



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



# The Echo

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**We Welcome Our New Member  
Jon Stigall who came by transfer of membership on  
January 17, 2016**



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Birth Date: 12/24 Email: jon\_stigall@live.com Cell: (606) 207-9325  
Daughter: Alexis Stigall age 7—Attends Clearfield Elementary



**March 6**

**First Sunday Lunch  
Irish Potato Bar**

Hosted by the Elders.

Please bring a salad or dessert.



*Spring Forward*

**March 13—  
2am**

Daylight saving  
time begins.

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## MERRYMENTS: Part II—Abstain, Add, and Encounter

For all who are practicing a discipline of abstinence or addition during this Lenten season, there is an encouraging word: this experience is not really about successfully getting through Lent without “cheating,” as in when we couldn’t resist that piece of chocolate, or “forgetting,” when we really meant to get up early for that morning meditation but forgot to set the alarm. It is more about the experience and intentionality of being attentive, faithful, and mindful when it comes to going about our daily routines with an awareness of God’s presence in our lives.



During Lent we, as Christians, are striving to gain a deeper relationship with God’s love and grace in our lives. This effort often leads us to be more open to the many ways we encounter God every day. Perhaps God “showed up” in the voice of a friend on the other end of a phone call. Maybe God “showed up” as you listened to a beautiful song or musical piece. Could God have been in that word of encouragement or prayer of support we received from our neighbor? Perhaps in the unexpected smile of a stranger that lifted us up in that brief moment so as to see the face of God in that smile?

On our Lenten journey to Holy Week, may we all discover that the finite cry we will hear from the cross, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” is ultimately replaced with the infinite ways God “shows up” in our lives every day, if we but have faith in the mystery and miracle of God’s resurrection presence. The victory over death and despair in the resurrection of Jesus as our Lord and Savior is as much a gift of God’s active love for us each day of our lives as it is an eternal promise for our future. May we, as a church family, discover such moments of grace for ourselves and with one another, even if without knowing it, we become that special encounter for each other and for the world when God, in and through us, “shows up.”

Rev. Merry Jones

## STAINED GLASS WINDOW UPDATE



**Repair Update:** The FCC Board of Directors approved the cost of much-needed repairs to our church's stained glass windows at the February Board meeting. The repairs will be completed by Laws Stained Glass Studios (of Statesville, NC), and we anticipate that this project will be completed in late April or early May. These beautiful windows are extremely important to the history of our church, and the repair of these windows will entail a significant commitment of our financial resources.

**Donation Opportunity:** If you feel moved to assist with the cost of this repair, please place your contribution in the offering plate or drop it by the church office. Please be sure to designate that your donation is for "Window Repairs." Thank you for your generosity!

## YOUTH GROUP



You might have noticed that we had some additional youth at the last meeting. The youth from Faith Presbyterian have joined our group, and the first combined meeting between the two groups went very well. This adds about five additional youth to our group, and we are excited to partner with them this spring for our youth activities.

The youth will meet on Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup> immediately after the service until 3:00 p.m. Thank you to Dianna and Roger Fischer for providing the meal for the meeting. We will be doing a lesson about Lent.

We will have an Easter Egg Hunt for the younger children on March 6. Parents are requested to bring candy for the eggs on February 28. The March meeting will take place on Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> immediately after the service until 3:00 p.m. Please let Mary Claire or Chris know if you would be willing to provide the meal for the March meeting.



During the season of Lent, the youth are assisting in worship by carrying in the Symbols of Lent during the First Scripture. The youth will also wave the palms on Palm Sunday so please arrive 15 minutes early so we can line up. All youth are invited to participate, and we will line up youngest to oldest.

**SPECIAL REQUEST:** We are in need of special, caring Sunday School teachers for our youth. The time frame is 20 minutes each Sunday. There is a wonderful curriculum provided. Please pray about this and if you would like to make this part of your ministry for just one month at a time, please contact us or the office. Thank you to Jackie Bailey for the February classes.

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



## CHOIR and BELL CHOIR NOTES

As we continue our Lenten journey, the music department is hard at work with Lenten music as well as preparation for the upcoming Easter season. The Hand Bell choir is working on a lovely setting of “*What Wondrous Love Is This*” for our February 28 Sunday and also on a Hosanna! song for Palm Sunday. The choir is continuing to prepare our weekly anthems along with some special music for Easter Sunday.

We will also have a guest musician for Palm Sunday. Eric Brown, (MSU Visiting Instructor of Music, Voice) will be coming to sing the anthem that day.



And, on Easter Sunday, Josh Harney, trumpet player extraordinaire, will be with us to add to the service with his talents. We continue to pray for all our friends in the church who are going through a valley right now, and especially for our choir member, Catherine Rogers as she fights her fight against cancer.

Genny Jenkins, Choir Director

## 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 2016-2017 Nominating Committee: Susan Thomas, chair; Carmen Swim, Holly Pollock, Betty Hall, 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 13** 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 2016-2019 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

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Nomination Slips need to be turned in by 3.13.16; 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.

### Treasurer's Report

Income for the first three Sundays in  
February is

**\$7,045.52**

*The average income  
needed to pay the church  
expenses is*

**\$10,307.46.**

### Mack Fund

In Memory of *Delia Allen*  
Joyce Hart



**Consider Electronic Giving** The church relies on the consistent financial support of the congregation and electronic giving offers an easy way to give on a recurring basis. It is easy to set up at your bank or credit union. The church appreciates any form of giving, including the old-fashioned way. For more information, please contact the church office at (606) 784-4836 or Joe Barrett, Treasurer.

## Regional News and Retreats

For more info: <http://www.kydisciples.net/>

**Regional Youth Retreat.** April 15-17, 2016.  
Camp Loucon, Leitchfield, KY.

**Kentucky Disciples Women's Ministries.** Lexington  
Spring Conference. April 16, 2016.  
Crestwood Christian Church, Lexington.

## Youth Camp Registration

Link to: [http://www.kydisciples.net/](http://www.kydisciples.net/ministries/ewExternalFiles/Complete%20Camp%20WKDH%20Info%202016.pdf)

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Camp forms are also available in the office.

## March Deacons

Leeann Akers, Jim Gross,  
Ned Breschel

## March Elders

March 6—Betty Hall and Susan Thomas

March 13—Sarah Chaney and  
Darlene Perkins

March 20—Mark and Ginny Etherton

March 27—Mark and Ginny Etherton



## Thank you to

### 2016 Communion Prep Elves

January	Scharline & Susan Whidden
February	Leeann Akers
March	Dianna & Roger Fischer
April	Mitch Wilson & Ira Creasman
May	Connie Kibbey
June	Sarah Chaney
July	Susan Thomas & Betty Hall
August	Yvonne Baldwin
September	Dayna & Mike Seelig
October	Fran Helphinstine & Alta Blair



## March Birthdays

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

## COMING UP IN 2016

**Sunday, February 28**—2nd Sunday for  
Week of Compassion Offering. 5:00pm.  
Lectio Divina led by Pastor Merry Jones.

**Sunday, March 6**—First Sunday Lunch  
Irish Potato Bar hosted by the Elders.  
Please bring a salad or dessert. Easter Egg  
Hunt (p 4). 5:00pm—Lectio Divina led by  
Pastor Merry Jones.

**Sunday, March 13**—Daylight saving time  
begins. 5:00pm. Lectio Divina led by Pastor  
Merry Jones.

**Sunday, March 20**—Passion/Palm  
Sunday. 12-3:00pm—Youth Meeting.

**Wednesday, March 23.** Easter Lily slips  
are due in the office for publication in the  
Sunday bulletin on March 27.

**Thursday, March 24**—No Yoga.  
1pm. Deadline for florist delivery of Easter  
Lily plants.

7:00pm—Maundy Thursday Service.

**Friday, March 25**—Good Friday.

12 noon—Community Good Friday  
Service—St. Albans Episcopal Church.

**Sunday, March 27**—Easter Sunday.

First Christian Church has been  
issued a \$12.52 donation from the  
**AmazonSmile** Foundation as a result of  
**AmazonSmile** program activity between  
October 1 and December 31, 2015. The link  
is <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/61-0865444>.  
Please bookmark this link so that all your  
eligible shopping will benefit First Christian  
Church.

## PULPIT SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Pulpit/Search committee continues its work. The current tasks include mailing copies of the Congregational Profile, current newsletters, bulletins, and additional informational materials to better acquaint potential candidates about the worship, life, and work of FCC Morehead. In addition to continuing to review applicant portfolios the committee hopes to begin telephone or Skype interviews as soon as possible. The continued support and prayers of the congregation are much appreciated.

Yvonne Baldwin, Chair

### Invite Others

Make an effort to invite someone new between now and Easter to let them **come and see** what being a Disciple can mean in their lives.

### We Hope It Won't Be Necessary

But if inclement weather becomes a problem, announcements will be seen on **WKYT Channel 27 Snow-GO feed** and our Facebook page and webpage.

## 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

## Time To Order Easter Lilies



If you would like to provide a lily for church on Easter Sunday, March 27, in memory or in honor of someone, please let the florist know that the flowers need to be at the church by 1:00pm Thursday, March 24. 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 by Wednesday, March 23. (227 East Main Street, Morehead, KY 40351 or phone: (606) 784-4836).

**Return by  
March 23**

### EASTER LILIES

\_\_\_ In memory of *or* \_\_\_ In honor

of: \_\_\_\_\_

Given by:

## First Christian Church - March 2016 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Office Hours Monday-Thursday	8:30-1:00 pm					
		1 5:30 Yoga	2 5:30 Bells 7:00 Choir	3 5:30 Yoga	4 Office closed	5
6 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service 12-2:00 First Sunday Irish Lunch Potato Bar and Easter Egg Hunt 5:00 Lectio Divina	7	8 5:30 Yoga	9 7:00	10 5:30 Yoga	11 Office closed	12
13 Daylight Saving Time begins. 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service 5:00 Lectio Divina	14	15 5:30 Yoga	16 5:30 Bells 7:00 Choir	17 St. Patrick's Day 5:30 Yoga 	18 Office closed	19
20 Palm Sunday 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service 12-3:00 Youth Meeting	21	22 5:30 Yoga	23 Easter Lily Slips Due 5:30 Bells 7:00 Choir	24 Easter Lily from your Florist 7:00 Maundy Thursday NO Yoga 	25 12:00 Noon Community Good Friday Service— St. Albans Episcopal	26
27 Easter Sunday 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service	28 Newsletter articles due. 6:00 Outreach Committee Mtg. 6:30 Executive Board Mtg 7:00 Full Board Mtg	29 5:30 Yoga	30 5:30 Bells 7:00 Choir	31 5:30 Yoga		
						

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**Merry Jones, Interim Minister**  
Genny Jenkins, Choir  
Mary Claire Williams and  
Chris Prichard, Youth  
Barbara Marsh, Secretary  
Chialing Hsieh, Organist  
Sarah Chaney, Bell Choir  
Kaitlyn Rhoden, Nursery  
Darrin Roe, Custodian

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**Lectionary  
Schedule**

(The Disciples of Christ  
lectionary schedule is being  
used.)

March 6

Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32

March 13

John 12 1-8

March 20

Luke 19: 28-40

March 27

John 20: 1-18



## Lenten-Holy Week Opportunities

**Sundays, Feb.28~Mar.13**

**5pm Lectio Divina**

**Sunday, March 20**

**Passion/Palm Sunday**

**Thursday, March 24**

**7pm Maundy Thursday**

**Friday, March 25**

**12 Noon Community Good Friday Service**

**St. Albans Episcopal Church**

**Sunday, March 27**

**Easter Celebration**