

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

First
Christian
Church
(Disciples of Christ)
Green Chalice Ministry



The Echo

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PLEASE JOIN US

First Sunday Lunch



Sunday, February 3
SOUPER BOWL
12-2pm

The deacons are hosting our annual Soup Extravaganza. They will provide soup and sandwiches and the congregation is requested to bring sides and desserts.



Creation Care Team's Message:

Proverbs 11:28 from the Message:

"A life devoted to things is a dead life,
a stump; a God-shaped life is a flourishing tree."



Susan Thomas
FCC President



Opportunities for Fellowship & Ministry

Gateway Homeless Shelter Baskets Items due Feb. 3

Each year members sign up to donate household items once a month (Jan-Oct).

Items are always due on the first Sunday of the month.

"Raising Cane" Medical Donations

We are collecting medical equipment and offering items to those in need. Bring donated items to the Fellowship Hall. Please see page 4 for more information.



Build-A-Bed Team April 6

The Outreach Committee is putting together an MSU Build-A-Bed team, which is partnering to supply beds, mattresses, sheets, etc. to needy children throughout East Kentucky.



We Are Making Our Own Lenten Devotional. We Need Your Help!

Dear FCC: As we begin a new year, the Worship Committee is looking towards the coming Lenten season during some planning sessions. We would like to put together an FCC Lenten devotional booklet with a meditation/devotional for each day of Lent. Our Lenten theme will be "Speak to Me of Joy and Sorrow: Our Lenten Journey." We would like to ask each of you to contribute something for the booklet. Please consider writing a short (2 - 3 paragraphs max) offering that could be used as a daily meditation. You may link your meditation to a particular piece of scripture if you like, or we will put the daily lectionary on the page instead. We would like you **to share a story** about how a struggle in your life led you to joy or how you persevered through a trying time or how God helped you through a time in your life that was difficult. The hope is that our stories will lift each other up as we journey together towards Easter. Please send your contribution to genny.jenkins@rowan.kyschools.us or give it in written form to Genny Jenkins by **Sunday, February 24** (so that we'll have time to get them printed before Lent begins).

Thank you so much, Reverend Chase and the Worship Committee

The ‘Keeper of the Springs’



Reverend Don Chase

The late Reverend Peter Marshall was a Presbyterian preacher who served as the U.S. Senate chaplain during the presidency of Harry Truman. An amazing preacher, Marshall used this ‘Keeper of the Springs’ story during one of his sermons in the 1930s. I’ve carried this story with me for at least the last two decades and would like to share it with our readers.

“There was a little village that grew up at the foot of a mountain range—a peaceful place with fresh breezes, an ample radiance of flowers, and (most important) fresh water which tumbled down the mountain streams, splashed over waterfalls, and sparkled into the sunlight of the valley where all the streams finally joined forces and bubbled joyously into the town.

The people loved this beautiful stream that flowed through their town, with its pure water that one could see right through the smooth stones that formed the riverbed and the fish that fought their way upstream. Children played with their toy sailboats by its banks, millwheels were turned by its force, in the heat of the summer the people drank long and deep from its pure water, never having to fear a thing, and by its farmers’ fields were irrigated.

High up in the mountain, there was an employee of the village, a happy hermit who lived in the forest and earned his living as the “KEEPER OF THE SPRINGS”. It was his job to tend the pools and the springs that formed the source of this sparkling little stream. This KEEPER OF THE SPRINGS would patrol the hills and wherever he found a spring or a pool, he would clean the silt from its surface, scrape away the fallen leaves, sift out all foreign matter that might decompose in the water, so the spring would tumble down the mountainside cold and pure. He took his job seriously, for each day as he set about his task he would think of the townsfolk down below....the children, the babies, the mothers and fathers, the animals who depended upon that clear, pure water for their well-being.

But the City Council was a group of hard-boiled pragmatists who one year scanned the civic budget and questioned the need for this KEEPER OF THE SPRINGS. “Why should we pay for this freeloader to watch our water? We never see him. Surely he is not necessary to our town’s life.” So the City Council voted to dispense with this “unnecessary cost” and the man was forced to look elsewhere for his livelihood. Well, soon the silt began to pile up around the mountain springs. Decaying branches and leaves fell into the pools and decomposed, filling the pure spring waters with cloudy debris. The streams didn’t seem to sparkle as much as they tumbled down the mountainside; the fish were now seen dimly through a cloud of foreign matter. And finally, the City Council admitted its mistake, re-convened, and sent out a search for that KEEPER OF THE SPRINGS to come back and restore their polluted stream to its prior glory.”

I have been thinking a lot lately about that **‘keeper of the springs’** fellow. It’s easy to discount oneself. To start thinking, “they won’t miss me!” Or, “I’m not that important; what do I have to offer, anyway?” Well, guess what? You are important! And yes, you have much to offer the community. In fact, without you the community of faith is not complete without you. You are a unique and blessed creation of Almighty God. As such, you have the power to bless others.

Glad to be your pastor... **DON**

Acolyte Schedule

Feb 3 Keyairah Bailey

Feb 10 Ellie Williams

Feb 17 John Akers

Feb 24 Eliza McGillicuddy

Newsletter Deadlines/Publishing Dates - 1st Quarter

Newsletter Month	Copy Deadline (COB*)	Publication Day/ Date
<i>February Newsletter</i>	Sunday, January 27	Wednesday, January 30
<i>March Newsletter</i>	Sunday, February 24	Wednesday, February 27
<i>April Newsletter</i>	Sunday, March 24	Wednesday, March 27

*COB Close of Business

Week of Compassion



is the relief, refugee, and development mission fund of the Christian Church (DOC) in the US/ Canada.
Feb. 17-24, 2019

God As Gardener

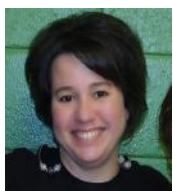


Myrrh is a dried resin from myrrh trees. In present day Israel, pilgrims can view myrrh trees in the Biblical Landscape Reserve. The myrrh plant is a small tree that grows up to twenty feet tall. The trunk (bole) is as tall as thirteen feet. When myrrh resin is harvested, lateral cuts are made on the tree trunk or branches. An aromatic gum resin seeps from the wounds. When exposed to air, gum hardens forming irregular-shaped yellow or brown globules. The globules smell pleasant, but, taste bitter. Today, myrrh is sold by vendors in the bazaar in the old city of Jerusalem. Most of the sold myrrh is sharp-edged, marble-size pieces.

A Note from the Creation Care Team



"“Nature looks dead in winter because her life is gathered into her heart. She withers the plant down to the root that she may grow it up again fairer and stronger. She calls her family together within her inmost home to prepare them for being scattered abroad upon the face of the earth.” - Hugh Macmillan



Genny Jenkins

Choir—Bells

The music department has a busy month of February coming up. Our new Choral Scholar interns have hit the ground running with choir and will begin their youth duties as February begins. The youth and adult bells will be combining for a piece that we will present at the end of February.

Genny Jenkins, Choir Director

Choir Interns

Brian Merriman
Bugs Reinhardt
Anna Grayson
Bailey Hobbs

Choir Members directed by Genny Jenkins

Brian Merriman	Mike Dobranski	Leeann Akers
Bugs Reinhardt	Catherine Rogers	Tim Connor
Anna Grayson	Alana Scott	Chas Jenkins
Bailey Hobbs	Sarah Chaney	Jon Jenkins

Bell Choir

Alicia Carter Alana Scott
Brian Carter Sarah Chaney
Jeff Brown Genny Jenkins

~Thank You~

~To Yvonne Baldwin: For deep cleaning the building in January. We are grateful for your dedication and service ministry. FCC

~To Connie Kibbey and Ronetta Brown: For the wonderful new library. We are looking forward to the dedication and reception on Feb. 10. FCC

~David Perkins: For repair/upkeep of our boiler system that keeps the building so warm and comfortable. FCC

~Worship Committee: For the inspiring Christmas decorations and the care in placing them throughout the sanctuary, and to Ronetta and Jeff Brown for taking them down and storage in their happy place 3rd floor. FCC

~Dear Ms. Thomas and friends at the First Christian Church: Thank you so much for your Christmas donations of food, blankets, hats, scarves and household supplies for needy St. Claire Home Care patients. I can assure you that these items were most appreciated and very much needed. Again, thank you for helping us fulfill our mission for God's children this season. God Bless. Karen Bledsoe, St. Claire Home Care & Hospice Director

~To Pat Dailey: For donation of 4 reams of green and purple copy paper. We appreciate you. FCC

Men's Fellowship February 16

Our next men's breakfast will be Saturday, February 16, 2019 at 8:30am. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at the church. We look forward to seeing all the men for a hearty breakfast and good fellowship. Oh... and don't forget to bring a friend!

Rev. Don

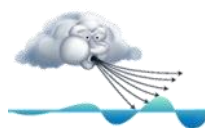


Kroger Donates to FCC

Please check the bottom of your Kroger receipt to make sure that First Christian Church Morehead is your charity. Part of our Outreach is funded from the Kroger program. Thank you!



Snow/Inclement Weather



Closings are posted on the WKYT (CBS Channel 27) television station usually at the bottom of the screen.

The Outreach Committee is Raising Cane!

Do you have unused medical equipment in your basement or attic? The Outreach Committee is collecting gently used canes, walkers, wheelchairs, bedside chairs, etc. for community members in need. If you would like to donate something to this worthy cause, you can drop it off in Fellowship Hall. If you have questions or need more info, contact Marge Thomas.



February Deacons

Genny Jenkins, Ronetta Brown,
Jeff Brown, Jim Gross

February Elders

February 3—Susan Thomas
February 10—Susan Thomas
February 17—Joe Barrett and Larry Fannin
February 24—Paul Semisch

Pastoral Care for Emergencies

Please contact the office for pastoral emergencies, Monday-Thursday 8:30-1pm, at 606-784-4836. After 1pm, Fridays, and on the weekend, please contact Rev. Chase for pastoral emergencies. Rev. Don cell: 859-753-4335.



February Birthdays



12- Brent Rogers
12- Anthony Paschall
17- Betty Hall
18- Hedy Caldwell
18- Alicia Carter
20- Norm Lytle
21- Gabriel Justice
22- Atlas Ashford
24- Susan Thomas

Living Memorial Fund

in memory of
Darlene Perkins
by

Judy G. Harden

in memory of
Dr. C. Nelson Grote

by

Fran Helphinstine
Susie Halbleib
Revs Renee & Don Chase

in memory of

Jane McKay

(Dennis McKay's mother)

Paul Pinkston

(Jackie Bailey's father)

Jacob Semisch

(Paul Semisch's father)

by

Fran Helphinstine

God Dwells Within You

Mack Fund

in memory of

Darlene Perkins

by

Sandy and John Gullett

in memory of

C. Nelson Grote

by

Sandy and John Gullett
Marge and Dan Thomas

in memory of

Jane McKay

(Dennis McKay's mother)

Paul Pinkston

(Jackie Bailey's father)

Jacob Semisch

(Paul Semisch's father)

by

Marge and Dan Thomas

January Treasurer's Report

Income is \$6,268.00.
Expenses are \$5,803.93.

Electronic Giving

Authorization forms are available in the sanctuary or contact the office for an email form.

Souper Bowl Blessing Jars

The offerings in February First Sunday Lunch blessing jars will be our spending money donation given to RCHS sponsored students going on the NYC senior trip.

Church Library

Opening and Dedication

Sunday, February 10

Reception immediately following the worship service in the conference room.



February is Undie Sundays !

Please consider a donation of NEW undies which will benefit the Family Resource Centers of Rowan County Schools. They are in need of donations for the following: girls/young women from girls' size 4 up through women's size 12 (any style is fine); boys' size 4 - 12; and mens' boxer briefs in all sizes (S - XL). Please "drop your drawers" in the bins located by the elevator and at the front doors of the sanctuary. Thanks from the Outreach Committee.

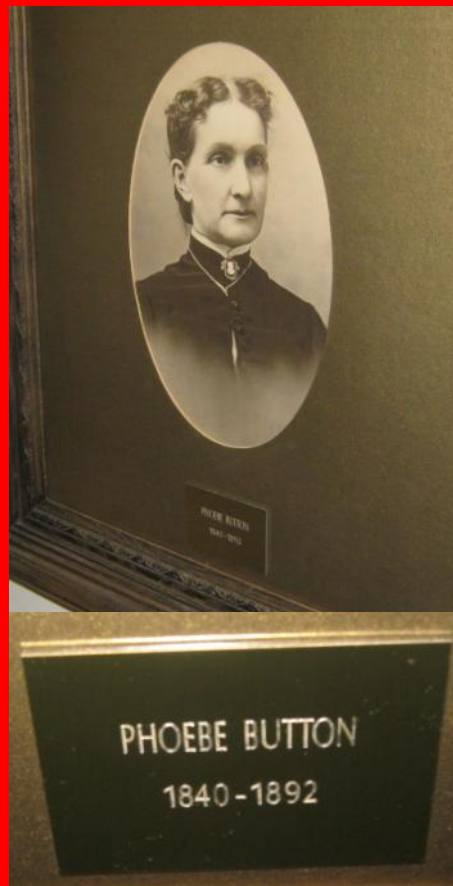


Hiking

Our hymns have been singing the praises of the beauty of God's created earth. Let's get out with others to be amidst the beauty that surrounds us. Here is the info for the February hike (7 miles). There are 2 options. **February 16 and 23.** Rowan County Hike Series, Hike #2. Join the Cave Run Lake Chapter on the Sheltowee Trace day-hikes that began in mid-January. No need to have done the first hike in the series to join in on the second or any of the other up and coming hikes through May. To begin February's hike, hikers will be shuttled to near Amburgy Rock and will walk on the trail into downtown Morehead. Email CRLC@sheltoweetrace.org to sign up for the 7-mi hike. Call Lucy Pryor for questions (606)-776-0812.



Lucy Pryor receives the 2018 Outstanding Service Award from the Sheltoewe Trace Association. Lucy is the contact person for those wanting to hike the Sheltoewe Trace Trail in Rowan County. More info on page 5.





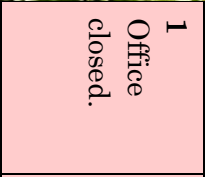





Thank you to Connie Kibbey for obtaining a nameplate for Phoebe Button, who is First Christian Church founder and Morehead Normal School President Frank Button's mother. Phoebe's framed picture was recently relocated to our downstairs foyer (thank you to Yvonne Baldwin!)

In and Around FCCC

Photos by
Connie Kibbey and
Barbara Marsh.

First Christian Church - February 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
February is Undie Sundays. More info on page 5.	Office Hours: M-TH 8:30-1pm					
						
3 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service 12:00pm First Sunday Lunch Souper Bowl; Gateway Homeless basket items due.	4	5 5:00 Yoga	6 5:30 Combined Bell Choir 7:00 Choir	7 5:00 Yoga	1 Office closed.	2
10 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service Library Dedication	11	12 5:00 Yoga	13 5:30 Combined Bell Choir 7:00 Choir	14  Valentine's Day 5:00 Yoga	15 Office closed.	9 10:00 Sheltoee Trace Trail Hike
17 Week of Compassion 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service 12-3pm Youth Event	18 Office closed. 	19 5:00 Yoga	20 5:30 Combined Bell Choir 7:00 Choir	21 5:00 Yoga	22 Office closed.	23
24 Week of Compassion 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service Lenten Devotional Journey contributions due. Newsletter articles due.	28 6:30/7pm Exec/ Full Board Meetings	26 5:00 Yoga	27 5:30 Combined Bell Choir 7:00 Choir. Newsletter published.	28 5:00 Yoga		

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Rev. Donald Chase, Minister

Genny Jenkins, Choir
Jiyeon McGillicuddy, Keyboards
Youth
Barbara Marsh, Secretary
Sarah Chaney, Bells
Kaitlyn Rhoden, Nursery
Darrin Roe, Custodian

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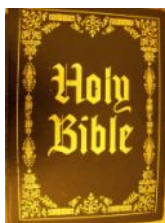


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Bible Readings
for the Month

Disciples of Christ
Lectionary



Feb 3—Luke 4:21-30
Feb 10—Luke 5:1-11
Feb 17—Luke 6:17-26
Feb 24—Luke 6:27-38



Rev. Carol L. Devine
1125 Red Mile Road
Lexington, KY 40504

December 4, 2018

First Christian Church
227 E Main St.
Morehead, KY 40351

Dear First Christian Church,

On behalf of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), I extend congratulations to First Christian Church for becoming a Green Chalice Ministry. Green Chalice celebrates the fact that you are living out your faith by caring for God's creation and leading the denomination and your community in authentic ways. Green Chalice applauds the fact that you have a green team, have affirmed and signed the Alverna Covenant, and have made changes that help your ministry walk more gently on the earth. Take time to commemorate and celebrate this accomplishment. Please add this recognition to your newsletter and website.

When you are ready for the next step, you can work to become a Certified Green Chalice Ministry, a more extensive program that looks at every area of work life from the building and grounds to education and outreach. We now have nine Certified congregations that have taken this honorable step with several working toward it. Perhaps, First Christian Church will be the next.

I look forward to hearing about the new things that First Christian Church is doing to save our sacred planet. May your journey be blessed by God.

In Christ,

Rev. Carol L. Devine
Minister Green Chalice
cdevine@dcm.disciples.org

First Christian Church was recently conferred with the Green Chalice Ministry designation. We have a green team, and we are working toward becoming a Certified Green Chalice Ministry. Thank you to President Susan Thomas for her leadership in establishing this worthy goal.

Green Chalice Ministry

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First Christian Church
Morehead, KY



November 2018
Date

