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

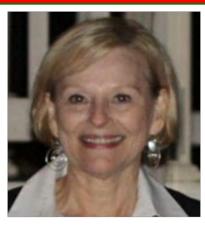


FRIED & ROAST CHICKEN

(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
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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!

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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. <u>Be sure all</u> <u>wrapped toys are labeled with the family letter and child's name</u>. 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

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dreams for the future. (Taken from the book's introduction.)



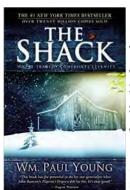


Inspiration, James Stuart Bell, Editor (Christian Living). Here is a volume of stories with The Greatest Story Ever Told always in the background. Christmas is a time of drama – literally and figuratively. Will my daughter perform okay in the nativity play? Will I get that last present on Christmas Eve before the stores close? Will my son and daughter-in-law be restored at the family gathering? What about that homeless man with nowhere to go? These are stories where God moves in mysterious ways, stories not only filled with the season's delights, but richly endowed with spiritual meaning, ties to the past, and



Peace, by Wendy Anderson Halperin (Focus on Children and Youth). This lavish and lyrical picture book based on the Tao Te Ching ponders the eternal question: How can we bring peace to the world? Radiating tenderness and reflecting the influence of eastern philosophies, a compilation of exquisite illustrations and wisely chosen words reveals the heart of where peace truly must originate: within ourselves. The beautifully intricate artwork, with tiny, precisely rendered details of life across the globe, complements the spare and powerful text that includes quotations from famous peacemakers. And with each reading, you'll find something else to notice—such as the visual storylines that subtly play out across the pages. Poetic and soothing, *Peace* is a masterful exploration of

the true path to world peace and serves as a perfect springboard to discussions about bullying, conflict resolution, and right actions. A meaningful book for ALL ages! (Source: Amazon.com)



The Shack: Where Tragedy Confronts Eternity, by Wm. Paul Young (Adult Fiction). Mackenzie Allen Philips' youngest daughter, Missy, has been abducted during a family vacation, and evidence that she may have been brutally murdered is found in an abandoned shack deep in the Oregon wilderness. Four years later in the midst of his Great Sadness, Mack receives a suspicious note, apparently from God, inviting him back to that shack for a weekend. Against his better judgment he arrives at the shack on a wintry afternoon and walks back into his darkest nightmare. What he finds there will change Mack's world forever. In a world where religion seems to grow increasingly irrelevant, *The Shack* wrestles with the timeless question, "Where is God in a world so filled with unspeakable pain?" The answers Mack gets will astound you and perhaps transform you

as much as it did him. You'll want everyone you know to read this book!

Connie Kibbey, Librarian Source: Amazon

R POINSETTIAS We are again ordering white poinsettias from the
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.

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CHOIR AND BELLS



December will be a busy month for the music department!





Genny Jenkins

Please mark your calendars for the following events:

- <u>December 1</u>—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.
- <u>December 2</u>—Candlelight Carol Concert. MSU & RCHS Choirs—7:30pm at Baird Music Hall.
- <u>December 5 & 6</u>—MSU Operaworks Show: Light Unto the Mountains (interns participating: Anna Grayson, Bailey Hobbs, and Bugs Reinhardt) 7:30pm at Baird Music Hall.
- <u>December 7</u>—Hometown Holidays—FCC Bell Choir ringing 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.
- <u>December 15</u> Community Choir Messiah Performance (several FCC members participating) -3pm at First Baptist Church.



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

- <u>December 22</u> will be Lessons and Carols during the Sunday Service.
- <u>December 24</u> Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 10pm.

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 Cassity.

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



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

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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.discipleshomemissi ons.org/missionsadvocacy/

Christian Churches in Kentucky (Disciples of Christ) (our regional DOC) www.ccinkv.net

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

Disciples of Christ Branded Merchandise https://disciples.org/ 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 won't necessary...

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





















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.



9:45 Adult Sunday School 9:45 Adult Sun Sch Service 10:45 Worship Service Sunday School 9:45 Adult 22 Candle of Love 9:45 Adult Sun Sch 9:45 Adult 10:45 Worship Deliver all gifts 10:45 Worship All gifts/food due. 12:00 1st Sun Lun 10:45 Worship 10:45 Worship 15 Candle of Joy Sunday School Sunday School Candle of Peace Hanging of the Greens Candle of Hope Lessons & Carol 23 9 2 Publish newsletter 16 New Year's Eve Service 5pm Yoga 17 5pm Yoga 10 5:00 Yoga 10pm Candlelight Christmas Eve First Christian December 2019 Tue due. closed. The office will be New Year's Day Rehearsa 7:00 Bells/Choir Choir Rehearsal Gifts. 7pm Bells/ Dinner/Wrap Women's BB Team 11 5:30 MSU January 1, 2020 25 18 Poinsettia slips Office closed. **Christmas Day** 6 Wed cles due. 19 2) sume Jan. 5pm Yoga 5pm Yoga Ů 5pm Yoga 2 ter arti-Newslet-(will re-12 Office Office closed. Office closed. ယ Office Office 27 closed closed. 13 closed. 6 14 Youth Caroling Bank 5-6pm Bells at US 5-8pm.Hometown Holidays

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Genny Jenkins, Choir Jiyeon McGillicuddy, Keyboardist Sarah Chaney, Bells Makayla Reynolds, Nursery Open, Youth Barbara Marsh, Secretary

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Website: www.fccmorehead.org

http://www.facebook. com/fcc.morehead Join us for live Sunday Worship Service @ 10:50am

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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.







