to pray and grow. I ask you to continue to pray for me, for us, this coming year.

On the Journey Together,
Alana Scott, President



The Installation and Leadership Renewal Service for Church Officers, Deacons, and Elders was held on June 26, 2016. Congratulations to the officers and deacons who were elected on May 1 for July 1, 2016—June 30, 2017.

Officers

President: Alana Scott Vice President: Phillip Swim

Secretary: Fran Helphinstine Treasurer: Joe Barrett

New Deacon: Genny Jenkins

Deacons Returning from Sabbatical

Joe Barrett, Charlene Bradford, Etta Jane McCarty, Alicia and Dewayne Carter, and Brenda Combs

SUMMER MUSIC SCHEDULE

July 3—Alana Scott, Vocalist

July 17—Chris Prichard, Vocalist

July 24—FCC Choir Quartet

July 31—Bell Choir

August 7—Ethan Jenkins and Wiley Tanner, Trombone Duet

August 14—Eric Brown, Vocalist

MERRYMENTS



Roger Fischer comes in several times a week to edit the week's Sunday service.

Many Hands—One Spirit is an active description of the congregation at FCC. While it takes many hands to share in the ministry and mission of the church, one spirit unites us all in our individual efforts to share our gifts and serve our church community. One individual, who hands, eyes, and ears serve us weekly through our broadcast ministry, is Roger Fischer. Please enjoy a look “behind the scenes” of worship as we learn about what goes on behind the camera that tapes and telecasts our weekly worship services.

Roger shares in the taping for our weekly Sunday worship service, with help from Kathy New. Roger then prepares the service for broadcast on the local TV station. He integrates sound, video, and music accompaniment on CDs. When extra copies of services, such as Youth Sunday or the Christmas Cantata are needed, he provides CDs for our members.

Roger is a father, husband, minister, and substitute school teacher in Rowan County. When asked to comment on his duties at the church, he offered an inspirational message.

“It has offered me a chance to still be involved in a greater capacity at the church. I enjoy creativity, even this, doing the same thing each week,” he said. He not only videos the entire service, but when editing for broadcast, he inserts information such as congregational responses and lyrics for the hymns on a word document, putting everything on screen, making a readable document in addition to the visual one. Before, there was just a picture of the church singing.

The set up for a Sunday service includes three cameras: a left and right camera in the balcony, and third camera he brings to the lower stairs when the sermon begins. This allows the minister to look directly at the camera. In addition, the sound equipment must be synced with the spoken words so that it tracks the video.

Roger has been videotaping and editing for about four years. He worked in radio for 27 years and also had experience with cameras. He knew he wanted to do something with a camera. His daughter, Kathryn Rogers was attending services here, and she mentioned they were looking for someone to take over video. After he started attending, Sarah Chaney was right in front of him, he said, saying, “We have to find a way to make the video better.”

The time involved each week is about 15 minutes right after the service and about 2 hours to put the service together later in the week. There is another 10 minutes to check the video and then take it down to the TV station to broadcast on channel 10 or cable channel 5. It is broadcast from 9:00-10:00am on Sunday mornings. We pay for ½ hour of the telecast and the station donates ½ hour.

A benefit for our church is that we receive word that there are people who come to church for the first time because they’ve seen our service on TV.

As for improvements, a big wish for Roger is a switch that would eliminate the need for editing for 2 hours each week. To do that, a more powerful computer is needed which would accept a larger video card. At this point, he is inserting a card every 30 minutes. There is a newer version of the program being used (Pinnacle) which would be easier to use.





LETTERS FROM CAMP

Joshua Pack

When I first arrived at camp, I was lonely and confused. Over time, I made several friends who could help me find my way. As I got through each day, I got closer to each friend. They're what made camp so great.

The place itself is just decent, with many needs for repairs and updates; however, the people I met there had so much spirit, they could turn this mediocre campground into a complete utopia where I had no problems of any kind.

When we had time together, we would always talk or play games that everyone enjoyed. I was shy at first, but once I opened up to people, they immediately loved me and accepted me for who I am. For the rest of the week, I would do nothing but stick with my friends and get through the night just so I could talk to them again.

My friends Kevin, Dallas, Tae, and Mac are the pure reason I'm wanting to return next year. They were such amazing people, and I can't wait to go back to see them again.

Thank you for allowing me to have this wonderful experience!

YOUTH GROUP

The Youth are on their regularly scheduled summer break during June and July. Meetings will resume in August when school starts.

We had three youth attend Camp WaKon'Da-Ho in June. Please take a few minutes to read their letters about their experiences at camp. We hope everyone is having a relaxing and safe summer!

Peace and Blessings,
Mary Claire Williams &
Chris Prichard



LETTERS FROM CAMP

Alex New

My first time at camp was an amazing experience. At first glance, the camp appears to be small and boring, but if you look deeper, you will find that the people are awesome! I thought I wasn't going to have much fun while I was there but, I had fun everyday of the week. I felt like I wanted to stay and live in camp Wakon'Da-Ho. It was disappointing knowing I had to leave once I woke up on Saturday morning.

The camp organized a schedule that I personally thought made it fun. They even had some delicious food, the biscuits and gravy was my favorite! Interest Groups was another thing I liked, Volleyball and indoor games were my favorite interest groups. I liked small groups. The people in my small group were nice and calm. My favorite part about small groups was when I flipped upside-down in the enoe and landed on the ground facing down on my face.

Overall I had a really good time. The people were great, the food was great and a lot of my time was filled with excitement! I do recommend people to come on down to Camp Wakon'Da-Ho and enjoy every moment you have. A sincere 'thank you' to my church family for making this possible!

LETTERS FROM CAMP

Riley Pack

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for sending me to Camp Wakon'Da-Ho.

I enjoyed it very much. There was great food and a great cook.

I enjoyed making lots of friends.

We also made a stepping stone. It was great fun!

I enjoyed everything we did. Although it was hot. I had fun.



Thank You

-Thank you so very much for your very generous donation of \$1500. As a non-profit domestic violence shelter, we have to depend on members of our community.

Much appreciation,
Kelli Petronella, Ex. Dir.

-On behalf of the Gateway Homeless Coalition, I would like to express our thanks for your very generous donation of \$2,500 from the Living Memorial fund.

Sincerely,
Marilyn Smith, Executive Director

-I want to say thank you and express my gratitude to the FCC family for their generosity for my gift. My email will be taimiliana@gmail.com. Miss you all.
Chialing Hsieh

-Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$500 to the Space Trek camp for young women interested in science, technology, engineering, and math on July 9-16.

Michelle McNeill,
Program Coordinator

-On behalf of all of us at Mission Behind Bars and Beyond, we would like to thank you for your contribution of \$331 for our fight against recidivism and help the post incarcerated put their lives back together.

God Bless,
Chuck Harper, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report

Income for June is

\$11,540.88

The average income needed to pay the church expenses is

\$10,321.56.

Resignation of Church Organist

We recently received the resignation of Dr. Chialing Hsieh as our church organist and keyboardist, and have regretfully accepted it. Chialing served the church for seven years with her extraordinary talent and gift of music. She will be greatly missed yet we wish her well in her endeavors in Shreveport, LA, and pray God's speed go with her and her family.

Joys

-Connie Kibbey's great-niece, Gloria Ruth Stanley, was born June 10th in Nashville, TN.

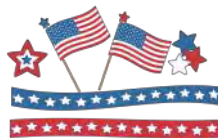
-We give thanks for the gifts and blessings Dr. Don Blair has given the community through his many years of medical practice. We celebrate his retirement on July 1, and wish him well in his future endeavors.

Summer Vacation Hours

Our church secretary, Barbara Marsh, will be out of the office on vacation starting Tuesday, July 12 through Monday, July 18.

Volunteers Needed

During the absence of our secretary, we are looking for volunteers who can help answer the phone and be in the office while she is away. If you are interested in volunteering, please call the office (606-784-4836).



Office Closed

The office will be closed for July 4th, Independence Day.

Consider Electronic

Giving

Electronic giving offers an easy way to give to the church. It is easy to set up at your bank or credit union. The church appreciates any form of giving, including the old-fashioned way. For more information, please contact the church office at (606) 784-4836 or Joe Barrett, Treasurer, (606) 875-9412.

Thank you.

Regional News and Retreats

For more info: <http://www.kydisciples.net/>

The Christian Church in Kentucky Biennial Assembly

September 22-24, 2016

Crestwood Christian Church—Lexington,

July Elders

July 3—Sarah Chaney and Alana Scott

July 10—Sarah Chaney and Yvonne Baldwin

July 17—Susan Thomas and Betty Hall

July 24—Paul Semisch and Larry Fannin

July 31—Yvonne Baldwin and Larry Fannin

July Deacons

Kathryn Rogers, Chase Barnett, Alicia Carter, Dewayne Carter, Joe Barrett, and Jim Gross.

Pulpit Search Committee

Following a successful and very encouraging weekend visit, our first ministerial candidate gave strong consideration to pursuing a call from FCC Morehead. However, after visiting our competitor church, he decided to enter the call process with them. He made it clear that his decision was a difficult one. However, with other things being equal, the fact that his wife was offered a teaching job there weighed heavily in the choice. She applied here but the open positions had already been filled.

Yvonne has discussed the situation with Greg Alexander, who has indicated that he will begin to post additional profiles as they become available for review. The committee is taking a short break but will resume regular meetings after July 4.

The committee looks forward to hosting another candidate soon, and as always, requests the prayers and continued support and encouragement of the congregation.

JULY 2016 BIRTHDAYS



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

Annual Planning Meeting

Sunday, July 24, 2016

After Worship Service

All officers, committee chairs, and staff will meet to coordinate mission and ministry events and calendars as well as brainstorm new ideas and activities.

COMING UP IN 2016

Friday, July 1. 6pm. Fourth on First Parade, Main Street, Morehead. 9:45pm Thunder over Triplett Fireworks.

Sunday, July 3. First Sunday Lunch. After worship service. Hot dogs and drinks will be provided. The congregation is requested to bring desserts or side dishes.

Monday, July 4. Office closed—holiday.

Tuesday, July 12-18. Our secretary, Barbara Marsh, will be out of the office.

Saturday, July 16. Time TBA. MSU Governor's Scholars community work day at FCC.

Sunday, July 24. After worship service. Annual planning meeting.

Monday, July 25. 6:30/7pm Executive/ Full Board Meetings.


Sunday, July 31. Fifth Sunday Offering for Christian Care Communities.



In and Around FCC



First Christian Church - July 2016 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Office Hours Monday-Thursday	8:30-1:00 pm					
3 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service 12-2pm 1st Sunday Lunch	4 Office closed. 	6	8 5:30 Bells 7:00 NO Choir	7 5:30 Yoga	8 Office closed	9
10 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service	11	12 Secretary out of the office. 5:30 Yoga	13 Secretary out of the office. 5:30 Bells 7:00 NO Choir	14 Secretary out of the office. 5:30 Yoga	15 Office closed	16 Governor's Scholars Com- munity Work Day at FCC
17 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service	18 Secretary out of the office.	19 5:30 Yoga	20 5:30 Bells 7:00 NO Choir	21 5:30 Yoga	22 Office closed	23
24 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service After Worship: Annual Planning Mtg.	25 6:30 Executive 7:00 Full Board Meetings	26 5:30 Yoga	27 5:30 Bells 7:00 NO Choir	28	29 Office closed	30
31 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service						
Fifth Sunday						

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Merry Jones, Interim 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)

July 3 - Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20
July 10—Luke 10: 25-37
July 17—Luke 10: 38-42
July 24—Luke 11: 1-13
July 31—Luke 12: 13-21



Parking Lot Repaving
June 28-29, 2016