

**First
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(Disciples of Christ)**



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FIRST SUNDAY LUNCH After Worship Service



September 4 LABOR DAY PICNIC

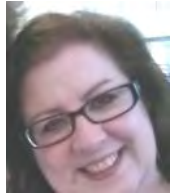
Everyone is invited to stay for lunch.

The church will provide hot dogs and hamburgers.

Members of the congregation are asked to bring and desserts.



PRESIDENT ALANA SCOTT



I tend to stay pretty busy.

I never have thought much of it because I know a lot of busy people. But since Merry used the Mary and Martha story in a recent sermon I've been considering the nature and quality of my busy-ness.

Am I busy for the right reasons? Or do I stay busy so I don't have to think too much, or re-think too much? I recently met with a student, a sophomore, who is so focused on graduating and getting his first job that he can't enjoy being in college. I encouraged him to think about the journey, not just the destination. After he left I thought—Oops! I think I'm sometimes guilty of that. I think I enjoy life, but perhaps I can be so focused on what I'm trying to achieve that I don't appreciate the process of achieving it. The words of Thomas Merton came to me. He said, "Do not depend on the hope of results. You may have to face the fact that your work will be apparently worthless and even achieve no result at all, if not perhaps results opposite to what you expect. As you get used to this idea, you start more and more to concentrate not on the results, but on the value, the rightness, the truth of the work itself."

On the Journey Together,
Alana

YARD SALE

Saturday, September 17 from 9-1pm.

To be held during the Morehead Arts and Eats Festival.



PLEASE have all items priced, including clothing, and if you can't think of a good price, make one up!

Yard sale items may be brought to the church basement on Wednesday & Thursday, September 14 & 15. (8:30-1pm).

Please contact Joe Barrett (606) 875-9412 for information.

MERRYMENTS

Several weeks ago, as one of our Elders was giving the invitation to the offering, he offered this comment: "A hand extended out to give is in a wonderful position to receive." The beauty of that image inspired me to work with our Treasurer, Joe Barrett, in focusing on a two-week sermon series focusing on giving, and the stewardship covenant of faith we all make when we covenant with God to follow Christ's example of caring and "extending our hands out" to others. We invited each member, children, youth, and adults, to prayerfully discern and personally fill out a Covenant Card that would represent the gifts of prayer, time and talents, offerings, financial gifts, and resources. The response has been wonderful so far, with a 66% increase in participation and a 35% increase in total resource amounts. More facts and figures are still being compiled even as more Covenant Cards continue to be turned in. You can see a sample of the Card below, and cards will be available at the church and on Sundays if you would like to participate by making your Covenant of Faith this year with FCC. One more figure to share: it is powerful to know that over 41 people, so far, have checked the prayer covenant pledge to be pray stewards and partners for the mission and ministries of the church. It is exciting to see and anticipate what God is doing here at FCC as we extend our hands out to give, and in turn, be in position to receive a wonderful blessing. Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow.



Many Hands – One Spirit

Stewardship Covenant of Faith 2016-2017 (Program & Fiscal Year)

I/We pledge support for the mission and ministries of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) as follows:

Check all that apply: _____ Praying for the church, staff, members, & friends
_____ Sharing time & talent through volunteer & leadership activities
_____ Giving, through our offerings, financial gifts and resources in the amount of _____ per _____ for a total of _____ for 2016-2017 (Program & Fiscal Year)

(It is understood this amount may be raised or lowered at any time based on changes in my/our circumstances.)

Name/s _____ Date _____

Thank you for your commitment/generosity in maintaining & growing our spiritual life, operating budget, investment funds, & special offering.



Rev. Merry Jones

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PULPIT SEARCH COMMITTEE

The committee appreciates the prayerful support of the congregation and is particularly grateful for those who have shared their words of encouragement with us. The road is long but we have been blessed to have Merry Jones in the interim role. We were saddened when our two most recent candidates, both very promising, had to withdraw from the process for health reasons. But we are pleased to report that three new candidates are reviewing our Congregational Profile and one has already agreed to a telephone interview.

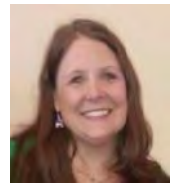
We also wanted to share this message to Brenda Combs from the candidate who came for an on-site interview, Rev. Mark Benson. He and his wife were delightful and, we still believe he was a wonderful match. However, his choice of churches centered primarily on proximity to home and family. This is a very affirming statement, and the pulpit committee is ever mindful of the great community that FCC offers us all:

"You're a church that represents all that is right about our denomination, and I have a great deal of respect for your congregation and each of you. You still hold the hospitality award for our two days there! The cabin and gifts (including those from your farm) were an act of grace by you guys and a great joy for us." Yvonne Baldwin, Chair

YOUTH GROUP



Greetings FCC family!



It was great to see all of the youth at our first meeting of the year after being on summer break! A special thanks to Phillip and Carmen Swim for hosting our kick-off meeting at their farm. Also, a big thank you to all the parents who helped with transportation and provided food for the youth. A good time was had by all!

Looking forward, our next youth meeting will be Sunday, September 25th, immediately following the church service. Please stay tuned as plans are in the works for new ways for our youth members to serve in the church!

We will be looking for different people to volunteer to provide meals for the youth in the coming months for meetings. Additionally, we will also be looking for volunteers to teach children's church. Please let us know if you feel lead to serve in either of these capacities.



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

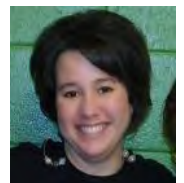


CHOIR

Our choir is very glad to be back together after our summer hiatus. We are also so thankful to have Ms. Angela Lyon as our interim pianist and accompanist.

Our interns this year will be:

Lalah Ware – Soprano
Reagan Stamper – Soprano
Charlie Day – Tenor
Andrew Hall – Bass



Please make them welcome to our church family. The choir and bell choir are both working on literature for the fall semester.

I will continue to play some of the hymns on the organ as we go through the fall. I am so excited to play this amazing instrument and will try to do it justice by working diligently to figure out the best settings for the hymns. Thank you for your continued support of music for our worship.

Genny Jenkins, Choir Director

~Thank You~

-Thank you so much for our 50th Anniversary card. To all who sent their blessings and good wishes, it brightened our day. We appreciate all the little messages and miss being there with you. Thanks again. Glen and Anne Buckner

-Dear FCC Family, Thank you is hardly enough for the amount of love and support you have shown over this past week! I am blessed beyond measure to have each of you as my church family. Thanks for all the prayers, food and kind words during this difficult time for my family. Please continue to keep my family in your prayers. Chris Prichard

-Dear Church, It means a great deal to me to have communion, especially during the treatments. The support of my church family is vital to my healing. Maggie Miles

-Dear FCC Family, Thank you so much for all of the visits, texts, calls, thoughts, prayers, and yummy food when Curt had his surgery. We appreciate everything and truly feel blessed to be part of such a loving church family!

Love, Curt, Cathy, Meghan, and Abby Hammond

Joys

-Chas Jenkins and Daniel Merritt, 1st Place, Duo Interpretation, Rowan County High School, Kentucky district tournament of the National Speech and Debate Assn.

-Annabelle McNeal, 4th Place, Solo Acting, Rowan County Middle School, KY Educational Speech and Drama Assn. State Speech Tournament for Middle School.

-Dennis McKay was named interim director of MSU-Mt-Sterling campus.

-Dr. Stacy Baker, professor of music tuba/ euphonium, received the Morehead State University Distinguished Creative Productions award.

-Dr. Rex Chaney has been selected for induction into the Kentucky Golf Hall of Fame. The ceremony will take place in November.



Support us when you shop for back-to-school items. #StartWithaSmile at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/61-0865444> and Amazon donates.

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.



RENEW YOUR KROGER CARD

Renewal Time—Kroger continues to contribute a percentage of your purchases to the charitable organization of your choice but you must sign up and renew your choice annually before August 31. First Christian Church-Morehead is one of the organizations. Our organization number is #11559. To renew or sign up go to Kroger.com/communityrewards or call 1-800-KROGERS and choose option #3. You will need your Kroger plus shoppers card number. Thank You!

Mack Fund

In Memory of Michael Lewis

Joe Barrett

Treasurer's Report

Income for first three Sundays in August is **\$8,798.00**

*The average income needed to pay the church expenses is **\$10,322.85***

AmazonSmile

has issued a **\$5.95** donation for activity between April 1 and June 30, 2016. Thank you for ordering and designating FCC as your charity.

Regional News and Retreats

For more info: <http://www.kydisciples.net/>

The Christian Church in Kentucky Biennial Assembly-September 22-24, 2016

Crestwood Christian Church, Lexington, KY

This year's theme is "Grounded, Growing,
Overflowing" and will be held at

Crestwood Christian Church,
Lexington. Workshops include
Becoming a Welcoming Space;

Ministry with the Aging;

Involving Kids and Youth in

Worship; Buddy Break...Kids

with Special Needs are our VIP Kids!; and
many more workshops. Youth registration

\$25; Adult registration \$45. US/Canada

President Dr. Sharon Watkins speaks at

7pm Friday. Registration form: [http://](http://www.ccinky.org/regional-assembly)

www.ccinky.org/regional-assembly. Our

church office has an Assembly Program with

all the information. Yvonne Baldwin and

Alana Scott will be our voting

representatives. All other members are

encouraged to attend as your schedules

allow. Check with the office for details.



Christmout will
present a

Chautauqua event

October 24-28,

focusing on Appalachian Heritage and

Culture. For more information and

registration, call 828.669.8977 or [http://](http://www.christmout.org/chautauqua.html)

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September Deacons

Fran Helphinstine, Brent Rogers, Leeann
Akers, Connie Kibbey, Mary Claire Williams,
and Charlene Bradford

September Elders

- September 4—David and Darlene Perkins
- September 11—David and Darlene Perkins
- September 18—Paul Semisch and Alana Scott
- September 25—Susan Thomas and Betty Hall



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|-------------------------|-------------------|
| 5 Doug Hoff | 13 Diana Knoll |
| 9 Connie Kibbey | 14 Bessie Pernell |
| 11 Jack Whidden | 23 Anne Buckner |
| 12 Rebekah
McAuliffe | 25 Chase Barnett |
| | 27 Brian Carter |

COMING UP IN 2016

Sunday, September 4—First Sunday
Lunch. Labor Day Picnic theme. Church
providing hot dogs and hamburgers.
Everyone please bring sides & desserts.

Monday, September 5— Labor Day— office
closed.

Sunday, September 11— Worship will
include a special 9/11 Service of
Remembrance and Hope.

Wednesday, September 14—8:30-1pm.
Yard sale items may begin being brought to
the church basement.

Saturday, September 17— 9-1pm. Yard
Sale. PLEASE have all items priced,
including clothing, and if you can't think of a
good price, make one up! Contact info: Joe
Barrett (606) 875-9412.

Sunday, September 18—After Worship.
Labyrinth Prayer Blessing.

**Thursday, Friday, Saturday, September
22-23-24**—Regional Assembly at Crestwood
Christian Church, Lexington, KY. See
Regional News, this page.

Sunday, September 25—Reconciliation
emphasis. After worship: Youth Meeting.

Dumpster Pad

We are very proud of
our Property
Committee and
thank Brent Rogers
and Phillip Swim for
coordinating a new
location for our
dumpster, now on a
"firm foundation..."
and...we gained another parking space!



Living Memorial

Fund Gifts

In Memory of

Michael Lewis

David & Darlene

Perkins



In Memory of

Billie Jean Clayton

Todd Pratt Insurance

Ted & Ginny Pass



In Memory of

Gordon Prichard

David & Darlene

Perkins

Kenny & Betty hall

Connie Kibbey

Etta Jane McCarty



IN & AROUND FCC

First Christian Church - September 2016 Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Office Hours Monday-Thursday	8:30-1:00 pm					
						
4 First Sunday Lunch 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service	5 Labor Day Office closed.	6 5:30 Yoga	7 5:30 Bells 7:00 Choir	8 5:30 Yoga	9 Office closed	10 
11 9/11 Remembrance 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service	12	13 5:30 Yoga	14 Bring Yard Sale Items 5:30 Bells 7:00 Choir	15 8:30-1pm Bring Yard Sale Items 5:30 Yoga	16 Office closed	17 9-1:00 Yard Sale
18 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service 12:00 Labyrinth Prayer Blessing	19	20 5:30 Yoga	21 5:30 Bells 7:00 Choir	22 Regional Assembly Lexington 5:30 Yoga	23 Regional Assembly Lexington Office closed	24 Regional Assembly Lexington
25 Reconciliation 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service 12-3:pm: Youth Meeting	26 6:00 Outreach 6:30 Executive 7:00 Full Board Meetings	27 5:30 Yoga	28 5:30 Bells 7:00 Choir	29 5:30 Yoga	30 Office closed	


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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)
September 4—Luke 14: 25-33
September 11—Luke 15: 1-10
September 18—Luke 16: 1-13
September 25—Luke 16: 19-31



Youth Meeting, August
28, at Carmen and
Phillip Swim's home.

