

**First  
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Church  
(Disciples of Christ)**



# The Echo

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## **New Officers Elected at Annual Meeting**

Congratulations to the officers and deacons elected on May 1 for FY 17 (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

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## **Installation and Leadership Renewal Service for Church Officers, Deacons, and Elders**

**June 26, 2016**

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### **FIRST SUNDAY LUNCH**

**After Worship  
Service**

**June 5**



### **Garden Party**

Everyone is invited to stay for lunch on the first Sunday in June. The church will provide the dessert and drinks. All members of the congregation are asked to bring their favorite salad to share.



### **Memorial Day**

#### **Bake Sale**

Monday

May 30

10am

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT:**

The New Life in Christ Christian Church, a new church community affiliated with the Mission Behind Bars and Beyond Ministries, founded by Rev. Dean Bucalos for women who are transitioning from prison back into society at the Dierson House.

Please contribute generously by baking and/or buying baked goods.

## MERRYMENTS



In last month's ECHO, there were several pictures of the Stained Glass Windows as they were being worked on by the contractors. After they surveyed the windows and assessed the window situation first hand, they quickly dedicated themselves to the task at hand. And they worked hard. They put up and climbed up scaffolding and ladders. They removed and repaired broken or damaged sections of window panes and window frames. Inside glass was wiped cleaned of generations of residue (coal, dust, age). Outside glass was reinforced with stronger weather seals and supportive protection. Now, not only are they able to bring us great joy and beauty, visually and spiritually, we can be reassured they are cleaner, safer, and more secure with their new seals and outer security.

There were a few window sections, however, which were not able to be repaired. Due to certain construction circumstances, the contractors were not able to fix everything. While much improved on all levels of concern, our sacred windows, for now, are not yet perfect.

Yet, as the windows continue to surround us and look down upon us, they bring to us the blessing of a perfect reminder that the church, and we, as its custodians in faith, are, for now, not yet perfect, either. We share several aspects of imperfection with the windows and the contractors who came to work on them, whether we are newly elected officers and leaders of the church about to be installed, or members and friends who worship together in faith and hope on Sunday mornings.

We all work hard in life, in general, as well as in our duties and commitments as followers of Christ in and through the church. We climb many ladders and high scaffolding in order to reach certain goals or overcome crucial obstacles. We seek the beauty and joy of being loved and loving others, while also needing the reassurance we are protected, safe and secure in God's compassionate grace.



However, in God's mercy, When We Survey the Wondrous Cross of Christ,\* we receive the sacred blessing that although we are not perfect, we are beautiful in the eyes of God. Although we have not been able to "fix" everything in our lives or in the church, God's everlasting love and forgiveness fixes it for us, cleanses us, and purifies us, not to be perfect, but to become faithful followers of God's son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. As we are about to enter a new church year, may we, as God's children, and as Disciples of Christ, rededicate our lives that we might become sacred windows to the world. May we bring great beauty and joy, personally and spiritually, to the mission and ministry of God's kingdom on earth, making it safer, more secure, more just and kind for all. Truthfully, it's hard work. As the above referenced hymn suggests, "Love so amazing, so divine, demands our souls, our lives, our all."\*

\*"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" - words by Isaac Watts, 1707

Rev. Merry Jones

## YOUTH GROUP

The FCC Youth would like to thank everyone for their support with Youth Sunday and throughout the year. The Youth will take their regularly scheduled "summer break" in June and July. Regular meetings will resume in August with the start of the school year.

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



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members of the FCC Family,

As I begin the final month of my term as congregational president, I want to say a heartfelt "THANK YOU" to everyone who helped to keep our church moving forward during this past year of transition. I would like to leave you with one of my very favorite quotes, attributed to George Bernard Shaw. I have this quote framed and hanging on the wall in my office at the homeless shelter. It serves as both an invitation and challenge to me in my life journey, and I hope it will be the same for you!

*This is the true joy in life: being used for a purpose recognized by yourself as a mighty one, being a force of nature instead of a feverish, selfish little clod of ailments and grievances, complaining that the world will not devote itself to making you happy. I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the whole community and, as long as I live, it is my privilege to do for it what I can. It is a sort of splendid torch which I have got hold of for the moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations.*



Thank you to everyone who has helped keep the torch burning brightly during this past year. It has been a privilege to serve as President. Let us continue to stay connected in prayer and in community, trusting in the never-failing, never-ending love of our God as we move forward.

Peace,  
Paul Semisch

## CHOIR and BELL CHOIR NOTES

The music department goes in all directions in the summertime, but we are so excited about the music offerings we will have for you this summer as part of our services and ministry. In June, we will have music from: the Bell Choir, Matthew Taylor (the saxophone professor at MSU), Amanda and Jesse Wells, and a small group from the MSU Chamber Singers. I know that each of these people will enhance our worship in a special way and I look forward to sharing in that with the congregation.

Genny Jenkins, Choir Director

## Thank You

-Thank you to Girl Scout Troop 544 who scanned old photos of the congregation and activities into a website for everyone to view. It is interesting to see the really old photos. Some relating to the Buttons and the early origins of the church will be donated to Morehead State University. Dr. Frank Button and his mother, Phoebe, began the Morehead Normal School which developed into MSU. The dedicated girls are Maggie Alden, Annabelle McNeal, Sydney Graham, and Maddy Denning with leaders Marge and Susan Thomas. (Leah Craig added enormously to this project for which the girls received a silver badge.)  
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Link: [FCC Photo Archive](https://www.flickr.com/cameraroll)  
(<https://www.flickr.com/cameraroll>)

-Thank you to Mary Claire Williams and Chris Prichard for direction of the May 15 Youth Sunday program. We are blessed to have your talents.  
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-Thank you to the MSU Camp Smile elves (Dayna & Mike Seelig, Sarah Chaney, and Marge Thomas) who fed 120 for a meal. Awesome!  
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-Thank you very much for the generous donation for 4-H Camp Scholarships.  
Rowan County 4-H Council

## Treasurer's Report

Income for the first four Sundays in May is  
**\$8,435.05.**

*The average income needed to pay the church expenses is*

*\$10,317.10.*

First Christian Church has been issued a \$13.13 donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a result of AmazonSmile program activity between January 1 and March 31, 2016.



To donors, volunteers, employees, and friends: please bookmark this link so all your eligible shopping will benefit First Christian Church.

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/61-0865444>

## Joys

-Etta Jane McCarty's sister Sally VonLehman's daughter got married on May 7: Sarah Jane VonLehman married Torrey Walker. Her brother Proc Caudill's grandson was born on May 2 and named Boone Proctor Caudill IV. Her sister Sally's son Chad's family welcomed a daughter, Ava Ashley VonLehman, who was born on March 4.

Congratulations!

## June Elders

June 5—Susan Thomas and Betty Hall  
June 12—Sarah Chaney and Jami Hornbuckle  
June 19—Paul Semisch and Larry Fannin  
June 26—Susan Thomas and Betty Hall

## June Deacons

Chris Prichard, Jim Gross, Mary Claire Williams, Leeann Akers

## 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.*

## Donation

Thank you to

Mrs. Robert  
(Margaret) Scott

\$200.00

Seniors/  
Where Needed

### Regional News and Retreats

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

### Youth Camp Registration

Link to: <http://www.kydisciples.net/ministries/ewExternalFiles/Complete%20Camp%20WKDH%20Info%202016.pdf>

Camp forms are also available in the office.



**Christmount Women's Discovery Retreat** ~ June 3-5, 2016  
<http://www.christmount.org/discovery.html>

### CYF Seminar ~ June 14-21, 2016

CYF seminar is a mobile classroom experience for high school students. The group will travel to Washington DC and New York City, experiencing different cultures and learning more about faith and religious pluralism. The cost is \$900 inclusive.

Contact Emily Allen at [eallen@hchristianchurch.com](mailto:eallen@hchristianchurch.com)

**The Christian Church in Kentucky Biennial Assembly**  
**September 22-24, 2016**  
More information soon.

### Cane Ridge Day Schedule Saturday, June 25, 2016

9:30am Registration Begins

10:00am Morning Program:

Barton Stone: Pathway to the Ideal of Religious Freedom by Duane Cummins

Noon Lunch Backroom Bluegrass Band Performing

1:00pm Afternoon Program:

Barton Stone: Pathway to the Ideal of Spiritual Unity By Duane Cummins

### Youth Sunday DVDs

If you would like a copy of the worship service on Youth Sunday on May 15, please contact the office. Phone: (606)-784-4836  
Email: [fcmky@gmail.com](mailto:fcmky@gmail.com)



### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

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|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1- Scharline Whidden | 23- Meghan Hammond |
| 2- Carmen Swim       | 25- Ethan Jenkins  |
| 5- Brenda Combs      | 26- Wayne Caldwell |
| 5- Tresia Swain      | 27- Leeann Akers   |
| 7- Genny Jenkins     | 29- Susan Whidden  |



Available at **CaféPress**



<http://www.cafepress.com/+disciples-of-christ+gifts>

### COMING UP IN 2016

**Sunday, May 29.** Memorial Day Weekend. 5th Sunday offering for Christian Care Communities.

**Monday, May 30.**

10am– until (?) Memorial Day Bake Sale. -Office closed.

**Sunday, June 5.** 12-2pm. First Sunday Lunch—Garden Party. The church will provide drinks and desserts. Please bring your favorite salads.

**Sunday, June 19.** Father's Day.

**Sunday, June 26.** Installation and Leadership Renewal Service for Church Officers, Deacons, and Elders.

**Monday, June 27.** 6/6:30/7pm—Outreach/ Executive/Full Board Meetings. -Newsletter deadline.

**Monday, July 4.** Office closed—holiday.

# In and Around FCC



## First Christian Church - June 2016 Calendar

| Sun                                                                                                       | Mon                                                                      | Tue                    | Wed                                                                                               | Thu                                                                                               | Fri                                                                                                        |                                                                                                   |
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| Office Hours<br>Monday-Thursday                                                                           | 8:30-1:00 pm                                                             |                        |                                                                                                   |                                                                                                   |                                                                                                            |                                                                                                   |
|                                                                                                           |                                                                          |                        | <br><b>1</b> | <br><b>2</b> | <b>3</b><br>Office closed                                                                                  | <b>4</b><br> |
| <b>5</b><br>9:45 Adult Sunday School<br>10:45 Worship Service<br>12-2pm 1st Sunday Lunch                  | <b>6</b>                                                                 | <b>7</b><br>5:30 Yoga  | <b>8</b><br>5:30 Bells<br>7:00 NO Choir                                                           | <b>9</b><br>5:30 Yoga                                                                             | <b>10</b><br>Office closed                                                                                 | <b>11</b>                                                                                         |
| <b>12</b><br>9:45 Adult Sunday School<br>10:45 Worship Service                                            | <b>13</b>                                                                | <b>14</b><br>5:30 Yoga | <b>15</b><br>5:30 Bells<br>7:00 NO Choir                                                          | <b>16</b><br>5:30 Yoga                                                                            | <b>17</b><br>Office closed                                                                                 | <b>18</b>                                                                                         |
| <b>19</b> Father's Day<br>9:45 Adult Sunday School<br>10:45 Worship Service                               | <b>20</b>                                                                | <b>21</b><br>5:30 Yoga | <b>22</b><br>5:30 Bells<br>7:00 NO Choir                                                          | <b>23</b><br>5:30 Yoga                                                                            | <b>24</b><br>Office closed                                                                                 | <b>25</b>                                                                                         |
| <b>26</b> Installation of Officers, Deacons & Elders<br>9:45 Adult Sunday School<br>10:45 Worship Service | <b>27</b><br>6:00 Outreach<br>6:30 Executive<br>7:00 Full Board Meetings | <b>28</b><br>5:30 Yoga | <b>29</b><br>5:30 Bells<br>7:00 NO Choir                                                          | <b>30</b>                                                                                         | <br><b>It's SUMMER!</b> |                                                                                                   |


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Merry Jones, Interim Minister  
Genny Jenkins, Choir  
Mary Claire Williams and  
Chris Prichard, Youth  
Barbara Marsh, Secretary  
Chialing Hsieh, Organist  
Sarah Chaney, Bell Choir  
Kaitlyn Rhoden, Nursery  
Darrin Roe, Custodian

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**Lectionary Schedule**

(Disciples of Christ Lectionary)

- June 5
- Luke 7:11-17
- June 12
- Luke 7:36-8:3
- June 19
- Luke 8:26-39
- June 26
- Luke 9:51-62



Youth Sunday, May 15, 2016