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FIRST SUNDAY LUNCH

After Worship Service
October 2

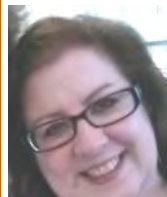
Fried Chicken



Everyone is invited to stay for lunch.

The church will provide fried chicken and drinks.

Members of the congregation are asked to bring sides and desserts.



PRESIDENT ALANA SCOTT

Regional Assembly was Energizing

This past September 22-24 was the Regional Assembly for our denomination, held at Crestwood Christian Church in Lexington. It was an uplifting experience. Friday night our denomination's leader, the Reverend Sharon Watkins, gave the sermon and thanked us for our (the region of Kentucky's) support during the Week of Compassion. Apparently our giving was proportionally greater than many of the other regions last spring. The assembly voted to purchase land in Edmonson County to build a conference center and retreat. Our worship services were led by a diverse group of clergy, many of them young and giving me hope for the direction in which we are traveling. However, I was most influenced by a workshop on how to energize church leadership. The workshop leader presented us with some hard truths that I will summarize here: Many church leaders have been trained to lead a church that doesn't exist any longer. We must be willing to leave behind the old ways of doing things and enthusiastically embrace new ideas, methods, and programming. It's important for us to realize that churches don't evolve because of the leadership in the pulpit. Instead, it's the influence of lay members that "energize" growing churches. The lay members are the ones in the trenches, oftentimes working both before and after the tenure of pastors. It's something to think about.

On the Journey Together, Alana



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 2, 2016

We will be celebrating World Communion Sunday this Sunday as we join other denominations around the world in coming together at the table of our Lord.



MERRYMENTS



Rev. Merry Jones

What do these words have in common: “Grounded, Growing, and Overflowing?” These words not only made up the theme of this year’s Regional Assembly of the Christian Church in Kentucky, they actually express the vision of how God is working in and through us to restore and reclaim God’s loving and saving grace in the world.



Yvonne Baldwin, Fran Helpinstine, Rob Sloss, and Alana Scott attended and participated in this year’s assembly, as well as myself and several hundred others of our new “best Disciple friends” from throughout Kentucky. Whether we were in business sessions, workshops, or worshipping together (four worship services in three days), we were inspired and encouraged to reflect on what it means to be “Grounded,” “Growing,” and “Overflowing” throughout every part of our lives: as an individual committed Christian; together as a local church community in covenant with God; blended with our sisters and brothers within the larger family of our denomination; and as part of the universal body of God’s church united in the Christian confession of One God, and in One Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Through singing, praying, listening and learning we were reminded of the blessings of being: historically **Grounded** by our deep spiritual roots in God’s love; continuing the journey of **Growing** together in our faith and understanding as the Body of Christ; and open to the new possibilities of **Overflowing** in the Spirit to do works of compassion, justice, and welcome!”

The messages and lessons to share from the Regional Assembly can be summed up in the closing Benediction: “Let us open our hearts to our Almighty and Amazing God, so that as we live out our faith each day, **grounded, growing, and overflowing**, we might go out into the world, inspired to be the hands and feet of Christ through service and witness to one another and to the whole people of God.” May it ever be so.

Rev. Merry Jones

PULPIT SEARCH COMMITTEE



Yvonne Baldwin

The Pulpit Search Committee has had a busy month. Several new candidate portfolios became available, and the committee corresponded with most of them. Initial email contacts were made, and the Congregational Profile was sent to four individuals who expressed continued interest. Follow up conversations took place by telephone, resulting in subsequent telephone interviews using our standard bank of questions. The committee remains very excited about the potential we see in three of these candidates. One has since asked to be removed from consideration, but we are continuing discussion with two very interesting and well-qualified candidates. We approach the telephone and skype interviews with a great deal of enthusiasm and hope. We take a prayerful and positive approach, but our goal is to present a realistic and open portrait of our church, its mission, our community, and our state. Without exception, candidates have asked about the summer's news making county clerk and her ideas on religious freedom as she thought it related to her job. We have consistently made it clear that FCC Morehead believes in Unity in Diversity, embraces all as children of God, and subscribes to the idea that all means all. We again ask for your prayers and support as we continue in this vital endeavor.

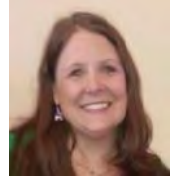
Yvonne Baldwin,

Chair

YOUTH GROUP



Chris Prichard



Mary Claire Williams

Greetings FCC family! At the September youth meeting, we learned about the Disciples of Christ Reconciliation Ministry and World Communion Sunday. The youth talked about how our reconciliation movement is relevant to our current world issues and looked at scripture that calls us to “Move Together, Heal Together, Bound Together in Christ”. We made a banner for World Communion Sunday to represent unity in our world through peace and love of all people. Thank you to Alana Scott and Dayna Seelig for providing the meal for the September meeting.

The October meeting will take place on October 30th from noon until 3:00 p.m. The youth are invited to dress in costume, and we will be having some Halloween fun. We will be discussing All Saints Day. If you would like to provide a meal for this meeting, please contact Mary Claire or Chris.

During Children’s Church on September 11th, the youth put together appreciation bags and delivered them to the Morehead Police Department to thank them for their hard work in keeping our community safe. Thank you to all the volunteers who have signed up for Children’s Church this year. We appreciate your help in this important ministry.



Jon Stigall, Leeann Akers, and Alexis Stigall

Congratulations to Alexis Stigall on her recent installation as an acolyte. We look forward to supporting her in her service to our church.



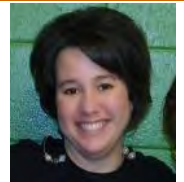
Ellie Williams (left) and Alexis Stigall



Peace and Blessings,
Mary Claire Williams and
Chris Prichard
Co-Chairs

CHOIR

It is hard to believe it is already October! The choir and bells have been hard at work with preparations for our Sunday services. I have been overwhelmed with gratitude for the support for music that this congregation shows. Your words of encouragement mean the world to us as we continue in our mission to uplift and support the worship and ministries of our church. We also continue to be thankful for the presence of Angela Lyon at the piano. Her contributions to the choir and our Sunday worship cannot be overstated. We are so lucky to have her!



Genny Jenkins

This month, we will start off with a guest soloist for World Communion Sunday. I will be gone with a school trip and ask your prayers for that endeavor! We will have a responsive psalm the following week and then several wonderful anthems to close out October.

Genny Jenkins, Choir Director

~Thank You~

~To My Church Family, What a beautiful surprise to receive my lovely birthday card with all the names on it. Thank you for your kindness and its always nice to be remembered. In Christian Love,

Peggy Bizzel



~Thanks to the great cooks of FCC for their baked goods which we delivered on September 26 to the Morehead

Police, Fire, and Emergency Medical Services. This is our way of saying thank you for their service.

Sarah Chaney and Darlene Perkins

~Thank you to Joe Barrett for leading efforts on the successful Yard Sale. We appreciate your many gifts of service.

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~Thank you to Alana Scott and Dayna Seelig for providing the youth meal for the September meeting. So appreciated.

Mary Claire and

Chris

~Thank you to Charlene Bradford and Mary Claire Williams for serving in the Children's Church Ministry during September.

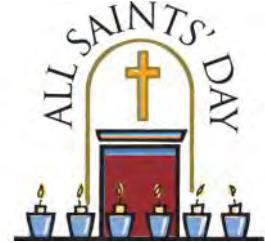
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Joys

-Yvonne Baldwin was featured in Morehead State University's Alumni Magazine, The Statement, Summer 2016, page 53, "Baldwin Values History as Both a Teacher and an Author."

ALL SAINTS DAY SERVICE - Oct. 30th

During our Sunday worship service on October 30th, we will be observing All Saints Day with a special Service of



Commemoration and Remembrance. This will include a Litany of Remembrance, a Role Call of the Saints 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.

Please contact the church office with the names of family members who have passed away since last Nov. 1, so we can be sure to include them on the List of Remembrance which will be printed in the worship bulletin for this special Sunday. We hope you'll join us and share in this meaningful day, sharing our gratitude for all the saints who have touched our lives and the light of Christ that continues to shine upon us all. Office 606-784-4836

Consider Electronic Giving

Electronic giving offers an easy way to give to the church. It is easy to set up at your bank or credit union. The church appreciates any form of giving, including the old-fashioned way. Please contact the church office (606) 784-4836 or Joe Barrett, Treasurer, (606) 875-9412.



Treasurer's Report

Income for September is

\$8,917.55

Expenses for September are

\$11,101.45



Yard Sale

Proceeds from our annual Yard Sale during the Arts and Eats Festival were **\$1043.00.**

Thank you to all who contributed to the success.

Reconciliation Offering, Sept 25 – Oct 2

Our reconciliation offering calls us to Move Together, Heal Together, and be Bound Together. This Special Offering is used to fund our Church's imperative mission to become a pro-reconciling and anti-racist church, utilizing the tools of experiential education and training, inclusive worship, and intentional dialogue. Copies of this year's Regional Reconciliation letter are available in the church office. One ministry supported by this offering is **Mission Behind Bars** (see below).

New Ministry with Mission Behind Bars and Beyond

We recently received a phone call from the Rev. Dean Bucalos, Director of Mission Behind Bars and Beyond (also known as MB3). He contacted us, seeking our participation as a Reentry Support Church, hoping we could put a lay Support Team together to assist one of the women who is about to be released and transition back to her home, which is close to Morehead. After prayerful discernment, and discussion with the Board, we invited folks in the congregation to let us know if they would be interested in being part of this Support Team. With Alana Scott as coordinator, we now have a Support Team in place, which includes: Alana Scott, Darlene Perkins, Bob Pryor, Lucy Pryor, and Carmen Swim. Lucy has already attended the training session and will be sharing that information with the team soon.

The young woman we will be supporting will be transitioning back to this part of the state in the next few weeks. We are still learning about how this Support Team will interact with her as well as the degree of confidentiality that will need to be maintained in this new ministry. That said, we know that prayers of support, encouragement, and hope are much needed for all who are involved. So, we deeply ask for your spiritual prayers and energy during these new days and new ways of serving our Lord, Jesus Christ, who calls us to care for those in need of his love.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

13- Mary Claire Williams
13- Stacy Baker
17- Jean Hill
18- Makayla Reynolds
19- Fran Helphinstine
24- Chas Jenkins
28- Jeff Brown

COMING UP IN 2016

Sunday, October 2. World Communion Sunday; Reconciliation Ministry Special Offering; 12-2:00pm-First Sunday Lunch. Fried Chicken and drinks are provided. Congregants are requested to bring sides and desserts.

Sunday, October 16. A short congregational meeting will be held after church on for the purpose of confirming two new Elders.

Sunday, October 23. 2pm-Fellowship Hall reserved for Kaitlyn Reynolds Paschall baby shower. Everyone is invited.

Monday-Thursday, October 24-27. Silent Auction items may be brought to church.

Monday, October 24. 6/6:30/7pm-Outreach/Executive/Full Board Meetings.

Sunday, October 30. All Saints Sunday; 12-3:00pm-Youth Meeting.

October 30-November 6. Silent Auction.
November 8 & 22—Peoples Clinic, 751 West First Street, Morehead.

October Deacons

Fran Helphinstine, Etta Jane McCarty,
Charlene Bradford, Brenda Combs,
DeWayne Carter, and Alicia Carter

October Elders

October 2—David & Darlene Perkins
October 9—Jami Hornbuckle
& Larry Fannin
October 16—Alana Scott & Paul Semisch
October 23—Susan Thomas & Betty Hall
October 30—Mark & Ginny Etherton

IN & AROUND FCC




SILENT AUCTION
October 30—November 6
 Needing ideas for Christmas Gifts?
 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. Donations may be brought on Monday, Oct. 24th through Thursday, Oct. 27th. Bidding begins Sunday, Oct. 30th—Nov. 6th.
 Office Hours 8:30 - 1:00
 Info: Joe Barrett 606-875-9412

Baby Shower
October 23, 2pm
Fellowship Hall

 Please join us for a baby shower for Kaitlyn Reynolds Paschall. The shower is a Dr. Seuss theme. Kaitlyn is registered at Buy Buy Baby and Babies R Us. If you have any questions, please contact Anne Buckner, Brenda Combs, Kathryn Rogers, or Mary Claire Williams. We look forward to seeing you there!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Office Hours Monday-Thursday	8:30-1:00 pm					1
2 World Communion 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service 12:00 First Sunday Lunch	3	4	5	6 5:30 Yoga	7 Office closed	8
9 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service	10	11 5:30 Yoga	12 5:30 Bells 7:00 Choir	13 5:30 Yoga	14 Office closed	15
16 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service After worship: Elder Vote	17	18 5:30 Yoga	19 5:30 Bells 7:00 Choir	20 5:30 Yoga	21 Office closed	22
23 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service 2:00 Baby Shower for Kaitlyn R. Paschall	24 Bring Silent Auction Items 6:00 Outreach 6:30 Executive 7:00 Full Board	25 Bring Silent Auction Items 5:30 Yoga	26 Bring Silent Auction Items 5:30 Bells 7:00 Choir	27 Bring Silent Auction Items 5:30 Yoga	28 Office closed	29
30 All Saints Day Fifth Sunday Offering 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service 12-3:00 Youth Meeting	31 Silent Auction bidding begins October 30- November 6 in Conference Room					

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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

(Disciples of Christ Lectionary)
October 2—2 Timothy 1-14
October 9—Luke 17:11-19
October 16—Luke 18: 1-8
October 23—Luke 18: 9-14
October 30—Luke 19: 1-10



World Communion Sunday

October 2, 2016

