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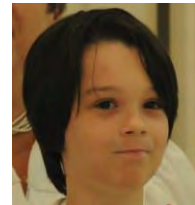
The Echo

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We welcome our newest members!

On October 20, five members of the FCC youth were baptized or confirmed into full membership of the Church! Those individuals were: Maggie Alden, Maynard Reinhardt, Makayla Reynolds, Olivia Skaggs, and Wiley Tanner.



Birthday Dinner and Silent Auction

On Sunday, November 3rd, we will hold our annual birthday dinner to celebrate everyone's birthday, in conjunction with our silent auction. You are asked to bring sides and salads; sandwiches and dessert will be provided. Final bids for the silent auction will take place at the end of the birthday dinner. We have some really nice items, so come down to the church to take a look!



DAY LIGHT SAVINGS!!! Remember to turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night, November 2.

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NOTES FROM THE PASTOR:

I need to begin by thanking the great number of you who sent me cards, emails, and sweet words for Pastor Appreciation Month. I also need to thank the Board, who gave me a lovely ruana (shawl) with Celtic knots embellished on it. I will feel wrapped up in warmth and love whenever I wear it.

In a church office, we need to work 4 months ahead. Consequently, as I write this, Ryan and I are about to take down the October calendar, and put up the February one – to go along with the ones for November, December, and January. Facing us, along with the regular schedule, are Thanksgiving Baskets, Christmas shopping and wrapping and delivering, Choir Advent Service, Youth Advent Service, our bell choir playing for us and several groups around here, decorating for the season, Christmas Eve service, Souper Bowl Sunday, November and January and February First Sunday Lunches, Advent studies, parties, January book study, special offerings, and now I am tired and need to take a nap.

The Christian life is often described as one of Already/Not Yet, and it is no more apparent than at this time of year. We celebrate the coming of One who has already come and gone and returned to live and walk with us. We start a journey to Bethlehem, even while remembering the words of the angel at the tomb, “He is not here, but has gone ahead.” THE KEY IS, of course, to remember that we stand between Already and Not Yet, and still need to be present, always present, IN THIS MOMENT. So, don’t be like your old Pastor – there is nothing to feel tired about. In this moment, we have a chance to change lives with our money, our gifts, and our presence. In this moment, we can choose to focus on the peace and quiet of Christmas and practice it before the clamor of cash registers drown all such thoughts.

Remember our sermon thought: our words have the power to create. Don’t complain about the lines, the rush, the 3 kinds of dressing, and the consumerism. Instead, speak good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. That is an act that needs to be done year round, not only one season.

All means all,

Pastor Mally 

The youth had a fantastic and educational trip to Cane Ridge on Sunday, October 27th. It was a beautiful day to explore the grounds where our church originated. The curator gave us a detailed tour and history lesson about the meeting house, and then we had some fun playing outside. Thank you to Joyce Hart and Emma Lou Gross for providing the meal this month, and thank you to Jackie Bailey and Alana Scott for helping me chaperone the trip. I think this could be an annual trip for the youth! Cane Ridge is a special place.

The next youth meeting will be on Sunday, November 24th. The youth will be shopping for the items to go in the Thanksgiving baskets, and then we will practice for our youth Christmas program which will take place on December 15th. If you would like to provide the meal or help drive to Kroger for the shopping trip, please let me know.

Mary Claire Williams

Youth Director



Animal Blessing



Meditation Group

Our meditation group will switch back to Thursdays in the month of November. Meditation meetings will take place at 7:00 on November 7 and 21. If you have any question regarding this group, contact Paul Semisch at 356-4324.

November Birthdays

1– David Perkins
5– Bill Davis
5– Neva Griffith
6– Marge Thomas
10– Maggie Miles
12– Wiley Tanner
13– Isaac Young
14– Darlene Perkins
23– Pat Adkins
24– Jim Gross



Our apologies to Neil DeAtley and Kia Rayburn for omitting their birthdays in October. They were the 18th and the 27th, respectively.

Treasurer's Report

Income for October

\$9,723.30

The average income needed to pay the church expenses is

\$9,672.73

Our youth will go Thanksgiving basket shopping after church on Sunday, November 24. They will shop for 10 baskets, which cost \$55-\$60 each. If you would like to make a donation to this outreach program, you may do so by going on our website, using a provided envelope in our pew hymnals, or give it directly to Mike or Dayna Seelig.

BOARD MEETING

November 25, 2013

Executive Board @ 6:30pm

Full Board @7:00pm

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

November 3: Luke 19: 1-10

November 10: Luke 20: 27-38

November 17: Luke 21: 5-12

November 24: 2 Corinthians 4: 14,15



During the month of October, our church received a check for \$212.80. **The cost of healthy food rises each month—PLEASE continues to reload and use your Kroger card to continue to fund this ministry.**

We will finish our study of the Book of Matthew on November 3 and 10 at 5pm in the Conference Room.

The church office will be close for Thanksgiving on November 28th and 29th. Because of this, the ECHO for December will be published earlier than usual. **Deadlines for articles to go in the ECHO will be Monday, November 25.**

Our administrative assistant, Ryan, will be out of the office on November 21 and 25. We need an individual to cover in the church office on these days from 9am to noon. Proficiency with PCs and Microsoft Office is recommended. (The office will be closed that Friday, November 22) If you are interested in helping the church in this capacity, please send Ryan a message at the church email address. Thank you!

If you would like a copy of any service, see Roger Fischer. We have a plethora of blank DVD's!

Children's Church

We thank Mary Claire Williams for taking Children's Church in November. In December, the children will enjoy the Advent service activities, so Children's Church will resume in January.

Mack Fund

In Memory of Troy Burgess

Rex and Sarah Chaney

Tommy and Neva Griffith

Joyce Hart

In Memory of Marge Thomas' Brother-in-Law

Tommy and Neva Griffith

In Memory of Alan Baldwin

Larry and Mary Jo Netherton

Margaret (Muff) Scott made a donation in memory of the following:

Robert B. Scott, Ann and Ben Penix, Doris Penix Pelfrey, Kenton Franklin Penix, Elizabeth Penix Foote, Lurline and Austin Alfrey, Frances Penix O'Donnell, Frances Peratt Garrison, Mr. and Mrs. C.O Peratt, the Rev. and Mrs. Gabriel Banks, and Inez Faith Humphrey.

Living Memorial Fund

In Memory of Marge Thomas' Brother-in-Law

Fran Helphinstine

In Memory of Troy Burgess

Fran Helphinstine

In Memory of George Cunningham

Etta Jane McCarty

November Deacons

Mary Claire Williams, Brenda Combs, Paul Semisch, Mickey Reffitt, Elizabeth Reffitt, and Alicia Carter

Feldenkrais: Doing Gratitude

Monday November 4, 11, 18

6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Team taught by Maggie Miles and Ned Breschel

Authentic gratitude is a spiritual practice we do, not something we find. It is also a habit we can learn. In three class sessions, we'll use gentle, meditative movement as the context for exploring how to:

- identify negative habits that pull us down
- discover new possibilities for transformed action, and
- shift to where being and doing gratitude come easily.

Class members will be encouraged to do some simple exercises during the week, such as keeping a gratitude journal or using a gratitude calendar. To reinforce the intentionality. If you want to learn techniques to inspire a more vibrant attitude of gratitude in your daily life, or if you simply need a weekly quiet oasis, this is the class for you! People of all physical fitness levels are encouraged to participate. If you have any questions, ask Maggie at church, by [606-776-4769](tel:606-776-4769), or HippieHollerFarm@gmail.com

Thank you's go to the elders for providing the sandwiches and drinks for the Birthday Dinner. We would also like to thank each individual who made dessert. They were: Glenn Johnston, Catherine Rogers, Sarah Chaney, Susan Whidden, Carmen Swim, Paul Semisch, Fran Helphinstine, Anita McNeal, Julia Hawkins, Chris Prichard, Neva Griffith, and Pastor Molly.

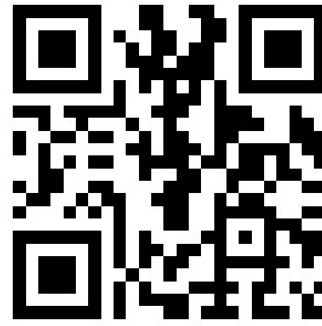
Our new church directory will be made available at some point during the week beginning November 10. Paper and electronic copies will be available. If you wish to have an electronic copy, please email the church office at fccmky@gmail.com. A BIG thank you goes to the following people for making the directory happen: Sarah Chaney, Doug Hoff, Jami Hornbuckle, and Catherine Rogers.

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This QR code, or “Quick Response” code, can be used by your smart phone to access our church website! Try it out by simply scanning this code using the QR reader app on your smart phone.

A rapidly approaching Holiday Season necessitates an increase in community outreach planning and participation by church members. On Sunday, November 3rd, a table will be set up downstairs during the First Sunday/Birthday Lunch where members can make donations toward food purchases for Thanksgiving Baskets. In addition, members will also be provided the opportunity to make donations toward the purchase of food, clothing and gifts to support Christmas for twenty families provided by partnering schools. It is estimated that these families will be comprised of seventy to a hundred adults and children. In addition to donations, church members will be able to volunteer for purchasing toys for specific children. Finally, additional volunteers are still needed to purchase clothing articles, food items and deliver gifts to families. The table will be set up each Sunday in November until all the names of children are drawn, and monetary donations designated for community outreach can be made any other time by providing them to Mike Seelig, Dayna Seelig or Joe Barrett. We look forward to a wonderful season of both giving and caring for our community and each other.

—Mike and Dayna Seelig



Cane Ridge

Meeting House

November 2013

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 3 DAY LIGHT SAVINGS 9:45 Sunday school 10:45 Service <i>Birthday Dinner</i> <i>Silent Auction</i> 5-6pm Bible Study | 4 6:30 Feldenkrais | 5 5:30 Yoga | 6 5:30 Bells 6:45pm Choir | 7 5:30 Yoga 7pm Meditation | 8 3-6 Fellowship Hall <i>reserved</i> | 9 |
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| 24 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Service Youth Shopping | 25 ECHO Deadline BOARD MEETINGS: 6:30 Executive 7:00 Full Board | 26 5:30 Yoga | 27 5:30 Bells No Choir | 28 OFFICE CLOSED | 29 OFFICE CLOSED | 30 |

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Rev. Molly Smothers, Minister
Diana Knoll, Choir
Mary Claire Williams, Youth
Ryan Brown, Secretary
Chia-Ling Hsieh, Organist
Michael Young, Pianist
Sarah Chaney, Bell Choir
Lindsey Morris, Nursery
Katie Messer, Nursery
Darrin Roe, Custodian

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At the recipe shower for Carmen and Phillip
Swim.