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The Echo

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We welcome our newest member!



Chris Prichard

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Animal Blessing on Saturday, October 5 at 9am. Bring your lovely furry friends to be blessed and loved by others in attendance and Pastor Molly. Please make sure animals are secured by the appropriate leash/cage.

First Sunday Lunch will take place on October 6 after church. It will be a wedding recipe shower for Carmen and Phillip! EVERYONE is to bring their favorite dish, along with the recipe for it. The recipes will be the newlyweds' gift!!

Carmen and Phillip invite their FCC friends to attend their Oct. 24 wedding at 7:30pm. The wedding will be held at the First Christian Church with cake and punch to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

It's that time of year again. The air is crisp, the leaves are turning, the nights start sooner, the sweatshirts come out of storage. Andy Williams may have thought Christmas was the most wonderful time of the year; for me, it's autumn.

There are a few songs about the fall ("Autumn Leaves", "October Road", "Autumn in New York"), but it's not as heralded as other seasons. In our part of the country, the fall comes with the very physical reminder that the world is cyclic. It brings to mind the words of the Preacher in Ecclesiastes: *To everything there is a season...* Some folks feel like autumn comes with a stark reminder of death and dying, of aging and withering. I would like to counter that it comes with an eternal promise of rest and rejuvenation. For many parts of the world, autumn is a time for plants to absorb nutrients and rest, for animals to burrow in, for added hours of starlight.

I suppose – as with so much of life – it comes down to choice. To how we choose to view whatever season of life we're in. I see young people who are wishing their todays away in order to get on to tomorrow. I see older people (and I include my own age in that!) who wish to be in their yesterdays rather than see who they can be today. Is there anything sadder than a wasted day? Especially when the Lord God gives them to us each 24 hours as a place of beginning again?

Don't try to fast forward through your life. Don't try to hit 'pause' and stay long past where you should be. Every time you see a squirrel with an acorn, a brilliantly orange leaf, a wisp of smoke from a chimney - pause and say 'thank you for right now' to the Giver of All Life.

Pastor Malley



You will have noticed some new faces in our choir over the past few weeks. These are our new music interns, Catherine Ballard and Josh Lawwill. We are pleased to have them with us! Here is some more information about them and their background:



Catherine Ballard is a Senior Music Education Major at Morehead State University. She is a newlywed, married in May to Aaron Ballard, her high school sweetheart. Her hobbies include photography and home design. She hopes to teach in a Middle or High School choral setting when she and her husband move to Texas in June of 2013. She has been at the church on and off for a few years, and loves the environment and inclusive attitude it has.



My name is John Lawwill and I am a senior Music Education student at Morehead State University. I have really loved being a part of music throughout my school life. I hope to teach middle and high school music in the future. I also have been a part of church basically since I was born. I am really excited to be a part of the First Christian Church and the choir. It has been a goal of mine to try and live the way that I think God wants me to live.

In September, the youth continued our discussion on prayer. We focused on praying for ourselves and how we use our words. After taking a look at the Letter of James and discussing Pastor Molly's beautiful sermon from Sunday, September 22nd, we played a game by role playing how to put out fires of gossip in school. It was beautiful to watch the younger youth look up to the older youth, Abby and Meghan Hammond, for advice about how to handle these situations.

After the August and September youth group meetings, I hope the youth have learned a few new things about prayer. To wrap up one of our meetings I asked them to tell me one new thing they learned about prayer. One of them said, "prayer isn't just about talking, it's about listening, too" and someone else shared "life is hard." We talked about how prayer can be very difficult, especially when we are praying for difficult situations in our life and global issues. It's hard to always find the right words, but what is most important is that we remember that God always hears us, even when we are in such despair that we cannot find the right words. He hears the prayers in our heart.

"The fruit of silence is prayer. The fruit of prayer is faith. The fruit of faith is love. The fruit of love is service. The fruit of service is peace." Mother Teresa

The FCC Youth will meet on October the 27th immediately after the service until 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Thank you to Etta Jane McCarty for providing a delicious chili lunch in September, and thank you to Chris Prichard for helping with the youth meeting.

—Mary Claire Williams, Youth Director

Meditation Group

Our meditation group will meet only once in the month of October. Meditation meetings will take place at 7:00 on October 10th. If you have any question regarding this group, contact Paul Semisch at 356-4324.

Birthdays

5– Ingrid McKinney
13– Mary Claire Williams
13– Stacy Baker
17– Jean Hill
18– Makayla Reynolds
19– Fran Helphinstine
26– Kia Rayburn
27– Marcy Mitchell
30– Hubert Allen



BOARD MEETING

October 27, 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:


October 6: Luke 17: 5-10

October 13: Luke 17: 11-19

October 20: Luke 18: 18-25

October 27: Luke 18: 9-14



 During the month of September, our church received a check for \$268.60. **The cost of healthy food rises each month— PLEASE continues to reload and use your Kroger card to continue to fund this ministry.**

Treasurer's Report

Income for **five** Sundays in September

\$13,575.95

The average income needed to pay the church expenses is

\$9,566.67

Change in Office Hours

As our administrative assistant, Ryan, will be on his honeymoon during the second week of October, the church office hours will be changed to 9am to noon on October 7, 8, 9, and 10. The office will be closed on Friday, October 11. Thanks to Neil DeAtley and Leon Smothers for filling in!

Church Work Day

We will have a church work day on Saturday, September 12 from 9am to noon. This is a great opportunity to make our church building shine and sparkle! Donuts, orange juice, and coffee will be provided to all volunteers! See page six to see more information!

Evening Bible Study

Beginning on October 6, we will have Bible study on Sunday evening. It will cover the Gospel of Matthew. We will meet in the Conference Room at 5pm. Reading assignments will be:

October 6: Matthew 1-5

October 13: Matthew 6-13

October 20: Matthew 14-20

October 27: Matthew 21-28

Notice of Baptisms

On Sunday, October 20 we will celebrate the baptism of 5 young people who will have completed Pastor's Class: Maggie Alden, Maynard Reinhardt, Makayla Reynolds, Olivia Skaggs, and Wiley Tanner.

Children's Church

We thank Jackie Bailey for taking Children's Church on October 6th, 13th, and 27th. If you would like to teach children's church in November or another future month, please call the church office.

World Communion Sunday

On October 6 we will, as we do each Sunday, observe Communion. But this Sunday, denominations from all across the globe will join us as they too take their place at the table Jesus lays out for us.

Yard Sale

Our yard sale this year was a huge success! We made a grand total of \$1,078.35! Thanks to Scharline and Jack Whidden, Susan Whidden, and Alta Blair for organizing it and to all the generous individuals who donated and purchased items!

Outreach

If you are interested in helping with the Outreach Committee this year, please contact Mike and Dayna Seelig. We will need volunteers to help with First Christian Church's Christmas and Thanksgiving programs.

September Deacons

Jim Gross, Susan Thomas, Fran Helphinstine, Kathryn Rogers, Julia Hawkins, and Holly Pollock.

Reconciliation Offering

In addition to the regular church offering on Sunday, October 6th and 13th, we will be having our denominational Reconciliation Offering. The purpose of this offering is to fund our denomination's priority to become a pro-reconciling/anti-racist church through experiential education, inclusive worship and intentional dialogue across racial/ethnic difference. Funds from this offering will provide for leadership development in DOC camps, our communities and our congregations as well as providing resources to promote small group study and community action. Your giving will change lives and build hope for realm of God for our children and for Christ's Church!

Silent Auction

The church silent auction will begin Monday, October 28 and will run until Sunday, November 3rd, after the Birthday Dinner. Please contact Jami Hornbuckle if you have any items you wish to donate to put up for auction.

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Info on the Church Work Day

The church will hold a work day on Saturday, October 13, from 9am to noon. Weather permitting, we will work both inside and in the garden. A list of jobs will be available on the table in the landing outside the sanctuary on October 6. If you can not come on the 13th, please consider signing up for a task on the 6th and finish that task on your own time before October 15. Coffee and donuts available on the 13th :)



Thanks to the MSU golf team for helping to set up tables and chairs for our First Sunday Lunches!



Photo of the Youth Group during their September 29 meeting.



Photo taken after our “Sneaker Sunday” on September 1.

October 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 5:30 Yoga	2 5:30 Bells 7pm Choir	3 5:30 Yoga	4	5 10am Animal Blessing
6 World Communion Sunday 9:45 Sunday school 10:45 Service First Sunday Lunch/ Recipe Shower 5-6pm Bible Study	7	8 5:30 Yoga 7:00 Meditation Office hours:	9 5:30 Bells 7pm Choir 9am to noon	10 5:30 Yoga 7:00 Meditation	11 OFFICE CLOSED	12 9am Work Day
13 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Service 5-6pm Bible Study	14	15 5:30 Yoga	16 5:30 Bells 7pm Choir	17 5:30 Yoga	18	19
20 Baptisms 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Service 5-6pm Bible Study	21	22 5:30 Yoga 7:00 Meditation	23 5:30 Bells 7pm Choir 7:45–Sanctuary reserved	24 7:30 Eldridge/Swim Wedding	25 3-6 Fellowship Hall reserved	26
27 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Service Noon Youth 5-6pm Bible Study	28 BOARD MEETINGS: 6:30 Executive 7:00 Full Board	29 Church silent auction	30	31		

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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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Graduating Actolytes: Maggie Alden, Wiley Tanner, and Makayla Reynolds, and Olivia Skaggs (in absentia).

Newly Inducted Acolyte: Isaac Young