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Christian
Church
(Disciples of Christ)**

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**First Sunday
Lunch**



**May 7—12-2pm
FRIED CHICKEN**

We invite everyone to attend. The congregation is requested to bring sides/salads/desserts. We are anticipating extra guests, (due to the choral performance of *"The Gift of Life"*) so please consider bringing extra portions.

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The Echo

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Welcome New Members
Ronetta and Jeff Brown
April 2, 2017



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Holy Humor Sunday is April 30, 2017.

When asked about Holy Humor Service, Rev. Lisa Smith explained that it is normally the second Sunday of Easter. One can laugh at death because of Christ's resurrection. It is about the healthiness of laughter. [See examples of how churches celebrate this revival of a custom from early Greek Christians as reported in *The Joyful Noise Newsletter* at <https://www.joyfulnoiseletter.com/hhsunday.asp>]

THE PASTOR'S PONDERINGS

The Lord is risen He is risen indeed!

And we get to celebrate Easter for many weeks!

How wonderful that we get 7 weeks of Eastertide to just relish in the good news ~ that the one who knew God so fully, lived his life in such a way as to prove to all humanity that we are loved. And **nothing** can come between the love of God and us – not even death.

We humans know only what we experience, so we cannot know what we do not know. Often we kick ourselves and think poorly of ourselves because we didn't know what we didn't know, and we think we should have. And yet, Jesus shows us that all parts of our lives; our hopes and our fear, our good deeds and our sadness and loss ~ ALL of our lives are redeemable – always! Even death – the ultimate unknown - even in that – the grace of God will not fail us!

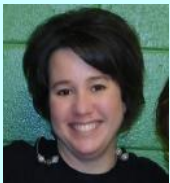
So when something happens, and we are overwhelmed with shame, or self judgment, the truth is that God is waiting for us to accept his grace and to grow in grace. If we cannot remember to provide grace for ourselves – THIS IS WHY WE HAVE CHURCH! The community of saints – the community of believers – means we are here for each other to remind us that grace is the rule of God's Kingdom! And you are so loved, it aches us to know that you are feeling less than loved.

We Disciples are fortunate to have the practice of communion every worship. We are the people of the Chalice! We are resurrection people every time we commune, and that means Easter is more than one day of the year, more than 7 weeks of the Church Seasons – Easter is every day of our lives!
In Joy, Rev. Lisa



Rev. Lisa Kay
C. Smith

CHOIR AND BELLS



Genny Jenkins

This past Christmas, I wanted to do a more traditional lessons and carols instead of a Christmas cantata. It also seems sometimes that the schedules in December are so full for our singers that working on a larger work is more difficult. But, I still wanted our choir to have the opportunity to work on a larger piece of music, and sometimes working on a larger piece of music for a more limited time can allow people who like to sing who are not necessarily always able to sing in the choir to join us.

So, I began looking and after searching through several pieces of music, I found what I knew was the right work for us this year. It is called *The Gift of Life* and it is by the prolific choral composer, John Rutter. It is divided into six canticles of creation and we will be singing five of them. It is a recently written work and was first performed in April 2015. The canticles praise the works of the Lord, compare Jesus to the Apple tree, speak to the way in which the earth is full of the riches of God, compare each new day to a gift, and encourage us to believe in life.

This is one of the most beautiful pieces of music that I have ever had the pleasure of working on and I cannot wait for the choir to share it with you. We will be presenting this set of pieces during the church service on May 7. We will have, in the choir, several guests who will be joining us to sing this lovely choral work which will be integrated into the service.

Please plan to join us on May 7 for what I believe will be an amazing service of music and worship.

Genny Jenkins, Choir Director

YOUTH GROUP



Chris Prichard

The Youth Sunday service took place on Sunday, April 23rd. It was a beautiful service with the Youth leading us in worship!

We installed two new acolytes, John Akers and Sam Rogers.

Please support them in their ministry to the church.



Mary Claire Williams

Graduates were honored during the Youth Service, as well. We wish Meghan Hammond and Natalie Mineer all the best on their future endeavors. You will be missed, and we hope you visit FCC when you come home for visits.

The youth will have an end of the year party in May. We will keep parents informed through email about this date. The youth program will take the regularly scheduled summer break during the months of June and July. Meetings will resume in August with the start of school.

Thank you to Mark Etherton and Makayla Reynolds for teaching Children's Church in April. Thank you to Marge Thomas for teaching in May. We appreciate all of our volunteers!

Peace & Love, Chris Prichard & Mary Claire Williams, FCC Youth Co-Directors

MSU graduate Natalie Mineer receives a gift from Mary Claire Williams on April 23, 2017.

Photo by J.R.Fischer



RCCHS graduate Meghan Hammond is congratulated by Mary Claire Williams on April 23, 2017.

Photo by J.R.Fischer

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Alana Scott

Ecclesiastes 3 says that "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heaven."

Whew! It's that time of year! The semester is winding down but it seems like some other things are winding up, like the literacy grant I have in Paintsville this summer, or the summer research project, or the travel plans. We also have a new summer Sunday School program starting on April 30 on the Age of Reform (we are going to start with Martin Luther and then look at some of the other reformers) and I'm sure Genny has some music plans for us. As we enjoy the hustle and bustle of the end of the school year, let's anticipate the upcoming months joyfully.

On the Journey Together, *Alana Scott*

~Thank You~

~Thank you to Mark Etherton and Makayla Reynolds for teaching Children's Church in April. Thank you to Marge Thomas for teaching in May. FCC

~Thank you to Marge Thomas and Ronetta Brown for communion prep/clean up in April and to Leeann Akers for May. FCC

New Home Baskets

Thanks to everyone who provided items for our April New Home Basket for a family transitioning from the Gateway Homeless Shelter to a new home. Items are due for the May basket by Sunday, April 30.



National Day of Pray—May 4

The annual observance invites all people of faiths to pray for the nation. You are welcome to pray in the Nursery or at home. A sign up sheet with times of the day in 1/2 hours increments is on the bulletin board, or call the office to sign up. (606) 784-4836.

5th Sunday Offering is April 30 Supporting Christian Care Communities

Christian Care is a non-profit provider of senior living communities and long-term care, Christian Care offers carefree senior living, assisted living, skilled nursing care, hospital to home care, day care programs for those living with Alzheimer's, private duty nursing, rehab services – and so much more. Please give generously in envelopes provided during worship service. Website: <https://www.christiancarecommunities.org/>.

Spring Church/Grounds Work Day on Saturday, May 20

Task cards will be available May 3. Those unable to participate on those dates are encouraged to pick up a task card to be completed by May 24. (Rain date June 3).



New Adult Sunday School Class 9:45am Sunday Mornings

Have you been wanting to get started in an adult class at First Christian?



Calvin



Luther

We will be looking at The Age of Reform by examining the work and leadership of great 16th century reformers such as Martin Luther and John Calvin. It has been 500 years since Martin Luther nailed his 95 theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. The class is led by Alana Scott, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History at Morehead State University. Join

The Sound of Music April 27-30, 2017

Rowan County High School Drama Department's presentation of "The Sound of Music" will be performed at the Caudill-



Little Theatre in the Performing Arts Center. Several students from our church congregation will be participating this weekend. The shows are April 27, 28, 29 at 7pm and April 30 at 2 pm. Tickets are \$7/adults and \$5/children-students. Please come out and see Wiley Tanner, Ellie Williams, Avery Singletary, and Jon Jenkins as part of the cast and crew!

Annual Congregational Meeting— May 7 Election of Officers 2017-2018

The congregation will be asked to vote on officers and deacons for July 1—June 30.

Officers

President: Phillip Swim
Vice President: Chris Prichard
Secretary: Fran Helphinstine
Treasurer: Joe Barrett

New Deacons

Kaitlyn Reynolds Paschall and Jon Stigall

Deacons Returning from Sabbatical

We are currently contacting the sabbatical deacons.

May Birthdays

3- Sarah Chaney
4- Keyairah Bailey
8- Deb Eastwood
11- Mike Seelig
11- Dianna Fischer
12- Kathy New
16- Diana Walke
20- Thelma Brown



20- Beth Ousley
21- Toni Hobbs
23- Curt Hammond
26- Ned Breschel
29- Faith Fannin
29- Dennis McKay
29- Charlene Bradford

Treasurer's Report

Income for April is \$9,958.50
Expenses for April are \$11,585.37

May Deacons

Connie Kibbey, Leeann Akers,
Genny Jenkins, and Brenda Combs.

May Elders

May 7—Larry Fannin and Joe Barrett
May 14—Susan Thomas and Betty Hall
May 21—Sarah Chaney and Paul Semisch
May 28—Sarah Chaney and Alana Scott

People's Clinic

We are looking for two people or groups to help feed the People's Clinic Staff (approx. 10) lunch on May 9 and 23. Please see bulletin board to sign up. Thank you!

Living Memorial Fund

In memory of
John 'Jack' Hutchins
(Jami Hornbuckle's grandfather)

Mary Kibbey
(Connie Kibbey's aunt)

Larry Netherton

Ewing Pettit
(Dianna Fischer's uncle)

by Fran Helphinstine

COMING UP IN MAY

Yoga T&Th 5:30-7pm...Bells/Choir Wednesdays 5:30/7:00pm

Sunday, April 30—Holy Humor Sunday

-12pm Elders' Business Meeting
-12-3pm Youth Meeting
-Fifth Sunday Offering for Christian Care Communities
-Items for the May "New Home Basket" due

Thursday, May 4. National Day of Prayer.
Sign up sheet on bulletin board.

Sunday, May 7. First Sunday Lunch – Fried Chicken. The congregation is requested to bring sides/desserts.

Saturday, May 20. Church & grounds work day. Rain date June 3.

Monday, May 22

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

Sunday, May 28. 12-3 Youth Meeting

Monday, May 29.

-Newsletter articles deadline.

-Office closed.

-10-12pm Memorial Day Bake Sale



Memorial Day Bake Sale

May 29 from 10-12am

The church will offer baked goods during the parade. If you would like to participate, please bring muffins, cookies, bars, or any baked goods (already priced please). Please bring baked goods to the church on Sunday, May 28.

Mack Fund

In memory of

Mr. & Mrs. Otto P. Carr

Mrs. Anna C. Clay

Mr. & Mrs. Paul J. Reynolds

Ms. Mary Margaret "Peggie" Reynolds

Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Evans

Mr. & Mrs. Jake Plank

by Anne & Glen Buckner



Easter Egg Hunt
 April 2, 2017
 Photos by Mary
 Claire Williams and
 J. R. Fischer



Sunday
 Worship
 Service
 April 2, 2017
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 J. R. Fischer



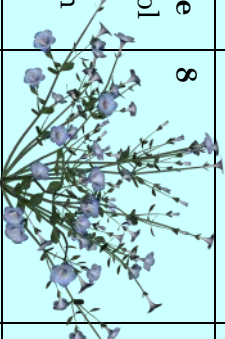
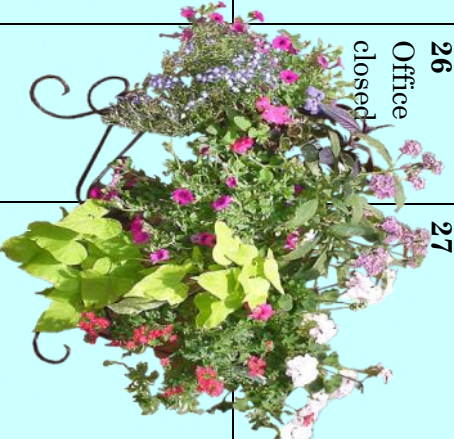
Infant Dedication
 Miles Taylor Paschall
 April 16, 2017



Youth Sunday
 April 23, 2017
 Photos by J. R.
 Fischer

In and Around FCC

First Christian Church May 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Office Hours 8:30-1:00pm Monday-Thursday						
Apr 30 5th Sunday Offering, Holy Humor Sunday; 9:45 Adult Sunday School; 10:45 Worship Service; 12:00 Elder's Business Meeting; 12-3 Youth Meeting	1	2 5:30 Yoga	3 5:30 Bells 7:00 Choir	4 National Day of Prayer 5:30 Yoga	5 Office closed	6
7 Choral Performance 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service 12-2 First Sunday Lunch Fried Chicken		9 5:30 Yoga	10 5:30 Bells	11 5:30 Yoga	12 Office closed	13
14 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service	15	16 5:30 Yoga	17 5:30 Bells	18 5:30 Yoga	19 Office closed	20 9-1pm Church and Grounds Workday
21 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service	22 Newsletter articles due. 6:15/7pm Executive/Full Board Meetings	23 5:30 Yoga	24 5:30 Bells	25 5:30 Yoga	26 Office closed	27 
28 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service 12-3 Youth Meeting	29 Memorial Day Office closed. Newsletter arti- cles due. 10-12pm Bake Sale	30 5:30 Yoga	31 5:30 Bells			

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**Rev. Lisa Kay 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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**Rev. Lisa's Sermon
Scripture Schedule**

May 7—1 Peter 2:19-25

May 14—John 14:1-14

May 21—1 Peter 3:13-22

May 28—Eph1:15-23



Rev. Lisa and Miles
Taylor Paschall at the
Infant Dedication on
April 16, 2016. Miles is
the son of Kaitlyn Jo
Reynolds Paschall and
Anthony Paschall.

Photo by J.R. Fischer



**Reverend Lisa Kay C. Smith and
husband Steven Mark Smith**

Photo by Sarah Chaney