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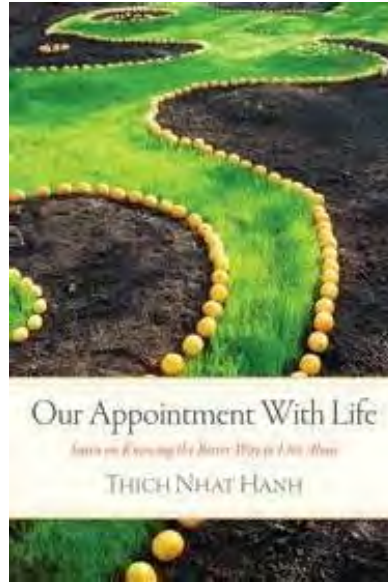
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The Echo

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**Book Study Begins
September 2**

You have an appointment with life, an appointment that is in the here and now.

Thich Nhat Hanh

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Acolyte Recognition Service 10 August



We graduated Annabelle McNeal & Maynard Reinhardt,
and welcomed new acolyte Ellie Williams.

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NOTES FROM THE PASTOR

One of the things I look forward to each fall is the Beloit College Mindset List – compiled each year by Beloit College, it sets into focus the life of those who are incoming first year students (so, most likely born in 1996). Beloit tells us, among other things, that the incoming class was in kindergarten on 9/11; that when they see wire rimmed glasses, they think of Harry Potter and not John Lennon; that “Chicago”, the musical, has always been on Broadway; that their quarters have always images from individual states on them; and Everybody has always Loved Raymond.

I. Am. Old.

It’s important to keep the changing landscape of our lives in mind, though. It’s hard for me to believe that Sgt Pepper’s Lonely Hearts Club Band came out 47 years ago, that Doctor Who is 51 years old (well, the SHOW is 51 years old; the Doctor is over 2000 years old.....), and that pointing to one’s wrist is no longer an understandable non-verbal way of asking the time.

But I remember Bob Dylan singing “*The Times, They are a’Changing*” (yep. 50 years ago back in January). And they always have, and they always will. Most people want change – they just don’t want things to be different. But different has always been the norm. It always will be. It’s just that some of us quit wanting to change, and so we get stuck.

Gaslight becomes electricity. Paper fans become air conditioning. Faces we are used to seeing each week move on, and are replaced by newer faces we see.

That being said: a few things never change. People still need to be loved. There will always be someone on the outside looking in. There will always be someone who is hurting, who is hungry, who is bitter. There will always be someone who is watching, who is caring, who is forgiving. There will always be someone who has decided the church is not for them: that they have moved beyond it, through it, or have been hurt too much by it to ever come back. And there will always be Someone, who says to each of us, “Keep showing them love. No matter what changes.”

Pastor Malley





Choir Director

The choir began its customary Sunday singing this past week with an anthem during Special Music time in our service. And we will continue to offer anthems on most Sundays throughout the fall semester.

Sometimes, however, instead of an anthem we will be offering a Psalm setting as Special Music. Psalms lend themselves very well to singing, as most are composed in a style that could be considered lyric poetry. The settings we will use will be responsorial in nature— meaning that there will be a congregational response for each setting. We hope you will enjoy this scriptural addition to the service. As always, anyone interested in singing with us is welcome to join us at our regular Wednesday night rehearsals!

Genny Jenkins

Youth Directors

Greetings FCC family! We are happy to have the youth back on our regular schedule. Our first youth meeting of the new school year was held on Sunday, August 24th and was an overall success. We discussed showing love and kindness to others (even when it's hard) and how we are all connected. Also, we would like to extend a special thanks to Marge Thomas and Susan Thomas for providing lunch for the youth.

The youth meeting in September will take place on Sunday, September 28th in conjunction with the church picnic at Carter Caves. In addition to enjoying the dinner with the rest of the church, the youth will be taking a cave tour. We will send more detailed information to parents about this soon!

Love & Blessings,

Chris Prichard & Mary Claire Williams



During the month of August our church received a check for \$401.03. **The cost of healthy food rises each month—PLEASE use your Kroger card to fund this ministry.**

September Birthdays

- 5- Doug Hoff
- 9- Chia-Ling Hsieh
- 9- Connie Kibbey
- 11- Jack Whidden
- 13- Diana Knoll
- 14- Bessie Pernell
- 23- Abbey Allen
- 23- Anne Buckner
- 24- Delia Allen
- 25- Chase Barnett
- 27- Brian Carter



SpaceTrek Thank You

Dear Dayna, Our SpaceTrek team wishes to thank the First Christian Church for their generous contribution of \$500. It enabled us to offer scholarships for two local girls who needed financial assistance to pay the participant fee of \$250. The collaboration between AAUW Kentucky and Morehead State University Space Science Center has impacted the lives of all girls who attend SpaceTrek camp. It is evident that after one week the girls are empowered and confident in pursuing a career in STEM disciplines. SpaceTrek 2014 was a huge success this summer thanks to the support of all donors and sponsors. Thank you for helping us continue this worthwhile project. Michele McNeil, Co-director, SpaceTrek Program

Out Of Sync? Out Of Time? Out Of Balance?

On Tuesdays in September, Paul Semisch will lead a study of Thich Nhat Hanh's book Our Appointment with Life. It is a small book – 62 pages – but within it are many wonderful ideas and thoughts for being fully present to the moment. Many of us have learned much from Hahn's books over the years. Join others at 7 pm on Tuesday the 2nd. Books available at CoffeeTree.

Meditation will be incorporated within the study this month and not meet separately.

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

- September 7: Matthew 18: 15-20
- September 14: Matthew 18: 21-35
- September 21: Matthew 20:1-16
- September 28: Matthew 21: 23-32



Treasurer's Report

Income for the first four Sundays of August is \$8,060.00.

The average income needed to pay the church expenses is \$10,207.53.

September Deacons

Brent Rogers, Jim Gross, Dayna Seelig, Mike Seelig, Brenda Combs, Joe Barrett

Children's Church

Thanks to Phillip and Carmen Swim, who are teaching Children's Church in September. Thanks also to Kathryn Rogers, Dianna Fischer, and Makayla Reynolds for taking October.

Looking ahead.....Maggie Miles and Ned Breichel are planning on a set of Feldenkrais lessons on gratitude November 3rd, 10th, and 17th. Questions? Give them a call at either 776-6683 (Ned) or 776-4769 (Maggie).

Christian Care Communities Thank You

On behalf of the 4000 Christian Care residents, their families and our over 900 member staff, I want to thank you for your gift of \$90 for older adults in nine communities. Bill Schiphorst, Director of Church Relations

The Heart of Christianity Returns in October

In July, Alana Scott led a great discussion of the first part of Marcus Borg's book The Heart of Christianity. Beginning on October 5th and running through the Sundays in October, we will meet again to discuss the second half of the book. It is not necessary that you went to the first part of the discussion to join in the second part. The group will meet at 5 pm in the Conference Room; books are still available at CoffeeTree.

Kroger Community Rewards Card

- If you do not already have a card and you need a Kroger Plus card you can get one at the store or at the church from Dayna and Mike Seelig.
- Register your Kroger Plus key tag or card at www.krogercommunityrewards.com.
- Click on "Sign in/Register" on that site.
- Most individuals will need to SIGN UP TODAY in the "New Customer" box.
- You will need to enter a zip code, click on your favorite store and enter your email address and create a password.
- You will be sent a message to your email inbox. You will click on the link in your inbox and enter your email and password and proceed to the next step.
- Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards Information and put your Kroger Plus Card/keytag number in. Update or confirm your information.
- Enter this number "11559" as First Christian Church of Morehead, KY's number. Or you can look for the name in the alphabetical list. Click on confirm once you have done one of these two things to identify the organization.
- To verify you have enrolled correctly, you will see our church's name on the right side of your information page.



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With this new program you will only be able to support one group since there is one number on your KrogerPlus Card. If you use your KrogerPlus Card/keytag or use the phone number at the register associated with your KrogerPlus card then you will receive discounts, fuel points as you always have and FCC will receive money from Kroger to support our church.

AmazonSmile

First Christian Church is now registered with AmazonSmile. AmazonSmile is a website that lets customers purchase from Amazon.com and have 0.5% of the price of the purchase donated to a charitable organization of their choice. There is no extra cost to the customer and no administrative fee charged to the organization. Each quarter, the Amazon Smile Foundation makes the donation to the charitable organization by electronic funds transfer to its bank account.

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- 3) Click on "Go to Amazon Smile"
- 4) Enter the email and password for your regular Amazon.com account
- 5) Enter First Christian Church Morehead in the space where it says "Or your own charitable organization" pick
- 6) Select First Christian Church (Not First Christian Church of Morehead, Inc.)
- 7) Shop as usual. You will need to go into smile.amazon.com each time you shop, but you will not have to enter First Christian Church each time. That will be set as your organization. **Be sure to log in to your account each time on the page that says Welcome to AmazonSmile.**



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If you want to read about this, go to <https://org.amazon.com>.

Mack Fund

In memory of Roger Griffith

Neva and Tommy Griffith

New Church Secretary

Please come by the office to meet Barbara Marsh who "is looking forward to meeting everyone" and wants to serve in the landscape ministry. Her hobbies are fitness, history, and gardening.

ALL CHURCH PICNIC September 28th

Immediately after church on the 28th, we will leave for a fun day at Carter Caves:

~Rides will be available for those who do not wish to drive. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board downstairs.

~Youth will eat as a group and take one of the cave tours. **There will be no cost for any of the youth – lunch and tour costs will be provided.**

~If we have 30 or more folks eat at the lodge, we can have our own room; the cost is \$19.41 (that includes gratuities) for adults; and \$10.95 for children 6-12 (children 5 and under eat free). **Remember that the church will provide the cost of lunch for youth.**

~You may also bring a picnic lunch and eat on the grounds.

~Activities include:

- ◆ Canoeing on the lake (\$10 per person)
- ◆ Golf (9 holes for \$14.50, which includes cart fee)
- ◆ Horseback riding (\$18.00 per person for a 1 hour ride)
- ◆ Mini golf (\$2.50 a game)
- ◆ Cave tours X-Cave (\$4.00) Cascade Cave (\$5.00)

YARD SALE ON SEPTEMBER 20th – 9 am to 1 pm

Our thanks to Scharlene, Jack, and Susan Whidden for again planning our annual Yard Sale, held in conjunction with Arts and Eats. You can begin bringing items to sell on Wednesday the 17th (please not before). PLEASE have them priced already – and if you can't think of a good price, make one up! We ask you not bring clothing to sell. The Whiddens would love help, so if you're willing, let them know. Then come shop on that Saturday morning, and enjoy the rest of the day in beautiful downtown Morehead!

INQUIRER'S CLASS SEPTEMBER 14

Why is our communion table in the center of the sanctuary? Who are the people who pass the offering plates? What does the Chalice mean? On Sunday, September 14th, at 5 pm Pastor Molly will hold an Inquirer's Class for folks who want to learn more about the Disciples of Christ, the way our church functions, and other areas of our walk. It will run about 90 minutes. It is open to ALL adults – member or non-member, first time visitor or long time attendant. We already have 5 or 6 people attending – come join us!

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 5:30 Yoga 7:00 –Hanh Book Group	3	4 5:30 Yoga	5	6
7 9:45 Sunday school 10:45 Service First Sunday Lunch— “FISH FRY”	8	9 5:30 Yoga 7:00 –Hanh Book Group	10 5:30 Bells 7:00 Choir	11 5:30 Yoga 7:00 Meditation	12	13
14 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Service 5:00 Inquirer’s Class	15	16 5:30 Yoga 7:00 –Hanh Book Group	17 5:30 Bells 7pm Choir Yard Sale Set Up	18 No Yoga Yard Sale Set Up	19 Yard Sale Set Up	20 9:00 –1:00 pm YARD SALE
21 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Service Noon Elder Pot Luck	22 6:30 Executive Board 7:00 Full Board	23 5:30 Yoga 7:00 –Hanh Book Group	24 5:30 Bells 7pm Choir	25 5:30 Yoga 7:00 Meditation	26	27
28 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Service ALL CHURCH PICNIC AT CARTER CAVES	29	30 5:30 Yoga				

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Rev. Molly Smothers, Minister
Genny Jenkins, Choir
Mary Claire Williams and
Chris Prichard, Youth
Barbara Marsh, Secretary
Chia-Ling Hsieh, Organist
Sarah Chaney, Bell Choir
Ashley Morris, Nursery
Bethenny Glahn, Nursery
Darrin Roe, Custodian

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Some of the youth enjoying dessert after lunch.....