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This is a wonderful time to bring in new friends, visitors, and students to our First Christian services. **Make an effort to bring someone in before Easter** and let them see what being a **Disciple** can bring to their lives!

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Set your clocks ahead 1 hour

March 8—2am
Daylight savings
time begins.

March 1

**First Sunday
Lunch Potato
Bar**



Hosted
by the
elders.
Please bring a
salad or dessert.

NOTES FROM THE PASTOR:

So.....the snow.

The great winter of 2015. It's astonishing how quickly our lives can go from 60 miles an hour to standing stock still.

Leon and I live out in the country. Our driveway is over 900 feet long. Our tractor is diesel. We had a few days of being immobile. We were connected with the outside world, of course. Fortunately we never lost power, and were able to keep up with the predictions and go online (when we felt like it). We had food, and firewood to help bolster our electric heat. We were out daily, taking care of the farm animals and keeping their water supply fresh and making sure they had hay, because they were not able to reach the grass for the snow. We realized we were fortunate. But we were still cut off.

In the midst of this all, it occurred to me that there was a metaphor for life in all this. We could get out, but were hampered by nature. We spoke with folks in town, who were able to get out and about within a day or so. They didn't quite get that we couldn't get out – because **THEY** could. I would have to stop and remember that though **WE** couldn't get out, there were others who could and would check on the church building and members. A kind neighbor came and graded our driveway. The tractor unfroze. We were able to get to the end of the driveway. But the 6/10 of a mile of country road that separated us from a major road was almost impassable. So close, and yet so far.

You and I talk with folks every day; they sound okay and make the right noises. But they may feel as cut off from the rest of us as we were when we were snow-bound. We need to listen and be aware, you and I.

The snow is (so I'm told) going to melt. The winter will pass, and the time for the singing of birds will come back. It always does. That's what makes our part of the world so lovely. We have the ability to go through all 4 seasons (and in Kentucky, sometimes we can go through all 4 in a day!). We get to live the promise of Scripture, and of life: it gets dark and cold sometimes, but hang on: there's a glimmer of light. God promises.

Look for that light.

Be that light.

Share that light.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Pastor Mully". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

YOUTH DIRECTORS



Ellie

The youth learned about Lent during the February meeting. We discussed prayer, fasting, and service. The youth made masks to reflect on their outward appearance vs. inward struggles as a time of self-reflection. The youth planned a Lenten service project where they will be collecting change to donate to STAR, Saving the Animals of Rowan County. You will hear more about this

during the announcements at church. Thank you to Roger, Dianna, and Makayla for providing lunch for the meeting.



Olivia and Makayla



Isaac and Nathan

The March meeting will take place on Sunday, March 29th. We will continue our discussion of Lent, and we will discuss bullying. If you would like to provide lunch for this meeting, please contact Mary Claire or Chris.



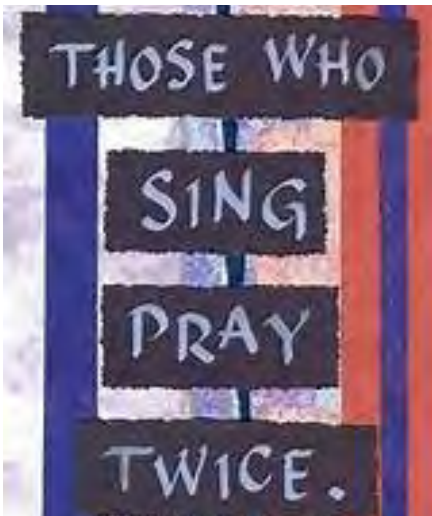
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Peace and Blessings,

Mary Claire and Chris



CHOIR DIRECTOR



As we enter into the Lenten season, the choir will be presenting anthems and psalms in keeping with the scripture of the season and the journey towards Easter. Coming up in March will be *Give Me Jesus*, featuring intern Jorian Johnson as the soloist; *At His Feet*, a hymn about placing your trust in the Lord; and *Wilt Thou Forgive*, a setting of the poem by John Donne; as well as a responsorial setting of Psalm 51.

Looking ahead, Palm Sunday will feature a guest vocalist, Eric Brown, and on Easter we will host a brass quintet to enhance our celebration of the Resurrection.

The choir seeks to enrich each service with music that is rewarding for the congregation as well as the musicians involved. If there is any music suggestions or preferences that any of our congregational members would like to suggest, please let me know and I'll be glad to consider them when planning for worship. And, as always, we welcome anyone interested in choral singing to join us for rehearsals and Sunday service.

Genny Jenkins
Choir Director





We are now receiving money from Kroger on a quarterly basis. The amount received in December was \$464.56. And **thank you** for your continued use of your **Kroger** card for First Christian Church.

March 1: Mark 8: 31-38
March 8: John 12: 1-8
March 15: John 3: 14-21
March 22: John 20: 11-18
March 29: Luke 2: 41-52



March Birthdays



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|---------------------|----------------------|
| 4- Josh Akers | 15- Matt Nutter |
| 4- Jim Fred Cassity | 22- Cathy Hammond |
| 9- Lee Chaney | 28- Roger Fischer |
| 11- Linda Bryant | 28- Maddox Reinhardt |
| 12- Melodie Hoff | 30- John Akers |

Treasurer's Report

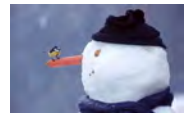
Income for February is \$8,602.56.
The average income needed to pay the church expenses is \$10,209.82.

March Deacons

Phillip Swim, Carmen Swim, Cathy Hammond, Curt Hammond, Mitch Wilson, Kathryn Rogers.

We Hope It Won't Be Necessary

But if inclement weather becomes a problem, announcements will be seen on WKYT **Snow-GO crawl** and our Facebook page and webpage.



Nominating Committee

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 on this page. 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. The 2015-2016 Nominating Committee: Susan Thomas, chair; Carmen Swim, Holly Pollock, Jack Whidden, Mike Seelig, and Joyce Hart. Please be in prayer for them as they work and serve our larger church. **NOMINATION SLIPS NEED TO BE TURNED IN BY MARCH 15th**; a basket is available in front of the sanctuary chalice in which to place the slips, or you may drop them in the offering plate or mail them to the office.

Our Nominating Committee is working on the 2015-2018 rotation of deacons. They ask you to join them in prayer and discernment as this process unfolds. **Only church members may be nominated.** The slate will be presented to the board at the March meeting for approval; then the slate will be published in the ECHO and the bulletin so that the congregation may know the names. The slate will be voted on by the congregation at the May annual meeting.

Suggestions for Deacons/Vice-President of Congregation

Nomination Slips need to be turned in by 3.15.15; a basket is available in front of the sanctuary chalice in which to place slips, or drop them in offering plate or mail them to office: 227 East Main Street, Morehead, KY 40351. Please call for further information (606) 784-4836.



AmazonSmile donated \$9.04 (Oct-Dec 2014).

When you shop at AmazonSmile, Amazon donates 0.5% of the purchase price to First Christian Church. Book-mark the link <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/61-0865444> and support us every time you shop.

Living Memorial Fund
In Memory of
Rita Carter
By Eva & Glenn Johnston

Lectio Divina

"**Lectio Divina**", a Latin term, means "divine reading" and describes a way of reading the Scriptures whereby we gradually let go of our own agenda and open ourselves to what God wants to say to us. The group study began February 24 at 7 pm and will continue March 3, 10, 17 and 24. Enrich your Lenten experience by joining as we read the Word of God, slowly and reflectively so that it sinks into us. Facilitated by Paul Semisch.



Life Beyond Loss

“How grace has brought us safe thus far
and grace will lead us home. “
Life Beyond Loss will be led by Yvonne Baldwin on Sunday evenings at 5pm. The series will begin on March 1, and continue the 8th, 15th, and 22th.

Prayer Ministry

Slips are available in the hymnals for you to write a prayer request to place in the chalice. Members of the Prayer Ministry will join you in prayer.

Congratulations. Meleah Griffith, Tommy and Neva’s daughter, received the Murray State University-Madisonville Educator of the Year Award.

COMING UP IN 2015

March 1: First Sunday Lunch Potato Bar. Hosted by the elders. Please bring a salad or dessert.

March 1, 8, 15, 22—5pm: Life Beyond Loss. Led by Yvonne Baldwin.

March 2, 9, 16—5:30pm. Walking the Labyrinth the Feldenkrais Way. Led by Maggie Miles and Ned Breschel.

March 3, 10, 17, 24—7pm: Lectio Divina. Facilitated by Paul Semisch.

March 8: Daylight Savings Time Begins—set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night.

March 21: Work Day (make up day is 28)

April 2: 7pm. Maundy Thursday Service.

April 5: Easter

**Walking the Labyrinth
the Feldenkrais Way**

Monday evenings, March 2nd, 9th, 16th.

Time: 5:30pm

This class will be useful to anyone who wants to develop deeper discipleship, but especially those who are in transition or at a crossroads. Join us for this special class. Whether you'll be walking the labyrinth for the first time or simply want to explore new ways to meditate, this class is for you. Each session will include a gentle Feldenkrais lesson focused on the evening's theme and a labyrinth walk. Support materials will be provided, with optional exploratory exercises during the week. A great way to be holistic in your Lenten study--by engaging your body, mind, and spirit. Open to adults of all physical abilities. Talk with Maggie or Ned if you have any questions, and to register. Cell: 776-4769 or email: maggie@holistichealingnow.com.

Do you remember when.....?

Chalice Mosaic Presented to the Church

On Sunday, February 26, 2006, the Youth Group presented a beautiful mosaic chalice to the church. Ryan Anderson read a piece on the significance and symbolism of the chalice. The chalice mosaic will be placed at the back of the building and dedicated on Easter Sunday. Those who worked on the project include: Deana

Aslinger, Kiersten May, Emily May, Olivia Skaggs, Ryan Anderson, Harper Anderson, Makayla Reynolds, and Kaitlyn Reynolds. The kids were helped by Jack and Scharline Whidden and Susan Whidden.



Thank You from Morehead State University

Thank you for the generous contribution of \$3,000 for the MSUCorp Build-A-Bed Fund. Your gift provides the margin of excellence that allows us to offer many valuable programs through the outreach programs provided by the Center for Regional Engagement. Again thank you for all you do for MSU.

Sincerely,
Wayne D. Andrews, President



Time To Order Easter Lilies

If you would like to provide a lily for church on Easter Sunday, April 5, in memory or in honor of someone, please let the florist know that the flowers need to be at the church by 1:00 PM Friday, April 3. They need to be wrapped in white paper with white ribbons. If you would like the dedication to appear in the bulletin that Sunday, please fill out and detach the form below and turn it in to the church office before April 1. (227 East Main Street, Morehead, KY 40351 or phone: (606) 784-4836).

Return to office by April 1.

EASTER LILIES

___ In memory of *or* ___ In honor of:

Given by:

March 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Lent II 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Service 5:00 Life Beyond Loss	2 5:30 Feldenkrais 	3 Office hours: 9-12pm 5:30 Yoga 7:00 Lectio Divina	4 Office hours: 9-12pm 5:30 Bells 7:00 Choir	5 Office hours: 9-12pm 5:30 Yoga	6 Office Closed	7
8 Lent III 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Service 5:00 Life Beyond Loss Set your clocks ahead one hour (Daylight Savings Time Begins.) 	9 5:30 Feldenkrais 	10 5:30 Yoga 7:00 Lectio Divina	11 5:30 Bells 7:00 Choir	12 5:30 Yoga 7:00 Meditation	13 	14
15 Lent IV 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Service 5:00 Life Beyond Loss	16 5:30 Feldenkrais 	17 St. Patrick's Day  5:30 Yoga 7:00 Lectio Divina	18 5:30 Bells 7:00 Choir	19 5:30 Yoga	20 Spring begins	21 Work Day 9-12pm
22 Lent V 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Service 5:00 Life Beyond Loss	23 6:30/7:00 Executive/Full Boards	24 5:30 Yoga 7:00 Lectio Divina	25 5:30 Bells 7:00 Choir	26 5:30 Yoga 7:00 Meditation	27	28
29 Palm Sunday 9:45 Sunday 10:45 Service After church: Youth Meeting	30 	31 5:30 Yoga				

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Mary Claire Williams and
Chris Prichard, Youth
Barbara Marsh, Secretary
Chialing Hsieh, Organist
Sarah Chaney, Bell Choir
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3-Leaf Clover

In the 5th century when [St. Patrick](#) came to convert the Irish, information on Christianity could only be spread across the realm from one storyteller, or seanchaí, pronounced *shan-a-key* to the other.

In mind of this St. Patrick used the Shamrock to explain the concept of the holy trinity - that God was composed of three entities - the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit - yet each entity was part of the other just like the shamrock has three leaves but a single stem.



As St. Patrick continued to use the Shamrock in his conversion of the Irish, it grew through storytelling to be seen as a holy plant, just as he was seen as a holy man.

Disciples of Christ Identity Statement

We are disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.