

**First
Christian
Church**
(Disciples of Christ)
A Green Chalice Ministry



The Echo

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First Sunday Lunch

PIZZA PARTY

April 7—12pm



Hosted by the Chaney and Ethertons.

The congregation is requested to bring salads or desserts. salads and/or desserts.

Recycling in Morehead Examples

- #1 Plastics: soda/pop bottles
- #2 Plastics: milk bottles
- #2 Plastics: laundry bottles
- Steel cans: vegetable cans
- Alum cans: soda cans
- Plastic grocery bags
- Cardboard: pizza, drink cups
- Mixed paper: mail, empty sweetener/copy paper
- Shiny paper: magazines
- Newspapers: and inserts
- Paper plates if majority of food is cleaned off.



What is Not Recycled

- Chip bags/animal food bags/styrofoam/fruit mesh bags/plastic #3-6/paper towels/kleenix/hand towels/baby wipes.

The Prodigal Father

by Rev. Don Chase

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The Prodigal Son, detail. Rembrandt



Please join us for the Holy Week Services



Palm Sunday falls one week before Easter on April 14.

Christians celebrate the triumphal entry into Jerusalem by Jesus. Palm branches will be waved by the children.

Maundy Thursday Taizé Service will be hosted by FCC on April 18, with First Baptist and Faith Presbyterian. Maundy Thursday is the Thursday before Easter, believed to be the day when Jesus celebrated his final Passover with His disciples. Most notably, that Passover meal was when Jesus washed the feet of His disciples in an extraordinary display of humility. A Taizé worship service involves sung and chanted prayers, meditation, a period of silence, and liturgical readings.



Good Friday Tenebrae Service will be hosted by First Baptist Church, with FCC and Faith Presbyterian on April 19. Good Friday is the Friday preceding Easter, and is a Christian holy day commemorating the trial, crucifixion and the death of Jesus Christ on the cross. The word "tenebrae" comes from the Latin meaning "darkness." The Tenebrae is an ancient Christian Good Friday service that makes use of gradually diminishing light through the extinguishing of candles to symbolize the events of that week from the triumphant Palm Sunday entry through Jesus' burial.



Easter Sunday, April 21, is the oldest and most important Christian feast, celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ on the third day after his crucifixion, as described in the New Testament. Lily dedications (form on p.8) will be in the bulletin.

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Probably my favorite biblical story is the parable commonly known as “the Prodigal Son.” This Luken passage also happened to be the appointed gospel lesson this past Sunday. *Goody...what a wonderful scripture for me to return to the pulpit.* I am well aware of what attracts me to this story. As the father of a wayward child, I’m continually looking down the long corridors of the valley and waiting for my child to return “home.” As *Godot* learned, waiting is a painful and often desperate activity. *Waiting...waiting...waiting*, oftentimes more debilitating than a surgical incision! While quite certain my readers have figured this out by now, I deeply resonate and empathize with the distraught father in this story.

My hunch is that this story has become so familiar to us that it loses its *pathos*. Ho-hum. Yeah, yeah...I’ve already heard that story – no doubt a million times before!!



The Prodigal Son, Rembrandt van Rijn c 1669
oil on canvas, 262 x 205 cm. *The Hermitage*
Museum, St Petersburg

“In 1986 Henri Nouwen, a Dutch theologian and writer, toured St. Petersburg, Russia, the former Leningrad. While there he visited the famous Hermitage where he saw, among other things, Rembrandt’s painting of The Prodigal Son. The painting was in a hallway and received the natural light of a nearby window. Nouwen stood for two hours, mesmerized by this remarkable painting. As he stood there the sun changed, and at every change of the light’s angle he saw a different aspect of the painting revealed. He would later write: “There were as many paintings in the Prodigal Son as there were changes in the day.”

It is difficult for us to see something new in the parable of the Prodigal Son. We have heard the story so many times we believe that we have squeezed it dry of meaning. Not only that, but, as the saying goes, familiarity breeds contempt. When we hear the opening words of the parable once again, “And there was a Father who had two sons,” we greet the words with ho-hum. Heard it. Heard it. Heard it. Yet, I would suggest that just as Henri Nouwen saw a half dozen different facets to Rembrandt’s painting of *The Prodigal Son*, so too are there many different angles to the story itself” [story from Rev. King Duncan].

What a great idea! Maybe what we need is to re-imagine this beloved, but very familiar, story. Perhaps instead of the “Prodigal Son,” the story is really about the **Prodigal Father**. After all, when I think of the word *prodigal*, I think of such attributes as extravagant, generous, abundance, lavish, liberal, and unsparing. Does that not describe the heart of a loving and compassionate father? Does that not tell us about the character of our heavenly Father? Upon the son’s return, the father threw the most lavish party, decorated the house extravagantly, spared no expense, and served *Prime Rib* not hamburgers and hot dogs!

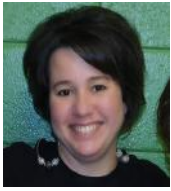
And yet, there is another reason why this story is really about a Prodigal Father. Despite the excruciating emotional pain, the Prodigal Father waited and waited and waited – always on the lookout for the son to return. And when the son finally returned? No condemnation, no lecturing, and welcomed with open arms. No doubt a tight embrace, an abundance of tears, and an emotionally-muffled declaration, “Welcome home, son. I love you!”

This, by the way, is the same Prodigal Father who waits for us!

Shalom, Pastor Don

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

April 7—Ellie Williams April 14—John Akers April 21—Eliza McGillicuddy April 28—Keyairah Bailey



Genny Jenkins

CHOIR & BELLS

Thank you to all those who assisted with and attended our Ash Wednesday service. It was a wonderful way to begin the season of Lent. Please mark your calendars for the following special services, coming up as part of our continuing ecumenical Lenten observances this year.

April 18 - Maundy Thursday - hosted by FCC; dinner at 6pm and service at 7pm

April 19 - Good Friday - hosted by First Baptist; dinner at 6pm and Tenebrae service at 7pm.

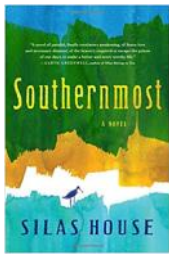
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Also, please SAVE THE DATE for our second annual "FCC Choral Scholars Benefit" dinner and concert which will take place on Thursday, May 2. This promises to be another evening of wonderful music and fellowship for a great cause. More details will be shared once we get closer to the date.

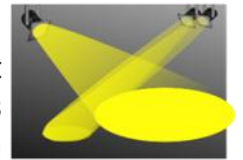
We are looking forward to a lovely Lenten music season and Easter celebrations in April. God bless you all.

**Genny Jenkins**, Choir Director

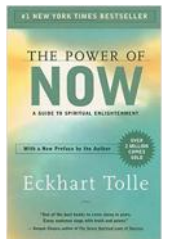
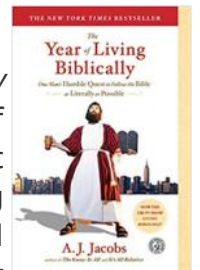
### LIBRARY SPOTLIGHT



*Southernmost*, by Silas House (Adult Fiction). In this stunning novel about judgment, courage, heartbreak, and change, author Silas House wrestles with the limits of belief and the infinite ways to love. *Southernmost* is a tender and affecting book, a meditation on love and its consequences. A novel for our time; a courageous and necessary book.

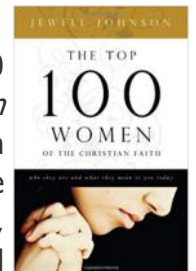


*The Year of Living Biblically*, by A.J. Jacobs (Christian Living). From the *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Know-It-All* comes a fascinating and timely exploration of religion and the Bible. A.J. Jacobs chronicles his hilarious and thoughtful year spent obeying—as literally as possible—the tenets of the Bible. Jacobs's extraordinary undertaking yields unexpected epiphanies and challenges. A book that will charm readers both secular and religious, *The Year of Living Biblically* is part Cliff Notes to the *Bible*, part memoir, and part look into worlds unimaginable. Thou shalt not be able to put it down.



*The Power of Now: A Guide to Spiritual Enlightenment*, by Eckhart Tolle (Personal Growth). It is no wonder that *The Power of Now* has sold over 2 million copies worldwide and has been translated into over 30 foreign languages. Much more than simple principles and platitudes, the book takes readers on an inspiring spiritual journey to find their true and deepest self and reach the ultimate in personal growth and spirituality: the discovery of truth and light.

*The Top 100 Women of the Christian Faith*, by Jewell Johnson. Here are 100 Christian women who changed the world: *The Top 100 Women of the Christian Faith* will encourage and inspire you in your life today! From Harriet Tubman to Corrie ten Boom, from Katie Luther to Lisa Beamer, and from Fannie Crosby to Queen Victoria, the women of Christian history present a beautiful spectrum of service and devotion. These essays, short and easy-to-read, present the life stories of these amazing women along with biblical insights for modern living. Applicable to readers of any age or background, *The Top 100 Women of the Christian Faith* is ideal for gift giving, small group studies, or personal reading enjoyment.



(Source: Amazon) by **Connie Kibbey**

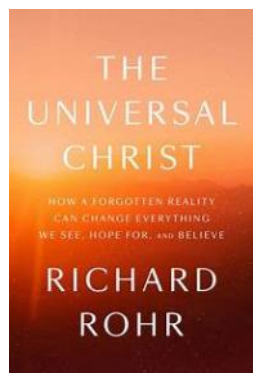
### ~Thank You~

~THANK YOU, THANK YOU...

I have known for some time that FCC-Morehead was a special place. No secret there! However, I have experienced the depth of your love, compassion and care during the past seven weeks that makes me deeply humbled and thankful to be a part of this great congregation. Thank you for the many texts, emails, calls and "thinking of you" cards. On a humorous note, when I woke up after the surgery there were some books about Obama sitting on my tray. At first, I thought I had died and gone to heaven! Did I miss an impeaching and we brought back '44' while in never-never land?

I was touched by the outpouring of your love and well-wishes. I will admit, however, that I was a bit surprised that in this computerized, high-tech day and age in which we live, greeting cards and snail mail are still an option! But I have a stack of cards and notes that prove me wrong. Again, thank you. I love each of you. Shalom, Pastor Don

~ Dear Congregation, I believe I am at a place in my journey where I can be removed from the prayer list. I appreciate everyone's prayers; they were felt and heard. Jami Hornbuckle



### Book Study Opportunity

We will begin a six-week book study of *The Universal Christ* by Richard Rohr on Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. These discussions will occur in the Helphinstine Library from 6:00-6:45 pm, between Adult Bells Choir practice and Choir practice. There will be some copies of the book available at Coffeetree Books if you would like to purchase your copy there. Hope to see you!

### Labyrinth Prayer Blessing Schedule

March 31, 2019, June 2, 2019,  
September 8, 2019, December 1, 2019

The specific prayer concerns are offered to God by placing them in the cairn in the labyrinth garden as the slips are burned. Contact Maggie Miles.

*Immediately following worship service 12:05pm.*

### Camp Wakon'Da-Ho

The 2019 Camp Registration/Health Form is available in the office.

#### 2019 Wakon'Da-Ho Camp Dates

|                                   |                               |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Spring Work Weekend - March 22-24 | Mini Camp - June 7-9          |
| CYF 1 - June 10-15                | Eighters' - June 16-22        |
| Junior 1 - June 24-28             | Camp 101A - June 28-30        |
| CYF 2- July 1-6                   | Chi Rho 1 - July 8-13         |
| Chi Rho 2 - July 15-20            | Junior 2 - July 22-26         |
| Camp 101B - July 26-28            | Y'ALL Camp - Aug 30 - Sept. 1 |

Please call or stop by for a copy of the application. There are many camps for all children/youth ages.

Early bird deadline is May 1, 2019.

Registration forms can be downloaded at:  
[www.ccinky.org/ministries/outdoor-ministries/](http://www.ccinky.org/ministries/outdoor-ministries/)

### What's Going On In Our Denomination Websites

National Benevolent Association  
<https://www.nbacares.org/>

Green Chalice Ministry  
[www.disciphomemissions.org/missions-advocacy/](http://www.disciphomemissions.org/missions-advocacy/)

Christian Churches in Kentucky  
(Disciples of Christ) Our Regional DOC  
[www.ccinky.net](http://www.ccinky.net)

Christian Churches (DOC) in the US/Canada  
<https://disciples.org/>

Kentucky Disciples Women's 2019 Spring Conferences April 13 and 27 [www.ccinky.org](http://www.ccinky.org)

### Outreach Committee Report & Thank You

This month our ministry helped sponsor two Rowan County High School seniors for a trip to NYC plus two partial scholarships for a day trip to Cincinnati. We also donated money for the 8th grade trip to Washington DC. Gateway Basket donations were delivered to the Homeless Shelter. Thank you to our wonderful congregation. Marge Thomas

### Family Friendly Hiking Opportunity

Come join Sustainable Morehead for our April 14, Second Sunday Hike. Meet at 2pm in the Methodist Church parking lot to carpool. Allow about two hours for this hike. Contact Lucy Pryor



### Another Hike! ... a little more challenging.

April 20 & 27—Rowan County Hike Series, Hike #4. This 7-mile hike takes us from Dry Branch Road over the ridge and through a beautiful hollow to Holly Fork Road and then along another pretty ravine and back up on the ridge just north of Interstate 64. The hike ends with a walk along FS 977 to our March starting point. Email [crlc@sheltowee.trace.org](mailto:crlc@sheltowee.trace.org) to sign up. Lucy Pryor

## LOVE WINS

### April Deacons

Genny Jenkins,  
Catherine Rogers, Jim  
Gross, Dewayne Carter

### April Birthdays

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1- Joshua Pack           | 22- Dan Thomas           |
| 8- Sam Rogers            | 24- Alex New             |
| 12- Julia Hawkins        | 25- Joe Barrett          |
| 13- Ryan<br>McGillicuddy | 28- Maggie Alden         |
| 16- Grant Alden          | 28- Jacquelyn<br>Caudill |
| 17- Phillip Swim         | 30- John Schiessl        |
| 18- Kenny Hall           |                          |

### AmazonSmile

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice. On your first visit to AmazonSmile, (smile.amazon.com) you are prompted to select your charitable organization from the list of eligible organizations.

You can change at any time.

1. Sign in to smile.amazon.com on your desktop or mobile phone browser.
2. From your desktop, go to **Your Account** from the navigation at the top of any page, and then select the option to **Change Your Charity**. Or, from your mobile browser, select **Change your Charity** from the options at the bottom of the page. Select First Christian Church (Not First Christian Church of Morehead, Inc.).
3. Donations are used for our Outreach programs. *Thank you!*

### April Elders

April 7—Joe Barrett  
April 14—Yvonne Baldwin  
April 21—Susan Thomas  
April 28—S.Chaney/ and S.Thomas

### Mack Fund

*in memory of*

Betty Eldridge

(Carmen Swim's mother)

by

Marge & Dan Thomas

### Volunteers Needed



We are looking for several helper elves for clean up after First Sunday Lunch on April 7. Contact Susan Thomas

### Lenten Library Book

As you make your way through your Lenten journey, here is a sentinel read. Thomas Merton's *No Man Is An Island* is one of the most amazing spiritually enlightening books. Check it out in the library.

### Treasurer's Report

Income for the first four Sundays is \$6,853.37.  
Expenses for March are \$6,566.68.



Our Sunday  
Worship

[www.facebook.com/fcc.morehead](http://www.facebook.com/fcc.morehead)

@ 10:50am

### Gateway Homecoming Baskets Outreach Ministry

Items for the basket for those transitioning to a permanent home from the Gateway Homeless Shelter are always due at First Sunday Lunch (January-October). Outreach Committee thanks you!

Yesterday I  
was clever,  
so I wanted  
to change  
the world.

Today I am  
wise, so I  
am changing  
myself.

-Rumi



## Thank You To Our MSU Build-A-Bed Team

April 6

- Ronnie Combs
- Brenda Combs
- Ashley Adkins
- Jack Whidden
- Jackie Bailey
- Keyairah Bailey
- Jeff Brown
- John Schiessl

8:30am Registration      9:00am Begin Build

Peddler's Mall

Pinecrest Plaza

Morehead, KY

Contact Marge Thomas

**Creation Care Team:** Reusing products instead of buying them new—whether you find innovative ways to use things you already own, or swap, buy, or barter for someone else's items—helps save energy, curb global warming emissions, and preserve the Earth's precious resources.



## Nominations for Vice President/Deacons Due April 7

Each year our church calls into order a Nominating Committee, comprised of 1 elder, 2 deacons, and 3 members at large. The function of this committee is to fill necessary positions within the church board – officers and deacons. This is done through a system of gathering names from within the congregation. Anyone who has been a church member for the 12 months prior to the new church year (which begins on 1 July) may be considered. Slips for suggesting possible names are available at each door of the sanctuary. **The deacon co-chairs determine how many new deacons need to be added to the roster, which consists of a term of three years on, one year of sabbatical.** It is the job of the Nominating Committee to count the names on the slips AND TO MAKE CONTACT WITH THOSE WHO ARE NOMINATED. Please be in prayer for the Nominating Committee as they work and serve our larger church. **NOMINATION SLIPS NEED TO BE TURNED IN ASAP.** Baskets are available at each sanctuary door in which to place the slips, or you may drop them in the offering plate or mail them to the office. **You may also call or email your nominations.** (fccmky@gmail.com). Nominating Committee Members are Ned Breschel, Chairman, Mary Claire Williams, Alana Scott, Jeff Brown, Connie Kibbey, and Leeann Akers.

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Office Phone (606) 784-4836 Monday-Thursday 8:30-1pm or leave message for return call.

## First Christian Church April 2019

| Sun                                                                                                                                      | Mon                                                                               | Tue                                                                                  | Wed                                                                                 | Thu | Fri | Sat                                                                                 |
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|                                                       | Office Hours:<br>M-Th 8:30-1pm                                                    |  | 3                                                                                   | 4   | 5   | 6                                                                                   |
|                                                                                                                                          | 1                                                                                 |                                                                                      | 2                                                                                   | 3   | 4   | 5                                                                                   |
| 7<br>9:45 Adult Sunday School<br>10:45 Worship Service<br>12:00 First Sunday Lunch<br>Gateway Basket items due.<br>Nominating slips due. | 8                                                                                 | 9                                                                                    | 10                                                                                  | 11  | 12  | 13                                                                                  |
| 14 <b>Palm Sunday</b><br>9:45 Adult Sunday School<br>10:45 Worship Service<br>2:00 Sustainable Mhd Hike                                  |  | 16                                                                                   | 17                                                                                  | 18  | 19  | 20                                                                                  |
| 21 <b>Easter Sunday</b><br>9:45 Adult Sunday School<br>10:45 Worship Service<br>Newsletter articles due.                                 |                                                                                   | 22                                                                                   | 23                                                                                  | 24  | 25  | 26                                                                                  |
| 28<br>9:45 Adult Sunday School<br>10:45 Worship Service<br>12-4 Youth Meeting                                                            | 29                                                                                | 30                                                                                   |  |     |     |  |
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Rev. Donald Chase  
Minister

Genny Jenkins, Choir  
Open, Youth

Barbara Marsh, Secretary  
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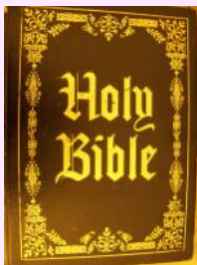


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Join us for live Sunday  
Worship Service @ 10:50am

Bible Readings  
for the Month

Disciples of Christ  
Lectionary



April 7—John 12:1-8  
April 14—Luke 19:28-40  
April 21—John 20:1-18  
April 28—John 20:19-31



**Time To Order Easter Lilies**



If you would like to provide a lily for church on Easter Sunday, April 21, in memory or in honor of someone, please let the florist know that the **flowers need to be delivered to the church by 1:00pm Thursday, April 18**. They need to be wrapped in white paper with white ribbons.

If you would like the dedication to appear in the bulletin for Easter Sunday, please fill out and **detach the form and turn it in to the church office by Wednesday, April 17**. Delivery address is 227 East Main Street, Morehead, KY 40351. Our phone number is (606) 784-4836. You may email us also at [fccmky@gmail.com](mailto:fccmky@gmail.com).

The white lilies will be displayed on Easter Sunday, on April 21. You may pick them up after the Easter morning service.

**Easter Lily Dedications**

Given by:

\_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of:

\_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of:

\_\_\_\_\_

Please use back if more room is needed.