

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

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**You Are
Invited**

**First Sunday
Lunch &
Birthday Dinner**

Hosted by the Eld-
ers

November 5

12-2pm

We will be having
sandwiches.

The congregation
is requested to
bring sides.

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Celebration of the
Bell Choirs



The Echo

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Welcome New Member

Raven Lynn Evans

October 1, 2017

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Birthday: October 5
Place of Business:
Morehead Child Care Center



Special Congregational Meeting On Sunday, November 19

We will be voting on the nomination for Vice President after worship service.
Please plan to stay for the brief meeting.

Outreach Sign-up for Thanksgiving/Christmas on November 5

This year we have 20 households that will receive Christmas from us. That includes coats, shoes, clothes and toys for the children, blankets, hats and scarves for the elderly as well as a food basket. We will have sign-up sheets for toys and food during the November 5th Birthday Dinner and on November 19. If you are interested in helping us shop, please see Susan or Marge. Also, our youth will be shopping for the Thanksgiving baskets on November 19th. If you would like to sponsor or help sponsor one of the ten baskets we provide each year, you may put your contributions in the offering plate or give to one of the outreach committee. Please include a note in the memo section or your check for Thanksgiving outreach. Questions about FCC Outreach? Please contact Susan or Marge Thomas, Co-Chairs. Thank you.

THE PASTOR'S PONDERINGSTHE END IS NEAR!!

... THE END OF THE CHURCH YEAR, THAT IS!

And First Christian continues to offer meaningful and compassionate ministries for the month of November! The first day of the month we are offering an ecumenical Reformation service, celebrating 500 years since Martin Luther nailed the 95 theses on the door of the church in Wittenberg. He was responding to his sense of spiritual and religious righteousness, having no idea what his speaking the truth to power would unleash.



Rev. Lisa Kay
C. Smith

November 5th we will have our All Saints Service, which I am looking forward to experiencing with you, as well as the birthday lunch celebration after worship. ALSO on that day we will have Gateway Home Basket items due and Outreach Thanksgiving/Christmas sign-ups.

November 7th will be the last "Soul, Food" meeting until January, but starting November 29th, there will be Advent Lectio Divina gatherings.

November 11th and 19th are big days for our Youth. On the 11th they are making a field trip to an orchard and on the 19th they will be shopping for Thanksgiving, among other things.

Our church will be offering a worship service and social gathering for **Mission Behind Bars and Beyond (MB3)** on November 14th. It "is a faith-based, re-entry mentoring program affiliated with New Life in Christ Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and Prison Congregations of America. There are currently eighteen trained Nurture, Support and Accountability Groups serving throughout Kentucky, each of which works with one returning citizen upon his or her release from prison. Each Nurture, Support and Accountability Group is composed of members of Christian churches who agree to meet weekly, stay in contact daily and walk alongside each returning citizen for six months to a one-year offering nurture and support and requiring accountability through the re-entry process. The goal is to "reconnect returning citizens with positive community role models who can assist in the transition from prison to community." If you would like to join the Swims and me in this evening, especially if you can play a keyboard to help with the hymn singing, please let me know very soon. A background check will have to be completed.

The Church's Thanksgiving service will be November 19th and there will be an Ecumenical Thanksgiving service on the same day at 5 PM. I will be preaching at both. At 7 PM our church will be offering a Taizé service.

You can see there is much mission and ministry that our church offers locally as well as internationally! Our contributions to Week of Compassion and our Disciples Mission Fund special offerings reach all over the world!

So please, if you haven't already, consider supporting our amazing and compassionate church in the outreach it does. Stewardship is all encompassing, not only what we contribute financially, but our care for all the earth, including our neighbors is stewardship. There is not one aspect of faith that can be excluded from the mentality of our responsibility to God and God's creation. Look for monthly Stewardship moments until our big "Abundance of God" celebration in April!

In

Stewardship Moment

How well you start often determines how well you finish

Two of our children were swimmers. A large part of their early training had to do with entering the water. Stroke and turn, endurance, and "dry land" conditioning was important, but in swimming if you don't get off the blocks well and make a clean entry into the water, you spend a great deal of energy catching the other swimmers. You have to start well if you hope to finish well.

The same can be said of stewardship. Where we embark in our understanding makes a difference as to whether or not we will discover the joy in giving and approach our true capacity for generosity. If we begin from a place of guilt or obligation, it is unlikely we will discover joy and gratitude. Starting from a place of wonder and "wow," however, opens the possibility that we can find delight and satisfaction in sharing and in our own practice of stewardship.

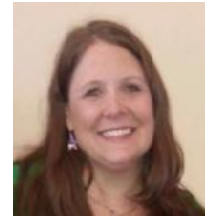
It starts with God rather than ourselves. The process of becoming a faithful steward is the realization that we are responding to what God has done, rather than seeking to generate a reaction from God. God has already blessed, already provided.

Genuine stewardship therefore finds the heart of its beginning in the "wow" of God. God, according to Genesis, looks upon the unfolding work of creation and says at the end of each day: "Wow-this is good!" All of it brings delight to the heart of the Divine One; such awe is the right way for us to start our stewardship conversation so that can indeed end well. From "Community of Prayer" by Bruce Barkhauer, **Stewardship starts with WOW!**

YOUTH GROUP



Chris Prichard



Mary Claire Williams

At the October 29 youth meeting, the elementary and middle school youth made bread with Lucy Pryor and Etta Jane McCarty. The bread will be served as communion at the All Saints Day service on November 5. The high school youth helped Bob Pryor with his wood cutting ministry. They sawed, split, and hauled two truckloads of wood to Christian Social Services for families that need wood to heat their homes this winter. A very special thank you to Bob and Lucy Pryor for working with the youth during October. We had a great time and, it was very meaningful! Please remember to mark your calendars for our November activities which include a field trip to glean at the Reed Valley Orchard on Saturday, November 11th. Youth will meet at the church at 8:30 a.m. We need help with transportation. If you would like to join us for this trip, please contact Mary Claire Williams. Shopping for the Thanksgiving baskets will take place on Sunday, November 19th immediately after the service. The youth will put together the baskets and deliver them to the Gateway House.



Etta Jane McCarty helped with youth activities on October 29. She wrapped up for the bonfire.



Lucy Pryor, Ellie Williams, Etta Jane McCarty, Keyairah Bailey, and Riley Pack had a class in bread making on October 29.

Pastor's class will take place on Sunday, November 19th after shopping for Thanksgiving baskets. If you have any questions, please contact Reverend Lisa. The Elementary/Middle and High School Bell Choir did an excellent job performing during the service on October 29th. Thank you very much to Sarah Chaney, Alicia and Brian Carter, and Genny Jenkins for their dedication to this ministry. During November practice will take place during Children's Church for Elementary/Middle School Bell Choir, and 5:00 p.m. on Wednesdays for the High School Bell Choir. We look forward to future performances! Thank you to Mark Etherton for teaching Children's Church during the month of November. We appreciate you!

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

CHOIR and BELLS



Genny Jenkins

The music department is in full swing for the fall! On October 29th we celebrated the 50th anniversary of our hand bell choir. We currently have an adult bell choir, a high school bell choir, and a youth bell choir. If you are interested in participating in this ministry, please let me know. *Please see page 8 for bell choir pictures.* The choir is currently preparing music for our November 1 Martin Luther—Reformation Celebration along with anthems for the month. And we will be presenting a Taize service of singing and meditation on November 19 at 7pm. All are invited to participate in this moment of quiet reflection before the mad holiday rush begins! As always, we thank the church for their continued support of the music programs.

Choir Members 2017-2018

Thank you to Leeann Akers, Angela Caudill, Sarah Chaney, Ashlynn Denney, Mike Dobranski, Andrew Hall, Ross Haney, Chas Jenkins, Jon Jenkins, Tray Mabry, Chris Prichard, Alana Scott, and Reagan Stamper.

Genny Jenkins, Choir Director

~Thank You~

~To Mary Claire Williams, Jack Whidden, Etta Jane McCarty, and Darlene Perkins for transportation for Jim Fred Cassity to and from North Fork Senior Living for Sunday services. FCC

~To Rev. Lisa, Marge Thomas, Etta Jane McCarty, Yvonne Baldwin and Sarah Chaney for providing October 21 lunch for the participants at Camp Smile.

~To the Congregation for \$150 gift certificate as part of "Pastor's appreciation month." I am so grateful for this external symbol of what I have already felt so strongly. I intend to buy some more of the commentary series "Feasting On The Word" so I will always think on this congregation as I prepare my sermons. Rev. Lisa

~To those who gave to Christian Care Communities on October 29. They are celebrating 134 years of the Christian Churches partnering with them in meeting the needs of Older Adults ministry. FCC

~To Bob and Lucy Pryor, Mary Claire Williams, and Etta Jane McCarty for the Youth Activity on October 29. FCC

~To Mark Etherton and Mary Claire Williams for teaching Children's Church. FCC

Tuesday "Soul, Food" Lunches

November 7 at 12-1pm. We are discussing *Philippians*.

Soup and bread provided.

This is the last lunch until January 2018.

Coming Soon



Church Library!

A new church library is being planned. It will be located on the main floor of the church in the conference room. This lending library will be for everyone in the church, from the young to the young at heart! The materials in the library will support the personal journeys of faith and spiritual growth we are all on together. At this time, no church funds have been requested for the library. Soon we will be requesting donations from the congregation for specific furniture, supplies, and books. More information will be forthcoming when we begin to collect donations. If you would like to make a monetary donation to support the needs of the library, please let Joe Barrett know. If you have any questions about the library, please see Connie Kibbey or Ronetta Brown.

ALL MEANS ALL T-SHIRT

The "Rainbow Chalice" T-shirt comes in gray or blue, cost is \$20 for S,M,L,XL; \$21 for 2X & \$22 for 3X. Shown are front and back. The shirts are due to arrive @ Nov. 15.



New Member Ashley Adkins Contact Info

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November Gateway Home Basket

Items are due by Sunday, November 5.

The items are for those transitioning from Gateway Homeless Shelter to a new home.

Thank you.

Donations to the Mack Fund

In Memory of

Marty Jo Netherton

Joyce Hart, Marge and Dan Thomas,
Etta Jane McCarty

Love Wins

November Birthdays

1- David Perkins	11- Steve Smith
5- Bill Davis	12- Wiley Tanner
5- Neva Griffith	12- Chris Prichard
6- Marge Thomas	13- Darrin Roe
9- Carrie Frazier	14- Darlene Perkins
10- Maggie Miles	23- Pat Adkins
	24- Jim Gross

Treasurer's Report

Income for October is \$8,740.00.

Expenses for October are \$13,126.96.

November Deacons

Fran Helphinstine, Brenda Combs,
Chris Prichard, Mary Claire Williams,
Leeann Akers, Charlene Bradford

November Elders

Nov. 5—Susan Thomas and Alana Scott
Nov. 12—Paul Semisch and Yvonne Baldwin
Nov. 19—Susan Thomas and Jack Whidden
Nov. 26—Alana Scott and Larry Fannin

Living Memorial Fund

Polly Purkhiser
(Etta Jane McCarty's aunt)

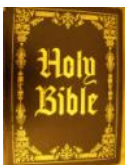
And
Angie Sims
(Alana Scott's aunt)

Fran Helphinstine

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*Dr. George C. Barber*

Etta Jane McCarty

For those who enjoy reading the sermon Bible passages for the month, they are as follows.



November 5—Matthew 23:1-12  
November 12—Matthew 25:1-13  
November 19—Matthew 25:14-30  
November 26—Matthew 25:31-46

### COMING UP IN 2017

Yoga T&Th 5:30-7pm; Youth High School Bells Wed 5pm;  
Bells/Choir Wednesdays 5:30/7pm;  
Elem/Middle Bells Sun 9:45am

#### Sunday, November 5 **All Saints Day**

-9:45am: Elementary/Middle School Bells  
-9:45am: Adult Sunday School-Alana Scott. "Luther, Law, and the Reformation"  
-10:45am: Worship Service with Rev. Lisa Kay C. Smith. "The Gift and Commitment of Sainthood."  
-12:00pm First Sunday Lunch hosted by the Elders providing sandwiches. The congregation is requested to bring sides.  
-12:00pm: Birthday Dinner celebrating all birthdays in 2017 with special tables for each birth month. They have been lovingly decorated with a special cake and table decorations.

#### Mondays, November 6, 13, 20

-6:30pm: Book Study – *10% Happier* by Dan Harris. Meet in Fellowship Hall.

#### Tuesday, November 7

-12-1:00pm: "Soul, Food Lunches." Philippians will be discussed. Soup and bread provided. *This is the last lunch* for this year, but will resume in January 2018.  
-5:30pm: Yoga

#### Saturday, November 11

-Youth KY Glean Field Trip, to Reed Valley Orchard (Bourbon County)

**Tuesday, November 14.** Dierson House, Louisville, KY, Ministry Behind Bars and Beyond (MB3). A background check is necessary, so please let us know soon if going. Musicians are needed for the service also.

#### Sunday, November 19 **Thanksgiving Service**

-Special Congregational Meeting after Worship Service to vote on the nomination for Vice President.  
-12-4pm Youth will shop for Thanksgiving baskets, deliver to Gateway Homeless Shelter, cook a meal for shelter residents.  
-5pm Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service, Faith Presby  
-7pm Taizé Service

#### Monday, November 27

-5:00 Book Study  
-6:15/7pm Executive/Full Board Meetings  
-6:30pm Outreach Committee Meeting

#### Tuesday, November 28

6:30pm Advent Lectio Divina



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**THANK YOU TO THE CONGREGATION AND OUR FRIENDS**

Kroger rewarded FCC with \$283.67 for the previous quarter.

# In & Around FCC



First Sunday Lunch on October 1.

By Sarah Chaney



The Prayer Ministry offered up our prayers in a Prayer Slip Burning ceremony on Sunday, October 22. Maggie Miles, Brian Carter, and Jim Fred Cassity prayed at the cairn in the labyrinth.



By Sarah Chaney



The youth supported Bob Pryor's wood cutting ministry by cutting and hauling 2 loads of wood to Christian Social Services on October 29.

Photo by Mary Claire Williams

# First Christian Church November 2017

| Sun                                                                                                                                                                                    | Mon                                                                    | Tue                                                      | Wed                                                                                                                                                  | Thu                                                                                                                            | Fri                        | Sat                                                                                                                     |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                        |                                                          | <b>1</b><br><br>7:15 500th Anniversary of the Reformation Serv. |                                                                                                                                |                            |                                                                                                                         |
|                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                        |                                                          |                                                                                                                                                      | <b>2</b>                                                                                                                       | <b>3</b><br>Office closed  | <b>4</b> Fellowship Hall reserved 2-5pm (private party). Birthday tables decoration 5-7pm.                              |
| <b>5</b> 9:45 Elem/Middle Bells<br>9:45 Adult Sunday School<br>10:45 Worship Service<br>12-2:00 First Sunday Lunch and Birthday Dinner<br>-Gateway Basket items due                    | <b>6</b><br>6:30 Book Study                                            | <b>7</b><br>5:30 Yoga                                    | <b>8</b><br>5:00 H.S. Bells<br>5:30 Bells<br>7:00 Choir                                                                                              | <b>9</b><br>5:30 Yoga                                                                                                          | <b>10</b><br>Office closed | <b>11</b> Youth to glean orchard in Bourbon County. Pastor is at DWF silent retreat at Knobs Haven Retreat, Loretto, KY |
| <b>12</b> Paul Semisch preaching.<br>9:45 Elem/Middle Bells<br>9:45 Adult Sunday School<br>10:45 Worship Service<br>Pastor is at DWF Retreat                                           | <b>13</b><br>6:30 Book Study                                           | <b>14</b><br>4-10 Dierson House, Louisville<br>5:30 Yoga | <b>15</b><br>5:00 H.S. Bells<br>5:30 Bells<br>7:00 Choir                                                                                             | <b>16</b><br>5:30 Yoga                                                                                                         | <b>17</b><br>Office closed | <b>18</b>                                                                                                               |
| <b>19</b> 9:45 Elem/Middle Bells<br>9:45 Adult Sunday School<br>10:45 Worship Service<br>12-4:00 Youth to shop for baskets<br>5:00 Ecumenical Thanksgiving Serv.<br>7:00 Taizé Service | <b>20</b><br>6:30 Book Study                                           | <b>21</b><br>5:30 Yoga                                   | <b>22</b><br>5:00 H.S. Bells<br>5:30 Bells<br>7:00 Choir                                                                                             | <b>23</b> Office closed<br>Thanksgiving<br> | <b>24</b><br>Office closed | <b>25</b>                                                                                                               |
| <b>26</b><br>9:45 Elem/Middle Bells<br>9:45 Adult Sunday School<br>10:45 Worship Service                                                                                               | <b>27</b><br>5:00 Book Study<br>6:15/7pm Executive/Full Board Meetings | <b>28</b><br>5:30 Yoga                                   | <b>29</b><br>5:00 H. S. Bells<br>5:30 Bells<br>6:30 Lectio Divina<br>7:00 Choir                                                                      | <b>30</b><br>5:30 Yoga                                                                                                         |                            |                                                                                                                         |



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## 50 Years Celebration of Bells

Sarah Chaney, Bell Choir Director



Adult Bell Choir  
2017. From left,  
Alana Scott, Jeff  
Brown, Sarah  
Chaney, Genny  
Jenkins, Alicia  
Carter, Jennifer  
Arrowwood.



High School Bell  
Choir 2017. From  
left, Wylie Tanner,  
Makayla Reynolds,  
Margot Hare, Genny  
Jenkins, Ethan  
Jenkins, Brian  
Carter, Annabelle  
McNeal. Not pic-  
tured, Jon Jenkins,  
Kennealy Roberts.



Elementary/Youth  
Bell Choir 2017.  
From left, Riley Pack,  
Eliza McGillicuddy,  
Ellie Williams,  
Keyairah Bailey,  
Draven Quinn, Sam  
Rogers.

### Bell Choir Schedule

**The three bell choirs meet regularly each week.**

Elementary/Middle School Bells will  
meet during Children's Church.

Wednesdays 5:00pm Youth/High School Bell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday 5:30pm Adult Bell Choir Rehearsal