

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 BREAKFAST



12pm-Connie and Liz are our hostesses.

The congregation is requested to bring casseroles, donuts, breakfast meats, coffee cakes, fruits, etc. Drinks are provided.

*We wish  
you many  
blessings  
for the  
New Year.*



## WELCOME New Member

December 15, 2019

**Bethany Jacinth  
"Jaz" Johnson**

120 Elizabeth Avenue  
Morehead, KY 40351

Email:  
akahuixin2@gmail.com

Jaz is in the choir  
and bell choir.

**THANK YOU** to an amazing Outreach Committee and a generous congregation. Thirty-two children/9 families/10 elderly households received Christmas gifts during the week of December 15.



*"It  
takes  
a  
village."*



MSU Women's Basketball team assisted in wrapping gifts. Committee members Liz Ash and Connie Kibbey (far right) helped with buying/assembling gifts.

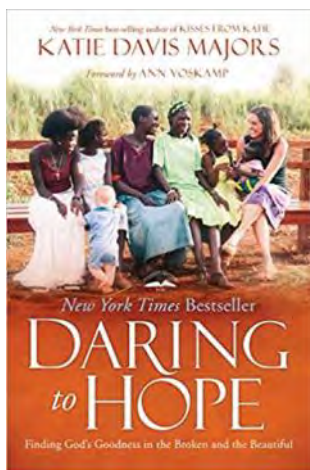
Committee  
Elizabeth Ash,  
Ashley Adkins,  
Ronetta & Jeff  
Brown,  
Alicia Carter,  
Sarah Chaney,  
Genny Jenkins,  
Connie Kibbey,  
Bob Pryor,  
Marge & Susan  
Thomas

## CHURCH LIBRARY SPOTLIGHT



*Cora Wilson Stewart and Kentucky's Moonlight Schools: Fighting for Literacy in America*, by (our own!) Yvonne Honeycutt Baldwin (Biography/Autobiography). The first woman elected superintendent of schools in Rowan County, Kentucky, Cora Wilson Stewart (1875–1958) realized that a major key to overcoming the illiteracy that plagued her community was to educate adult illiterates. To combat this problem, Stewart opened up her schools to adults during moonlit evenings in the winter of 1911. The result was the creation of the Moonlight Schools, a grassroots movement dedicated to eliminating illiteracy in one generation. Following Stewart's lead, educators across the nation began to develop similar literacy programs; within a few years, Moonlight Schools had emerged in Minnesota, South Carolina, and other states. *Cora Wilson Stewart and Kentucky's Moonlight Schools* examines these institutions and analyzes Stewart's role in shaping education at the state and national levels. To improve their literacy, Moonlight students learned first to write their names

and then advanced to practical lessons about everyday life. Stewart wrote reading primers for classroom use, designing them for rural people, soldiers, Native Americans, prisoners, and mothers. Each set of readers focused on the knowledge that individuals in the target group needed to acquire to be better citizens within their community. The reading lessons also emphasized the importance of patriotism, civic responsibility, Christian morality, health, and social progress. Yvonne Honeycutt Baldwin explores the "elusive line between myth and reality" that existed in the rhetoric Stewart employed in order to accomplish her crusade. As did many educators engaged in benevolent work during the Progressive Era, Stewart sometimes romanticized the plight of her pupils and overstated her successes. As she traveled to lecture about the program in other states interested in addressing the problem of illiteracy, she often reported that the Moonlight Schools took one mountain community in Kentucky "from moonshine and bullets to lemonade and Bibles." All rhetoric aside, the inclusive Moonlight Schools ultimately taught thousands of Americans in many under-served communities across the nation how to read and write. Despite the many successes of her programs, when Stewart retired in 1932, the crusade against adult illiteracy had yet to be won. *Cora Wilson Stewart* presents the story of a true pioneer in adult literacy and an outspoken advocate of women's political and professional participation and leadership. Her methods continue to influence literacy programs and adult education policy and practice. (Source: Amazon)



*Daring to Hope: Finding God's Goodness in the Broken and the Beautiful*, by Katie Davis Majors (Christian Living). When Katie Davis Majors moved to Uganda, accidentally founded a booming organization, and later became the mother of thirteen girls through the miracle of adoption, she determined to weave her life together with the people she desired to serve. But joy often gave way to sorrow as she invested her heart fully in walking alongside people in the grip of poverty, addiction, desperation, and disease. After unexpected tragedy shook her family, for the first time Katie began to wonder, *Is God really good? Does He really love us?* When she turned to Him with her questions, God spoke truth to her heart and drew her even deeper into relationship with Him. *Daring to Hope* is an invitation to cling to the God of the impossible—the God who whispers His love to us in the quiet, in the mundane, when our prayers are not answered the way we want or the miracle doesn't come. It's about a mother discovering the extraordinary strength it takes to be ordinary. It's about choosing faith no matter the circumstance and about encountering God's goodness in the least

expected places. Though your heartaches and dreams may take a different shape, you will find your own questions echoed in these pages. You'll be reminded of the gifts of joy in the midst of sorrow. And you'll hear God's whisper: *Hold on to hope. I will meet you here.*

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## CHOIR AND BELLS



Thank you so much to all those who worked so hard to bring us special music during Advent and the Christmas season.

Genny Jenkins

As we head into January, please mark your calendars for January 12th when our guest soloist will be Gina Pezzoli, cellist. She will play both solo and also with the bells.

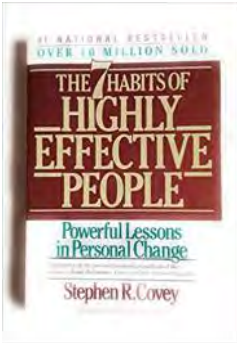


Sarah Chaney  
Bell Choir  
Director

Choir will return on January 19th.

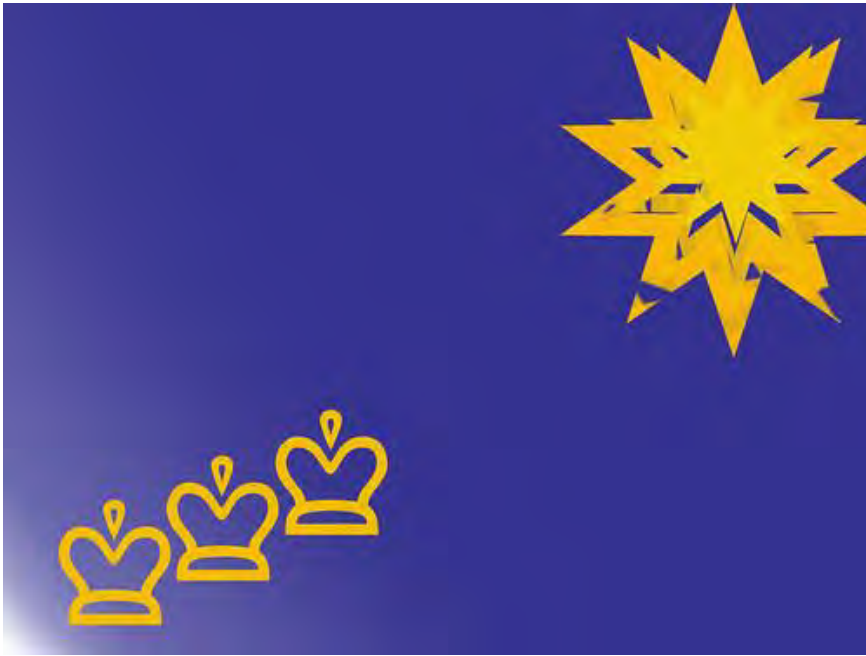
**Genny Jenkins**, Choir Director

### Book Spotlight (from p2)



*The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People: Powerful Lessons in Personal Change*, by Stephen R. Covey (Personal Growth). In *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*, author Stephen R. Covey presents a holistic, integrated, principle-centered approach for solving personal and professional problems. With penetrating insights and pointed anecdotes, Covey reveals a step-by-step pathway for living with fairness, integrity, honesty, and human dignity – principles that give us the security to adapt to change and the wisdom and power to take advantage of the opportunities that change creates. (Taken from the back cover of the book.)

Connie Kibbey, Librarian Source: Amazon



## EPIPHANY



Remember that on Sunday – January 5<sup>th</sup> – we will have baskets at each door containing our 2020 Epiphany Stars. These are for everyone who wishes to have one; they are just star-shaped pieces of brightly colored paper with a word printed on it. As you help yourselves to a star gift (without looking—just reach in and grab!), the significance is not lost. In this moment, you are not asked to give; you are invited to receive. This is a way to remind us that this is always the order of things in God's realm—God always gives

first, and then we are invited to respond with our gifts and ourselves. Please ponder what significance this word might have in your life, and how God might be speaking to you through that simple message. Many of you have mentioned placing the star in a significant place – on your computer, in your Bible, or on your refrigerator – to remind you of that gift each and every day. The stars this year are tied to our Creation Care theme. The star words are Seek Justice, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly, Simplicity, Earth Spirit, Walk Lightly, Repurpose, Share, Stewardship, Resourcefulness, Community, Conserve, Thoughtfulness, Earth Keeper, Care Taker/Giver, Flourish, Enough, and Recycle. Thank you, Pat Dailey, for helping cut out the stars.

## Creation Care

Loving,  
liberating,  
life-giving  
Relationship  
with



.....God's **Creation.**



## January Hymns

### January 5

Hymn of Praise *We Three Kings* # 72  
Hymn of Invitation *As With Gladness* #173  
Hymn of Communion *The First Noel* #151

### January 12

Prelude *Morning Has Broken* Gina Pezzoli, Cello  
Anthem *My Lord, What a Morning* Bell Choir & Cello  
Hymn of Praise *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* #140  
Hymn of Invitation *God Of Our Life* # 713  
Hymn of Communion *Home (Largo from New World Symphony)* Gina Pezzoli, Cello

### January 19

Anthem *All the Ends of the Earth*  
Hymn of Praise *As A Chalice Cast of Gold* #287  
Hymn of Invitation *Creative God, You Spread the Earth* #697  
Hymn of Communion *Here At Thy Table, Lord* #384

### January 26

Anthem *Christ, Be Our Light!*  
Hymn of Praise *Here I Am, Lord* #452  
Hymn of Invitation *Tough The Earth Lightly* #693  
Hymn of Communion *Lord, You Have Come To the Lakeshore* #342



## Rev. Raley January 12-19-26

We welcome back Rev. Katherine Raley to the pulpit in January. Rev. Raley is ordained in the Disciples of Christ church and currently serves at Lexington Theological Seminary as the Advancement Associate - in other words, fundraising,

Rev. Katherine Raley alumni and congregational relations, and a little bit of everything else! She grew up in South Carolina, and worked with the General Church in Indianapolis after college and before starting at the University of Chicago Divinity School/ Disciples Divinity House. Since graduating in 2012, she has served as Associate Minister in Colorado Springs, CO and as Minister at her home church in South Carolina. She followed family to Central Kentucky last summer, and has been in love with the region ever since! In addition to her work at LTS, she also serves on the Board of Disciples Home Missions and on the Board of the Christian Church in Kentucky.

## What's Going On Websites



oremus Bible Browser

<http://bible.oremus.org>

Green Chalice Ministry

[www.discipleshomeissions.org/missions-advocacy/](http://www.discipleshomeissions.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 Merchandise

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

## Lenten Calendar

February 26—Ash Wednesday  
March 1—First Sunday in Lent  
April 5—Palm Sunday  
April 9—Maundy Thursday  
April 10—Good Friday  
April 12—Easter Day



## Shout from the Hills .....

You are invited to the SERF 2020 Women's Event, a Kentucky Disciples Women themed weekend. A *Mountain Top Experience. March 13-15, 2020.* Christmount Christian Assembly in Black Mountain, NC. Online reg: [www.christmount.org](http://www.christmount.org) Earlybird reg. is Feb. 18. Info- Facebook- "SERF Women's Event."



### Acolytes

#### Bringing In The Light

Jan 5—Ellie Williams  
Jan 12—Alana Sholar  
Jan 19—John Akers  
Jan 26—Ellie Williams

### January Deacons

January 5—Fran Helphinstine & Elizabeth Ash  
January 12—Fran Helphinstine & Elizabeth Ash  
January 19—Fran Helphinstine, Elizabeth Ash, Curt Hammond  
January 26—Fran Helphinstine & Elizabeth Ash

Jim Fred Cassity is a permanent deacon who serves every week.

### January Elders

January 5—Alana Scott  
January 12—Alana Scott  
January 19—Anne Buckner  
January 26—Anne Buckner



### Life Transitions Happy Retirement Brenda Combs

Brenda has worked at Legal Aid of the Bluegrass for 30 years as the Business Director.

### 2020 is a Leap Year

Nearly every four years, an extra day is added to the calendar in the form of February 29, also known as Leap Day. The 24 hours are built into the calendar to ensure that it stays in line with the Earth's movement around the Sun.

### January Birthdays

4—Jane Holbrook  
11—Miles Paschall  
14—Jean Battson  
21—Dewayne Carter  
23—Mark Etherton  
25—Tommy Griffith  
27—Ginny Etherton  
27—Riley Pack

### December Treasurer's Report

Income for the first four Sundays in December is **\$7,950.00**.  
Expenses for December are **\$6,013.92**.

### Mack Fund

*in memory of*

**Dr. Don Blair**

**Thelma Brown**

**Dr. Nelson Grote**

**Jean Hill**

**Dr. Glenn Johnston**

by

Di and Ron Walke

*in memory of*

**Thelma Brown**

by

Jennifer, Spencer & David Bolt

*a donation*

by

Anne Buckner

### ONE LESS THING TO REMEMBER



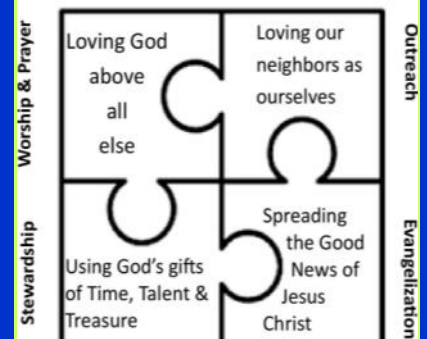
Did you forget your checkbook or prefer to use your debit card? Or you are not able to attend but still want to make your offering? Under the "Give" tab on the church web site, select "Offering / Donation Online". There are several options that you can select to make your donation to First Christian Church online. To look at the options, place this link in your web browser:

<http://www.fcmorehead.org/give.html>

Another convenient way to give is direct debit way to support your church. Just complete the Authorization Agreement for Direct Debit, attach a voided check, and give to Treasurer Joe Barrett. No more need to remember your checkbook.



### DISCIPLESHIP



# In & Around FCC



Bugs Reinhart at his senior recital during December.




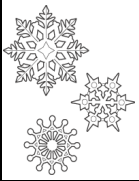






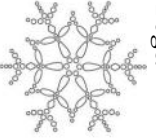

Hometown Holidays on December 7 is an annual stop for our Bell Choir performing at US Bank. From left: Alana Scott, Jeff Brown, Genny Jenkins, Jaz Johnson, Alicia Carter, and Sarah Chaney.





# First Christian January 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>29 December</b> 10:45 Worship Service 						
<b>5 Epiphany</b> Roger Fischer 10:45 Worship Service 12:00 1st Sunday Breakfast		<b>31</b> <b>New Year's Eve</b> 	<b>January 1, 2020</b> <b>New Year's Day</b> The office will be closed. 	<b>2</b> 5pm Yoga	<b>3</b> Office closed.	<b>4</b>
<b>12</b> Rev. Katherine Raley Gina Pezzoli, cellist 10:45 Worship Service 2:00 2nd Sunday Hike		<b>14</b> 5:00 Yoga 	<b>8</b> 5:00 Adult Bells 	<b>9</b> 5pm Yoga	<b>10</b> Office closed.	<b>11</b> 
<b>19</b> Rev. Katherine Raley 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service	<b>20</b> Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The office will be closed.	<b>21</b> 5:00 Yoga 	<b>22</b> 5:00 Adult Bells 7:00 Choir	<b>23</b> 5:00 Yoga	<b>24</b> Office closed.	<b>25</b> 2-6pm Fellowship Hall reserved—Jaz Johnson
<b>26</b> Rev. Katherine Raley 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service Newsletter articles due.	<b>27</b> 6:30 Executive 7:00 Full Bd Mtg	<b>28</b> 5pm Yoga	<b>29</b> 5:00 Adult Bells 7:00 Choir Publish newsletter	<b>30</b> 5pm Yoga	<b>31</b> Office closed.	<b>1</b> 

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Sarah Chaney, Bells  
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Barbara Marsh, Secretary

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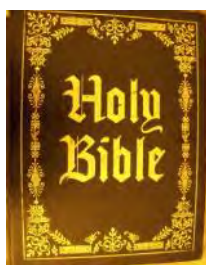
<http://www.facebook.com/fcc.morehead>

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



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

Bible Readings  
for the Month  
Disciples of Christ  
Lectionary



Jan 5—John 1:1-9, 10-18  
Jan 12—Matt 3:13-17  
Jan 19—John 1:29-42  
Jan 26—Matt 4:12-23

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."



HAPPY NEW LEAP YEAR!



Angels and Shepherds from long ago....  
with some animals and wise men in tow.



Sunday, December 22  
*Carriers of the Light:  
Lessons and Carols*

Directed by Genny Jenkins

Singers and Narrators: Ellie Williams, Alana Sholar, Keyairah Bailey, Makayla Reynolds, Ethan Jenkins, LeeAnn Akers, Leon Smothers, Kennealy Roberts, Chas Jenkins, and Jon Jenkins.

