

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



FRIED & ROAST CHICKEN

(new date)

December 8—12pm

The congregation is requested to bring sides. Desserts and drinks are provided.



New Member
Loretta Fannin
228 Knapp Avenue
Morehead, KY 40351
email: lorettafannin1@icloud.com



Transfer of Membership
Leon Smothers
620 Caudill Cemetery Rd
Morehead, KY 40351
email: smothers101@msn.com

Advent Calendar

Hanging of the Greens

December 1

Lighting the Advent Candles of Hope, Peace, Joy, Love

December 1-22

Lessons & Carols

December 22

Christmas Eve Candlelight

Service 10pm

December 24

Hometown
Holidays
at US Bank

December 7

5:00-6:00pm. Come out and support the Bells!



Outreach for the Holidays

We are moving along through our holiday Outreach activities!

-Thank you to Emma Lou Gross, Joyce Hart, and Fran Helphinstine and Rob Sloss for providing lunch for People's Clinic volunteers.

-The toy list has all been completed.



-Shopping is in progress for shoes and clothes for 32 children and for personal care and household items for 20 homes. Thank you shopping **elves!**

-Thanksgiving baskets were bought and assembled at Gateway House by youth and choir interns on November 24. (see Shopping p. 3)

-You may start bringing in food items or toys purchased and leave on pews by the wall where the signs are in the Fellowship Hall. **Be sure all wrapped toys are labeled with the family letter and child's name.** Thanks!

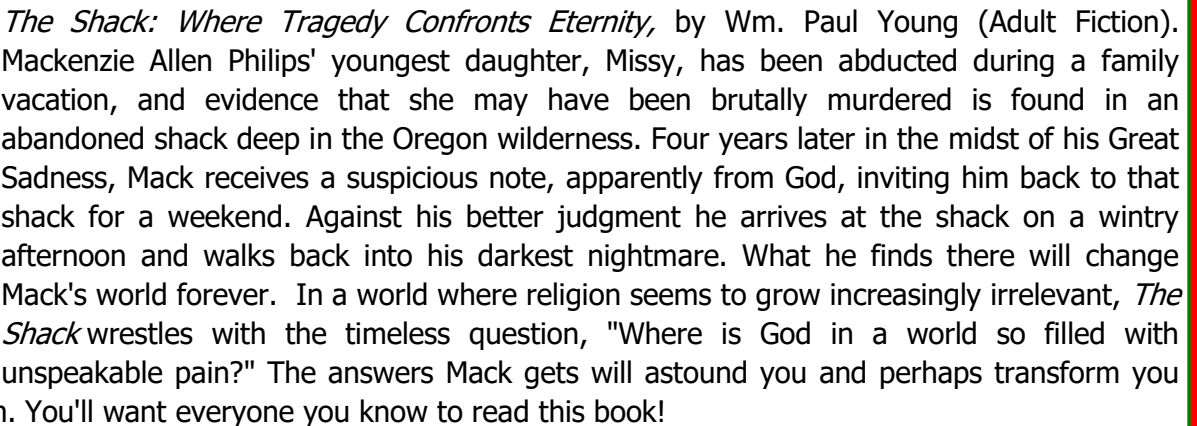
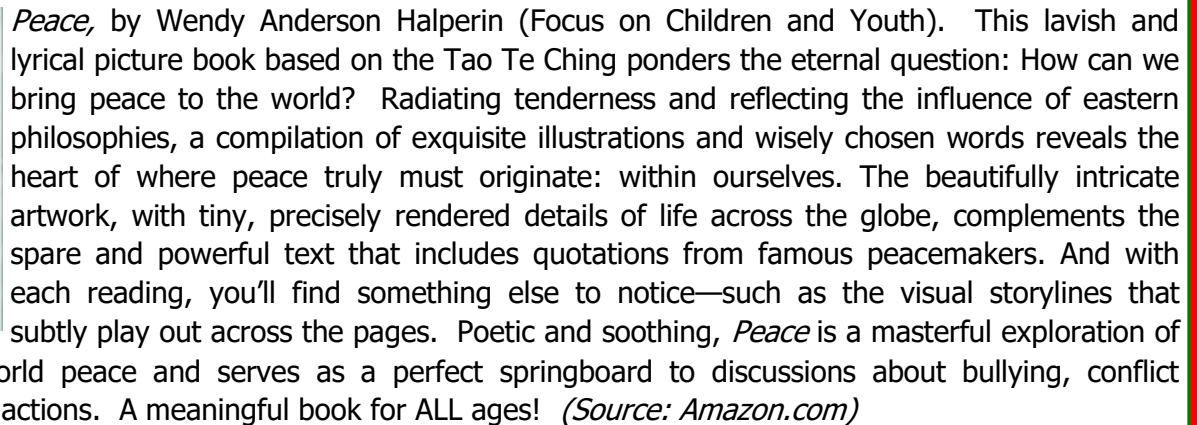
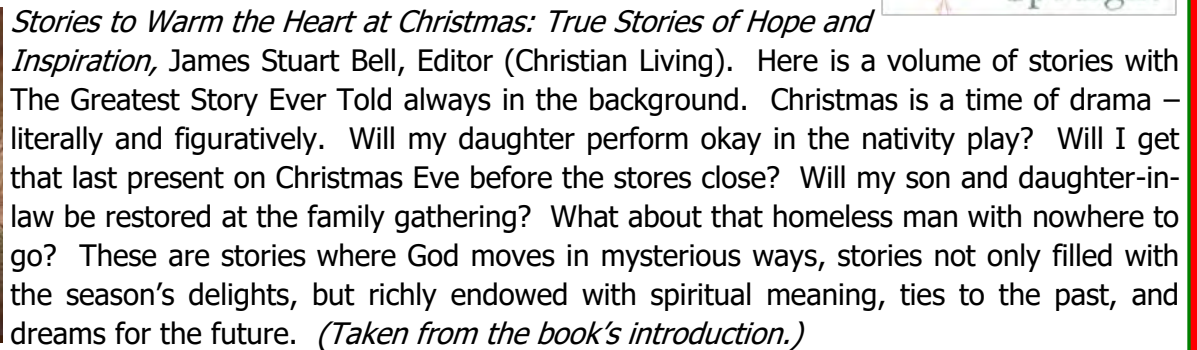
-Goodie bags for finals week for the MSU Women's Basketball Team and college students are being assembled by Alicia Carter. Please check with her if you would like to help.

-Cash or check donations (mark Outreach in memo section) may be given to Marge, Susan, or Joe. Contact Susan/Marge Thomas, Co-chairs





Book Spotlight



Connie Kibbey, Librarian Source: Amazon

TIME TO ORDER POINSETTIAS We are again ordering white poinsettias from the MSU Horticulture Department. If you would like to make a donation of a poinsettia *in memory of* or *in honor of* an individual, please either leave slip in office, email, or call with your order by **Wednesday, December 18**. Church office phone (606) 784-4836. Each poinsettia is \$5. They will be displayed on Sunday December 22 through Christmas Eve. You may pick up after the Christmas Eve service.



Given by

Amount enclosed \$ _____ (\$5 x number of poinsettias) Make check to FCC.



Genny Jenkins

CHOIR AND BELLS

December will be a busy month for the music department!

Please mark your calendars for the following events:



Sarah Chaney

- **December 1**—First Sunday of Advent: Hanging of the Greens during the Sunday Service *and* Bugs Reinhardt (choir intern) - Senior Recital 7:00pm at Baird Music Hall.
- **December 2**—Candlelight Carol Concert. MSU & RCHS Choirs—7:30pm at Baird Music Hall.
- **December 5 & 6**—MSU Operaworks Show: Light Unto the Mountains (interns participating: Anna Grayson, Bailey Hobbs, and Bugs Reinhardt) - 7:30pm at Baird Music Hall.
- **December 7**—Hometown Holidays—FCC Bell Choir singing from 5-6pm at US Bank—Main Street.
- **December 11 - 14** at 7pm and **December 15** at 2pm - A Christmas Carol by RCSHS Theatre Department (Ethan Jenkins and Ellie Williams are in the cast) at the High School Performing Arts Center.
- **December 15** - Community Choir Messiah Performance (several FCC members participating) - 3pm at First Baptist Church.
- **December 22** will be Lessons and Carols during the Sunday Service.
- **December 24** - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 10pm.



2018 Bell Choir at US Bank. From left, Sarah Chaney, Alana Scott, Jeff Brown, Genny Jenkins, Brian Carter, Alicia Carter, Jennifer Arrowwood-Justice.

Shopping for Thanksgiving Baskets

Our youth shopped on November 17, 2019

and assembled Thanksgiving baskets at Gateway Homeless Shelter.



Above left, Makayla Reynolds and her friend Taylor, Alana Sholar, Ethan Jenkins, Ellie Williams, and Bailey Hobbs (choir intern).

~Thank You~

Dear Friends: Since our door opened in 1884, friends like you have helped offer older adults an unprecedented level of care. With your gift of \$110, you join others who have made a commitment to help continue our mission of enhancing the journey of life for Older Adults. James W. Patton, VP-Christian Care Communities.



Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service

We invite you to join us for an inspirational family service featuring Scripture readings, Christmas hymns, Special music, and Communion. Guests are welcome.
(Please allow @ 30 minutes.)



In Memoriam

Thelma Cole Brown

May 20, 1921

~

October 24, 2019



...to you is
born this day,
in the city of
David, a
Savior, who is
the Messiah...

Luke 2:11



December Hymns

December 1

Hymn of Praise *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* #119

Hymn of Invitation *Lift Up Your Heads, O Mighty Gates* #129

Hymn of Communion *Near To The Heart of God* #581

December 8

Hymn of Praise *Come, O Long Expected Jesus* #125

Hymn of Invitation *Emmanuel, Emmanuel* #134

Hymn of Communion *Come and Find the Quiet Center* #575

December 15

Hymn of Praise *Comfort, Comfort You My People* #122

Hymn of Invitation *Christians All, Your Lord is Coming* #136

Hymn of Communion *Take Time To Be Holy* #572

December 22

Hymn of Praise *O Little Town of Bethlehem* #144

Hymn of Invitation *There's A Song In The Air* #159

Hymn of Communion *What Child Is This* #162

December 29

Hymn of Praise *Joy To The World* # 143

Hymn of Invitation *Silent Night, Holy Night* #145

Hymn of Communion *Angels We Have Heard on High* #155

It's a Tradition!



Lessons and Carols—December 22

The Lessons & Carols tradition we share each year originated in its present form on Christmas Eve at King's College, Cambridge, in 1918. Thanks to its world-wide broadcasts since early mid 20th Century, it has become an annual tradition in many English speaking churches. It tells in scripture and song "the tale of the loving purposes of GOD from the first days of our sin unto the glorious Redemption brought us by this Holy Child." We pray your spirits are lifted and warmed by this year's retelling of this wondrous story.

Please join us for the 10:45am worship service.



Acolytes

Bringing In The Light

Dec 1—Alana Sholar
Dec 8—Ellie Williams
Dec 15—Alana Sholar
Dec 22—John Akers
Dec 29—Alana Sholar

December Deacons

Elizabeth Ash, Mary Claire
Williams, Ashley Adkins,
Curt Hammond, and
Jim Fred Cassidy.

December Elders

Dec 1—Alana Scott & Anne
Buckner
Dec 8—Alana Scott and Anne
Buckner
Dec 15—Joe Barrett
Dec 22—Yvonne Baldwin
Dec 29—Susan Thomas

Mack Fund

in memory of

Thelma Brown

by

Betty and John Philley

Jo Smith

Emma Lou and Jim Gross

Sandy and John Gullett

Donna Corley

Connie Kibbey

Joe Barrett

Anne Buckner

Scharline and Jack Whidden



December Birthdays

1- Alta Blair
1- Eric Carter
2- Karen Ross
6- Larry Fannin
7- Jami Hornbuckle
28- Kathryn Rogers

November Treasurer's Report

Income is \$7,141.58.

Expenses are \$7,753.13.

Thelma's Angels

We raised \$100 from
the sale of Thelma
Brown's angels during
the Silent Auction.



AmazonSmile Donation

Thank You!

First Christian Church has been
issued a \$7.58 donation from the
AmazonSmile Foundation as a
result of AmazonSmile
program activity between
July 1 and Sept 30, 2019.
<http://smile.amazon.com>



Yard Sale Update

The Network for Good sent a check
for \$100 as a result of fundraising
efforts by Barbara Marsh.

Living Memorial Fund

in memory of

Thelma Brown

By

Sandra and Robert Brown

Barbara and James Paul Ison

Gail and Charles Tingle

Joan and Owen Hornstein, Jr.



What's Going On Websites

oremus Bible Browser

<http://bible.oremus.org>

Green Chalice Ministry

www.discipleshomemissions.org/missions-advocacy/

Christian Churches in

Kentucky (Disciples of
Christ) (our regional DOC)

www.ccinky.net

Christian Churches (DOC)
in the US/Canada

<https://disciples.org/>

Disciples of Christ Branded
Merchandise

[https://disciples.org/](https://disciples.org/store/)
store/ or

CafePress

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

Mack Fund

*Donations for the
Air Conditioning Project*

The Family of
Thelma Brown

Fran Helphinstine

Christmas Caroling

Saturday
December 21



...We

hope it
won't be
necessary...



Watch Channel 27
WKYT Sno-Go reports
for closings, delays and
cancellations.

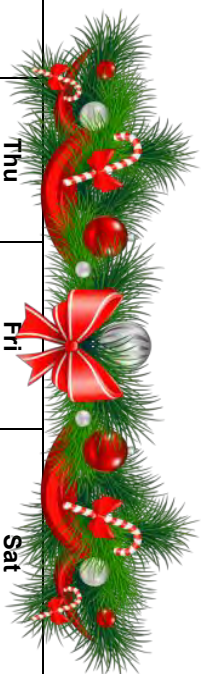
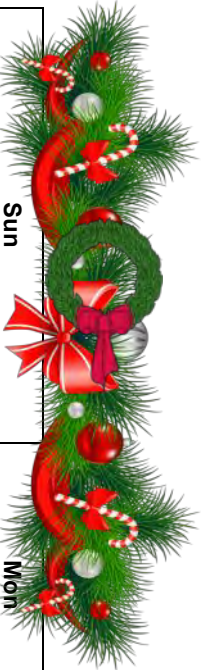
In & Around

FCC



Our November 3 First Sunday Lunch celebrated all Birthdays. Tables were decorated and delicious sweets were prepared by members. Also that day, a youth crew helped Bob Pryor take loads of wood to Christian Social Services. Alex New, Makayla Reynolds, Alana Sholar, Wiley Tanner, Joshua Pack and friend Jordan participated. Thank you to Lucy Pryor who baked bread and made hot chocolate for them.

First Christian December 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Advent						
1 Candle of Hope Hanging of the Greens 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service	2	3 5:00 Yoga	4	5 5pm Yoga	6 Office closed.	7 Hometown Holidays 5-8pm. Bells at US Bank 5-6pm
8 Candle of Peace 9:45 Adult Sun Sch 10:45 Worship 12:00 1st Sun Lun All gifts/food due.	9	10 5pm Yoga	11 5:30 MSU Women's BB Team Dinner/Wrap Gifts. 7pm Bells/ Choir Rehearsal	12 5pm Yoga (will resume Jan. 2)	13 Office closed.	14
15 Candle of Joy 9:45 Adult Sun Sch Sunday School 10:45 Worship Deliver all gifts.	16	17	18 Poinsettia slips due. 7:00 Bells/Choir Rehearsal	19	20 Office closed.	21 Youth Caroling
22 Candle of Love Lessons & Carols 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship	23	24 Christmas Eve 10pm Candlelight Service	25  Christmas Day Office closed.	26 Newsletter articles due.	27 Office closed.	
29 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service	30 Publish newsletter	31 New Year's Eve 5pm Yoga	January 1, 2020 New Year's Day The office will be closed.	2 5pm Yoga	3 Office closed.	

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Genny Jenkins, Choir
Jiyeon McGillicuddy,
Keyboardist

Sarah Chaney, Bells
Makayla Reynolds, Nursery
Open, Youth
Barbara Marsh, Secretary

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Monday-Thursday 8:30-1pm
Email: fccmky@gmail.com

Website: www.fccmorehead.org



<http://www.facebook.com/fcc.morehead>

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

<https://www.flickr.com/people/139711677@N02/albums>



Bible Readings for the Month Disciples of Christ Lectionary



Dec 1-Matt 24:36-48
Dec 8-Matt 3:1-12
Dec 15-Matt 11:2-11
Dec 22-Matt 1:18-25
Dec 29-Matt 2:13-23

The St. Andrews Cross on the green chalice signifies we are a Green Chalice Ministry church. Our certification is pending for "Certified Green Chalice Ministry."



Merry Christmas
from First Christian
Church officers and
staff::
Catherine Rogers,
Roger Fischer,
Fran Helphinstine,
Joe Barrett,
Barbara Marsh,
Genny Jenkins,
Jiyeon McGillicuddy
and
Makayla Reynolds.