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# The Echo

## We welcome our newest member!



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## NOTES FROM THE PASTOR:

Memorial Day was a special one around here. There was activity all around the church. The Bake Sale was in full swing, the labyrinth garden was abuzz with church members of all ages – weeding, pruning, planting, watering, and cultivating. Several church members came by to watch the parade from a great vantage point, and we had several of our cutest members sitting on the curb – John Akers, Sam Rogers, Maddox Reinhardt, Lilah McNeal, Ellie Williams – prompting extra amounts of candy from the parade participants. There was a lot of work and a lot of laughter.

It was an apt microcosm of our church.

We have many opportunities for fellowship here at FCC. We are a group that likes to gather and share meals, stories, and lives. We like to laugh. We are not afraid of hard work or pitching in to make someone's life easier. We meet in small groups to pray and share the struggles and joys of life with others.

But one of the best opportunities for fellowship remains worship. That is a time to sing and pray and listen and receive communion from one another; a time to slow down and be still and wait upon God. And, if the truth is told, it is a time to shift the focus from ourselves to God. It is so easy to become the center of our own universe – and not even in a malevolent or selfish way. It's a simple matter of going on auto pilot: our own schedules, our own preferences, our own family and friends, our own concepts of 'better' and 'not so good'. Worship helps us move beyond that and gives us a True North on our compass, a realignment that is essential for a balanced and thoughtful life. Lois Chaney writes in her book God Is No Fool:

**I once knew a young man who was searching for God. And I was touched by his search; and I prayed for his search; and I loved his search.**

**He read a lot of books. He thought and thought about their ideas. He talked to many people, in pairs and in groups; they matched their minds with his and they furthered his search. He walked and sought God in the rain. He climbed and sought God on the mountain. He closed himself off from the world and sought God in his soul.**

**He would describe his searchings and travel for truth. He would explain how he had meticulously and prayerfully sorted, rejected, and accepted.**

**As the years went on, I changed from anticipating the recountings of his searches to simply receiving them; to being bored with them; to avoiding them; and him. You see, he had fallen in love with his search.**

**God just isn't that hard to find.**

See you Sunday.....

*Pastor Mally*



This month has been one of continued growth and exciting plans for the summer and coming year. We are getting ready for the June First Sunday Lunch, talking about featuring a new hymn once a month to teach to the congregation and add to our list of "repertoire," and with the new church website we will be developing the choir page.

During the month of July the choir will be off and we will be looking for special music to fill the anthem spots. If you have an idea for special music for one of the those weeks and would like to volunteer, please let me know and we'd love to add you to the calendar!

Thank you for all of the wonderful compliments and support these last few months, it is always reassuring to know that we are appreciated and that the church is rooting for us.

Remember, everyone should sing! It is never too late to consider the choir, we are always happy to answer any questions and help in any way!

—Diana Knoll, Choir Director

Thank you to all of you who supported the youth for the Youth Sunday service. It was a beautiful service because of the many gifts and talents of the FCC youth. The youth took their roles very seriously, and they wanted the FCC family to know how much our church means to them. We are so blessed to have these special members of our congregation. They feel very loved in our church. What a joy!

I would like to thank the parents and grandparents of the youth for all of their hard work in helping me prepare the service. I would also like to thank Pastor Molly, Chia-Ling, Diana, and Ryan for all of their assistance and support. Most importantly, I would like to thank the youth who inspire me every day with their love for each other and our church. You are a true example of LOVE!

Our June meeting date has not been solidified yet, but I will be in contact with parents through email. We are going to have some outdoor fun this month to enjoy this summer weather.

Mary Claire Williams  
Youth Leader

## Mack Building Fund

In memory of Sarah Esther Allen

Bill Davis  
Mary Battson  
Glen and Anne Buckner

In memory of Tommy Griffith's mother

Glen and Anne Buckner

In memory of Agnes Williams

Glen and Anne Buckner

In memory of Dorothy Walter

Glen and Anne Buckner

In memory of Alice Akin

Glen and Anne Buckner

In memory of Jewell Carr

Glen and Anne Buckner

## Living Memorial Fund

In memory of Jewell Carr

Jane Holbrook

In memory of Dr. Milton Caudill

Etta Jane McCarty

In memory of Agnes Williams

Etta Jane McCarty

In memory of Sarah Esther Allen

Kenny & Betty Hall

In memory of George Hill

Park Lake Association

## June Birthdays

- 1- Sharline Whidden
- 2- Carmen Eldridge
- 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



## Cane Ridge Day

On Saturday, June 22 beginning at 9:30am at the Cane Ridge Meeting House in Bourbon County, there will be a celebration of the roots of the Christian Church. Bring a sack lunch for the picnic!

Looking to give someone a birthday of anniversary gift? Why not send a kid to camp in honor of that person or persons? Cards to send to the recipient are available in the church office and the donations are \$25 each.

## BOARD MEETING

**June 24, 2013**

Executive Board @ 6:30pm

Full Board @ 7:00pm

## Food Pantry

Until further notice, we will only be donating cereal to the food pantry.

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

June 2: Readings from Genesis 1 and 2.

June 9: 1 Corinthians 2: 1-7

June 16: Galatians 2: 15-21

June 23: Luke 8: 26-29

June 30: 1 Corinthians 12: 12-20



During the month of May, our church received a check for \$216. **The cost of healthy food rises each month—PLEASE continues to reload and use your Kroger card to continue to fund this ministry.**

## Treasurer's Report

Income for May

**\$9,736.55**

*The average monthly income needed to pay the church expenses is **\$9,290.63***



Our next One Pot Topic will take place at 5pm on Sunday, June 30 in the Conference Room. Pastor Molly will lead a discussion on the different types of literature found in the 66 books of the Bible: poetry, prose, letter, song, etc.

Our First Sunday Lunch will take place on June 2, immediately following church. It will be a barbeque with coleslaw and chips. The cost is free, but please consider making a donation to the church in the amount you would spend eating at a restaurant.

Thanks to all the church members who made the Memorial Day bake sale a great success! We made close to \$200!

The float committee did an outstanding job. Thanks to Ryan Brown, Brian Carter, Rex Chaney, Sarah Chaney, Catherine Rogers, and Jack Whidden for all their efforts. In our hearts, the float this year was a winner.

To our church family,

Thank you to so many who have prayed and supported us through our recent illness. We are both doing so much better and except for lingering coughs and rebuilding strength, we are well on our way to recovery. The Elders and “Team Hospital” were most supportive and helpful to us through several unique situations. It is comforting to feel the love of Christ though each of you.

Hedy and Wayne Caldwell

### **Meditation Group**

Our bi-weekly meditation group continues to meet in the month of June. If you are interested, please contact Paul Semisch at [pauljsemisch@hotmail.com](mailto:pauljsemisch@hotmail.com) or 356-4324. The days that meditation will meet in March are Thursday, June 13, and Thursday, June 27, both at 7pm.

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your gift of \$230 received on Thursday, April 25, 2013. Your gift is important! Each year, Christian Care Communities provides \$1,500,000 of care and services for which there are no reimbursements. This care and these services must be paid for through gifts like yours and earnings from our Endowment Fund. Your gift helps us continue our ministry to more than 3,000 Older Adults.

—Bill Schiphorst, Director of Church Relations

Dear FCC,

Thank you for letting us use your basement for our Bronze Award. Without the space for sewing, we might not have finished our project.

Thanks again,

Girl Scout Troupe 544: Lauren E., Maggie Alden, Molly Newton, Annabelle McNeal, and Marissa Blair

Your kind expression of sympathy and friendship will always remain in our memories. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and for the lovely luncheon. We appreciate it so much.

—David & Virginia Allen and the family of Sarah Esther Allen

### **Children's Church**

If you would like to facilitate children's church on June 16 or 23, please see Ryan at church or call the church office. We have wonderful curriculum that the kids seem to really enjoy, and the adults have enjoyed teaching!

### **Installation Sunday**

On Sunday, June 30, we will install our executive committee and new deacons:

President: Jami Hornbuckle

Vice-President: Sarah Chaney

Treasurer: Joe Barrett

Secretary: Fran Helphinstine

New Deacons: Carmen Black, Ned Breschel, Dayna Seelig, Mike Seelig, Paul Semisch, and Phillip Swim.

Now that summer is on it's way, it is time to start back our task tree—a board cut in the shape of a tree located on the ground floor. On this tree, you will see various pieces of “fruit” that contain tasks that the church needs to be completed. If you would like to complete a task, please take the colored fruit, write your name on the white fruit behind it (leave the white fruit on the board), and turn the colored fruit into the office when you have completed the task.



Feldenkrais classes will resume on Monday, September 9th at 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. with an exciting new series called "Come and Find Your Quiet Center." Classes involve gentle exploratory movement that anyone can do. If you have any questions, see Maggie Miles.

Thanks to all the individuals who helped make the garden work day a great success! We have a new herb section of the garden! Take a look...



## Inquirer's Class

Pastor Molly will facilitate an Inquirer's Class on Sunday, June 23 for anyone interested in learning about the Disciples of Christ denomination. The session will be from 7 to 8pm in the Conference Room.

We will have a Fifth Sunday offering to the Christian Care Communities on June 30. Envelopes for this offering can be found in your pew hymnal.

Thanks to Josh Akers who will be filling in for our church administrative assistant, Ryan, as he takes his vacation from June 10-14.

Make sure to visit the church's CafePress webpage to shop for item with the church logo:

<http://www.cafepress.com/fccmoreheadky>

## Youth Sunday Photos



# June 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:45 Sunday school 10:45 Service Noon: First Sunday Lunch	3	4 5:30 Yoga	5 5:30 Bells 7pm Choir	6 5:30 Yoga	7	8
9 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Service	10	11 5:30 Yoga	12 5:30 Bells 7:00 Choir 7:00 Fellowship Hall reserved	13 5:30 Yoga 7pm Meditation	14	15
		Ryan on vacation — Josh Akers covering in the office				
16 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Service	17	18 5:30 Yoga	19 5:30 Bells 7pm Choir	20 5:30 Yoga	21 CSA	22 9am to noon Church work day
23 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Service 5pm: inquirers' class	24 BOARD MEET- INGS: 6:30 Executive	25 5:30 Yoga	26 5:30 Bells 7pm Choir	27 5:30 Yoga 7pm Meditation	28	29
30 Installation Sunday 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Service 5pm One Pot Topic	7:00 Full Board					

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**Rev. Molly Smothers, Minister**

Diana Knoll, Choir

Mary Claire Williams, 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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Photo of Ryan Brown, Brian Carter, and Jack Whidden with the FCC Memorial Day float.