

**First
Christian
Church
(Disciples of Christ)**



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March 5—12-2pm

**First Sunday
Lunch
Potato Bar**

Hosted by the
Elders.

Please bring a
salad or dessert.



Set your clocks ahead 1 hour

March 12—2am

Daylight saving
time begins.

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The Echo

March 2017



BEGINNINGS

Lent and the beginning of a new pastoral relationship, what do these two things have in common? They both entail some purposeful disruption in the normal routine, in the hope of something Godly resulting from our efforts. In Lent we stop doing something in order to prepare ourselves to appreciate the remarkable, incredible event of the resurrection of Christ. This time of year is when we practice some spiritual discipline, so that what we have grown to, perhaps, take for granted (like the suffering and resurrection of our Lord and Savior) can be re-experienced on Easter morning in a powerful way! The more seriously we take Lent, the more astounding Easter morning will be!



Rev. Lisa Smith

Your (or should I start saying 'our' ;-) ?) search and call committee has done such a faithful job in searching and choosing who the next pastor of this congregation would be, with the hope that their efforts and devotion to this church, and to the God we worship, would lead to a sense of future for this church, hope for this community, and progress in the desire to be instruments of creating life in Morehead and beyond as being "on Earth as it is in Heaven."

And so now I, am here. Selected and chosen to be your next called Pastor; almost to the day of the beginning of Lent. I have spent most my life trying to show God how grateful I am for the love and grace God has offered me, and to live into what I perceived as what God needed me to be and do. And I am grateful for the Holy Spirit, because without that, I doubt I would have had any success in finding the right words to describe what my soul is experiencing. However, I know even with that help I cannot describe what this experience has been for me.

Lent and Me: a time to begin anew, a time to shake our lives up so we can appreciate the changes that will inevitably come. We are on the precipice of exciting times: times of growth, and change; loss and grace; wisdom and folly. Regardless of what comes, what we will always have is a tremendous desire to do justice, love mercy, and together walk humbly with our God. I am so grateful to be your Pastor.

In his service,
Rev. Lisa Kay C. Smith

WELCOME REV. LISA

Rev. Lisa Comingore Smith has accepted the call from First Christian Church as our minister. Her first Sunday will be March 5, 2017. She and her husband Steven are looking forward to getting acquainted with the congregation and beginning her ministry with us. The search committee was very impressed with her positive and energetic approach to church leadership and by her loving and Christ-centered service throughout her career.



Welcome Reverend Lisa Kay Comingore Smith!

Rev. Smith is a graduate of Center College in Danville, although she grew up in Ohio. She earned her MDiv in 1990 from Lexington Theological Seminary and was ordained in Kentucky in May of that year. From January 1st, 1993 to August 1, 2008, she and Steve served as missionaries with the Common Global Ministries of the UCC and Disciples, in Germany in the former east zone working with people grown accustomed to living in an atheist state. She has been at her current church for seven years and believes it is a healthy time to leave that congregation.

We believe the congregation will enjoy learning more about the Smiths' experiences in Germany and hearing the lovely prayers and songs of praise she and her husband like to share in German. We also believe the congregation will be uplifted by her joyful demeanor, welcoming smile, and lively intellect.

The search committee was initially drawn to Rev. Smith's narrative statements which reflect a deep and abiding love of God and a commitment to serve Christ in ways that are both practical and uplifting. As we conducted our interviews and talked with her referents, we came to believe that her record of dedication to social justice and to bringing people together in the study and pursuits of the church in community match very well with the goals and established missions of FCC Morehead. Like us, she is committed to the ideal that all means all and that we are called to care for our fellow humans and in fact all of God's creation. It is safe to say that we love her, and we think you all will too!



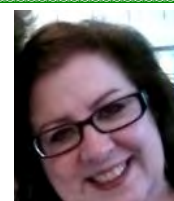
Yvonne Baldwin

Let us welcome her with open arms, pray for her and her ministry, and commit ourselves and our resources to do all we can to continue to grow in our church and community. And again – a huge THANK YOU from the search committee for all FCC Morehead did to make this search a success.

Yvonne Baldwin, Chair, Pulpit Search Committee

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We have a lot of things going on this spring. We have a new pastor, a new Lectio Divina series, and we will probably have a new university president. We have new opportunities for outreach, and we have new people attending on Sunday morning. We will also have Nominating Committee meetings beginning soon. Please be in prayerful discernment about who you will nominate for church offices, or whether you are available for nomination yourself. We will post slips on the tables at both sanctuary entrances beginning March 5th.



Alana Scott

On the Journey Together, *Alana Scott*



YOUTH GROUP



Chris Prichard

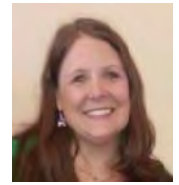
The youth had a great day at our February youth meeting! The youth learned about making time to be alone with God and we got to spend some quality time with our new pastor Rev. Lisa Smith and her son, David! Also, our youth put together 30 hygiene kits for elderly households from the items collected from the congregation. We thank everyone who donated to this outreach mission.

We would also like to extend a special thanks to Pastor Lisa for taking the time to be with us in the midst of getting settled into her new home and to Marge Thomas for providing a delicious lunch for the youth.

Our March youth meeting will take place on Sunday, March 26th. We hope that all of our youth will be able to join us at the meeting. We still need a volunteer to provide lunch for our March meeting. Please let us know if you would be willing to volunteer.

We would like to thank Jackie Bailey for leading Children's Church in February and Alta Blair and Etta Jane McCarty for leading Children's Church in March. We are grateful for leadership.

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



Mary Claire Williams



Hygiene kits for elderly households will be donated to St. Claire Home Health.

TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

To Parents of High School Students

TCU offers several programs of Disciples-related financial aid to TCU. Disciples students are, of course, eligible to be considered for other forms of assistance offered by TCU, including academic scholarships. For more info, please contact the Disciple Admission Coordinator at TCU, Jim Atwood, (toll free 1-800-TCU-FROG), send an email (j.atwood@tcu.edu), or write the TCU Office of Admission.



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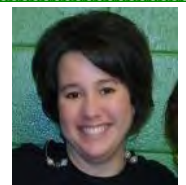
CHOIR AND BELLS

The music program is in full swing and welcome spring!

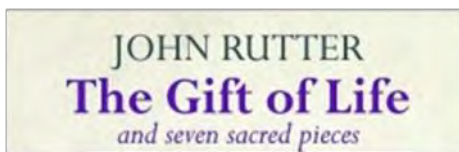
The choir is beginning work on *The Gift of Life* by John Rutter, a larger work that we will be presenting in May - more on that next month.

The bells are continuing to work on literature for upcoming months. Thanks to all who attended and assisted with our Taizé service! We are planning to host another one of these special services in the future, so if you couldn't make it, stay tuned for that. Thank you, as always, for your support of our church music program.

Genny Jenkins, Choir Director



Genny Jenkins



Undie Sundays

Thank you to everyone who donated to February Undie Sundays. We will take the underwear to the Rowan County Family Resource Centers for their use.

Outreach Committee



~Thank You~

~On behalf of the volunteers, staff and patients at the People's Clinic, thank you for your generous gift in 2016 of \$2500. We could not exist with our community's help.

Jim Brandenburg, Executive Director

~Thank you to Jackie Bailey for leading February Children's Church. Sincerely, FCC

~Thank you for all the calls, texts, emails, cards, and prayers of sympathy on the death of my grandfather. Much love, Jami Hornbuckle

~Thank you to Alta Blair and Etta Jane McCarty for leading Children's Church in March. Gratefully, FCC

Ash Wednesday—March 1

Ash Wednesday derives its name from the practice of blessing ashes made from palm branches blessed on the previous year's Palm Sunday, and placing them on the heads of participants to the accompaniment of the words "Repent, and believe in the Gospel" or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Ash Wednesday marks the start of a 40-day period which relates to the separation of Jesus in the desert to fast and pray.



A cross of ashes is placed on a worshipper's forehead.

During this time he was tempted. Matthew 4:1–11, Mark 1:12–13, and Luke 4:1–13. While not specifically instituted in the Bible text, the 40-day period of repentance is also analogous to the 40 days during which Moses repented and fasted in response to the making of the golden calf Exodus 34:27-28. Ash Wednesday is exactly 47 days before Easter Sunday, a moveable feast based on the cycles of the moon. Easter will be celebrated on April 16 this year.

Camp Wakon' Da-Ho!!!!

Registration forms and info for this season of church camp, retreats, and work weekends have arrived in the office. (606-784-4836)



Feldenkrais

led by Maggie Miles

The Feldenkrais Method is a type of exercise therapy which helps reorganize connections between the brain and body and helps improve body movement and psychological state.

Monday March 20

Creating that Quiet Place Within Yourself

&

Monday, April 3

Walking the Labyrinth the Feldenkrais Way

Mondays 5:30-7:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Disciples of Christ 2017 General Assembly

July 8-12 Indianapolis

To register: <http://ga.disciples.org/registration/>

Adult/Reg. Rate \$150. This price reflects the early registration discount. On Apr. 1, the rate will increase to \$190.

Look after your armour

Never stop learning from the Bible.
Never stop believing what the Bible says.
Never stop obeying, to the best of your ability, what Jesus tells you to do.
Read and Pray, and then Obey.



March Birthdays

4- Josh Akers
4- Jim Fred Cassity
9- Lee Chaney
11- Rodney Gould
12- Melodie Hoff
15- Matt Nutter
20- Vicky Gould
22- Cathy Hammond
23- Jon Jenkins
28- Roger Fischer
30- John Akers



Mack Fund

In memory of

John Hutchins

Joe Barrett
Dan & Marge Thomas
Susan Thomas
Grant Alden

Mack Fund

In memory of

Fyrl Perkins

Joe Barrett
Dan & Marge
Thomas

Mack Fund

In honor of

The 50th Wedding Anniversary
of Dan & Marge Thomas

Grant Alden, Susan Thomas, Maggie Alden

Treasurer's Report

Income for February is
\$8,397.52.

Expenses for February are
\$6,313.77.



March Deacons

Leeann Akers, DeWayne Carter,
Mary Claire Williams, Brenda Combs

March Elders

March 5 Yvonne Baldwin & Sarah Chaney
March 12 Larry Fannin and Joe Barrett
March 19 Mark and Ginny Etherton
March 26 Mark and Ginny Etherton

COMING UP IN 2017

Wednesday, March 1—Ash Wednesday

-Rev. Lisa Smith's first day at FCC.
Welcome!

-6pm Soup Bean & Cornbread Dinner

-7pm Ash Wednesday Service at FCC with
Faith Presbyterian Church.

Sunday, March 5—Rev. Lisa Smith's first
Sunday worship service with us.

-First Sunday Lunch Potato Bar. The
congregation is requested to bring salads
and/or desserts.

Tuesdays, March 7-April 11—6:30pm

Lectio Divina led by Pastor Lisa

Sunday, March 12—10:45am

-Rev. Lisa Smith's Installation Service

Monday, March 20—5:30-7:30pm

Feldenkrais led by Maggie Miles

Sunday, March 26

12-2pm Youth Meeting

Monday, March 27

-Newsletter articles deadline

-6:15-7pm—Executive/Full Board Meetings

What Matters

Be good to others.

Help people in need.

Forgive those who hurt you.

Meet the Father regularly in worship.



Support FCC by shopping at

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First Christian Church has been issued a
\$9.25 donation from the AmazonSmile
Foundation as a result of AmazonSmile pro-
gram activity between October 1 and De-
cember 31, 2016. Each time you buy, Ama-
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you for designating "First Chris-
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In & Around FCC


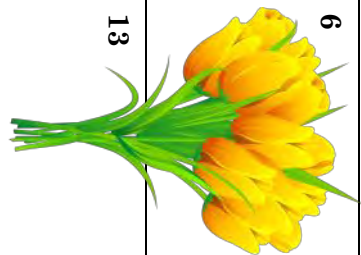



First
Sunday
Lunch

February 5,
2017



First Christian Church - March 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Office Hours 8:30-1:00pm Monday-Thursday						
			1 Ash Wednesday 6:00 Soup Bean Dinner 7:00 Ash Service	2 5:30 Yoga	3 Office closed	4
5 Welcome Rev. Lisa Smith 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service 12-2 First Sunday Lunch Potato Bar		6 5:30 Yoga 6:30 Lectio Divina	8 10:00 Ministerial Association 5:30 Bells 7:00 Choir	9 5:30 Yoga	10 Office closed	11
12 Installation of Rev. Lisa Smith 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service	13	14 5:30 Yoga 6:30 Lectio Divina	15 5:30 Bells 7:00 Choir	16 5:30 Yoga	17 St. Patrick's Day Office closed	18
19 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service	20 5:30-7:30 Feldenkraais	21 5:30 Yoga 6:30 Lectio Divina	22 5:30 Bells 7:00 Choir	23 5:30 Yoga	24 Office closed	25
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Rev. Lisa 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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Lectionary Schedule

(Disciples of Christ Lectionary)

March 5—Matthew 4:1-11
March 12—John 3:1-17
March 19—John 4:5-42
March 26—John 9:1-41



Welcome Spring!



The View
Outside
Our
Window