

In essentials, unity. In non-essentials, diversity. In all things, charity.



First
Christian
Church
(Disciples of Christ)



The Echo

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First Sunday Lunch

March 4—12



Potato Bar

The elders are hosting with potatoes and all the fixins'. The congregation is requested to bring sides or desserts.



March 11—2am

Set your clocks ahead 1 hour

Daylight saving time begins.

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FCC Youth Support Gateway Homeless Shelter

The youth at FCC have helped the men, women and children at the homeless shelter by preparing delicious, homemade meals---this past weekend, they prepared lasagna, garlic bread and a cake! The food was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by the shelter residents!



The youth also prepare Thanksgiving food baskets each year---they shop for the food items, prepare the baskets and deliver them to the homeless shelter shortly before Thanksgiving. These baskets are then given to the families who have recently transitioned out of the shelter into homes of their own. While visiting the shelter, the youth learn more about the reality of homelessness in our area and how the experience of homelessness impacts people--including some of their own classmates!

We are very grateful for everything the youth at FCC do to assist those who are experiencing homelessness.

Paul Semisch, Assistant Director.

(Paul may be reached at psemisch@gatewayhouseky.org)

Taizé Prayer Service Sunday, March 11—7pm

Taizé began with one man, Brother Roger. It was in an open letter to young people written in Africa in 1978 that Brother Roger first raised the question of finding songs which would be 'meditative and popular'—songs which would introduce people into a contemplative prayer which goes deep, yet at the same time are not reserved for the specialist or the initiated, but on the contrary are so simple that everyone can join in... These songs are an intrinsic part of a search for God. They are a way of opening ourselves to Christ's peace and joy. As we sing them, we are doing something in the presence of God, and giving the Holy Spirit an opportunity to act, yet without claiming that we have achieved something or that we have a hold on God...Gradually, these songs which have no ending come to underlie our work, our encounters with others, our rest, and so they bring together the life in God and daily living. They continue day and night in the silence of the heart. They beckon us to join with many others in the search to build a reconciled human family and to run the risk of giving our lives for others."



PAY IT FORWARD



Reverend Don Chase

Do you remember the “pay it forward” movement that exploded on the national scene a few years ago? If I remember correctly, it started with some loyal customers at Starbucks coffee houses. It soon spread to many other restaurants, food markets, even retail outlets. The “pay it forward” craze was when the person immediately ahead of you in line would pay for her coffee and then yours, as well. And then you would do likewise for the person in line behind you, and so on, and so on. I thought it was a kind gesture and wonderful testament to the goodness of the human spirit.

I reminisced the “pay it forward” movement while thinking about all the people who have invested in my life and have help me “become.” Today I am thinking about Rick and Carol and Eli and Donna and Doug and...just too many to name! Because of those people and many, many others, I find a deep sense of satisfaction and joy when opportunities to ‘pay it forward’ happen. To help others “become.”

With that in mind, I want to share a beautiful story with you about the “power” of paying it forward. It’s an excerpt from a speech delivered by William R. Brody to the graduating class of John Hopkins University on May 26, 2005. I hope it touches your soul as it did mine.

There is a man named Sandy Greenberg. In his youth, Sandy was a very good student, but he came from a poor family. He went to Columbia University on scholarship. There he met his roommate who also was receiving financial aid. While he was a sophomore at Columbia University, Sandy contracted an eye disease that eventually proved to be glaucoma, but the trouble was, it wasn’t detected early enough. As a result, he became legally blind and something else happened to Sandy. He said that when he lost his sight, his roommate would read his textbooks to him, every night. And as a result, Sandy went on to graduate with honors. He got a Fulbright Scholarship, and went off to study at Oxford. He was still quite poor, but he had managed to save about five hundred dollars as he went along. His roommate, meanwhile, also went on to graduate school. One day, Sandy got a call from his former roommate saying, “Sandy, I am really unhappy; I really don’t like being in graduate school, and I don’t want to do this.” So, Sandy asked, “Well, what do you want to do?”

His former roommate told him, “Sandy, I really love to sing. I have a high school friend who plays the guitar. We would really like to try our hand in the music business. We need to make a promo record, and in order to do that I need \$500.” Sandy Greenberg took all his life savings and sent it to his roommate. Sandy thought: he made my life; I need to help make his life.

Each of you, in your own lives, will be faced with challenges, roadblocks, and problems that you didn’t anticipate or expect. How you are able to deal with adversity will be influenced, to no small extent, by how you deal with others along the way. What you get will depend a lot on what you give and that’s the end of the story of doing well, by doing good. Ah! I almost forgot. You probably are wanting to know who Sandy’s roommate was. I think you’ve heard of him. Sandy’s roommate was a fellow by the name of Art Garfunkel, and he teamed up with another musician by the name of Paul Simon. That \$500 helped them cut a record that eventually became *“The Sounds of Silence.”*

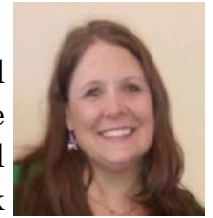
What a wonderful, beautiful story about paying it forward! And a great speech, too. Well done, Mr. Brody. Well done. When you pay it forward, you just never fully know the outcome of your generosity. So, who will be the recipient of your “paying it forward” today?

Glad to be your transitional pastor, First Christian Church. You are a blessing.

Pastor Don

YOUTH GROUP

For the February monthly meeting, the youth planned, shopped, and cooked a homemade meal for the residents at Gateway Homeless Shelter. We baked three trays of lasagna, garlic bread, and a cake. The staff and residents at the shelter were very appreciative. Thank you to the youth for working so hard to cook the meal. Thank you to Jennifer Arrowwood for assisting with the meeting and Jackie Bailey for providing the meal.



Mary Claire Williams

Our March meeting will take place on Sunday, March 25th immediately following the service until 3:00 p.m. I am looking for a few people to help us provide the meal. Please contact Mary Claire if you are willing to help.

Please continue to pray for the three youth who are attending Pastors' Class to potentially prepare for baptism during the Easter service. Thank you to Rev. Renee Chase for providing the class.

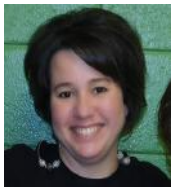


We need volunteers for Children's Church. If you would like to help, you can sign up on the bulletin board. Curriculum will be provided.

Peace and Blessings, **Mary Claire Williams**, Youth Director

For more youth pictures, please see page 6.

CHOIR and BELLS



Genny Jenkins

The music department is busily working away to bring the Lenten season to life as well as preparing for Easter! This month we will have the Taizé service on March 11. This will include a labyrinth walk at 6:30 PM and the music service will begin at 7:00 PM. Both events (the walk and the music) will focus on our Lenten theme of "Walking in Newness of Life." All are welcome. A special thank you to Brian Carter and the elementary/middle school bell choir for their lovely offertory this past week. For our Sunday services we will have the choir on March 4 and 11, the bells on March 18 (adult and high school groups), and Eric Brown, soloist, will be with us on March 25. Thank you, as always, for your continued support of the music programs for our church.



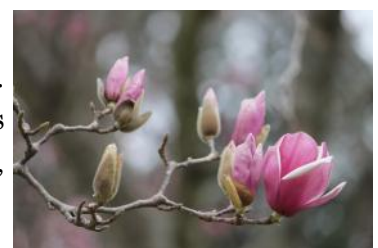
Eric Brown

Genny Jenkins, Choir Director

Welcome Spring



It is so wonderful to have the warm weather with us. The possibilities of spring! Our Magnolia Tulip tree is showing its pretty pink flowers and we have hyacinths, tulips, daffodils, and candytuft blooming beautifully.



~Thank You~

~To the Board: Thank you so much for the Amazon gift card. I am most grateful for the thoughtfulness.

Sincerely, Barbara Marsh

~To Mary Claire Williams, Jack Whidden, and Darlene Perkins for church transportation for Jim Fred Cassity. FCC

~On behalf of the volunteers, staff and patients at the People's Clinic, I sincerely thank you for your generous gift of \$2,000 in 2017. Jim Brandenburg

~To Mary Claire Williams for taking cereal donated by the Yoga class to Christian Social Services. FCC

Our Outreach in 2017

The individuals that we minister to in the community outside our membership totaled @ 790 in 2017. The programs or groups supported include Rowan County School System Backpack for Schools, People's Clinic; Underwear for Schools (Undie Sundays), Gateway Homeless Shelter monthly Home Baskets, Christmas Home Health & Families, Thanksgiving Baskets for Gateway Homeless Shelter; Dierson House (MB3); and Christian Social Services Food Pantry. Thank you to Marge and Susan Thomas, Co-Chairs.

Nominations for Vice President/Deacons

Each year our church calls into order a Nominating Committee, comprised of 1 elder, 2 deacons, and 3 members at large. The function of this committee is to fill necessary positions within the church board – officers and deacons. (It also presents the name of any new elders which need to be nominated, but those are gathered within the elder board, and that does not happen each year.) This is done through a system of gathering names from within the congregation. Anyone who has been a church member for the 12 months prior to the new church year (which begins on 1 July) may be considered. Slips for suggesting possible names are available at each door of the sanctuary, and below.

It is to be hoped that many of you will – with prayer and discernment – think about those around you who would be good additions to our working Board. Officers are also elected each year. **The deacon co-chairs determine how many new deacons need to be added to the roster, which consists of a term of three years on, one year of sabbatical.**

It is the job of the Nominating Committee to count the names on the slips AND TO MAKE CONTACT WITH THOSE WHO ARE NOMINATED. Please be in prayer for the Nominating Committee as they work and serve our larger church.

NOMINATION SLIPS NEED TO BE TURNED IN BY MARCH 18. Baskets are available at each sanctuary door in which to place the slips, or you may drop them in the offering plate or mail them to the office.

Suggestions for Deacons/Vice-President of Congregation

Please call the church office for further information (606) 784-4836.

Monday-Thursday 8:30-1pm or leave message for return call.

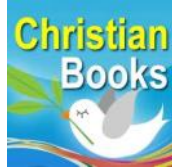
March Birthdays

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| 1- Don Williams | 18- Elizabeth Ash |
| 4- Josh Akers | 22- Cathy Hammond |
| 4- Jim Fred Cassity | 23- Jon Jenkins |
| 9- Lee Chaney | 28- Roger Fischer |
| 12- Melodie Hoff | 28- Maddox Reinhardt |
| 15- Matt Nutter | 30- John Akers |



Church Library Needs

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| Bookcases | Self-help |
| Small desk/table | Inspirational |
| DOC books | Wellness |
| Bible study | Spiritual growth |
| Biographies | Devotions |
| Christian living | Christian fiction |
| Books having to do with: | Social justice |
| Faith, Family, & Aging | Children's books |
| Grief/suffering | Young adult books |
| Religious | |



Monetary donations may be made at 227 East Main Street, Morehead, KY 40351. ***Thank you to Anne Buckner and Jackie Bailey for book donations!***

Mack Fund

In memory of

Faith Fannin

Etta Jane McCarty

Treasurer's Report

Income for February is 6,096.80.

Expenses for February are \$5,669.30

The expenses are for February only.

March Elders

- 4—Sarah Chaney and Carmen Swim
11—Paul Semisch and Joe Barrett
18—Mark and Ginny Etherton
25—Mark and Ginny Etherton

March Deacons

Brenda Combs, Leeann Akers,
Makayla Reynolds, Genny Jenkins,
and Jon Stigall

March Events

Yoga Tues & Thurs 5:30-7pm; Youth/High School Bells Wed 6:15pm; Adult Bells/Choir
Wed 5:00/7:00pm; Elem/Middle Bells Sun 9:45am

Sunday, March 4 12-2pm First Sunday Lunch Potato Bar. The elders will provide potatoes, all the toppings, and drinks. The congregation is requested to bring sides and/or desserts.

Don't forget—Daylight Saving Time begins at 2am Sunday, March 11—spring ahead 1 hour.

Sunday, March 11 7pm Taizé Prayer Service

Sunday, March 25 10:45am Palm Sunday, Eric Brown, soloist; 12-3pm Youth Meeting

Monday, March 26 6:15/7pm Executive/Full Board Meetings.

Wednesday, March 28 1pm Easter lily dedications due for publication in Easter bulletin on April 1.

Thursday, March 29 1pm Easter lily delivery due from your florist; 7pm Maundy Thursday Service

Friday, March 30 12pm at Faith Presbyterian Church—Community Good Friday Service; 7pm at FCC—Tenebrae Service

Saturday, March 31 11-2pm John Akers Birthday Party. Everyone invited. Leeann Akers.

Sunday, April 1 Easter Sunday

Taizé Prayer Service

Scriptures and Litany of Healing & Labyrinth Walk
(Rescheduled from March 18)

Sunday, March 11-7pm

The service consists of short chants, repeated again and again, and reflect a meditative character. Using just a few words [chants] expresses a basic reality of faith. As the words are sung over many times, this reality gradually penetrates the whole being. This special service will include musicians and cantors.



Tenebrae Service

Friday, March 30—7pm

A Tenebrae is a special service for Holy Week and is a service of shadows. Candles are extinguished into increasing darkness.

Youth Meeting on February 25, 2018

The youth planned, shopped, and cooked a homemade meal for the residents at Gateway Homeless Shelter. *Photos by Mary Claire Williams*



IN & AROUND FCC



Charlene Bradford Request

Dear FCC, I am looking for people who would want to go to the movies or out to lunch or dinner with me. I do not know many people outside of church and would love to find someone to do things with.

Thank you, Charlene
My cell phone is [606-207-4358](tel:606-207-4358). I would prefer to be texted, but if not they can call.

Rainbow Chalice Shirt

S,M,L,XL \$20

2X \$21

3X \$22

Select blue
or gray color.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Office Hours: M -Th 8:30-1pm					
4 Rev. Donald Chase 9:30 Adult Sunday School 9:45 Pastors' Class 10:45 Worship Service 12-2:00 First Sunday Lunch Potato Bar	5	6 5:30 Yoga	7 5:00 Adult Bell Choir 6:15 High School Bell Choir 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	8 5:30 Yoga	9 Office closed.	
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**Nominating Slips
Due on 18th**

**Easter Lily dedication
slips due on 28th**

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Interim Minister

Genny Jenkins, Choir
Mary Claire Williams and
Barbara Marsh, Secretary
Sarah Chaney, Bell Choir
Kaitlyn Rhoden, Nursery
Darrin Roe, Custodian

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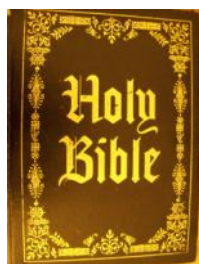


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Disciples of Christ
Lectionary



March 4—John 2:13-22
March 11—John 3:14-21
March 18—John 12:20-33
March 25—John 12:12-16



Time To Order Easter Lilies



If you would like to provide a lily for church on Easter Sunday, April 1, in memory or in honor of someone, please let the florist know that the **flowers need to be delivered to the church by 1:00pm Thursday, March 29.** They need to be wrapped in white paper with white ribbons.

If you would like the dedication to appear in the bulletin for Easter Sunday, please fill out and **detach the form below and turn it in to the church office by Wednesday, March 28.** Delivery address is 227 East Main Street, Morehead, KY 40351. Our phone number is (606) 784-4836. You may email us also at fccmky@gmail.com.

The white lilies will be displayed on Easter Sunday, on April 1. You may pick them up after the Easter morning service.

Easter Lily Order Form

Given by:

In Honor of:

In Memory of:
