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**First
Christian
Church**
(Disciples of Christ)
A Green Chalice Ministry



The Echo

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First Sunday Lunch Salads

July 7—12pm



The congregation is requested to bring salads.

The dessert and drinks will be provided by the church.

Bring a friend!

Message from President Catherine Rogers

I am incredibly humbled to be in this position, the president of the First Christian Church Administrative Board. Having not grown up in this denomination, I am nervous about taking on this role, but I know that this congregation has, to me, become a family, a family that lifts up and supports its own. I know that, in this coming year, anytime that I will need assistance or have a question, there will always be someone there, ready to help.



President Catherine Rogers

I thank you for your love and your trust, and, Susan, thank you for setting a path for me. You have shown us all what it takes to be a strong leader.

As we move into this new church year, I pray for God's strength for each and every one of us as we go about doing God's work, remembering always:

In essentials, UNITY; in non-essentials, DIVERSITY;
in all things, CHARITY.

Catherine Rogers

Installation & Leadership Recognition ~ June 23, 2019

Please pray for our leaders.

President: Catherine Rogers
Secretary: Fran Helphinstine

Vice President: Roger Fischer
Treasurer: Joe Barrett

New Deacons: Elizabeth Ash and Ashley Adkins

Deacons Returning from Sabbatical Leann Akers, Fran Helphinstine, Catherine Rogers, Mary Claire Williams

Full Diaconate Leann Akers, Ashley Adkins, Elizabeth Ash, Jeff Brown, Ronetta Brown, Chase Barnett*, Charlene Bradford*, Ned Breschel, Alicia Carter*, Dewayne Carter*, Jim Fred Cassity, Brenda Combs*, Roger Fischer*, Jim Gross, Curt Hammond, Fran Helphinstine, Genny Jenkins*, Maggie Miles*, Kaitlyn Jo Paschall, Brent Rogers, Catherine Rogers, Kathryn Rogers, Phillip Swim, Mary Claire Williams.

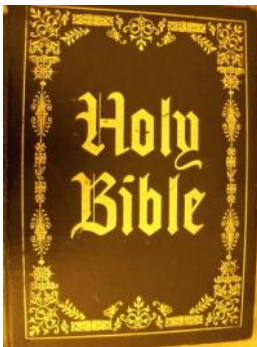
Full Board of Elders Joe Barrett, Yvonne Baldwin, Anne Buckner, Sarah Chaney, Mark Etherton, Virginia Etherton, Larry Fannin, Jami Hornbuckle*, Alana Scott, Paul Semisch, Carmen Swim, Marge Thomas, Susan Thomas.

Elder Emerita/Emeritus Rex Chaney, Tommy Griffith, Betty Hall, Eva Johnston, David Perkins, Jack Whidden.

*on sabbatical FY20 (July 1-June 30, 2020)

Honorary Deacon: Dan Thomas

Bible Readings
for the Month
Disciples of Christ
Lectionary



July 7—Luke 10:1-11

July 14—Luke 10:25-37

July 21—Luke 10:38-42

July 28—Luke 11:1-13

The Journey of Transition



Reverend Don Chase

I have been thinking about a special high school friend this week. Leslie was the editor of the award-winning *Spartan* yearbook; I was the editor-in-chief of *The FitzHerald*, Fitzgerald High School's monthly newspaper. Since confession is good for the soul, here goes: Leslie was also my first major 'love interest.' Big Time!

I remember during the summer months riding my Schwinn Varsity bicycle around and around the street she lived with the fantasy that she would step out on the porch and shout to the weary bicyclist, "Hey Don, come on in for a glass of tea and talk." My rhetorical retort would be, "Well, Leslie, I just happened to be passing through the neighborhood, but I always have time for a glass of iced tea with you!" Imagine my horror one fine summer afternoon while circling Leslie's street I encountered her father working in the yard. After about the fifth or sixth lap around the block, Leslie's dad shouted to me as I passed by the yard, "Son, if you go to the door and knock, I think Leslie is home!" Now that was pure embarrassment. Leslie and I did go on a first date together, going to the Cinemark theatre to see the original release of *Rocky*. All I remember about the evening is that trying to be the perfect gentleman and make everything 'perfect' left me sweatier than Rocky Balboa! But here's the thing...try as we might, Leslie and I could never pull it together to become a couple. The best we could do was nurture a friendship. Leslie went her way and found her path. I did likewise. It took me quite a while – actually a few years – to adequately process my grief and bring closure to the nagging "what ifs" of an unrealized relationship – or at least the way I intended for it to be.

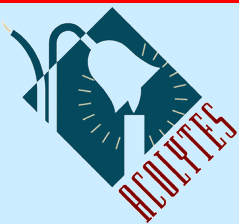
I share this intensely personal story with you because it reminds me of our relationship and my feelings about this wonderful congregation known as First Christian Church, Morehead. For the past nineteen months (24 if counting my two previous stints here), I have been blessed beyond measure to be your minister. Most of those days were as your interim minister. However, a little more than a month ago I shared with Board President Susan Thomas my decision to resign as the church's minister and for the immediate future return to serve the congregation in an interim capacity. This was then communicated to the Executive and General Boards at its monthly meeting in May. Please know that this decision was not made lightly; rather, it was a grueling process involving extended prayer, meditation and reflection. Like all major decisions, I sought the counsel and consultation of cadre of valued colleagues. And, of course, Renee has been tremendously supportive as I have sought clarity and the right path to travel. Please know that there was never any anger, regret, or dissatisfaction motivating this decision.

To the contrary. Like Leslie and my 'first love' experience, try as I might it did not come together the way we intended and had hoped. Ministry is a relational endeavor. Ministers need to be embedded within the community they serve. I reveled in the opportunity to preach each Sunday, respond to pastoral emergencies, officiate funerals, and be present for special occasions in the life of this generous and loving congregation. I was frustrated, however, always desiring to give more and yet knowing my limitations prevented me from doing so. Anxiety became an unwelcome dinner guest, knowing response times and scheduling was contingent on my calendar. When plans to relocate to Morehead abruptly closed, I knew an emotionally honest assessment of the *status quo* was in order. I am confident that this decision is best for me and the church. But it sure doesn't make it any easier.

The way of transition is always difficult. On the one hand it generates grief, fear, and sometimes anger. In frustration it is easy to get caught-up with the "what ifs." It's easy to wallow in the "here we go again" or "well, what do we do now." Those responses are natural; after all, we're human!

The way of transition, however, can also be a time of tremendous opportunity as we embrace new ways of ministering to our community and reinforce our faith identity. During the last month, life coach William Bridges has reminded me of the "paradoxes" of transition. For example, to achieve continuity we have to be willing to change. Change is, in fact, the only way to protect whatever exists, for without continuous readjustment the present cannot continue. And then Bridges offers this gem of a paradox: "the very things we

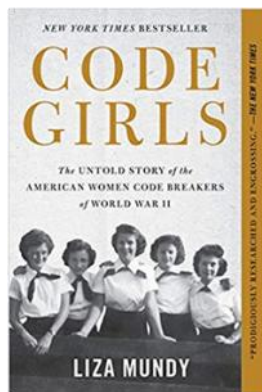
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ACOLYTE SCHEDULE Bringing In The Light

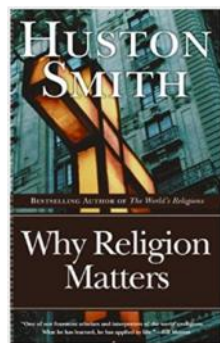
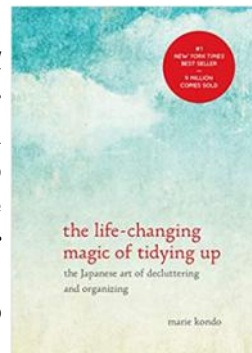
July 7—John Akers July 14—Ellie Williams
 July 21—Alana Sholar July 28—Ellie Williams

CHURCH LIBRARY SPOTLIGHT



Code Girls: The Untold Story of the American Women Code Breakers of World War II, by Liza Mundy (Biography/Autobiography). The award-winning *New York Times* bestseller about the American women who secretly served as codebreakers during World War II—a "prodigiously researched and engrossing" (*New York Times*) book that "shines a light on a hidden chapter of American history" (*Denver Post*). Recruited by the U.S. Army and Navy from small towns and elite colleges, more than ten thousand women served as codebreakers during World War II. While their brothers and boyfriends took up arms, these women moved to Washington and learned the meticulous work of code-breaking. Their efforts shortened the war, saved countless lives, and gave them access to careers previously denied to them. A strict vow of secrecy nearly erased their efforts from history; now, through dazzling research and interviews with surviving code girls, bestselling author Liza Mundy brings to life this riveting and vital story of American courage, service, and scientific accomplishment.

The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up: The Japanese Art of Decluttering and Organizing, by Marie Kondo (Personal Growth). Despite constant efforts to declutter your home, do papers still accumulate like snowdrifts and clothes pile up like a tangled mess of noodles? Japanese cleaning consultant Marie Kondo takes tidying to a whole new level, promising that if you properly simplify and organize your home once, you'll never have to do it again. Most methods advocate a room-by-room or little-by-little approach, which doom you to pick away at your piles of stuff forever. The KonMari Method, with its revolutionary category-by-category system, leads to lasting results. In fact, none of Kondo's clients have lapsed (and she still has a three-month waiting list). With detailed guidance for determining which items in your house "spark joy" (and which don't), this international bestseller featuring Tokyo's newest lifestyle phenomenon will help you clear your clutter and enjoy the unique magic of a tidy home—and the calm, motivated mindset it can inspire.



Why Religion Matters, by Huston Smith (Theology and World Religions). Huston Smith, the most eloquent and respected world authority on religion, offers a timely manifesto on the urgent need to restore the role of religion as the primary humanizing force for individuals and society. Weaving together insights from comparative religions, theology, philosophy, science, and history, along with examples drawn from current events and his own extraordinary personal experience, Smith gives both a convincing historical and social critique and a profound expression of hope for the spiritual condition of humanity. Despite the widespread belief that these are halcyon days for religion and spiritual awareness, Smith shows how our everyday worldview is instead dominated by a narrow scientism, materialism, and consumerism that push issues of morality, meaning, and truth to the outer margins of society and our lives. In fact, he finds that too much of

what passes as religion these days is actually a privatized and ungrounded debasement of true religion. *Why Religion Matters* will open a new dialogue about the appropriate place of religion in human experience and society. The passionate and balanced perspective advanced here will help restore a respectful understanding of the undeniable primacy of religion, as well as give a fresh appreciation of the curative effects of correcting its marginal cultural status. (Source: Amazon) by Connie Kibbey

~Thank You~

~To the Congregation: Thank you so much for the Amazon gift card and ornament! I will definitely use these in the future! With love, Logan Clark. (P. S. Thank you for thinking of me.)

~Dear First Christian Church of Morehead: Our sincerest thanks for your donation to the Build-A-Bed project. We could not complete this project without the generous support of donors like you. Many children in Kentucky will benefit from getting a good night's sleep thanks to your donation.

Sincerely, The Build-A-Bed Committee

~Dear Reverend Donald and Members of the Church: Our family appreciates your kindness in providing food for us at the funeral home for our mother, Jean Hill. It was a blessing enjoyed, since we all live out of town. There are wonderful memories of the church while growing up. It was an important part of our family's lives. Mom loved the church and people. Fondly, Rhonda Collier and Sherry McEwan (daughters)

~FCC Congregation: Thank you all for the graduation card and gift. I'm sorry I couldn't make it to the service, but I felt the love in Barbourville. Thank you all for the endless support.
♥ Abby Hammond

July Hymns



July 7

Hymn of Praise *Blessed Assurance* #543
Hymn of Invitation *Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant* #490
Hymn of Communion *Lord, You Give The Great Commission* #459

July 14

Hymn of Praise *Just A Closer Walk With Thee* #557
Hymn of Invitation *What Does The Lord Require For Praise* #659
Hymn of Communion *When You Do This, Remember Me* #400

July 21

Hymn of Praise *My Lord, What A Morning* #708
Hymn of Invitation *Come, You Disconsolate* #502
Hymn of Communion *I Bind My Heart This Tide* #350

July 28

Hymn of Praise *Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying* #305
Hymn of Invitation *Sweet Hour of Prayer!* #570
Hymn of Communion *For The Bread, Which You Have Broken* #411

Gateway Homeless Shelter Basket

The basket items are due on the first Sundays from January through October.

July Elders

July 7 Anne Buckner
July 14 Joe Barrett & Carmen Swim
July 21 Sarah Chaney
July 28 Sarah Chaney & Susan Thomas

July Deacon

Jim Gross

What's Going On In Our Denomination Websites

DOC General Assembly July 20-24 Des Moines
disciples.org/ga

Green Chalice Ministry
www.disciphomemissions.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/>

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now wish that we could hold onto and keep safe from change were themselves originally produced by changes" (*Bridges, The Way of Transition, p1, 2001*).

Leslie and I remain in occasional contact, mainly through *Facebook*. And what seemed like such an emotional hurdle for me more than forty years ago, turned out just fine. In fact, better than "just fine." Leslie and Lee have a beautiful family (I was privileged to officiate at their wedding more than two decades ago); and Renee and I have shared a wonderful life together for the past nearly three decades. For such a time as this, the familiar words of Alfred Lord Tennyson seem especially comforting: *"tis better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all."*

SELAH.

Pastor Don

Living Memorial Fund

In memory of

Jean Fielding Hill

by

Joyce and David Saxon

Fran Helphinstine

David Perkins

In memory of

Brenda Freiter

(Yvonne Baldwin's sister)

by

Fran Helphinstine

David Perkins

*Pray Daily
Reflect
Grow in Faith*

Mack Fund

In memory of

C. Nelson and Wilma Grote

by

The Estate of C. Nelson Grote

In memory of

Brenda Freiter

(Yvonne Baldwin's sister)

by

Marge and Dan Thomas

In memory of

Jean Fielding Hill

by

Dan & Marge Thomas

In memory of

Glenn Earl Johnston

by

Scharlene and Jack Whidden

July Birthdays

3- Rex Chaney 21-Soni Lytle
7- Eva Johnston 23-Yvonne Baldwin
7- Alana Scott 25-Emma Lou Gross
18-Tracy Williams 28-Abby Hammond
19-Olivia Skaggs 31-Paul Semisch

Treasurer's Report

Income for the first four Sundays
in June is \$6,620.00.
Expenses for June are \$5,241.69.

Donation

In memory of

Willard Alfrey

by

Sandy and John Gullett

Liturgists Needed in July

If you would like to help with the worship services, please sign up on the bulletin board or contact the office 606-784-4836. You may leave a message after 4 rings.

Wanted

Firewood cutters, splitters, and haulers. **Saturday, June 29 from 8 am to 12 (or any part of that) we will cut firewood for Christian Social Services (CSS)** near the Memorial Tree Walk by Triplett Creek where there is a huge pile of trees that were pulled out of the creek a year or so ago. We will need folks with chain saws, splitting mauls or hydraulic splitters, and trucks to haul the wood to CSS. Contact Bob Pryor for further details and to let him know what you can bring to help: 606-783-0326 or bobpryor46@gmail.com.

Independent Since 1776

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

In the Declaration of Independence (July 4), King George III was informed of the colonists displeasure by asserting certain natural and legal rights, including a right of revolution.

The 56 signers of the Declaration represented the new states as follows (from north to south):

New Hampshire: Josiah Bartlett, William Whipple, Matthew Thornton

Massachusetts: Samuel Adams, John Adams, John Hancock, Robert Treat Paine, Elbridge Gerry

Rhode Island: Stephen Hopkins, William Ellery

Connecticut: Roger Sherman, Samuel Huntington, William Williams, Oliver Wolcott

New York: William Floyd, Philip Livingston, Francis Lewis, Lewis Morris

New Jersey: Richard Stockton, John Witherspoon, Francis Hopkinson, John Hart, Abraham Clark

Pennsylvania: Robert Morris, Benjamin Rush, Benjamin Franklin, John Morton, George Clymer, George Taylor, James Wilson, George Ross

Delaware: George Read, Caesar Rodney, Thomas McKean

Maryland: Samuel Chase, William Paca, Thomas Stone, Charles Carroll of Carrollton

Virginia: George Wythe, Richard Henry Lee, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Harrison, Thomas Nelson Jr., Francis Lightfoot Lee, Carter Braxton

North Carolina: William Hooper, Joseph Hewes, John Penn

South Carolina: Edward Rutledge, Thomas Heyward Jr., Thomas Lynch Jr., Arthur Middleton

Georgia: Button Gwinnett, Lyman Hall, George Walton



Thank you to those you contributed to our Memorial Day Bake and Book Sale on May 27. We raised over \$200.

Animal Shelter Donations

We will be collecting animal food in July for the Tri-County Animal Shelter. Any donations are needed and appreciated. Please place items under the drink table....



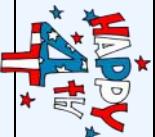

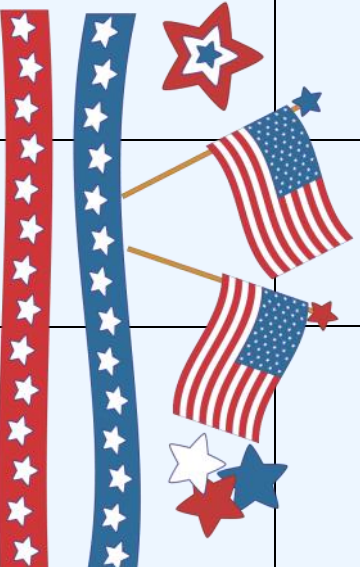
Sarah Chaney

First Sunday Lunch on May 5 was enjoyed by the congregation. Thank you to those preparing the meal and the clean up.



Photos by Sarah Chaney.

First Christian Church July 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30-1pm					
1			3	4 <u>Holiday</u> Office closed. 5pm Yoga	5 Office closed.	
God Bless America						
7 10:45 Worship Service 12:00 First Sunday Lunch Please bring a salad.	8	9 5pm Yoga	10 4:30 Youth Bells Choir 5pm Adult Bell Choir	11 5pm Yoga	12 Office closed.	13
14 10:45 Worship Service 2:00 2nd Sunday Hike		16 5pm Yoga	17 4:30 Youth Bells 5:00 Adult Bell Choir	18 5pm Yoga	19 Office closed.	20
21 10:45 Worship Service Youth Bells will play during service.	22 6:30 Executive Board 7:00 Full Board Meetings	23 5pm Yoga	24 5:00 Adult Bell Choir	25 5pm Yoga	26 Office closed.	27
28 10:45 Worship Service Newsletter articles due.	29	30 5pm Yoga	31 5:00 Adult Bell Choir Newsletter publish.			

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Rev. Donald Chase,
Interim Minister

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

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

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



St. Andrews Cross on Chalice signifies we are in the Green Chalice Program.

People are often unreasonable and self-centered.

Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of ulterior motives.

Be kind anyway.

If you are honest, people may cheat you.

Be honest anyway.

If you find happiness, people may be jealous.

Be happy anyway.

The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow.

Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough.

Give your best anyway.

For you see, in the end, it is between you and God.
It was never between you and them

ANYWAY

Mother Teresa



Father's Day June 16
Photo by Connie Kibbey

Creation Care Team

Christ "is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him." Colossians 1:15-16

Family Friendly Hiking Opportunity.

Come join the July 14 Second Sunday Hike (2 hours). Meet at 2pm in the Methodist Church parking lot to carpool. Contact Lucy Pryor