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# The Echo

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The youth after Youth Sunday.

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**The First Sunday Lunch will be held after the worship service on June 1. It will be a BBQ feast!**

**We will observe Pentecost on June 8! Remember to wear red in celebration of this day in the liturgical calendar!**

**On Sunday, June 29 we will install our new deacons and officers and will ordain our new church elders. They include:**

**Elders:** Jami Hornbuckle, Paul Semisch, and Susan Thomas.  
**Officers:** President: Sarah Chaney; Vice President: Paul Semisch; Secretary: Fran Helphinstine; Treasurer: Joe Barrett.

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

## Notes from the Pastor

Well, it's officially summer (even though the solstice isn't until the 21<sup>st</sup>). Regular youth meetings are replaced by occasional times to get together for fellowship and/or work; choir is getting ready to go on its summer sabbatical in a few weeks (though we will have wonderful music each week in the interim); on the Leonderosa the sheep are sheared and Xote and Sancho are shedding their winter coats. Many of our regular faces will be gone visiting or vacationing and we will see new faces in their place. Our summer schedule is shaping up as well.

**Beginning MONDAY, JUNE 9<sup>th</sup>, we will meet to do Lectio Divina.** If you've wanted to try this wonderful way to read and discuss Scripture but have not have the time or availability, now is a great opportunity. No preparation necessary; just show up at 7 pm in the Conference Room. Each week is self contained so feel free to drop in whenever you can. The dates will be June 9, 16, 23, then July 7, 14, and 21. The Scripture we will read together will be preached the following Sunday.

**Beginning THURSDAY, JULY 10<sup>th</sup>, we will meet to take a look at Celtic Spirituality.** This will be a 4 week study, and promises to be an interesting take not only on the foundation of our denomination, but on the greater Appalachian culture as well. Those dates will be July 10, 17, 24 and 31.

We are also close to establishing a time and date to start a **study of Marcus Borg's work The Heart of Christianity**. This is wonderful for those new to faith (or returning to faith) as well as those of us who need a 'reboot'. Sometime later, probably in September, we are going to **read another book by Thich Nhat Hahn**. Be watching for more information on these two, and perhaps other opportunities that may crop up.

You are missed when you are away. Always remember your church in your prayers, as you know your church family will be remembering you as you go about your summer. The conversation goes on.....

*Pastor Molly* 

I would like to express a sincere thank you to all of the FCC family for welcoming me during this past month as your new music director. I want to say a special thank you to the current choir members for your welcoming spirit and your enthusiastic participation in our endeavors thus far. Following Pentecost, the choir will be taking a summer hiatus. If anyone is interested in providing special music during the summer months please call or email me. Regular choir rehearsals will resume in mid-August and I invite all of you to consider joining us at that time. Please keep myself, my family, and Angela Lyon in your prayers this summer as we proceed with kidney donation.

Musically yours,  
Genny Jenkins  
FCC music director

Wasn't Youth Sunday beautiful? Chris and I are so proud of each of them. We are so blessed by them all the time. They each share unique and special gifts with our church family. If you have not picked up your DVD, don't worry. More copies will be made in the next couple of weeks, and we will make sure everyone gets one that wants one. A HUGE thank you to the youth for providing an inspiring service. We would also like to thank all of the parents, Jackie, Chia-Ling and Michael, Pastor Molly, and Roger for all of their assistance with the service. We would also like to thank the congregation for their support of the youth program.

We are planning a fun day for the youth for June. Chris and I will email you soon with all of the details. We are looking forward to some summer fun!

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



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

### June Birthdays

- 1- Scharline Whidden
- 2- Carmen Swim
- 5- Brenda Combs
- 5- Tresia Swain
- 8- Tish Damron
- 10- Guy Griffin
- 18- Matt Baldwin
- 23- Meghan Hammond
- 26- Wayne Caldwell
- 27- Leeann Akers
- 29- Susan Whidden



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

June 1: Acts 1: 6-11

June 8: Acts 2: 1-13 (Pentecost)

June 15: Matthew 9:35-10:4

June 22: Matthew 10: 34-39

June 29: Matthew 11: 28-30 (Installation)



### Treasurer's Report

Income for February

**\$7,621.80**

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

### June Deacons

Joe Barrett, Catherine Rogers, Charlene Bradford, Alicia Carter, Dewayne Carter, and Etta Jane McCarty.

### Children's Church

During this summer, we will have children's church in June (except for June 29), but will not have it in July. It will pick back up in August.

The meditation group will continue to meet in June on the 12th and the 26nd. The group begins at 7:00pm. Please contact Paul Semisch at pauljsemisch@hotmail.com if you are interested.

For the First Sunday Lunch in May, we made \$248! On the Memorial Day bake sale, we made \$204 and counting. Both of these amounts go to benefit the operations account. What would we do without Sarah Chaney ☺?!

On Monday, June 9th at 7pm, Pastor Molly will begin a Lectio Divina group. Each Monday, the group covering the sermon scripture for the following Sunday. Contact Pastor Molly if you have any questions.

We are please to announce that the outreach committee will be distributing scholarships to several youth events, including: \$1750 to the fifth grade trip to Washington, DC, \$750 to Kids' College, \$750 to 4-H, and \$250 to Space Science camp.

The board meeting will take place on the fourth Monday of the month, June 23th, with the executive board meeting at 6:30pm and the full board at 7pm.

### Living Memorial Fund

In memory of Barbara Tackett

Jack and Peggy Bizzel

Fran Helphinstine

David and Darlene Perkins

Glenn and Eva Johnston

In memory of Curt Adkins

Fran Helphinstine

In memory of Dayna Seelig's uncle

Fran Helphinstine

In memory of Hubert Allen

Jack and Peggy Bizzel

We are looking for a new paid worker for the nursery. If you are interested or know someone who is interested, please contact Alana Scott at alanacainscott7@icloud.com or 776-2887.

### Mack Building Fund

- In memory of Curt Adkins- Joyce Hart
- In memory of Barbara Tackett- Marge and Dan Thomas
- In memory of the Teaters and the Walkes- Ron and Dianna Walke

# Photos from the Bake Sale and Youth Sunday!

Provided by Mary Claire Williams and Jackie Bailey



## Thank yous!

Thank you for all the food you gave to me and my family. It was nice of you. I have all your names.

Love, Pat Adkins

Dear church family,

Thank you so much for welcoming me into your family. I have loved working with the children every Sunday and will miss you all when I leave for Oregon! I hope this coming years bring you lots of good fortune!

Katie Messer, nursery worker

Dear Friends,

Your gift of \$143 received on Wednesday, April 30, 2014 has helped make possible the vision of Christian Care Communities. The older adults in our care greatly appreciate your support!

Bill Schiphorst, Director of Church Relations

## June 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9:45 Sunday school 10:45 Service Noon First Sunday Lunch	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> <b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8 PENTECOST</b> 9:45 Sunday school 10:45 Service	<b>9</b> <i>7pm Lectio Divina</i>	<b>10</b> <i>5:30 Yoga</i>	<b>11</b> <i>5:30 Bells</i> <i>7:00 Choir</i>	<b>12</b> <i>5:30 Yoga</i> <i>7:00 Meditation</i>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Service	<b>16</b> <i>7pm Lectio Divina</i>	<b>17</b> <i>5:30 Yoga</i>	<b>18</b> <i>5:30 Bells</i> <i>7pm Choir</i>	<b>19</b> <i>5:30 Yoga</i>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Service	<b>23</b> <i>6:30 Executive Board</i> <i>7:00 Full Board</i>	<b>24</b> <i>5:30 Yoga</i>	<b>25</b> <i>5:30 Bells</i> <i>7pm Choir</i>	<b>26</b> <i>5:30 Yoga</i> <i>7:00 Meditation</i>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29 INSTALLATION</b> 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Service	<b>30</b> <i>7pm Lectio Divina</i>					

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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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Sam Rogers having fun at the bake sale!