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ALL SAINT'S DAY SERVICE October 30

We will be observing All Saints' Day with a special Service of Commemoration and Remembrance on October 30 during the Sunday morning Worship Service. This will include a Litany of Remembrance, a Role Call of church and family members who have left us in the past year, and an open Commemorative Candle Lighting to honor and give thanks for other saints and loved ones whom we wish to remember from other times in our lives. We hope you will be able to join us for this meaningful service.



Fall Back!

Remember, the time changes the first weekend in November. Set your clocks back one hour on November 6.

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Highlights to Remember for November

Silent Auction

Sunday, October 30-Sunday, November 6
You won't want to miss the Silent Auction! There will be a one week period to bid on items located in the conference room.

Accepting donations through October 30—donations needed!

Bidding begins Sunday, Oct. 30th—Nov. 6th.

First Sunday Lunch and Birthday Dinner ~ November 6
Please join us for First Sunday Lunch. The church will provide
sandwiches and drinks. The congregation is encouraged to bring salads
or other complementary dishes. Birthday cakes will serve as the dessert.

Youth Thanksgiving Baskets ~ Sunday, November 20 Youth will be shopping for Thanksgiving baskets.

Community Thanksgiving Service ~ Sunday, November 20—5pm

First Christian Church will once again host the Annual Community
Thanksgiving Service. This special ecumenical service provides us the
opportunity to worship in thanksgiving with our neighbors and friends in
Morehead. Clergy and lay leaders representing other area congregations will be
participating in this joint service. Please plan to attend and invite other
members of the community to join us.

First Sunday of Advent ~ November 27

The season of Advent begins on Sunday, November 27, as we turn our attention in Worship to the anticipation of the birth of Christ.

OUTREACH FOR THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS

It's time to start thinking about our holiday outreach programs. 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 6th birthday dinner. 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 20th.



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 ask one of
our committee ~ Chris
Prichard, Darlene Perkins,
Connie Kibbey, Genny
Jenkins, Etta Jayne

McCarty, Matt Nutter, Alicia Carter, Dayna and Mike Seelig, Sarah Chaney, Susan Thomas or Marge Thomas.



Susan Thomas and Marge Thomas, Co-Chairs



Alana Scott

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fall is usually my favorite time of year (except for all the orange stuff, which reminds me too much of football foes like the Gators and Hurricanes). This year, however, our long summer has had me pondering things like anticipation. Is it possible that I am so ready for summer to be over that I don't appreciate it enough?

The same could be said for the life of our church right now. Yes, I want us to find a new pastor and get through the "bridge" time of our transition, but is my anticipation of new pastoral leadership preventing me from appreciating the time we are in now? In the coming weeks I'm going to make an effort to slow down, and to transform too much anticipation of the future into more appreciation of the moment.

Maybe I should stop to smell the spiced cider just a little bit more.

On the Journey Together,

Alana Scott, President

YOUTH GROUP



Our October Youth Meeting will take place this Sunday, October 30th immediately after the service. We will be discussing All Saints Day, and we have some Halloween fun planned for the youth. If they would like to dress in costume, they are more than welcome to do that. We are



Mary Claire Williams

looking for one or two volunteers who would be willing to provide a big pot of chili and crackers, a veggie tray, and cookies. We will wrap up around 3:00 p.m.

Looking forward: Our November meeting will take place on Sunday, November 20th. This is the meeting where we take the youth shopping to put together food baskets to donate to the homeless shelter. We will need to know how many youth are participating in order to have enough drivers.

Youth Sunday in December will take place on Sunday, December 4th during the service. We need to know how many youth are going to participate in this service as we begin our preparations. We will also go caroling on Tuesday, December 20th.

We have a lot of activities planned in the next couple of months that will be fun and meaningful. I appreciate everyone's support. Chris and I both feel very honored to be in the position to work with the youth at FCC. They are full of enthusiasm for life which is inspiring for all of us who receive energy from their special gifts.

Peace and Blessings,

Mary Claire Williams and Chris Prichard, Co-Chairs



PULPIT SEARCH COMMITTEE

The pulpit search committee has been conducting additional portfolio reviews, telephone interviews, and one on-site interview.

Progress in identifying a good match is slow but steady. We are exploring Yvonne Baldwin several issues in more depth with one particular candidate. And, as always, we ask the congregation to pray for us in this discernment phase. Yvonne Baldwin, Chair

CHOIR AND BELLS

The music department is in full swing for the rest of the semester. The choir is planning two major pieces - one on October 30th for All Saints Day service, River In Judea arranged by John Leavitt and one for the Sunday before Thanksgiving, For the Beauty of the Earth by John Rutter - along with continuing to put together our standard repertoire for services. The bell choir is in preparations for the holiday season. We have several playing engagements coming up - please plan to stop in and see us at US Bank during Hometown Holidays - and are also working on music for the Sunday following Thanksgiving. Additional plans are being made this month for the upcoming community Thanksgiving service as well as a Lessons and Carols service for December. More details to follow in next month's ECHO. Genny Jenkins, Choir Director

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~Thank You~

~My dear friends, thank you so much for the thoughts and prayers Stephanie and I felt each and everyone of them. I feel so blessed to have you in my life. God bless you, Love you all,

Jean Battson

Note: Jean's son-in-law, John Cowan, recently passed away.

~Thank you to the Peoples' Clinic Volunteers Joyce Hart, Emma Lou Gross, Frank Helphinstine and Ross Sloss. Thank you to Dayna Seelig for her leadership in organizing. FCC

~Thank you for all the meals prepared with love for Ned and me. We appreciate the support very much. Sincerely, Maggie Miles

Prayer Slips

Prayer slips are available in the pews and on the prayer shelf near the stone chalice.

In Remembrance

Margaret Penix "Muff" Scott August 4, 1920

October 20, 2016

Treasurer's Report

Income for the first four Sundays in October is

\$10,224.00.

Expenses for October are \$11,831.22.



Joys

The church had a baby shower for Kaitlyn Reynolds Paschall and Anthony Paschall on October 23 with a Dr.

Seuss theme. The big reveal at the shower is that the baby is a boy and the name is Miles Taylor Paschall. Congratulations to the family. More pics on page 6.

Back Pack Program

This holiday season, please be sure to use your Kroger card as you are shopping for your holiday meals and other grocery needs. Also, we'd like to ask that when you swipe your card, please be sure your Kroger fundraiser points show up on your receipt

because some folks have reported problems with this.

This is a wonderful

season of the year to remember that each time we use our reward cards, we are making a huge difference in the lives of the 88 elementary school children we support. With our special shopping efforts, our church outreach ministry is able to provide healthy food snacks to these kids so they can have food over the week-end throughout the school year.

We give thanks to everyone who is part of this Kroger Card program, which, in the name of Jesus, we turn into a Backpack filled with the ability to feed the hungry, care for those in need, and share the blessings of God's love.

P. S. If you haven't signed back up for your Kroger card, please do so ASAP.

Living Memorial Fund In Memory of

Charles Dier

(Charlene Bradford's Father)

Fran Helphinstine Darlene & David Perkins Living Memorial Fund In Memory of

Shirley Lawrence

(Cathy Hammond's Aunt)

Fran Helphinstine Darlene & David Perkins Mack Fund

In Memory of

Geneva Lyons Thompson Campbell

Sarah & Rex Chaney

SILENT AUCTION

Please plan to attend the Silent Auction this year. Joe Barrett is organizing this special event.



Donations may be brought to the church conference room until Sunday, November 6. Silent bidding will be from October 30-November 6 in the conference room. This fun event is to support general ministries.

Ministry Behind Bars & Beyond

Rev. Dean Bucalus A support team has been organized to help with the Ministry Behind Bars & Beyond. It consists of Darlene Perkins, Lucy Pryor, Bob Pryor,

Carmen Swim, and Alana Scott.

Their goal is to give love, support, and guidance to those in our area who are transitioning back into society. Please pray for this group as they carry out our charge to connect and witness for Jesus Christ.

New Elders Ordained October 23

Joe Barrett and Carmen Swim

We gladly welcome Carmen and Joe as new Elders in our life of faith together. We covenant to support you with our prayers, encouragement, and respect. Congratulations!

November Deacons

Brent Rogers, Leeann Akers, Chris Prichard, Etta Jane McCarty, Kathy New, and Carrie Frazier

November Elders

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Nov. 6 Mark & Ginny Etherton Nov. 13 Susan Thomas & Betty Hall Nov. 20 Sarah Chaney and Alana Scott Nov. 27 Carmen Swim and Sarah Chaney

Secretary On Vacation. Barbara will be on vacation November 8-14th. Susan Whidden has graciously agreed to fill in those days. Thank you Susan!





1- David Perkins 12- Chris Prichard

5- Bill Davis 12- Wiley Tanner

5- Neva Griffith 14- Darlene Perkins

6- Marge Thomas 23- Pat Adkins

9- Carrie Frazier 24- Jim Gross

COMING UP

Sunday, October 30. All Saints Sunday. -5th Sunday Offering for Christian Care Communities.

-12-3:00pm Youth Meeting.

October 30-November 6. Silent Auction. Bid on items located in conference room.

Sunday, November 6. 2am Be sure to turn clocks back on hour and "fall back."

-First Sunday Lunch is the Birthday Dinner. Sandwiches/drinks provided; please bring salads or sides. Cakes are provided by members.

November 8 & 22—Peoples Clinic, 751 West First Street, Morehead.

Sunday, November 20. 12-3pm Youth shop for Thanksgiving baskets.

-5pm Community Thanksgiving Service at FCC.

Thursday, November 24. Office closed.

Sunday, November 27. Advent I

Monday, November 28. 6/6:15/7pm Outreach/ Executive/Full Board Meetings

Bereavement Committee

A committee has been organized to provide food for families after a member of the church has passed. Please contact Marge Thomas, Connie Kibbey, or Etta Jane McCarty to help in this ministry.

Children's Church

Volunteers are needed to serve as leaders of children's church. If you or you and a friend would like to serve for one month, please contact the office. (606) 784-4836.



First Christian Church - November 2016

			30 5:30 Bells 7:00 Choir	29	28 6:00 Outreach 6:15 Executive 7:00 Full Board Meetings	27 ADVENT I 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service
26	25 Office closed	24 HARPY HARRYINES Office closed No Yoga	23 No Choir 5:30 Bells	22 5:30 Yoga	21	20 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service 12-3:00 Youth Shopping 5:00 Community Thanksgiving Service
19	18 Office closed	17 5:30 Yoga	16 5:30 Bells 7:00 Choir	15 5:30 Yoga	14	9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service
12	Veterans Day Vets will use parking lot 11:00-1:30pm	10 5:30 Yoga	9 5:30 Bells 7:00 Choir	8 Barbara on vacation 8-14th 5:30 Yoga	7	6 First Sunday Birthday Dinner 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service
Turn clocks back one hour at bedtime.	4 Office closed	3 Silent Auction 5:30 Yoga	2 Silent Auction No Bell Practice 7:00 Choir	1 Silent Auction 5:30 Yoga	31 Silent Auction	30 All Saints Sunday 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service 12-3:00 Youth Meeting Silent Auction Begins
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Sat	Fri	Thu	Wed	Tue	Mon	Sun

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Merry Jones, Interim 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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Lectionary Schedule November 2016

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Nov. 6—Luke 20: 27-38

Nov. 13—Luke 21: 5-19

Nov. 20—Luke 23: 33-43







Labyrinth
Garden
Brick
Walkway
Installation