

In essentials, unity. In non-essentials, diversity. In all things, charity.

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



# The Echo

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## First Sunday Lunch

May 6 ~ 12 -2pm  
FRIED CHICKEN



The congregation is requested to bring sides or desserts.  
Invite a friend!

Join us in body, mind, or spirit. 

Our Sunday Worship Services are back on Facebook.  
[www.facebook.com/fcc.morehead](http://www.facebook.com/fcc.morehead) @ 10:50am.

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*Welcome*

New Member

**Elizabeth Ash**

April 8, 2018

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cell 606-316-7574; work: 606-783-2461 (MSU); happy birthday March 18.

Among other contributions by Elizabeth are the snowflake lanterns at the January First Sunday Lunch; an intricate wood burning chalice (photo) which is located on the mantel in the conference room; and her Saint Patrick's Day cake balls for the March church dinner.



### Baptisms

Easter Sunday, April 8, was a joyous occasion for many reasons, among them were the baptisms of **Ellie Williams** and **Raven Lynn Evans**. Jesus commanded ([Matthew 28:19-20](#)) that the church is responsible to teach Jesus' word, make disciples, and baptize those disciples. Thank you to Reverends Don and Renee Chase for the beautiful service. Thank you also to Elder Jack Whidden for baptistry preparation.

### Annual Congregational Meeting—May 6

A very special time in the life of the church will happen on the first Sunday in May. Nominations have been received from the congregation and the nominating committee has reviewed and spoken with those nominated. The following nominated members will be placed for vote immediately following the worship service.

**Catherine Rogers**-vice president; **Ronetta & Jeff Brown**, deacons

### Resuscitating an Iguana



Reverend Don Chase

**D**irect from the “*did that really happen*” file comes this little gem from the *Arizona Republic* newspaper. Officer Tori Matthews of the Southern California Humane Society got an emergency call: a boy's pet iguana had been scared up a tree by a neighbor's dog. It then fell from the tree into a swimming pool, where it sank like a brick. Officer Matthews came with her net. She dove into the pool, emerging seconds later with the pet's limp body. "Well, you do CPR on a person and a dog," she thought to herself, "why not an iguana?" So she put her lips to the iguana's mouth.

"Now that I look back on it," she says now, "it was a pretty ugly animal to be kissing, but the last thing I wanted to do was tell this little boy that his iguana had died." The lizard responded to her efforts and is expected to make a full recovery.



Now that story may not impress you, but it impresses me. I salute Officer Tori Matthews. Despite loving all things reptilian, the line for me is drawn at mouth-to-mouth action with an iguana! But I commend Officer Matthews for her heroic and compassionate act. Well done, Officer Matthews, well done. She went beyond the call of duty. I salute you.

Okay, yes, it's a funny story and the humor could go on *ad infinitum*. But what I found particularly impressive about Officer Matthews' unusual actions is the compassion she demonstrated toward that young boy. He was heartbroken over the seeming death of his beloved pet iguana. His world came crashing down on him because of the unfortunate events that had transpired that day. For a young boy – perhaps just a tender eight or nine-year-old lad – you just never know when tragedy will strike and it will be the last day in the life of your beloved iguana's life! No doubt the youngster was traumatized, devastated by what was happening. Officer Matthews was having none of it; she sprang into action, forfeited her sense of hygiene, took a risk – and it worked. She saved the day!

It's the same type of compassion witnessed the other day on a Detroit freeway. Eight truckers positioned their 18-wheeler rigs side-by-side under an overpass bridge when they received word came from the police about a man who was about to complete suicide by jumping off the bridge. They tied up freeway traffic in both directions for hours as the man was coaxed off the bridge by police.

According to Jesus, compassion is a central attribute characterizing faithful Christian living. I have been re-reading Marcus Borg's book, *Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time*. Borg's classic (if you are a progressive) changed my life over 20 years ago when it was first published. On the subject of compassion, Borg reminds us that Jesus refers to God as a “womb.” In fact, the origins of the word “compassion” in both the Hebrew and Aramaic languages of scripture is related to the word *womb*. Matthew the gospel writer tells us to be “compassionate as God is compassionate.” Thus, according to Borg, to be compassionate is to be womb-like. God is womb-like, Jesus says, therefore, you (we) are to be womb-like.

What does it mean to be womb-like? Borg says that it means to be life-giving and nourishing. It means to feel what a mother feels for the children of her womb: tenderness, overseeing their well-being, finding her children precious and beautiful. But it can also mean fierceness and being protective. We're talking Mama Bear protectiveness, here! This is especially true when her cubs are threatened or exploited in any way. So to be compassionate, as God is, finds its roots in social justice, challenging exploitative ethics and systems of domination.

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## YOUTH GROUP

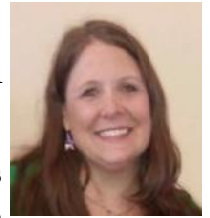
Our Youth Sunday will take place on Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to attend the service and support the youth. We will honor graduates at this service, as well.

Thank you to Mark Etherton and Makayla Reynolds for teaching Children's Church in April. If you would like to help teach Children's Church, you can sign up on the bulletin board.

We have two youth attending Camp Wakon'Da-Ho this summer. Please be in prayer for Ellie Williams and Riley Pack as they attend camp together in June.

We have had a great year full of fellowship, service, and growth.

Peace and Blessings, **Mary Claire Williams**, Youth Director



Mary Claire  
Williams

## Why Become a Member?

A frequently asked question around here is "Why is it important that I become a member? If I am invited to participate in communion, worship, and fellowship by attending—why should I join?" We offer several reasons why we encourage people to join.

- Our church provides a distinct voice within this community. We are a unique group of believers. By formally joining, you are adding your voice to ours. You are saying, 'I am glad there is a church like this in Morehead.'
- When you are a member, you have voting power. In congregational decisions and in choosing elders and diaconate members, you have a say. You also have the opportunity to serve as a committee chair.
- Community thrives on commitment. Membership is a way of telling those around you: 'I am here for you, and I know you are here for me.'

There are several ways of becoming a member of the First Christian Church. One is by **public confession of faith** in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior followed by baptism. If you have already been baptized, there is no requirement to be re-baptized.

You may come by **transfer of membership** from another congregation. Or, if you are a member of another church, but wish to affiliate with our congregation (for instance, if you are a college student or your home church is not close by), you may join by **Watchcare**. This allows for all the privileges of membership.

An invitation is extended after the sermon at almost all services of worship. We encourage speaking with the pastor before such a time, but it is not essential. Come and serve God with us!



*from p2, Iguana.* One of the greatest joys I have every week is to look out from the pulpit and see a congregation of compassionate people. Whether its feeding the hungry or sheltering the homeless, keep children from sleeping on the floor, giving voice to the voiceless, or a multitude of other compassionate acts, First Christian Church-Morehead understands what compassion, womb-likeness, is all about! I am honored to be part of FCC's compassionate movement as your (transitional) pastor.

Shalom,  
**Don**

~Thank You~

~Thank you so much for your monetary donation of \$1,200 to DOVES of Gateway. As a non-profit, we rely heavily on community support. DOVES staff

~On behalf of the volunteers, staff and patients at the People's Clinic, I sincerely thank you for your generous gift of \$2,000. Most sincerely, Jim Brandenburg

~Our sincerest thanks for your donation to the Build-A-Bed Project. Many children in Kentucky will benefit from getting a good night's sleep thanks to your donation. MSU Build-A-Bed Committee

~ Your April gift is already helping our hungry brothers and sisters this winter! Thank you for your \$3 gift of health and hope. With you in Christ's service, Betty Easter, Society of St. Andrew



*Northeast KY Reentry Council*

*Clothing Drive*

Outreach will be collecting packs of men's underwear and socks on April 29 and May 6 for men exiting the Eastern Kentucky Correctional Complex and returning to their communities. Collection baskets are located at both doors. For further information, contact Alana Scott.



**Church Library Needs**

Bookcases	Inspirational	Books having
Small desk/	Wellness	to do with:
table	Spiritual growth	Faith, Family
DOC books	Devotions	& Aging
Bible study	Christian fiction	Self-help
Biographies	Social justice	Grief suffering
Christian	Children's books	
living		

Monetary donations may be made at 227 East Main Street, Morehead, KY 40351. Thank you. Contact Connie Kibbey or Ronetta Brown.

**Gateway Homecoming Baskets**

Items for the basket for those transitioning to a permanent home from the Gateway Homeless Shelter are due always at First Sunday Lunch (May-June-July-August-September-October).

**May Deacons**

Brenda Combs, Jon Stigall, Charlene Bradford, Etta Jane McCarty, Mary Claire Williams

**May Elders**

May 6—Susan Thomas and Alana Scott  
May 13—Youth Sunday  
May 20—Larry Fannin and Paul Semisch  
May 27—Yvonne Baldwin and Sarah Chaney

There is always, always, always something to be thankful for.



Jim Fred Cassity is a longtime member of our church. His mother, Grace Cassity, brought him to church as a young boy. Last year, he relocated to North Fork Senior Living. If you would like to send him a note, his address is North Fork Senior Living, 200 North Fork Drive #103, Morehead,

**Last Call Campers**

WaKon'Da-Ho

Contact Mary Claire Williams



**Happy Belated Birthday**

To Catherine Rogers whose birthday was on March 8!



**Memorial Day Bake Sale**

Monday  
May 28  
10-1pm





## May Birthdays

3- Sarah Chaney  
4- Keyairah Bailey  
7- Jiyeon McGillicuddy  
8- Deb Eastwood  
11-Dianna Fischer  
12-Kathy New  
16-Diana Walke



20- Thelma Brown  
20- Beth Ousley  
23- Curt Hammond  
26- Ned Breschel  
29- Dennis McKay  
29- Charlene Bradford

## Living Memorial Fund

*In memory of*

**Bobby Allen**

Fran Helphinstine  
David & Darlene Perkins

*In memory of*

**Eulene Needl**  
(Eva Johnston's sister)

Fran Helphinstine  
Etta Jane McCarty

## Treasurer's Report

Income for April is \$9,236.00  
Expenses for April are \$7,723.24

## Mack Fund

*in memory of*

**Bobby Allen**

Etta Jane McCarty

*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**

Anne and Glen Buckner

## May Events

Yoga Tues & Thurs 5:30-7pm; Youth/High School Bells Wed 6:15pm; Adult Bells/Choir  
Wed 5:00/7:00pm; Elem/Middle Bells Sun 9:45am

**Monday, April 30** 5:30/7pm Dinner and Concert—The FCC Choral Scholars Program. Tickets at the door \$10 adults/\$5 students.

**Tuesdays/Thursdays** 5:30pm Yoga

**Sunday, May 6** 12pm Annual Congregational Meeting; 12-2pm First Sunday Lunch Fried Chicken.

**Thursday, May 10 Ascension Day**

**Sunday, May 13 Mother's Day** 10:45am Youth Sunday. Graduates will be honored. The form for submitting graduate information is on page 8.

**Sunday, May 20 Pentecost**

**Sunday, May 27 Trinity Sunday**

**Monday, May 28 Memorial Day** 10am Memorial Day Bake Sale – Parade at 11am; 6:15/7pm Executive/Full Board Meetings.

The flowers that adorned our sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 1, were given in memory or in honor of our loved ones.

Harold E. Holbrook by Jane Y. Holbrook

Tom and Eleanor Queen  
Watham and Margie Gullett  
Rondal Hart  
by Family

D. B. Caudill Family  
Jim McCarty  
by Etta Jane McCarty

Electronic giving authorizations forms are available in the office.

Barbara can also email it to you.



Thank you to all who use the Kroger card and designate FCC as your charity. We received \$208.29 for the previous quarter.





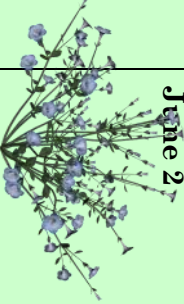
Pictures by Sarah Chaney from the First Sunday Lunches in March and April and the Easter Egg Hunt.



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## First Christian Church May 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
6 Rev. Donald Chase 9:30 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service 12pm Congregational Mtg 12-2:00 First Sunday Lunch	7	8 5:30 Yoga	9 5:00 Adult Bell Choir 6:15 High School Bell Choir 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	10 <b>Ascension Day</b> 5:30 Yoga	11 Office closed.	12
13 <b>Mother's Day</b> Rev. Donald Chase 9:30 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service	14	15 5:30 Yoga	16 5:00 Adult Bell Choir 6:15 High School Bell Choir	17 5:30 Yoga	18 Office closed.	19
20 <b>Pentecost</b> Rev. Donald Chase 9:30 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service	21	22 5:30 Yoga	23 5:00 Adult Bell Choir 6:15 High School Bell Choir	24 5:30 Yoga	25 Office closed.	26
27 <b>Trinity Sunday</b> Rev. Donald Chase 9:30 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service	28 6:15/7 Executive/ Full Board Meeting Memorial Day	29 5:30 Yoga	30 5:00 Adult Bell Choir 6:15 High School Bell Choir	31 5:30 Yoga	June 1 Office closed	June 2 

Office Hours:  
M-Th 8:30-1pm

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Rev. Donald Chase  
Transitional Minister  
Genny Jenkins, Choir  
Mary Claire Williams, Youth  
Barbara Marsh, Secretary  
Sarah Chaney, Bells  
Kaitlyn Rhoden, Nursery  
Darrin Roe, Custodian

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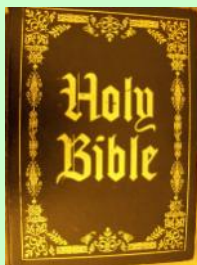


Website:

[www.fccmorehead.org](http://www.fccmorehead.org)

<http://www.facebook.com/fcc.morehead>

Disciples of Christ  
Lectionary



May 6—John 15:9-17  
May 13—John 17:6-19  
May 20—John 15:26-27;  
16:4b-15  
May 27—John 3:1-17

Graduate Honor Form Due May 6

Name \_\_\_\_\_ School Attended \_\_\_\_\_  
Degree/Achievement Earned \_\_\_\_\_  
Future plans (if known) \_\_\_\_\_  
How graduate is connected with FCC \_\_\_\_\_

Please have *slips into the office, email, or call by **May 6*** to submit your graduate's information. Graduates from December 2017 and Spring 2018 will be honored on May 13. We honor those graduating from high school, college, graduate, and technical school.

*Louisville-April 14.* The Kentucky Associated Press Awards were held at Louisville's Galt House. Chas Jenkins received first place in the Feature Story Category. Leeann Akers received first in Long Newscast and Feature Best Use of Sound, and 2nd place in Political Coverage.



From left, WMKY general manager Paul Hitchcock, Bryan Courtney, Tildon Johnson, Jacob Lindberg, assistant news director Leeann Akers, Braxton Howard, Arlo Barnette and news director Chuck Mraz. Not pictured: Chas Jenkins.

Our church has many members and friends who minister inside and outside the church walls.

*Thank you*

April elves include for communion prep-Mark & Ginny Etherton; children's church-Makayla Reynolds & Mark Etherton; liturgist-Brent and Catherine Rogers, Ross Haney, Leeann Akers; baptistry-Jack Whidden; transportation-Jack Whidden, Mary Claire Williams & Sarah Chaney; video-Roger Fischer; recycling/trash-Fran Helphinstine and Rob Sloss; appliance purchase- Marge Thomas & Sarah Chaney; sanctuary-Jim Fred Cassity.



Larry Fannin's granddaughters enjoyed an Easter *way back when*. The three Allen sisters, Abbey, Chelsea, and Amy being held Geneva Howard, attend an Easter egg hunt at the church.