

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

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



# The Echo

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## First Sunday Lunch



### GARDEN PARTY

**August 4—12pm**

The congregation is requested to bring salads, vegetables, cheese & crackers, or dish of your choice.

The drinks and desserts will be provided by the church.

## The **Ache** of Goodbye

**One:** The Lord be with you

**Many:** And also with you.

**One:** Let us pass the peace of Christ and ***go with God.***

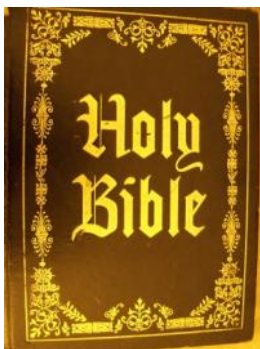
**T**hose are the final words spoken every Sunday at First Christian Church Morehead. Most of us recognize them because they are very familiar words. Those words represent our practice of what's known as the "passing of the peace." With those words we are also bidding each other 'goodbye' until we meet again. Originally the word goodbye meant "go with God," alternately rendered "God-be-with-ye." To say goodbye – "go with God" – was to recognize that God had a significant place in the leaving.

Joyce Rupp, OSM, writes: *"What is a goodbye? It is an empty place in us. It is any situation in which there is some kind of loss, some....."* *continued p2*



Reverend Don Chase

Bible Readings  
for the Month  
Disciples of Christ  
Lectionary



Aug 4—Luke 12:13-21  
Aug 11—Luke 12:32-40  
Aug 18—Luke 12:49-56  
Aug 25—Luke 13:10-17



### New FCC Welcome Video

We are happy to report that a video of First Christian Morehead has been made.

<http://facebook/fcc.morehead>

### Adult Sunday School

Alana Scott will be continuing the Luke Timothy Johnson DVD series on the *History of Mysticism, Part 2: Christianity* on August 25th-9:45am. Everyone is Invited!

### Does The Bible Tell Me So? Continued....

*Fall 2019*

LAY SCHOOL  
OF THEOLOGY

Saturdays

**Sept. 21, 28 & Oct. 5**

Attend in person or online. Cost: \$60

The Lay School of Theology is a continuing education program for all who wish to enrich their Christian faith.

(See bulletin board.)  
Register at  
[www.lextheo.edu/lay-school-of-theology](http://www.lextheo.edu/lay-school-of-theology)



President Catherine Rogers appointed members to the Pulpit Search Committee. Those serving are Anne Buckner, Mark Etherton, Jim Gross, Curt Hammond, Genny Jenkins, and Mary Claire Williams.

More Pulpit Search Committee on p3.

## PULPIT SEARCH COMMITTEE



Dear Church,

The search and call process has begun. We have completed our congregational profile and it has been posted for view where potential candidates can see it. We also commissioned a video to introduce our church to those candidates and that has been completed. It is posted on our Facebook page\* if you'd like to see it. Rev. Dean Phelps (regional minister) will be coming to Morehead at the beginning of August and we will be meeting with him to look at some applications. We will keep you updated as the process moves forward.

Prayers are appreciated.

\*FCC Video: [www.facebook.com/fccmorehead](http://www.facebook.com/fccmorehead)

Thank you,

Genny Jenkins, Committee Chair

### ***The Ache of Goodbye*** (from p1)

*incompleteness, when a space created in us that cries out to be filled. Goodbyes are any of those times when we find ourselves without a someone or a something that has given our life meaning and value, when a dimension of our life seems to be out of place or unfulfilled. Goodbyes are all of those experiences that leave us with a hollow feeling someplace deep inside” (J. Rupp, **Praying our Goodbyes. 26).***

I don't do “goodbyes” very well. Never have; probably never will. And as I grow older, goodbyes have begun to feel more and more like some dreaded disease! And yet, goodbyes are a part of the human condition. They are inescapable. Sometimes we get to choose the ‘when’ and ‘where’ of the goodbye. At other times they choose us. But make no mistake about it, goodbyes are always difficult. They are the high cost of being human.

My history tells me that at times of intense emotional turmoil, solace is best found in my head. So, it's very easy for me to theorize, intellectualize or rationalize. I too often retreat to cerebral functioning to tell me that everything is going to be okay. Therefore, I do find comfort in finding value in learning to appropriately say goodbye. I reflect, deeply reflect, on my belief that a proper goodbye teaches me something significant about myself and draws me nearer to God. Furthermore, a proper goodbye is mandated if I am to fully enter life's next grand adventure. Imagine that...I must say goodbye before saying “hello!”

But it **still** hurts!

So maybe I just need to let my heart say what it desires to say. And that would be that I love each of you dearly. You have privileged me to serve you, fill your pulpit, pray with you, bury your loved ones, share meals with you, fellowship and laugh together. The past twenty months – almost 25 if you count my first two stints in Morehead – have been among the most enjoyable and fun-filled times of more than three decades in ministry. You are a great people and loving congregation, thoroughly devoted to God's enterprise in your community and our world. Thank you for sharing your life and ministry with me. Mere words will never be able to convey my gratitude and thanksgiving.

In closing, let me again share Sister Rupp's wise words: *“When we learn how to say goodbye we truly learn how to say to ourselves and to others: ‘Go, God be with you. I entrust you to God. The God of strength, courage, comfort, hope, and love is with you. The God who promises to wipe away all tears will hold you close and will fill your emptiness”* (Rupp, *Praying Our Goodbyes*, 30).

So let us now pass the peace of Christ and go with God. Shalom.

Your friend, Don



*Editor's Note: It is with sadness that we release Reverend Donald Chase from his ministry with us. He has been a needed balm to us all. We wish him the very best in all endeavors and God Speed.*

## CHOIR and BELLS

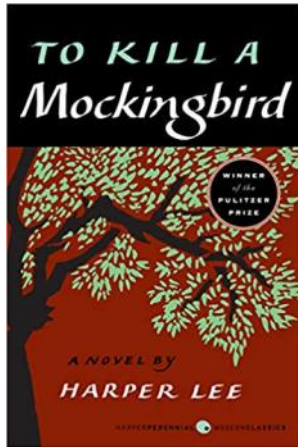


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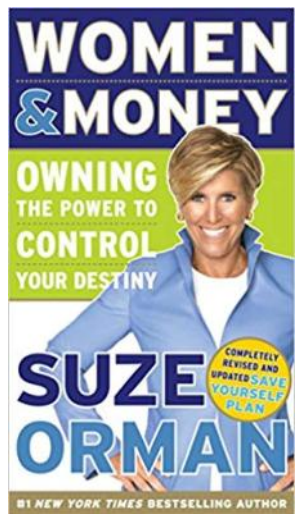
August will be a busy month in the music department! As the school calendar begins, choir will resume on August 21. We will have guest musicians Andrew Preston and Denise Barbee on August 18 for services. And the bells are preparing several pieces for a joint service with a guest harpist (date TBA).

**Genny Jenkins**, Choir Director

## CHURCH LIBRARY SPOTLIGHT

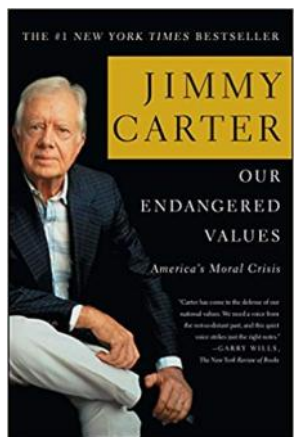


**To Kill a Mockingbird**, by Harper Lee (Focus on Children and Youth). Harper Lee's Pulitzer Prize-winning masterwork of honor and injustice in the deep South—and the heroism of one man in the face of blind and violent hatred. One of the most cherished stories of all time, *To Kill a Mockingbird* has been translated into more than forty languages, sold more than forty million copies worldwide, served as the basis for an enormously popular motion picture, and was voted one of the best novels of the twentieth century by librarians across the country. A gripping, heart-wrenching, and wholly remarkable tale of coming-of-age in a South poisoned by virulent prejudice, it views a world of great beauty and savage inequities through the eyes of a young girl, as her father—a crusading local lawyer—risks everything to defend a black man unjustly accused of a terrible crime.



**Women and Money: Owning the Power to Control Your Destiny**, by Suze Orman (Focus on Women). Suze Orman, the nation's go-to expert on all things financial, investigates the complicated, dysfunctional relationship women have with money. With her signature mix of insight, compassion, and soul-deep recognition, Suze Orman equips women with the financial knowledge and emotional awareness to overcome the blocks that have kept them from acting in the best interest of their money—and of themselves. At the heart of the book is The Save Yourself Plan: a streamlined five-month program that delivers genuine long-term financial security. But what's at stake is far bigger even than money—it's about every woman's sense of who she is, what she deserves, and why it all begins with the decision to save yourself. In addition to The Save Yourself Plan, you'll find inside • a thoughtful analysis of the causes and effects of reckless financial behavior • a persuasive argument for change that is free of shame and blame • the 8 qualities of a wealthy woman • a challenge to value yourself fully in all aspects of your life • new information to help you grasp the impact of recent economic changes on your

life right now and for the long term • a thrilling, inspiring depiction of what it means to be in control of your financial destiny.



**Endangered Values: America's Moral Crisis**, by Jimmy Carter (Christian Living). President Jimmy Carter offers a passionate defense of separation of church and state. He warns that fundamentalists are deliberately blurring the lines between politics and religion. As a believing Christian, Carter takes on issues that are under fierce debate --women's rights, terrorism, homosexuality, civil liberties, abortion, the death penalty, science and religion, environmental degradation, nuclear arsenals, preemptive war, and America's global image.

(Source: Amazon)

by Connie Kibbey

*Our church library is a wonderful collection of inspirational material.  
Why not visit on your next trip to First Christian?*

~Thank You~

~Dear Rev. Chase/FCC: Thank you so much for your gift of \$800 to the Space Trek Fund. Your generous gift is greatly valued by our students, faculty and staff, and exhibits your commitment to the success of Morehead State University. Sincerely, Mindy Highley, MSU-Asst. VP, Alumni Relations/Development

Thank you to the many Elves who minister to our church: Dwayne Carter; Fran Helphinstine and Rob Sloss; the Green Team clean up crew; the First Sunday Lunch organizers; Yvonne Baldwin; Jackie Bailey; Marge Thomas; Communion preparation elves; Joyce Hart; Emma Lou Gross; and so many more. You are appreciated, needed and loved! FCC

**Gateway Homeless Shelter Basket**

The basket items are due on the first Sundays from January through October.

**August Elders**

August 4—Larry Fannin

August 11—Larry Fannin & Yvonne Baldwin

August 18—Alana Scott & Anne Buckner

August 25—Mark & Ginny Ethern

**August Deacons**

Curt Hammond, Leeann Akers, Ashley Adkins

**New Dishwasher**

Our Green Team is proud to announce a helper in our efforts to not use Styrofoam, plastic, or paper dish products. Through a gift of an anonymous donor, we were able to purchase a commercial dishwasher. Our First Sunday Lunch clean up crew will have a much easier time for kitchen clean up.

**Regional Assembly.** The Kentucky Council of Churches will hold its regional assembly in Morehead at First Baptist Church on October 24-25. This year’s theme is “Reclaiming Jesus,” supported by the biblical verse “For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat...” Matt 25:35. For more information, contact Karen Owsley at [kao@kycouncilofchurches.org](mailto:kao@kycouncilofchurches.org) or website [www.kycouncilofchurches.org](http://www.kycouncilofchurches.org).

**August Hymns**

August 4



Hymn of Praise *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms* #560

Hymn of Invitation *Rise Up, O Saints of God* #611

Hymn of Communion *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* #419

August 11

Hymn of Praise *Faith of Our Fathers* #635

Hymn of Invitation *I Shall Not Be Moved* #615

Hymn of Communion *We Come As Guests Invited* #386

August 18

Hymn of Praise *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* #16

Hymn of Invitation *My Faith Looks Up To Thee* #576

Hymn of Communion *Day By Day* #599

August 25

Hymn of Praise *Come Christians Join To Sing* #90

Hymn of Invitation *Now Thank We All Our God* #715

Hymn of Communion *For You Satisfy the Hungry Heart* #429

**Care for God’s Creation**

*Green Chalice Covenant*

*As children of God and followers of Christ Jesus, we covenant to:*

**Worship** God with all creation and pray for the healing of the earth.

**Study** the climate crisis and engage others in climate solutions.

**Repent** and forgive for the harm we have inflicted on the earth that sustains life.

**Advocate** for ecojustice public policies and witness by living sustainable lifestyles.

**Rest** in God’s good creation and invite others to delight in nature.

If you would like to be a part of our Creation Care Team, please contact Susan Thomas, Green Chalice Chairperson

## ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

Bringing In The Light



August 4 John Akers

August 11 Ellie Williams

August 18 John Akers

August 25 Alana Sholar

### Mack Fund

*In honor of*

**Joe Barrett**

**Fran Helphinstine**

**Catherine Rogers**

**Susan Thomas**

by

Marge and Dan Thomas

### Be Encouraged

The light of God surrounds me.  
The love of God enfolds me.  
The power of God protects me.  
The presence of God watches  
over me.  
Wherever I am, God is.

**Faith. Care. Family**

### Back to School Dates

Please be mindful of school buses and crosswalks. Rowan County Schools begin classes Thursday, August 8. Morehead State University Move In Days are Thursday-Saturday, August 15-17.

### August Birthdays

3- Jack Landreth    17- Jeff Bizzel  
5- Joyce Hart      20-Natalie Mineer  
8- Ronetta Brown    21-Peggy Bizzel  
10-Kaitlyn Paschall    27-Darren Reinhardt  
11-Jen Arrowwood    27-Adrian Swain



### Treasurer's Report

Income for July is \$8,469.00.

Expenses for July are \$7,774.83.



Thank you for partnering with First Christian Church in Kroger Community Rewards, our community fundraising program. We sincerely appreciate you helping with our Outreach Program Fundraising.

**Check received for previous quarter: \$230.06.**



### What's Going On Websites

oremus Bible Browser

<http://bible.oremus.org>

Green Chalice Ministry  
[www.discipleshomemissions.org/missions-advocacy/](http://www.discipleshomemissions.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/>

Disciples of Christ Branded  
<https://disciples.org/store/>

or

CafePress

<https://www.cafepress.com/+disciples-of-christ+gifts>

**Spirit** is highly contagious. When a person is very excited, very happy, very sad, you can catch it from him as easily as measles or a yawn. You can catch it from what he says or from what he does or just from what happens to the air of a room when he enters it without saying or doing anything. Groups of people also have a spirit, as anybody can testify who has ever been caught up in the spirit of a football game, a political rally, or a lynch mob. Spirit can be good or bad, healing or destructive. Spirit can be transmitted across great distances of time and space. For better or worse, you can catch the spirit of people long dead (Socrates or the Marquis de Sade), of people whose faces you have never seen and whose languages you cannot speak.



God also has a spirit - is Spirit, says the Apostle John (4:24). Thus God is the power of the power of life itself, has breathed and continues to breathe himself into his creation. In-spires it. The spirit of God, Holy Spirit, Holy Ghost, is highly contagious. When Peter and his friends were caught up in it at Jerusalem on Pentecost, everybody thought they were drunk even though the sun wasn't yet over the yardarm (Acts 2). They were.

*Wishful Thinking, Frederick Buechner*



# In & Around FCC










Picture credits: Sarah Chaney, Claude Monet, and Vincent Van Gogh.



# First Christian August 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30-1pm					
<b>4</b> 10:45 Worship Service 12:00 First Sunday Lunch Garden Party. Please bring a salad. Gateway Baskets Due.	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 5pm Yoga	<b>7</b> 5pm Adult Bells	<b>8</b> Rowan Schools begin classes. 5pm Yoga	<b>9</b> 	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> <b>Roger Fischer</b> 10:45 Worship Service 2:00 2nd Sunday Hike	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 5pm Yoga	<b>14</b> 5:00 Adult Bells	<b>15</b> MSU Move In. 5pm Yoga	<b>16</b> MSU Move In. Office closed.	<b>17</b> MSU Move In Days
<b>18</b> 10:45 Worship Service	<b>19</b> 	<b>20</b> 5pm Yoga	<b>21</b> 5:00 Adult Bells 7:00 Choir	<b>22</b> 5pm Yoga	<b>23</b> Office closed.	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service Newsletter articles due.	<b>26</b> 6:30 Executive Board Meeting 7:00 Full Board Meeting	<b>27</b> 5pm Yoga Newsletter published.	<b>28</b> 5:00 Adult Bells 7:00 Choir -Newsletter published.	<b>29</b> 	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 

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



The St. Andrews Cross on the green chalice signifies we are in the Green Chalice Program.

Our certification is pending for "Certified Green Chalice Ministry,"

