

In essentials, unity. In non-essentials, diversity. In all things, charity.

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First Christian Church of Morehead

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Maundy Thursday at home

04/01/2021
7PM on Zoom

First Christian Church of Morehead

Our Maundy Thursday worship service will be on Zoom, April 1st at 7PM. We will be celebrating communion together, so please gather food and drink prior to our gathering. You may also wish to have a small bowl with water and a candle for this service.

Special music will be performed by the FCC Choir, Bell Choir, and Andrew Preston. The Zoom invitation for this event is the same as for our weekly Vespers service. Please message the church office to receive an invitation.



Our Magnolia tree, with tulip-shaped, fragrant blossoms, is once again gracing the labyrinth garden.

Notes From Pastor Nancy

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence. Galatians 5:13a



Reverend Nancy Gowler

As I write this column I am, like so many others, living in an in-between time. One vaccine shot—done. Now, I wait for my turn for the second shot. So close, but not quite there. It is becoming a common greeting: “Have you had your vaccine yet?” Photos of vaccination cards or even folks posing with big smiles while sporting a bandage on their arm are regular social media updates. When we gather on Zoom and folks share they’ve received a vaccination, the whole group cheers in celebration!

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Message from the President

Dear Friends

As we enter the month of April with the celebration of Easter and signs of new life all around us, my thoughts turn to renewal - both literal and figurative.



President Genny
Jenkins

First, I am excited to share with you that, after some diligent work and led ably by Marge Thomas, the sign committee brought a final recommendation to the March board meeting for a new, updated front church sign. This design, which was subsequently approved by the board, is in keeping with our historical status in the community and with the style of our building. I believe you will be pleased and proud once it is installed. Literal renewal to match the miracles of nature currently abounding in our labyrinth.

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Secondly, a renewal of daily life as we begin to finally, it seems, turn the corner on the current pandemic. Vaccinations are becoming more widely available and cases continue to decrease, both in our county and in our state. The board, at the March meeting, approved the appointment of an ad hoc committee to discuss coming back to worship in-person. Be on the lookout for a survey to give your input to this committee.

And, lastly, a continual renewal of our commitment to our church. This one might seem to be more figurative, but I have been witnessing this repeatedly in literal ways over the last several months. From ongoing committee work to the generous giving of the congregation for the health of our budget to the overwhelming support for Pastor Nancy as she continues to lead and grow with us - I couldn't be more thrilled to be part of a congregation such as this one.

As you seek renewal in this Springtime Easter season, possibly this quote may provide some inspiration, as it has for me: "We are not all in the same boat. We are in the same storm. Some have yachts, some canoes, and some are drowning. Be kind and help whoever you can." Our Lord, who died on the cross on Good Friday, rises on Easter morning to send us out in the world in peace to do his work. May we be his hands and feet as we work for the renewal of ourselves and the world around us.

Love to you all,
Genny Jenkins

Notes From Pastor Nancy p1

In a recent update on March 29th our governor announced that 40% of Kentucky adults have been vaccinated, with approximately 70% of Kentuckians over the age of 70 vaccinated.

We are getting closer to the time when we can resume many of the activities we love to do. According to CDC guidelines once vaccinated, we can gather indoors with fully vaccinated people without wearing a mask. And a vaccinated person can gather indoors with unvaccinated people from one other household—which means for example, vaccinated grandparents can visit with grandchildren again. It has been a long wait.

And yet.

The same day he announced 40% of Kentuckians had received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, the governor also shared there were 11 new deaths in Kentucky. And new virus variants are on the rise in the state as well, which means we're not out of this. We're all still in that fuzzy and frustrating in-between time.

I believe in this moment we as Christians have an opportunity to live out Christ's call to care for our neighbors as ourselves in powerful and tangible ways. There are strident voices in our world, those shouting freedom and rejecting masks as theater, but their understanding of freedom is truncated. Whether they are religious leaders, elected officials, or folks who live in our neighborhoods, theirs is a shallow freedom for the individual alone without regard for the common good. In contrast, Christians understand that Christ has set us free to live out true freedom, freedom which is lived out in love and service to one another. That's the way of Jesus, not protesting public health measures. We are to exhibit the fruits of the Spirit for which Paul advocates, "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things." (Galatians 5:22-23)

Indeed, there is no law against such things.

Let's take up Paul's challenge. Let's be people of great love. People who care for our neighbors. People who practice patience and kindness in our interactions. And yes, people who continue to wear face masks in public, not for ourselves, but for those we meet. We're so close. We can do this.

Pastor Nancy

Holy Week Calendar

March 29, 2021

HOLY WEEK	TUESDAY	THURSDAY
Labyrinth Take advantage of the spring weather and walk the labyrinth as part of your personal pilgrimage through Holy Week.	Women's Gathering 7-7:30 PM Weekly women's bible study on Zoom.	Maundy Thursday Worship 7:00 PM A reflective worship experience on Zoom. Before joining the Zoom worship, gather up food and drink for communion, a candle, and a bowl of water.
MONDAY	WEDNESDAY	SUNDAY
Bless This Mess Tea Time 3:00 PM Our final Lenten tea time of 2021, an informal conversation using the weekly devotional questions.	Bell Choir 7:00 PM In person rehearsal following health department protocols.	Easter Sunday Worship 10:45 AM Worship livestream on Facebook and Youtube.

Choir & Bells



Genny Jenkins
Choir Director



Bailey Hobbs, MSU Intern



Anna Grayson, MSU Intern



Sarah Chaney
Bell Director

Congratulations to Morehead State University students Bailey Hobbs and Anna Grayson who have made it to the semi-finals in the NATS (National Association of Teacher of Singing) mid-south regional auditions!

We hope you are enjoying the new broadcasting system which allows us to use pre-recorded videos as part of our live broadcast. In April, we will use this feature to bring you the choir and the bells again. Happy Easter everyone!

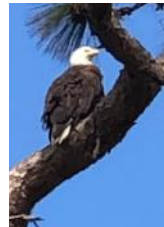
Genny Jenkins

A Message from the Creation Care Team

Psalm 50:11. I know every bird in the mountains, and the insects in the fields are mine.

God's creation as photographed by Sarah Chaney.

(Other creation photographs will appear in future editions of *The Echo*.)

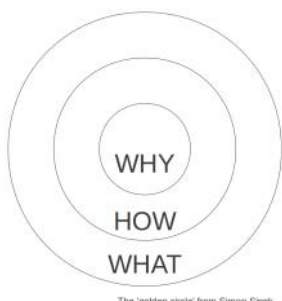


Asking the Big Questions

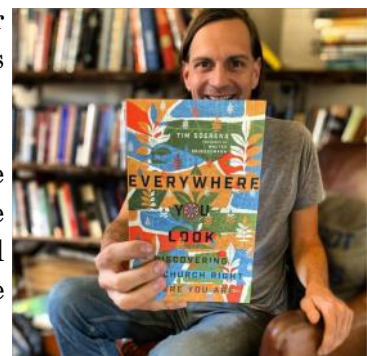
BOOK DISCUSSION CONTINUES ON THE FUTURE OF THE CHURCH

Our first conversation about Tim Soerens's new book, *Everywhere You Look: Discovering the Church Right Where You Are*, opened up a fruitful dialogue about the time in which we are living and what can be a faithful church response.

With so much to think about, we covered only the first two chapters, so if you weren't able to join our initial conversation, it's not too late. We'll be looking at chapters 3 and 4 for our next Zoom conversation on April 19th at 7PM. Email us for an invitation for our Zoom event.



Want to catch up on the conversation or review what we discussed? You can find an introduction to some of the key ideas in the book in Simon Sinek's powerful Ted Talk, "Start with Why—how great leaders inspire action." See [link](#).



Disciples of Christ

Camp Schedules 2021

Camp Kum-Ba-Ya and Camp Wakon'Da-Ho will welcome children and youth from across the Commonwealth to develop faith and friendship this summer! The schedules for each campground are shown below with links to registration for each. It will be a different kind of camp experience, but we look forward to being back at camp this summer.

Camp Wakon'Da-Ho

June 4-6 — Mini Camp
June 7-12 — CYF Camp 1
June 13-19 — Eighters Camp
June 21-25 — Junior Camp 1
June 25-27 — Camp 101-A
June 28-July 3 — CYF Camp 2
July 5-10 — Chi Rho Camp 1
July 12-17 — Chi Rho Camp 2
July 19-23 — Junior Camp 2

Camp Kum-Ba-Ya

June 7-11 — Junior Camp
June 13-19 — CYF Camp
June 21-25 — Sailing Camp
July 5-10 — Chi Rho Camp
July 12-14 — Young Disciples
July 16-18 — Discovery Camp

[Registration material for Camp Wakon'Da-Ho](#)

[Registration material for Camp Kum-Ba-Ya](#)

www.campkumbaya.org



Kum-Ba-Ya is located on Kentucky Lake in Marshall County near Benton, KY.

Camp Wakon'Da-Ho

Camp Wakon'Da-Ho is located near Yosemite, KY.



Jean Battson

Address Change

5 Ana Rosa Court
Greer, SC 29651

Gateway Basket Items Due April 10

For those who signed up to donate one item each month for the Gateway Homeless Shelter, please place items in the Adult Sunday School room downstairs by the elevator. If you need access to the building, please email the office.

April Birthdays

1- Joshua Pack
13- Ryan McGillicuddy
16- Grant Alden
17- Phillip Swim
18- Kenny Hall
22- Dan Thomas
24- Alex New
25- Joe Barrett
28- Maggie Alden

Public Parking at FCC

Please contact the office to reserve a space.

Jan-July \$125
Aug-Dec \$125



For more information, please contact the office (606) 784-4836 or fccmky@gmail.com.

Note this will not affect anyone who holds a parking permit.

Office (606) 784-4836

**Opportunities for
Connection\Contact the
office for Zoom Invitations**

Women of the Bible Study
via Zoom

Tuesdays 7:00—7:30pm
Contact Sarah Chaney by email
sarah.chaney78@yahoo.com or
call (606) 207-2421.

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**VESPERS** via Zoom

A time of song & prayer

Thursdays 7:00pm

Message the office for a Zoom invitation. Vespers includes music, prayer, and meditation on artwork revealing God's word. Communion is a part of the service, so have some bread or cookie, water or liquid, if you would like to partake.

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**Committee Chairs
Invite Congregation**

The Evangelism Committee
Chairperson is Mary Claire
Williams @ (606) 776-8430 or
mc.williams@moreheadstate.edu.

Creation Care Committee
Chairperson is Mark
Etherton at 606-776-1745 or
ginn1@windstream.net.

The Education Committee
Chairperson is Sarah Chaney
at 606-207-2421 or
sarah.chaney78@yahoo.com.

*Whoever serves me must follow
me; and where I am, my servant
also will be. My Father will honor
the one who serves me.*
John 12:26

Mack Fund

In memory of

Robert Lee Brown, Jr.
(Marge Thomas' brother)

by

Emma Lou & Jim Gross
Joyce Hart
Ginny & Mark Etherton
Connie Kibbey

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General Fund Donation

In memory of

Cody Williams

Margaret Pryor

by

Marge & Dan Thomas

~

General Fund Donation

by

Network for Good
Miller Insurance Agency
Grayson, KY



First Christian Church has
been issued a \$14.54 donation
from the AmazonSmile
Foundation as a result of
AmazonSmile program activity
between Oct. 1 - Dec. 31, 2020.
If you would like to designate
FCC as your charity on
AmazonSmile, follow this link
[smile.amazon.com/ch/61-
0865444](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/61-0865444) and AmazonSmile will
donate a portion of your eligible
purchase price to our church.
Thank you.

March 28 and April 4, 2021

Easter Offering

a special day offering of
Disciples Mission Fund



supporting general ministries of the
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

A special day offering of
Disciples Mission Fund March
28 and April 4, 2021. The Easter
offering reaches deep and wide
with the limitless power of the
risen Christ: forming new faith
communities; connecting with
ministry partners around the
world; developing Disciples;
forming new faith communities;
and serving God's people in
need. Please mark donations as
Easter Offering and Joe Barrett
will send one check for our
church. *Thank you.*

March Treasurer's Report

Income is \$7,482.80.

Expenses are \$7,520.35.

Disciples Websites

[Cane Ridge Meeting](#)

[Christian Church
\(Disciples of Christ\)](#)

[Disciples Home Missions](#)

[Disciples News Service](#)

[Lexington Theological Seminary](#)

[Mission Behind Bars and Beyond](#)

Flat Jesus made many appearances during our Lenten Season around town. Thanks to Jackie Bailey and her keen eye for the many sightings. He was seen in the Kroger produce section next to the AppHarvest tomatoes; visiting St. Francis of Assisi in the labyrinth garden; and found surprisingly on a car dash during one of our snowy days.



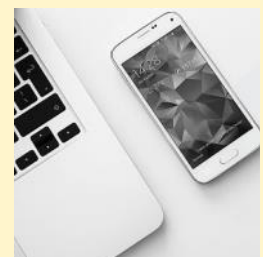
Nominations for Vice President/Deacons Due April 9

Each year our church calls into order a Nominating Committee, composed of 1 elder, 2 deacons, and 3 members-at-large. The function of the committee is to fill necessary positions for church leadership. 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. **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 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. **Please call or email your nominations to Nominating Committee Chair Elizabeth Ash (606-316-7574 or elizaash@hotmail.com).** Nominations are due April 9, 2021.

Please call or email Elizabeth Ash with your nominations during this time of COVID19.

Nomination for Vice President

Nomination for Deacon/Deacons



In consideration of your nomination for deacons, here are the Duties of Deacons as reflected in the ByLaws.

“The deacons, in cooperation with the functional committees of church and the elders, shall promote the growth and welfare of the church, assist in greeting and ushering; distribute the Lord’s Supper; receive the offering; assist in carrying out the missionary, evangelistic, educational, and stewardship responsibilities of the church; and perform any other duties as assigned by the Board of Directors or the congregation.”

ByLaws Article II, G, 2

First Christian April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Virtual Office Hours:	Mon-Thur					
Sunday Worship Services are via Facebook/YouTube.	To join Women of the Bible, email srah.chaney78 @yahoo.com.			April 1 Maundy Thursday via Zoom 7pm Pray that all are welcome at Christ's table everywhere.	2 GOOD FRIDAY Pray for the forgiveness of sins.	3 Easter Vigil HOLY SATURDAY Pray that our Lenten lessons will stay with us all year.
4 EASTER SUNDAY Rev. Nancy Gowler 10:45 Worship Service. Easter Offering. Pray that the risen Christ will come into our hearts and dwell there always.	5 Pray for Ritta Abell	6 Women of the Bible via Zoom 7pm. Pray for Leeann Akers.	7 Bell Choir 7pm. Pray for Wiley Tanner.	8 Vespers Service via Zoom 7pm Pray for John Akers.	9 Office closed. Pray for Ashley Adkins.	10 Pray for Elizabeth Ash.
11 Rev. Nancy Gowler 10:45am Worship Service. Pray for Jackie Bailey.	12 Pray for Keyairah Bailey	13 Women of the Bible via Zoom 7pm Pray for Stacy Baker.	14 Bell Choir 7pm. Prayer for Deb Eastwood.	15 Vespers Service via Zoom 7pm. Pray for Yvonne Baldwin.	16 Office closed. Pray for Joe Barrett.	17 Pray for Chase Barnett.
18 Rev. Nancy Gowler 10:45am Worship Service. Pray for Jean Battson	19 Book Discussion 7pm via Zoom. Pray for Jeff Bizzel.	20 Women of the Bible via Zoom 7pm. Pray for Alta Blair.	21 Bell Choir 7pm. Pray for Maggie Miles.	22 Vespers Service via Zoom 7pm Pray for Ned Breschel.	23 Office closed. Pray for Ronetta Brown.	24 Pray for Jeff Brown.
25 Rev. Nancy Gowler 10:45am Worship Service. Newsletter Articles due. Pray for Anne Buckner.	26 Exec/Full Board Mtgs via Zoom 6:30/7pm. Pray for Alana Sholar.	27 Women of the Bible via Zoom 7pm. Pray for Wayne Caldwell.	28 Bell Choir 7pm. Pray for Hedy Caldwell.	29 Vespers Service via Zoom 7pm Pray for Alicia Carter.	30 Office closed. Pray for Dewayne Carter.	May 1 Pray for Brian Carter.

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Rev. Nancy Gowler, Minister
Genny Jenkins, Choir
Jiyeon McGillicuddy,
Keyboardist

Sarah Chaney, Bells
Makayla Reynolds, Nursery
Open, Youth

Barbara Marsh, Secretary
227 East Main Street
Morehead, KY 40351
606-784-4836

Monday-Thursday 8:30-1pm

Email: fccmky@gmail.com

Due to COVID19—our office is closed
until further notice.

Website: www.fccmorehead.org

www.facebook.com/fccmorehead
Join us for livestream
Sunday Worship
Service @ 10:45am



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www.youtube.com/user/TheInterper

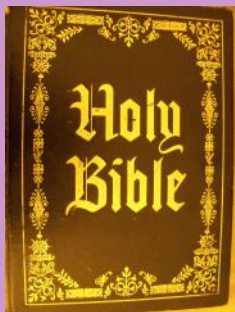


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Bible Lectionary Readings

Disciples of Christ



April 4—Mark 16:1-8

April 11—John 20:19-31

April 18—Luke 24: 36b-48

April 25—John 10:11-18

Congregation Prayer Practice

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE SPIRIT OF LOVE



As part of its mission to "to maintain the closest possible contact with the entire church membership to the end that each church member may function effectively in the work of the church and in a spirit of love and comradeship," the Evangelism Committee would like to encourage the church to intentionally think of each other in prayer. To this end and starting this month, there will be an individual or intention on each day of *The Echo* calendar to include in your personal prayers.

			2021	APRIL 1 Maundy Thursday Pray that all are welcome at Christ's table everywhere.	2 Good Friday Pray for the forgiveness of sins.	3 Easter Vigil Pray that our Lenten lessons will stay with us all year.
4 Easter Day Pray that the risen Christ will come into our hearts and dwell there always.	5 Pray for <u>Ritta Abell</u>	6 Pray for Leeann Akers	7 Pray for Wiley Tanner	8 Pray for John Akers	9 Pray for Ashley Adkins	10 Pray for Elizabeth Ash
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25 Pray for Anne Buckner	26 Pray for Alana <u>Sholar</u>	27 Pray for Wayne Caldwell	28 Pray for Hedy Caldwell	29 Pray for Alicia Carter	30 Pray for Dwayne Carter	MAY 1 Pray for Brian Carter



Please stop by to visit the garden and labyrinth area during the beautiful spring days.