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**First Sunday  
Lunch**

**June 4—12-2pm**

**BBQ Dinner**

The congregation  
is requested to  
bring sides (picnic  
stuff) and/or  
desserts.

Come One  
Come All!

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# The Echo

June 2017

**New Officers Elected  
at Annual Meeting**

Congratulations to the officers and  
deacons elected on May 7 for FY 18 (July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018).

**Officers**

President: Phillip Swim    Vice President: Chris Prichard  
Secretary: Fran Helphinstine    Treasurer: Joe Barrett

**New Deacons (2017-2020)**

Kaitlyn Reynolds Paschall and Jon Stigall

**Deacons Returning from Sabbatical**

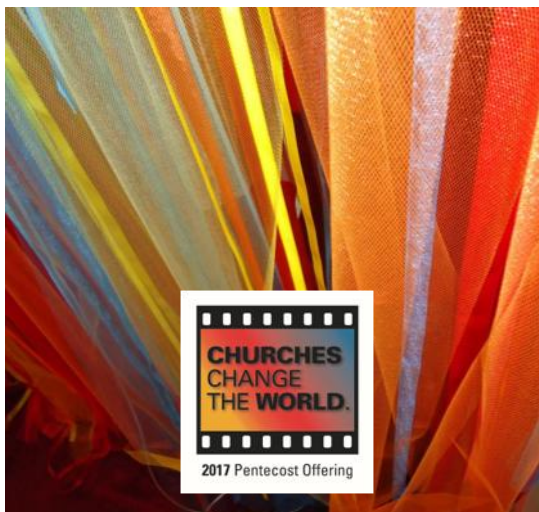
Ned Breschel, Catherine Rogers, Phillip Swim, Kathryn Rogers

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**Pentecost**

**Disciples Mission Fund Offering June 4 and June 11**

Pentecost gifts support the development and growth of new  
churches. Fifty percent of the offering is available for new church



ministries in the regions it was  
given and the remainder sup-  
ports the General Assembly's  
New Church Priority that is  
housed in the Hope Partnership  
for Missional Transformation.  
All gifts to the Pentecost Offer-  
ing directly support the operat-  
ing expenses of new congrega-  
tions and the training of new  
church pastors, mentors and  
coaches.



Special envelopes will be in the hymnals during worship service.

## THE PASTOR'S PONDERINGS



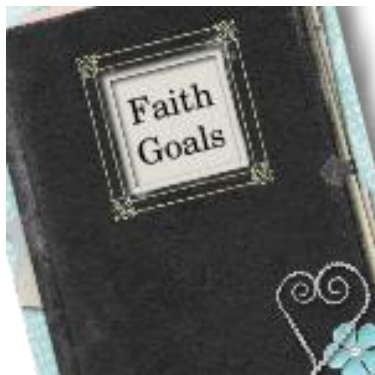
Rev. Lisa Kay  
C. Smith

The first Sunday in June begins this year with Pentecost Sunday. The name comes from the Greek word Pentēkostē [hēmera], "[the] fiftieth [day]". It is celebrated on the 50<sup>th</sup> day after Easter Sunday (including Easter). It marks the day in our Biblical church history when the disciples received "the Advocate" that Jesus had promised to be with us after he leaves the earth. Acts 2:1–2, "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting."

This day has been referred to as the "Birthday of the Church" because after they received the Holy Spirit and were able to understand and share the truth of Christ, they immediately started sharing what they knew, creating communities where there was once only a Jesus Movement. After this experience the 3 aspects of God were in play – like the missing piece of the puzzle. Pentecost is celebrated most often with the color red. The paraments on the altar, the stole of the Pastor, and often congregant wear red to celebrate this day!

The Sunday following Pentecost is Trinity Sunday, a day to contemplate what "God in 3 persons" is all about. And Trinity Sunday is, perhaps oddly enough, one of my favorite days. It is all about wholeness to me!

The next Sunday in June is Father's Day! Just as Mother's Day was a day not just to celebrate Motherhood, but the responsibility to nurture and care for God's creations that people of all genders have; Father's Day is a calling to reexamine our gender roles.



June is the month of getting the church *into* a period of working on our faith goals, through the groundwork we have placed through the first half of the Church Year. We will be in Ordinary time until Advent! But this does not mean we stop setting new goals and thinking about how we can best serve the church. This means if we have taken our faith seriously, we have the motivation, joy and drive to be with each other, grow in faith, and the hope to live for being God's instruments to create peace and justice! So – buckle up folks, we could be in for a bumpy ride!

**In Joy, Rev. Lisa**

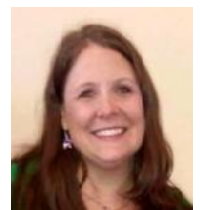
## YOUTH GROUP



Chris Prichard

During the summer months, the youth will take a break from regularly scheduled meetings. We will resume our meetings in August with a cookout and pool party.

Ellie Williams is our only youth who will be attending Camp Wakon'Da-Ho this summer so please keep her in your prayers the first weekend in June.



Mary Claire  
Williams

Thank you to Charlene Bradford and Kathryn Rogers for volunteering to teach Children's Church this summer. Also, thank you to Meghan Hammond and Alta Blair for teaching in May.

It has been another great year with the youth of First Christian Church. Have a safe and restful summer. **Peace & Love, Chris Prichard & Mary Claire Williams, FCC Youth Co-Directors**



Alana Scott

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Earlier today I was doing some class preparation for Sunday School. In a couple of weeks we will be looking at Ulrich Zwingli and I decided that for our supplementary reading we would look at a chapter with one of my all-time-favorite book chapter titles, "Some Middle-Aged Men and a Sausage Supper."

The short version is this: Zwingli had been busy preaching at church that people's consciences must be guided by the Bible and not tradition. So Lent rolled around and in defiance of the tradition that required abstinence from meat for Lent, one of the guys in the congregation had a big bratwurst feast. At least, that's how I've already interpreted it because I really love bratwurst. Any-hoo, some people in his congregation became really upset and there was drama in the congregation so Zwingli felt like he had to give a sermon about the situation. And you already know what he said. He basically said that some people feel like it's okay to eat meat during Lent. Other people don't feel like it's okay to eat meat during Lent. . Whew! Just love each other and get on with it!

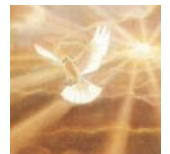


We don't have any specific instructions about bratwurst, or Lent, or fasting as a form of worship, but we do have pretty specific instructions about loving each other. Zwingli was a pretty smart guy so I don't have anything to add.

**On the Journey Together, Bratwurst or Not, *Alana***

## SPIRIT

The word *spirit* has come to mean something pale and shapeless, like an unmade bed. School spirit, the American spirit, the Christmas spirit, the spirit of '76, the Holy Spirit - each of these points to something you know is supposed to get you to your feet cheering but which you somehow can't rise to. The adjective *spiritual* has become downright offensive. If somebody recommends a person as spiritual you tend to avoid him, and usually with good reason. *Inspiring* is even worse. *Inspirational* is worse still. Inspirational books are invariably for the birds.



Like its counterparts in Hebrew and Greek, the Latin word *spiritus* originally meant *breath* (as in expire, respiratory, etc.), and breath is what you have when you're alive and don't have when you're dead. Thus spirit = breath = life, the aliveness and power of your life, and to speak of a man's spirit (or soul) is to speak of the power of life that is in him. When the spirit of a man is unusually strong, the life in him unusually alive, he can breathe it out into other lives, become literally in-spiring.

Spirit is highly contagious. When a man is very excited, very happy, very sad, you can catch it from him as easily as measles or a yawn. You can catch it from what he says or from what he does or just from what happens to the air of a room when he enters it without saying or doing anything. Groups of men also have a spirit, as anybody can testify who has ever been caught up in the spirit of a football game, a political rally, or a lynch mob. Spirit can be good or bad, healing or destructive. Spirit can be transmitted across great distances of time and space. For better or worse, you can catch the spirit of men long dead (Socrates or the Marquis de Sade), of men whose faces you have never seen and whose languages you cannot speak.

God also has a spirit - is Spirit, says the Apostle John (4:24). Thus God is the power of the power of life itself, has breathed and continues to breathe himself into his creation. In-spires it. The spirit of God, Holy Spirit, Holy Ghost, is highly contagious. When Peter and his friends were caught up in it at Jerusalem on Pentecost, everybody thought they were drunk even though the sun wasn't yet over the yardarm (Acts 2). They were.

Wishful Thinking, Frederick Buechner



### ~Thank You~

~Dear Disciples, I met a dear friend for coffee and a catch up today. It maybe has been 4 years since we've been face to face. We have a deep spiritual tie and a happy chapter together. After coffee, we walked that sweet, lovely labyrinth next to your church. My friend and I share much labyrinth history and our reconnection was beautifully marked by our walk. She or I have seen a pattern like yours. The landscaping is interesting, the stones, the altar. Such holy ground in the center of a busy, growing college community. Thank you for erecting the sacred space where Christina and I laughed and told stories, shared memories and reconnected. Blessings,  
Susan Rea Caldwell, Georgetown, KY

~Thank you to Etta Jane McCarty, Alta Blair and Sarah Chaney for taking lunch to the People's Clinic staff on May 9 and 23.

Susan and Marge Thomas

~Thank you for caring for people who are hungry! Through your \$166.50 gift, First Christian Church will put healthy, nourishing food on the tables of individuals and families who are struggling to get by.

Society of St. Andrews

~Thank you to the Work Day elves: Marge Thomas, Darlene Perkins, Sarah Chaney, Rev. Lisa Smith, Steve Smith, and David Smith.  
(Pictures p. 8) FCC

~Thank you to Meghan Hammond and Alta Blair, and Marge Thomas for taking Children's Church in May. FCC

~Thank you so much for your monetary donation! Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated and is a blessing to the victims we assist.  
Doves of Gateway

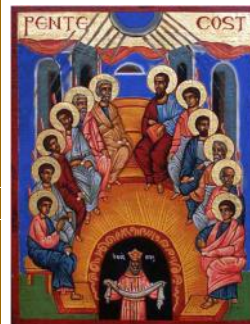


### Outreach

#### Gateway Home Baskets

Thank you everyone who brought items for the June basket! We still need items for the July basket! If you would like to purchase an item for baskets for households transitioning from the Gateway Homeless Shelter to a permanent home, please contact Susan Thomas. - [stmoopie@hotmail.com](mailto:stmoopie@hotmail.com). Cell [606-776-6446](tel:606-776-6446).

### The Christian Holiday of Pentecost



By Phiddipus

The Christian holiday of Pentecost is celebrated 50 (101-51) days from Easter Sunday, counting inclusive of Easter Sunday itself, i. e. 49 days or 7 weeks *after* Easter Sunday. Therefore it always occurs on a Sunday. It is also the tenth day after Ascension Thursday, which itself is 40 days *from* Easter, counting inclusive of Easter Sunday itself. The Christian Pentecost is based on the New Testament, where it refers to the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the tApostles and other followers of Jesus Christ, as described in the Acts of the Apostles 2:1-31. According to Luke 22:12-13, the descent of the Holy Spirit occurred while the Apostles were celebrating the Jewish day of Shavuot, the Feast of Weeks, a prominent feast in the calendar of ancient Israel celebrating the giving of the Law to Moses at Sinai. In the Christian liturgical year it became a feast commemorating what is described by some Christians as the "Birthday of the Church."

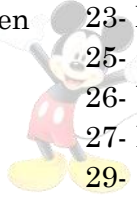


Sundays

10:45am

### 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  |



### Treasurer's Report

Income for May is \$9,839.77.

Expenses for May are \$11,804.26.

### June Deacons

Etta Jane McCarty, Genny Jenkins, Brent Rogers, Mary Claire Williams

### June Elders

June 4—Jami Hornbuckle & Joe Barrett  
June 11—Jami Hornbuckle & Yvonne Baldwin  
June 18—Paul Semisch & Carmen Swim  
June 25—Sarah Chaney & Yvonne Baldwin

### AmazonSmile Donation

First Christian Church has been issued \$13.32 from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a result of AmazonSmile program activity between Jan. 1 and Mar. 31, 2017.

### Living Memorial Fund

*In memory of*

**William Earl Clay**

Jane Holbrook

### Secretary's Vacation June 12-15

Thank you to Connie Kibbey & Susan Whidden for filling in the office duties while Barbara will be away. The church is so blessed to have volunteers who offer their talents when needed.

### COMING UP IN 2017

Yoga T&Th 5:30-7pm...Bells Wednesdays 5:30pm

**Sunday, June 4 Pentecost.** Disciples Mission Fund Offering. (June 4 & 11) ~First Sunday Lunch BBQ Dinner. The congregation is requested to bring sides (picnic stuff) and/or desserts. We hope everyone can attend.

**Monday-Thursday, June 12-15.** Barbara is on vacation. Connie Kibbey and Susan Whidden have graciously accepted the call to help out in the office.

**Saturday, June 24 -9:30am** Cane Ridge Day, Paris KY (Flyer on bulletin board.) Email: [curator@caneridge.org](mailto:curator@caneridge.org); website: [www.caneridge.org](http://www.caneridge.org)

**Monday, June 26 -6:15/7pm** Executive/Full Board Meetings.

**Saturday-Wednesday, July 8-12 – 2017**  
General Assembly Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ), Indianapolis  
[ga.disciples.org/registration](http://ga.disciples.org/registration)



See what great love the Father has  
lavished on us, that we should be  
called children of God!  
And that is what we are!  
1 John 3:1

### Mack Fund

*In memory of*

**William Earl Clay**

Sandy and John Gullett

Joyce Hart

Emma Lou and Jim Gross

Etta Jane McCarty





First Sunday Lunch

May 7, 2017

Photos by Sarah Chaney



Friends, Fun, Fellowship



Memorial Day Bake Sale

May 29, 2017

Photos by Sarah Chaney



## First Christian Church June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Office Hours 8:30-1:00pm Monday-Thursday						
<b>May 28</b> 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service	<b>29</b> (office closed) 10-12pm Memorial Day Bake Sale	<b>30</b> 5:30 Yoga	<b>31</b> 5:00 Youth at Coffee tree/Bd Games 5:30 Bells	<b>June 1</b> 5:30 Yoga	<b>2</b> Office closed	<b>3</b>
<b>4 Pentecost</b> 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service 12-2 First Sunday Lunch	<b>5</b> 	<b>6</b> 5:30 Yoga	<b>7</b> 5:30 Bells	<b>8</b> 5:30 Yoga	<b>9</b> Office closed	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 5:30 Yoga	<b>14 Flag Day</b>  5:30 Bells	<b>15</b> 5:30 Yoga	<b>16</b> Office closed	<b>17</b>
<b>18 Father's Day</b> 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 5:30 Yoga	<b>21</b> 5:30 Bells	<b>22</b> 5:30 Yoga	<b>23</b> Office closed	
<b>25</b> 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service	<b>26</b> 6:15/7:00 Executive/Full Board Meetings	<b>27</b> 5:30 Yoga	<b>28</b> 5:30 Bells	<b>29</b> 5:30 Yoga	<b>30</b> Office closed	



**First Christian Church  
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**Rev. Lisa Kay C. Smith  
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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**Rev. Lisa's Sermon  
Scripture Schedule**

June 4—Numbers 11:24-30  
June 11—Matthew 28:16-20  
June 18—Matthew 9:35-10:8  
June 25—Matthew 10:24-39



**Church and  
Grounds Work  
Day**

May 20, 2017

The overgrown bush in  
the labyrinth garden  
gets a trim by Steve



Smith and Yvonne Baldwin. David Smith removed debris/weeds from concrete near the lower doors and in labyrinth garden. Sarah Chaney and Darlene Perkins wiped down the sanctuary, pews, windows, tables and baseboards. Marge Thomas took the assignments "clean the Adult Sunday School



Getting an assignment  
and a clean floor done  
by our minister! Thank  
you, Rev. Lisa. It looks  
spiffy!

Room, throwing away out-  
of-date materials, and  
wiping down all the  
furniture and baseboards;  
take everything off the  
kitchen island and the

buffet in the kitchen and wipe down and disinfect; and check the expiration dates for items in the fridge and cupboard and discard." Thank you all for these much needed tasks being accomplished. Note: other task cards remain. If you would like to help, pick up one on the table for the 2nd & 3rd floor stairway landing. It would be most helpful and appreciated!

Yvonne Baldwin works on rearranging the memorial bricks in the labyrinth garden. The goal is to make the landscaping less labor intensive and more inviting.



Photos by Sarah Chaney  
and Barbara Marsh