

THE ECHO



Season of Lent Begins February 18

GROUNDING OURSELVES IN THE GOOD NEWS

The origins of Lent trace back to the early church's focus upon the training and preparation of new converts, *catechumens*, for baptism during the Easter Vigil. For forty days leading up to Easter, converts learned the essentials of the faith, shaped by the spiritual practices of prayer, fasting, and giving to those in need.

As the centuries passed, the focus of Lent widened to include the whole Christian community. It became a season for

renewal, a time to return to the heart of Jesus' teachings and ministry.

In a world often filled with bad news, fear, and division, we're diving deep into Jesus's Good News, revealed in his generous life and ministry: his radical hospitality, love for neighbor, care for the vulnerable, nourishment for the hungry, and his nonviolence in the face of injustice. At the heart of Jesus' teachings, we find liberation, amazing love, expansive mercy, and always grace—Good news, indeed!

This Lent, we're returning to our roots, to the good news of God's realm of shalom Jesus invited his followers to experience. We'll explore the joy that was at the heart of Jesus's ministry. We'll find the delight in the upside-downness of God's kingdom. The stories of Lent are grounded in the everyday—in bread and wine, in the rich dirt of a garden, in the lingering fragrance of perfume poured from an alabaster jar.

We'll mark the eve of Lent with a party—a Shrove Tuesday Pancake dinner on Tuesday, February 17, from 5-7pm. Ash Wednesday invites us into a more reflective rhythm with a traditional service of ashes at 5pm on February 18.

To support your Lenten journey, you'll find a devotional book with biblical reflections, poetry and art. In addition, you can begin your mornings with intention using the prayers and reflection questions on our Lenten daily devotional cards. And throughout the season our social media accounts will share simple prompts to help you reflect and connect with others.

Lenten materials will be available beginning Sunday, February 15. To access a digital version of the devotional booklet, please contact the church office.



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Living Undocumented

A Netflix documentary series investigating the diversity of immigrants caught in the intricate U.S. immigration system where uncertainty and pain often battle dreams
Featuring families from Honduras, Israel, Mexico, Laos, Colombia, & Mauritania

February 3, 2026, 5 to 7 p.m.
Downstairs of First Baptist Church. 123 E. Main St.
Free refreshments

This is the first of a monthly showing of the six episodes, followed by discussion and suggestions for action. Future dates to be determined.

Scan for more information on
advocating for migrants.



SCAN ME



Senior Outreach: Our Senior Outreach truly helps some of the neediest seniors in our community. The seniors we helped at Christmas and will continue to help throughout the year range in age from 67-92 years old. Most live alone and on limited incomes. Most are disabled or facing severe health issues. Some are housebound and dependent on the kindness of others to run their errands.



In February, our 10 seniors will each receive beautiful handmade Valentine's Day cards designed by Liz Ash, Connie Kibbey, Sunshine Stamper and Rebecca Roach, and a \$100 dollar gift card. The members of our committee would like to thank the anonymous donor for the \$500 contribution that matched what the committee spends on the cards. Our seniors are truly appreciative of all the help these gift cards provide.

Gateway Housewarming Baskets: As of January 25, there were still 14 items available for sign up to purchase items to help families who are transitioning from Gateway Homeless Shelter to a place of their own. These items help families starting a new life to have the basics needed in a home. When you sign up, you are committing to purchase 9 of this item. Folks may wish to bring **all items for all the months at once**, or you may bring in an item **each month**. You can also buy the items online and have them shipped directly to the church. Items are due each month by the 10th with the **first item due February 10th**. You can register to donate items through SignUpGenius [HERE](#) (or go to signupgenius.com, click on More and then Search, search for fcmky@gmail.com and click on Gateway Housewarming Baskets 2026).



Thank you to those who have already committed to help with this outreach.

Soup-er Bowl Sunday Lunch: Join us for a Soup-er Bowl Sunday Lunch right after church on February 8th. You don't have to be a football fan to enjoy food, fellowship and fun on a winter afternoon. Committee members will provide the soup and crackers and we ask that others bring a side dish and/or dessert. Outreach members will be on hand to help anyone who would like assistance with signing up for our 2026 Gateway Housewarming Baskets.

Blessing Box: When shopping, please remember to purchase a few items for the Blessing Box. Donations of shelf stable foods, toiletries, feminine hygiene products, along with cold weather items such as hats, gloves, handwarmers, or blankets that are rolled up, are in need. We would like to have enough donations to keep a stock of food on hand to replenish the box as needed. Remember, canned foods can freeze and explode during freezing temperatures! The Blessing Box is a combined outreach with the Presbyterian Church, who are donating \$1000 a quarter to help with the stocking of supplies.



Snack Backpack Program: We are now servicing 85 students a week, up from 70 at the beginning of the year. We provide each student with five items a week, which usually includes one piece of fresh fruit, meat and/or cheese sticks, small bags of popcorn, etc. Thank you, Bob and Lucy Prior, for shopping for the stock items and to Marge, Susan, and Dan Thomas for shopping and donating the fruit each week.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, February 25 at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

February 18 | 5PM

Ash Wednesday

Come as you are
for prayer, reflection,
and the marking of ashes.



the good news is...
all are invited



SPECIAL OFFERING 2026
MARK 2:1-5



Week of Compassion is our church's relief ministry, responding to disasters, displacement, and economic hardship around the world. Through this shared offering, Disciples join resources to bring immediate help and long-term support. Your gift extends Christ's compassion where it's needed most.

Save the Date!

The Kentucky Disciples
Women's Choral Retreat

Sing into Spring!

Friday, February 27 ~ Sunday, March 1, 2026
Jeffersontown Christian Church
10631 Taylorsville Road Louisville, KY 40299

www.ccinky.net | The Kentucky Disciples Women's Choral Retreat
(859) 322-5653 - Shari | shari.caldarelli@gmail.com

2026 WOMEN'S CHORAL RETREAT FEBRUARY 27—MARCH 1

Registration for the 2026 Women's Choral Retreat is now live on the CCK website!

The 2026 Women's Choral Retreat, *Sing into Spring*, will take place Friday, February 27-Sunday, March 1, 2026, at Jeffersontown Christian Church in Louisville, Kentucky. The registration fee is \$65.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

For more information, contact Shari Caldarelli
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CAMP WAKON'DA-HO 2026 DATES

YOSEMITE, KY | CCINKY.NET

SPRING WORK WEEKEND	APRIL 17-19
MINI CAMP (2-3)	JUNE 5-7
CYF 1 (9-12)	JUNE 8-13
EIGHTER'S CAMP (8)	JUNE 14-20
JUNIOR CAMP (4-5)	JUNE 22-26
CAMP 101A (K-2*)	JUNE 26-28
CYF 2 (9-12)	JUNE 29-JULY 4
CHI RHO 1 (6-8)	JULY 6-11
CHI RHO 2 (6-8)	JULY 13-18
CAMP 101B (K-2*)	JULY 25
Y'ALL CAMP (ALL AGES*)	SEPT 4-6

*FIND DETAILS REGARDING AGE RESTRICTIONS, CHAPERONE REQUIREMENTS, AND PRICING AT CCINKY.NET/MINISTRIES/CAMP/WAKONDA-HO

SAVE THE DATE!

Join Disciples Women from the Southeast Regional Fellowship (SERF) for "You Are Enough," inspired by 2 Corinthians 9:8 and featuring Keynote Rev. Dr. Marcia Whitney Mount Shoop. More information and registration coming soon.

DISCIPLES WOMEN 2026 SERF RETREAT

MARCH 13-15, 2026

Christmount Christian Assembly
Black Mountain, NC

you are
ENOUGH



Blessing Box

The new blessing box in front of our labyrinth on East Main offers tangible hope to our neighbors. Have extra to share? You can drop off non-perishable pantry or household items at any time.

Thank you for keeping the blessings full and overflowing!

SAVE THE DATE

Christian Church in Kentucky Regional Assembly 2026

Join KY Disciples
September 17-19,
2026 at First
Christian Church,
Bardstown for
*Pour: Regional
Assembly 2026!*

Stay tuned for more
information in the
coming months.

POUR

REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

2026

FEBRUARY 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:45am Worship	2	3	4	5	6 Office Closed	7
		7:00 pm Women of the Bible (Zoom)	6:00 pm Bell choir 7:00 pm Choir			
8 10:45 am Worship after service—Souper Bowl Luncheon	9	10	11	12	13 Office closed.	14
		7:00 pm Women of the Bible (Zoom)	6:00 pm Bell choir 7:00 pm Choir			
15 Transfiguration Sunday 10:45 am Worship	16	17	18	19	20 Office closed.	21
		5:00 pm Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner 7:00 pm Women of the Bible (Zoom)	5:00 PM Ash Wednesday service 6:00 pm Bell choir 7:00 pm Choir			
22 First Sunday of Lent 10:45 am Worship The Echo articles due	23	24	25	26	27 Office closed.	28
		7:00 pm Women of the Bible (Zoom)	5:30 pm Outreach Committee mtg. 6:00 pm Bell choir 7:00 pm Choir			

FCC GIVING NEWS

JANUARY 2026

General gifts and income \$17,759.96

Expenses **\$10,564.43**

FISCAL YEAR (JULY – JAN)

General gifts and income \$72,996.38

Expenses **\$88,201.90**

STEWARDSHIP NOTE

Your generosity fuels the ministries, message, and outreach of First Christian Church. Sharing our year-to-date giving and expenses reflects our commitment to transparency as we practice faithful stewardship of the resources of this congregation together.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

UNDESIGNATED

In memory of **Eva Johnston**

Jane Holbrook

THANK YOU!

Dear Church,

Thank you very, very much for the Christmas gift collected for the interns! It was deeply appreciated and was a big help!

Eli Campbell

Ways to give



Online

at fccmorehead.org/giving
for PayPal or direct debit options



Thru the mail

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In person

giving boxes at sanctuary entrances

your support makes ministry at FCC happen

I wanted to reach out and express how grateful I am for the Christmas gift I received from the congregation.

I am so appreciative of your generosity, especially as expenses from student teaching are adding up.

Thank you!

Logan Smalley



SOUPER Bowl!
SUNDAY!
 Sunday, February 8th
 Following Worship Service

Congregation is asked to provide:

- ✓ Sides
- ✓ Desserts

Come hungry, bring a dish to share, and enjoy good food, good company, and lots of fun!



Shrove Tuesday
PANCAKE DINNER
Drop in for pancakes and more!

FEBRUARY 17
5-7PM

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