

**First
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Church
(Disciples of Christ)**



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BAKE SALE

The church will once again hold a bake sale during the memorial day parade on Monday, May 30th, beginning at 10am. Please donate baked items (priced) or water to sell—then stay to see the parade and visit with folks. The Bake Sale proceeds will be donated to the “New Life Church” which is a new church community within the Women’s Detention Center in Louisville, led by Rev. Dean Bucalos.



ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ~ May 1

The FCC annual congregational meeting will be held immediately after worship. The congregation will be asked to vote on officers and deacons for the 2016-2017 year (July 1, 2016—June 30, 2017)

Officers

President: Alana Scott Vice President: Phillip Swim
Secretary: Fran Helphinstine Treasurer: Joe Barrett

New Deacon (2016-2019)

Genny Jenkins

Deacons Returning from Sabbatical

Joe Barrett, Charlene Bradford, Etta Jane McCarty, Alicia and Dewayne Carter, Brenda Combs, and Holly Pollock



FIRST SUNDAY LUNCH ~ MAY 1

The church will be providing pork barbecue sandwiches and drinks. Please bring a side item or a dessert for this monthly fellowship activity.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members of the FCC Family,

The end of the school year marks a period of transition for many young people and the beginning of summer. As we continue through our own period of transition here at FCC, the Search Committee has been diligently reviewing candidate profiles and engaging in discussion with ministers who may be interested in serving at FCC. This summer, we will welcome new church officers and a new deacon as well as deacons who are returning from sabbatical. We will install the new officers and our new deacon in late June, and they will begin their terms of service and leadership on July 1st. Let’s continue to remain in prayer for our minister, Merry, for our church officers, deacons, elders...and for one another. We are incredibly blessed to have so many wonderful individuals who generously share their gifts, energy and time as we strive to witness to God’s love in our community and our world.

Thank you...it is truly a privilege serving with each and every one of you.
Paul Semisch, FCC President

MERRYMENTS



On my first visit to FCC I met Jim Fred. The Search Committee had invited me to come attend worship, followed by meeting with them over lunch to be interviewed as a candidate for the interim position. As I watched and worshipped with the church that morning, I was trying to assess and learn what I could about the congregation, having a few questions in my mind, myself as well.

After the service, numerous members were gracious in greeting me. Without a doubt, the member whom I remembered the most from that Sunday was Jim Fred. Here's why.

As we were introduced, Jim Fred said to me, "If you have any questions about the church, I can probably help you." Taking him up on his offer, I asked my first question. I can't even remember what it was now, and it doesn't really matter.

What matters is after he answered my first question, I didn't get to "ask" any more questions because Jim Fred proceeded to not only answer all my unspoken questions, but went on to explain to me the many things he does around the church. He also shared some of his personal and family connections with the congregation. When he completed his amazing litany of service, my response to him was something to the effect of, "So, you're in charge here!" Please notice, that wasn't a question. Here's Why:

- Replaces pew pad registration forms. Brings signed forms to the church office for contacting visitors.
- Places prayer slips in the Bibles. The color of the slips change each quarter.
- Replaces wicks in the acolyte brass lighters.
- Replaces wicks in communion table candles/polishes outer candle, base, and lip.
- Takes requested food of the month to Christian Social Services.
- Back Pack Program. Picks up and delivers food to Clearfield and McBrayer Elementary Schools.
- Straightens the chairs in the Fellowship Hall.
- Removes bulletins from sanctuary after worship service.
- Welcomes visitors and invites them to come back.
- Serves as a permanent substitute Deacon.
- Turns out lights, checks washrooms, and locks doors after worship service.
- Tidies up around the grounds in the flower garden.
- Places special offering envelopes and literature in the pews on designated Sundays.
- Removes special offering envelopes and literature after the service.
- Replaces candy in the candy dishes and donates candy also.
- Shops for one family during the Christmas Outreach ministry.
- Assists any elderly person or parents with babies, down the main steps.

Jim Fred Cassity:
Rooted in Christ. Bearing Fruit for God. A Precious Branch of the Church.
Thanks be to God!

YOUTH GROUP



The Youth worked very hard on our Earth Day Labyrinth Clean-up project. They straightened the paths, raked the gravel, and picked weeds. The Labyrinth looks beautiful thanks to the hard work of the Garden Committee and the Youth! We also looked at scripture to find direction on why it is important to be good stewards of our earth. BIG thanks to Leeann Akers and Jon Stigall for helping with the meeting this month. Also, thanks to Dianna Fischer, Kristi Skaggs, and Brenda Combs for providing the meal.



Our Youth Sunday will take place on Sunday, May 15th. We have invited the youth from Faith Presbyterian to join us in worship that day so we might have some visitors at our service. They are working very hard to prepare so please plan to attend the service and support them.



We have had a great year full of fellowship, service, and growth. To wrap-up the school year, we are planning a cookout and the date will be emailed to parents when plans have been finalized. The youth will be taking their regularly scheduled “summer break” from monthly meetings during the months of June and July. We will resume monthly meetings in August when school begins.

Thank you to Mark Etherton for teaching Children’s Church in April. Also, thank you to everyone who has volunteered to teach throughout the summer! If you would like to help teach Children’s Church, you can sign up on the bulletin board. The months of August through December are still open.

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



CHOIR and BELL CHOIR NOTES

The choir is working on some wonderful pieces for the next two weeks after which we will be going on our summer hiatus. During the summer we will have several guest musicians providing special music for us. I will have more information about that in the next newsletter.

The bell choir has been on a month long break but will be returning to practices in May and will be providing music for services several times over the summer as well.

Psalm 33: 1 - 3...Sing for joy in the LORD, O you righteous ones; Praise is becoming to the upright. Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre; Sing praises to Him with a harp of ten strings. Sing to Him a new song; Play skillfully with a shout of joy.

Genny Jenkins, Choir Director



Thank You



I want to thank all my church family for the Appreciation Day on March 6 for all the projects and volunteering I do and for the cake and cap which has the chalice and meditation garden on it. I want to thank Ellie and Mary Claire and Don Williams for the gel pens as a birthday present. Jim Fred Cassity

-Thank you to the People's Clinic lunch volunteers. A meal will be prepared for 10-12 volunteers. May 10—Joyce Hart and Emma Lou Gross. May 24—Etta Jane McCarty and Alta Blair. FCC

-Dear Church Family, thank you for the visits, phone calls, cards, and most of all, your prayers during the loss of my Dad. Friends like you have been so important and I love you all.

Love, Natalie Mineer

-Thank you to Connie Kibbey for May communion prep. FCC

Treasurer's Report

Income for April is
\$9,984.00

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

\$10,312.82.

Kroger

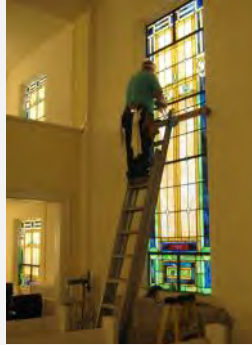
Quarterly Community Rewards
Program donated

\$321.40

Our Back Pack Program is funded
in part by this donation.

Stained Glass Window Update

Laws Stained Glass Studios, Inc. has completed the window repairs and cleaning. We look forward to the beauty and joy they will bring to our sanctuary. The church is accepting donations to help pay for the \$33,500 project. We appreciate Jane Holbrook and Margaret Scott for their donations.



More pics on page 8.

Joys

- Meghan Hammond and project partner Katlyn Carter are State Champions in FCCLA Sports Nutrition.
- Abby Hammond received the 2016 Rising Star Award from Union College for the freshman student showing greatest potential leadership and creative thinking.
- Brian Carter was chosen to attend the Congress of Future Medical Leaders, June 25-27, in Boston, MA. High school students with 3.5 GPA or higher were eligible to apply.
- Chas Jenkins and Daniel Meritt will compete in the National Speech and Drama Association's national tournament in Salt Lake City, UT in June after winning the state level tournament.
- Alana Scott was one of several faculty members at MSU to receive the 2016 Apple Award for Excellence in Teaching.
- Chas Jenkins, Wiley Tanner, and Ellie Williams are participating in the Rowan County High School production of *The Wizard of Oz*.

Congratulations to each of these members.

Consider Electronic Giving

Electronic giving offers an easy way to give to the church.

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, (606) 875-9412. *Thank you.*

Regional News and Retreats

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

Youth Camp Registration

Link to: <http://www.kydisciples.net/ministries/ewExternalFiles/Complete%20Camp%20WKDH%20Info%202016.pdf>

Camp forms are also available in the office.



Christmount Women's Discovery Retreat June 3-5, 2016
<http://www.christmount.org/discovery.html>

CYF Seminar June 14-21, 2016

CYF seminar is a mobile classroom experience for high school students. The group will travel to Washington DC and New York City, experiencing different cultures and learning more about faith and religious pluralism. The cost is \$900 inclusive.

Contact Emily Allen at
eallen@hchristianchurch.com

**The Christian Church in Kentucky
Biennial Assembly
September 22-24, 2016**
More information soon.

May Elders

May 1— Mark and Ginny Etherton
May 9—David and Darlene Perkins
May 15—Sarah Chaney and Jami Hornbuckle
May 22—David and Darlene Perkins
May 29—Mark and Ginny Etherton

May Deacons

Jim Gross, Mary Claire Williams,
Kathryn Rogers

Cane Ridge Day June 25, 2016

Speaker Duane Cummins on Barton Stone:
Bring your lunch. 1655 Cane Ridge Road (Hwy 537), Paris, KY 40356.

Email: curator@caneridge.org
Ph: (859) 987-5350//www.caneridge.org

MAY BIRTHDAYS

3- Sarah Chaney	20- Thelma Brown
4- Keyairah Bailey	20- Beth Ousley
8- Deb Eastwood	21- Toni Hobbs
11- Mike Seelig	23- Curt Hammond
11- Dianna Fischer	26- Ned Breschel
11- Tim Thornberry	29- Faith Fannin
12- Kathy New	29- Dennis McKay
16- Diana Walke	29- Charlene Bradford

April Birthdays

Belated

The ECHO regrets that wishes were not bestowed in the April issue. We hope your birthday was a happy one!

17- Phillip Swim and 18- Kenny Hall

COMING UP IN 2016

Sunday, May 1. FCC Annual Congregational Meeting (to vote on officers and deacons).

-First Sunday Lunch— The church will be providing pork barbecue sandwiches and drinks. Please bring a side item or a dessert for this monthly fellowship activity.

Sunday, May 8. Mother's Day.

Sunday, May 15. Pentecost and Youth Sunday. Budget figures are due from officers and committee chairs.

Sunday, May 22. Special guest preacher: Rev. Robert Stauffer (Merry away for her son's graduate school's commencement.)

Monday, May 23. 6/6:30/7pm: Outreach/ Executive/Full Board Meetings

Sunday, May 29. Memorial Day Weekend. 5th Sunday offering for Christian Care Communities.

Monday, May 30. 10am– until (?) Memorial Day Bake Sale.
-Office closed.



Garden Clean Up April 23



Special thanks to all who helped with the Spring Church and Garden Clean Up Day!
Labyrinth Spring Transformation
Carrie Frazier, Josh Pack, Alex New, Sarah Chaney, Jackie Bailey, Mark Etherton,
Yvonne Baldwin, Paul Semisch, Darlene Perkins

Pulpit Search Committee Update

The committee is beginning to interview prospective candidates for the calling of a minister to our church. It is going well. More info in the next newsletter.

Yvonne Baldwin, Chair

Graduate Honor Form

Name _____ School Attended _____

Degree/Achievement
Earned _____

Future plans (if known)

How graduate is connected with
FCC _____

Please have slips into the office by May 8 or call the office to submit your graduate's information. Graduates from December 2015 and Spring 2016 will be honored during a church service in May. We honor those graduating from high school, college, graduate, and technical school.

First Christian Church - May 2016 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Office Hours Monday-Thursday	8:30-1:00 pm					
1 Annual Congregational Mtg 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service		3	4		6 Office closed	7
8 Mother's Day 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service	9	10 5:30 Yoga	11 5:30 Bells 7:00 Choir	12 5:30 Yoga	13 Office closed	14
15 Pentecost and Youth Sunday 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service	16	17 5:30 Yoga	18 5:30 Bells 7:00 Choir	19 5:30 Yoga	29 Office closed	21
22 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service	23 6:00 Outreach Committee 6:30 Executive Committee 7:00 Full Board	24 5:30 Yoga	25 5:30 Bells 7:00 Choir	26 5:30 Yoga	27 Office closed	28
29 5th Sunday Special Offering 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service	30 Memorial Day Bake Sale Office closed.	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
(Disciples of Christ Lectionary)

- May 1
John 14:23-29
- May 8
John 17:20-26
- May 15
John 14:8-17
- May 22
John 16:12-15
- May 29
Luke 7:1-10



WINDOW WORK

