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Christian Care Communities Offering August 30

Christian Care Communities provides a full range of services for Older Adults. These services include home health and day care for those living at home, safe and affordable housing on one of 10 campuses, rehabilitation services for transitioning to home, and skilled nursing care for those who are frail and in need of constant care. Please give generously.

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Welcome the Rev. Merry Pratt Jones. Merry began an Interim Ministry on August 17. Please come by to say hello and introduce yourself.

Acolyte Installation Service August 16



We welcomed new acolytes Maddox Reinhardt (left) and Nathan Young (right). Photos by Sasha Reinhardt and Chialing Hsieh.

Youth Meeting
August 30 after church (12-3pm)
Regular youth meetings resume.

MERRYMENTS

The time has come: You have waited patiently for several months, I have completed my summer travels and have eagerly anticipated joining you, and, as of August 17th, we have begun our journey together for this transition period in the life of the church. The graciousness and hospitality with which I have been welcomed as I have been getting settled at the church and oriented to the events and activities at FCC has been deeply appreciated. Your church President, Paul Semisch, Yvonne Baldwin and the other members of the Search Committee, and all the staff members have been wonderful to meet, and I look forward to working with everyone in the coming weeks and months. A special word of appreciation also goes out to Dr. Robert Stauffer, who so capably filled the pulpit for the church during the summer.

It's time to move ahead: As we begin to write the newest chapter in FCC's book of faith, here are a few things to expect: we will experience poignant changes, be asked to share important conversations, and seek to communicate as clearly and carefully with one another our wants and needs, our joys and concerns, our hopes and our dreams for the future ministries and missions of our congregation. It's important work. It's necessary work. It's God's work.

It's time to unite: All of us are invited to share in the prayers, preparations, and planning that are crucial as the momentum and energy now shifts to the process of calling your new permanent minister (see article by Search Committee for more info). May we unite and join hearts, voices, and forces, seeking the presence of God's strength, the wisdom of God's spirit, and the goodness of God's love as we walk this interim pathway together.

A Note From The President

Summer is quickly drawing to a close---school is back in session, the hours of daylight are growing shorter, and it won't be long before autumn is upon us!

We are pleased to have Reverend Merry Jones with us, and we are grateful for her gifts of ministry and presence here at FCC. She will be with us as we begin our search for a permanent pastor. We plan to undertake this process in a very prayerful and reflective manner, being open to the Spirit's guidance and asking for your input on a range of issues and questions which affect the future direction of our congregation.

We recently distributed a flier listing different opportunities for involvement here at FCC. If you are not already involved in some way, please think about how you can share your gifts, time and presence with our church family and our community. We need everyone's gifts if we are to continue to grow and flourish as a welcoming community of faith.

As always, let's stay rooted in prayer and in community. Please feel free to call on me if you have any questions or concerns.

Peace,

Paul Semisch, FCC President

YOUTH DIRECTORS

August was a busy month for the youth. We were back in full swing after a summer break. The youth had a summer picnic at Cave Run Lake (pictures on page 6). Thank you to all of the parents and guardians who helped bring food or chaperone the trip. We had a lot of fun! Our regularly scheduled monthly meetings started back in August, as well. We will meet on the last Sunday of the month throughout the school year. Please mark your calendars because we have some fun activities planned for the fall.

Two new acolytes were installed in August. Maddy Reinhardt and Nathan Young are the newest acolytes. Please support them in their service to our church.

The September meeting will take place on September 27th immediately after the service until 3:00 p.m. Thank you to Mike and Dayna Seelig for providing the meal for this meeting.

If you have any questions or you would like to get involved with the Youth at FCC, please contact Mary Claire Williams or Chris Prichard.

Peace and Blessings,

Mary Claire Williams and Chris Prichard
Co-Directors of Youth Activities

CHOIR NOTES

The school year has begun and our church music department is back into the full swing of things. I'm very excited to take this opportunity to share with you a few of the details about this fall. The choir and bell choir are working on our week to week anthems. The bell choir will be sharing a piece at the end of each month and there are several wonderful arrangements in the works. Also, we're already practicing music to play for Hometown Holidays in December and you won't want to miss that! The choir will be choosing a Cantata for this year very soon and will be working on that throughout the fall. Another thing the choir will be sharing during worship is a Psalm (about once a month) for the anthem. We've done these in the past and they come with a congregational refrain and give our interns a wonderful opportunity to cantor. I also wanted to share with you that we'll be having some guests on October 25. So please mark your calendars as we welcome the Black Gospel Ensemble under the direction of Dr. Roosevelt Escalante to our worship service that day. I am happy to share with you that our church is thriving in all areas of music and we look forward to sharing with you each week throughout the semester.



Genny Jenkins, Choir Director

Re-enrollment for 2015-2016 will be from August 1—August 31, with the new year beginning on September 1. Go to www.kroger/communityrewards.com to refresh your membership. If you have not signed up to support our church, enter this number 11559, (FCC, Morehead). A portion of your purchases will be donated to FCC for outreach programs.



Lectionary Schedule (The Disciples of Christ lectionary schedule is being used.)

September 6—Mark 7: 24-37
September 13—Mark 8: 27-38
September 20—Mark 9: 30-37
September 27—Mark 9: 38-50



September Birthdays

5- Doug Hoff	13- Diana Knoll
9- Chialing Hsieh	14- Bessie Pernell
9- Connie Kibbey	23- Abbey Allen
11- Jack Whidden	23- Anne Buckner
12- Rebelah McAuliffe	24- Delia Allen
	25- Chase Barnett

Treasurer's Report

Income for August is

\$ 9659.00.

The average income needed to pay the church expenses is

\$10,171.17

September Deacons

Mitch Wilson, Chris Prichard, Connie Kibbey, Brent Rogers, Dayna Seelig, Mike Seelig

Electronic giving doesn't take vacations

This fall, if you can't make it to church due to travel or other commitments, we encourage you to automate your regular donations. The church relies on the consistent financial support of the congregation and electronic giving offers an easy way to give on a recurring basis. Please visit the church website <http://www.fccmorehead.org/>

Children's Church

Thanks to Natalie Mineer, who is teaching Children's Church in September. Thanks also to Jackie Bailey for taking August.

YARD SALE ON SEPTEMBER 19th 9 am to 1 pm

Our thanks to Scharlene and Jack Whidden, and Joe Barrett, for again planning our annual Yard Sale, held in conjunction with Arts and Eats Festival. You can begin bringing items to sell on Wednesday the 16th (please not before). PLEASE have them priced already – and if you can't think of a good price, make one up! We are accepting clothing! The Whiddens and Joe 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! Contacts: Jack Whidden cell (606) 776-6249 or home (606)784-9779; Joe Barrett cell (606) 875-9412 or home (606) 784-9787.

Church Founding and Symbolism. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) was founded in the early 1800's in the United States. Seeking to move beyond denominational disagreements, the founders envisioned a united church of Jesus Christ molded on the New Testament. The chalice symbolizes the central place of communion for worship for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The X-shaped cross of the disciple Andrew is a reminder of the ministry of each person and the importance of evangelism. For Disciples, the open table honors diversity even as it celebrated unity in Christ. **All** are welcome.

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Thank you from “Liv” Olivia Skaggs

"I had a great time this year at church camp- Wakom-Da-Ho. I really enjoyed meeting new friends and building relationships. I participated any many activities including fishing, zumba and four square. I especially enjoyed small group prayer and camp fire sing alongs! I also had a great time sharing this experience with Makayla!"

Labyrinth Garden



Search Committee Update

Now that the Interim Minister, the Rev. Merry Jones, is in place, the search committee will begin bi-weekly meetings. A subcommittee has been working on a congregational survey, and we hope to have that finalized and distributed electronically and on paper in September. As always, the committee asks for your prayers and your input. We specifically request your active participation in completing the survey.

Yvonne Baldwin, Chair

COMING UP IN 2015

August 30—12-3pm. Youth Meetings resume with lessons on *New Beginnings*.
September Tuesdays & Thursdays—5:30pm: Yoga.
September 7—Church office closed.
September 16 & 17—Begin bringing items for yard sale. Please have them priced already. We are accepting clothes this year. If you can't think of a price, just make one up!
September 19—9-1pm. Yard Sale. Come one, come all!
September 24—The ECHO newsletter deadline.
September 27—12-3pm: Youth Meeting.
September 28—6:30/7pm: Executive/full boards.

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OLLI at UK, Morehead Campus Osher Lifelong Learning Institute
The University of Kentucky is very pleased to continue offering lifelong learning programs for adults 50+ in Morehead. For class information and to register online or by mail on Monday, August 31, go to www.uky.edu/OLLI or for information contact Teresa Hager at (866) 602-5862 or by email at teresa.hager@uky.edu.



Youth Outing at Cave Run Lake August 9



We all enjoyed the “Welcome Lunch” on August 23. We are blessed to have such a wonderful Interim Minister.



The Rev. Mary Pratt Jones

First Christian Church - September 2015 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	8:30-1:00 pm					
New Office Days Monday-Thursday						
*Barbara will be on vacation September 8, 9, 10, and 14. Connie Kibbey will serve as Secretary on those days. Thank You!						
6 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service	7 Labor Day Office Closed	8 5:30 Yoga	9 5:30 Bells 7:00 Choir	10 5:30 Yoga	11 Office closed	12
13 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service	14	15 5:30 Yoga	16 8:30-1pm Bring- yard sale items 5:30 Bells 7:00 Choir	17 8:30-1:00 Bring yard sale items NOTE: Yoga will not meet	18 Office closed	19 Annual Yard Sale 9-1pm
20 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service	21	22 5:30 Yoga	23 5:30 Bells 7:00 Choir	24 5:30 Yoga The ECHO newsletter dead- line	25 Office closed	26
27 9:45 Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service After church: Youth Meeting	28 6:30/7:00pm Exec- utive/Full Boards	29 5:30 Yoga	30 5:30 Bells 7:00 Choir			



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Interim, Minister

Genny Jenkins, Choir
Mary Claire Williams and Chris
Prichard, Youth
Barbara Marsh, Secretary
Chialing Hsieh, Organist
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Natalie Mineer found a quiet retreat in the labyrinth garden.