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Leadership for New Church Year Begins July 1

First Christian Church of Morehead leadership terms follow the fiscal year calendar, July through June.

Beginning in July, Anne Buckner will be serving as President of the Church Board. Her incoming message is below. Details from the installation of officers is found on page 2.

Message from the President

Greetings Church Family,

I am blessed and honored to be chosen as your new President of the Church Board. As some of you already know, I am a lifelong member of First Christian Church. My family roots have been a part of this church since its beginnings. It is very important to me that our church continues to be a vital part of the community.



Anne R. Buckner
President

I want to start by saying a great big **“THANK YOU”** to Genny Jenkins for the awesome job she has done this past year. She has so generously devoted her time and efforts to bring us through this very difficult period with flying colors. Genny chaired the search committee which brought our new Pastor, Rev. Nancy Gowler. She also was chairperson of the pastor relations committee as well as the worship committee which has blessed us with beautiful music for our church services. She was also instrumental in getting our new able to watch services from our homes. *Message p2*

Notes From Pastor Nancy

We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world.

As part of the one body of Christ we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.



Reverend Nancy Gowler

—2008 Identity Statement,
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

I must confess it is difficult for me to wrap my mind around the fact that I am writing the first pastor's column of my second year serving alongside you in ministry at First Christian Church of Morehead, KY. Time has passed strangely these last 12 months. Some of you I have met with weekly on Zoom over the past 12 months. We've shared in communion together in weekly vespers. Others have gathered virtually for film festival discussions during Advent and Lent. We've held Lenten tea time conversations on Monday afternoons and monthly book study discussions. I've joined with a wonderful group of women for Tuesday night Bible studies. These gatherings have been rich and meaningful. I've learned much about you, and you have gotten to know me (and my dog Stoney) through these conversations. And now we are carefully coming back together for in person gatherings, for Sunday worship and for planning meetings. In person gatherings means we have the chance to get to know one another in those wonderfully normal, everyday conversations that happen in those informal moments, before worship begins or after a meeting is concluded. *Notes p2*

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

Message From The President p1

Thank you again Genny, for showing us what it takes to be a strong leader and a crucial member of the congregation.

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 His work. I truly believe that through open lines of communication our church can continue to grow and be an integral part of our community. Please feel free to contact me with any thoughts or concerns you may have, via email, phone call, text or come on by for a visit.

Sincerely,

Anne R. Buckner
arbuckner64@yahoo.com
cell 606-356-2011

Notes From Pastor Nancy p1

As with any new relationship we've been adjusting to one another. I'm learning some of your favorite traditions and practices, finding commonalities and differences with my experiences in other Disciples congregations. And in turn, you're getting used to my leadership style, the priorities I bring to my calling as a pastor, and the gifts I have to offer. These past twelve months have been a time of learning and growth for all of us. I'm grateful for the hospitality you've shown me and for the graciousness of all of the leaders and volunteers of this congregation as we've navigated these challenging days.

This next year is overflowing with possibilities. Our church leadership will face many choices on how best to live faithfully together. Faithful decision making takes time and intention, and is always rooted in the spiritual practice of prayerful discernment. Thank goodness the work of the church is not a sprint; it's not even a marathon (with a nod to the Apostle Paul), we are called to a lifelong pilgrimage of faith. As we plan together our next steps, we'll reflect on where God has been with us in the past, and listen for where the Spirit is leading us now. And we'll hold before us the vision and rich tradition and the present calling of this congregation, reflecting on how these familiar words can guide our path forward:

We are Disciples....

We reach out and within.

We prepare God's table for all,

as it was prepared for us.

We embrace the old, the heartsick,

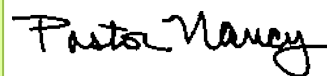
the outcast, the different.

We believe Love wins.

We have a clear sense we are on a journey in the right direction and we're on the journey together.

We are Disciples.

With great hope and anticipation,



Service of Installation & Leadership Renewal

On Sunday, June 27, 2021 we installed individuals who have answered yes to the call to serve the congregation for terms beginning in July 2021.

We share one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one ministry of reconciliation. It is good for us to remember that each one of us who seek to follow in the way of Jesus are called to serve one another in Christ's name. Each of us have gifts and skills, which together help to equip and build up the body of Christ.

Officers July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022

President Anne Buckner
Vice President Mary Claire Williams
Secretary Fran Helphinstine
Treasurer Joe Barrett

New Deacons

Stacy Baker
Connie Kibbey
Loretta Fannin
Susan Whidden

Gracious God, from the earliest days of your people, you have bid us to call forth leaders and to pray for the grace of your Spirit. And so we pray in trust this day that your Spirit will guide these ones whom you have called forth to serve You in this place.

Bless them, guide them, nurture them, that they may grow in wisdom and in strength. In the name of God, and Christ, and the Holy Spirit we pray. Amen.

What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

Romans 8:31

Our Beginnings—A History and Comment

Morehead Normal School and First Christian Church by Anne Reynolds Buckner

Pays Teachers for Three Years from [Lexington Herald-Leader 7.29.1908](#) (continued from The Echo June 2021)

The school, when founded, was provided by General Withers with enough funds to pay the salaries of the teachers for three years, after which the control of the instruction was turned over to the Kentucky Christian Missionary Convention. This board supplemented as a mission the small income of the Morehead Normal and continued in control for 13 years. In 1900, the Christian Women's Board of Missions, a national organization of the women of the Christian Church, assumed control and the instruction is yet under that management;

Grounds Contain 190 Acres. A farm of 120 acres and grounds containing 190 acres compose the school grounds. An imposing hill, heavily wooded, rises immediately in the rear of Burgess Hall to a height of 300 feet. This hill is included in the school property and is a favorite resort for the students and teachers who are given to pedestrian and hill climbing.

Buildings Are Adequate. Hargis Hall contains five large recitation rooms and library. These rooms are well lighted and supplied with modern school desks. This building has been named in honor of the late Chief Justice Thomas F. Hargis.

Expenses at Morehead Normal

	Per Month
Primary course.....	\$1.00
Intermediate course.....	\$1.50
Academic course.....	\$2.00
Normal course.....	\$2.00
Instrumental music.....	\$2.00
Table board, per week.....	\$3.00
Rooms furnished and heated.....	free



"BURGESS HALL,"

[Morehead State University Archive Photos Burgess Hall 1910](#)



Hargis Hall

[Morehead State University Archive Photos Hargis Hall 1890](#)

Disciples Websites

[Cane Ridge Meeting](#)

[Christian Church
\(Disciples of Christ\)](#)

[Disciples Home Missions](#)

[Disciples News Service](#)

[Lexington Theological Seminary](#)

[Mission Behind Bars and Beyond](#)

Bible Quiz

She married the King of Persia.

- A. Esther
- B. Delilah
- C. Naomi



Answer: Esther



B PROCTOR
CAUDILL

Chelsea Allen

Diaconate 2021-2022 Elders

Leeann Akers	1	Joe Barrett
Ashley Adkins	2	Yvonne Baldwin
Elizabeth Ash	3	Anne Buckner
Stacy Baker	4	Rex Chaney (E)
Ned Breschel	5	Sarah Chaney
Ronetta Brown	6	Mark Etherton
Jeff Brown	7	Virginia Etherton
Alicia Carter	8	Larry Fannin
Dewayne Carter*	9	Tommy Griffith (E)
Jim Fred Cassity	10	Betty Hall (E)
Brenda Combs	11	Jami Hornbuckle
Jim Gross	12	Eva Johnston (E)
Loretta Fannin	13	David Perkins (E)
Fran Helphinstine	14	Alana Scott*
Genny Jenkins*	15	Paul Semisch
Connie Kibbey	16	Carmen Swim
Maggie Miles	17	Marge Thomas*
Kaitlyn Paschall	18	Susan Thomas
Brent Rogers	19	Jack Whidden (E)
Phillip Swim	20	
Susan Whidden	21	
Mary Claire Williams	22	
*Co-chair		(E) Emeritus/Emerita

~Thank You~

Pastor Nancy & The First Christian Church,

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness and generosity! I really appreciate it!

Brooklyn Enderle



NOTHING
CAN SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF GOD
ROMANS 8:31-39

[REGISTER NOW](#)



DISCIPLES
VIRTUAL GATHERING

SATURDAY
08-07-21

Let's be the church
we say we are.

Public Parking at FCC



Please contact the office to reserve a space.

Jan-July \$125 or Aug-Dec \$125

For more information, (606) 784-4836 or fccmky@gmail.com. Note this will not affect anyone who holds a parking permit.

Creation Care

9 TIPS FOR LIVING WITH LESS PLASTIC



1 Bring your own shopping bag



2 Carry a reusable water bottle



3 Bring your own cup



4 Pack your lunch in reusable containers



5 Say no to disposable straws & cutlery



6 Skip the plastic produce bags



7 Slow down and dine in



8 Store leftovers in glass jars



9 Share these tips with your friends



#REFUSE SINGLE USE

#CHOOSE REUSABLES

WWW.LESSPLASTIC.CO.UK



Writing Letters to Camp

We will have two campers, Alana Sholar and Ellie Williams, this year at Wakon'Da-Ho, our Disciples of Christ church camp. Please pray for our campers and for their camp experience during their week at camp July 13-17, 2021.

If you would like to write to the our girls, here is the he address is:



Chi-Rho II
Camp Wakon'Da-Ho
7900 East Ky 70
Yosemite, KY 42566

Opportunities for Connection

Women of the Bible Study via Zoom

Tuesdays 7:00—7:30pm Contact
Sarah Chaney by email
sarah.chaney78@yahoo.com or call
(606) 207-2421.

VESPERS via Zoom

A time of song & prayer

Thursdays 7:00pm

Vespers includes music, prayer,
and meditation on artwork
revealing God's word. Communion
is a part of the service, so have
some bread or cookie, water or
liquid, if you would like to partake.

[Contact office for Zoom Invitation.](#)

**We welcome those who want to
join committees.**

The Evangelism Committee: Mary
Claire Williams @ (606) 776-8430;
mc.williams@moreheadstate.edu.

Creation Care Committee: Mark
Etherton at 606-776-1745;
ginn1@windstream.net.

The Education Committee: Sarah
Chaney at 606-207-2421;
sarah.chaney78@yahoo.com.



- 2- Carmen Swim
- 3- Rex Chaney
- 7- Eva Johnston
- 7- Alana Scott
- 23- Yvonne Baldwin
- 25- Emma Lou Gross
- 28- Abby Hammond
- 31- Paul Semisch

HIGHLY SATISFIED CUSTOMERS MADE THIS CHECK POSSIBLE

To Remove Document Fold and Tear Along This Perforation

THIS CHECK HAS MICROPRINTING AND A HEAT-ACTIVATED SECURITY LOGO ON BACK. IF NOT PRESENT DO NOT CASH.

US BANK



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DATE: JUNE 22, 2021

CHECK NO: 500364075

PAY THIS AMOUNT
\$179.58

PAY ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-NINE DOLLARS AND FIFTY-EIGHT CENTS*****

PAY TO THE
ORDER OF

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH - MOREHEAD
227 E. MAIN
MOREHEAD, KY 40351
US

Carin L. Fike

June Treasurer's Report

Income is \$9,495.57.

Expenses are \$8,520.89.

AmazonSmile

We have received a **\$10.68**
donation from AmazonSmile
Foundation as a result of
AmazonSmile program activity
between January 1 and March
31, 2021.

amazon smile
You shop. Amazon gives.

Blessing of the Prayer Slips

We will gather up the prayer
slips and offer them on the cairn
in the Labyrinth Garden after
worship service on July 25. This
is a tangible and powerful sign
that we give our struggles, pain,
and concern to God.

Schedule on 1st Sundays

January

April

July (July 25 this month only)

October

For more information contact
Maggie Miles (606) 776-4769 or
[holistichealingwith
maggiemiles@gmail.com](mailto:holistichealingwithmaggiemiles@gmail.com)



Maysville Rural King

Christian Leaders,
On behalf of Rural King and
our associates, we would like to
thank you for your
participation in Church Week
2021 with our check for **\$100**.

2 Corinthians 9:6-8 "Each of
you should give what you have
decided in your heart to give,
not reluctantly or under
compulsion, for God loves a
cheerful giver. And God is able
to bless you abundantly, so that
in all things at all times,
having all that you need, you
will abound in every good
work."

Thank you for letting us
partner with you and we pray
this donation will bless your
organization.

Alex Melvin, CEO & Meghan
Melvin



Gateway Basket Items Due July 10

Items may be placed in the
Adult Sunday School room
downstairs by the elevator.

SAFER WORSHIP TOGETHER

First Christian Church of Morehead



MAINTAIN PHYSICAL DISTANCING

Individuals and households will observe physical distancing while entering, worshipping, and exiting.



FACEMASKS & HYGIENE

Mask up while inside. Facemask & hand sanitizer stations are available at the entrances.



HOUSEHOLDS SIT TOGETHER

Families may sit together in an open pew. Maintain physical distancing from those outside your own household.



GIVING

Offering boxes will be available at the entrances to the sanctuary. Online giving is always an option.



WORSHIP

Until public health advice changes, there will be no congregational singing and limited special music. Prepackaged communion elements will be used.

NOT READY TO RETURN TO WORSHIP IN-PERSON?
WE WELCOME YOU TO WORSHIP LIVE WITH US
ON FACEBOOK OR YOUTUBE.



Firewood Ministry Group after a good day's work. Pictured above Ethan Jenkins, Jeff Brown, Jack Whidden, and Bob Pryor. Dan Thomas is not pictured, but he was there as well, providing equipment and manpower for the day.

Firewood Ministry

KEEPING OTHERS WARM

Even though temps are high in our area, several men in our congregation have been thinking about our cold Kentucky winters. Spearheaded by Bob Pryor, the firewood ministry group is getting a jump on cutting firewood for needy families to use in the upcoming winter. Susan Thomas and Grant Alden provided the timber, and Dan Thomas provided the heavy equipment to get the job done. Dan, along with Bob Pryor, Jeff Brown, Jack Whidden, and Ethan Jenkins did the hard work of pulling in the trees, cutting them, and splitting and stacking the wood. They delivered three truckloads to Christian Social Services, stacking the wood to be picked up by families as they have the need when temperatures start to fall. This is a vital outreach ministry in our community, as so many families rely on wood heat, but have limited resources to provide fuel for the whole winter. The firewood group meets several times a year to ensure a plentiful supply is available at Christian Social Services. If you would like to get involved in this important ministry, please contact Bob Pryor, at (606)783-0326 or Jeff Brown, at (606)776-3233.
Ronetta Brown, Outreach Co-chair

Address Change

Alana Cain Scott

122 West Second Street, Apt B
Morehead, KY 40351



First Christian July 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				July 1 Vespers via Zoom 7pm Pray for Jean Lamer.	2 Office closed. Pray for Brent Rogers.	3 Pray for Alana Scott.
4 Independence Day Rev. Nancy Gowler 10:45am Worship Pray for our country.	5 July 4 Holiday observed. Office closed. Pray for Paul Semisch.	6 Women's Bible Study via Zoom 7pm Pray for Dennis McKay.	7 Bell Choir 7pm Pray for Leon Smothers.	8 Vespers via Zoom 7pm Pray for Molly Smothers.	9 Office closed. Pray for Adrian Swain.	10 Pray for Carmen Swim.
11 Rev. Nancy Gowler 10:45am Worship Pray for Phillip Swim.	12 Pray for Olivia Black.	13 Women's Bible Study via Zoom 7pm Pray for Graham Black.	14 Bell Choir 7pm Pray for Dan Thomas.	15 Vespers via Zoom 7pm Pray for Marge Thomas.	16 Office closed. Pray for Susan Thomas.	17 Pray for Maggie Alden.
18 Rev. Nancy Gowler 10:45 Worship 12:00pm Deacons Mtg Pray for Di Walke.	19 Pray for Ron Walke	20 Women's Bible Study via Zoom 7pm Pray for Jack Whidden.	21 Bell Choir 7pm Pray for Susan Whidden.	22 Vespers via Zoom 7pm Pray for Mary Claire Williams.	23 Office closed. Pray for Ellie Williams.	24 Pray for Reverend Caleb Fouts.
25 Rev. Nancy Gowler 10:45am Worship; 12:00pm Prayer Ministry; & Elders Meeting (Newsletter articles due) Pray for Bailey Hobbs.	26 Exec/Full Bd Mtg's via Zoom6:30/7pm Pray for Anna Grayson.	27 Women's Bible Study via Zoom 7pm Pray for Ritta Abell.	28 Bell Choir 7pm Pray for Leeann Akers.	29 Vespers via Zoom 7pm Pray for Wiley Tanner.	30 Office closed. Pray for John Akers.	31 Pray for Alana Scott.
August 1 Rev. Nancy Gowler 10:45am Worship	2 July 4 Holiday observed. Office closed. Pray for Elizabeth Ash.	3 Women's Bible Study via Zoom 7pm Pray for Jackie Bailey.	4 Bell Choir 7pm Pray for Keyairah Bailey.	5 Vespers via Zoom 7pm Pray for Stacy Baker.	6 Office closed. Pray for Deb Eastwood.	7 Pray for Yvonne Baldwin.

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Rev. Nancy Gowler, Minister
Genny Jenkins, Music Director
Genny Jenkins, Keyboardist
Sarah Chaney, Bells
Makayla Reynolds, Nursery
Open, Youth
Barbara Marsh, Secretary
227 East Main Street
Morehead, KY 40351
606-784-4836
Monday-Thursday 8:30-1pm
Email: fccmky@gmail.com
Website: www.fccmorehead.org

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Join us for in-person
& livestream
Sunday Worship
Service @ 10:45am



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www.youtube.com/user/TheInterper

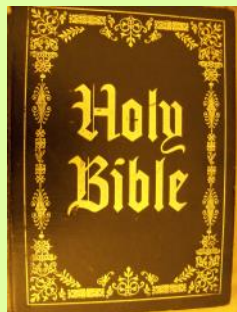


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Bible Lectionary Readings

Disciples of Christ



July 4—Mark 6:1-13
July 11—Mark 6:14-29
July 18—Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
July 25—John 6:1-21

Congregation Prayer Practice

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE SPIRIT OF LOVE



As part of its mission to "to maintain the closest possible contact with the entire church membership to the end that each church member may function effectively in the work of the church and in a spirit of love and comradeship," the Evangelism Committee would like to encourage the church to intentionally think of each other in prayer. To this end, continuing in July, there will be an individual or intention on each day of *The Echo* calendar to include in your personal prayers.



27	28	29	30	JULY 1	2	3
Pray for Lucy Pryor	Pray for Dana Quesinberry	Pray for Maggie Quesinberry	Pray for Roy Reynolds	Pray for Jean Lamer	Pray for Brent Rogers	Pray for Alana Scott
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Pray for our country	Pray for Paul Semisch	Pray for Dennis McKay	Pray for Leon Smothers	Pray for Molly Smothers	Pray for Adrian Swain	Pray for Carmen Swim
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Pray for Phillip Swim	Pray for Olivia Black	Pray for Graham Black	Pray for Dan Thomas	Pray for Marge Thomas	Pray for Susan Thomas	Pray for Maggie Alden
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Pray for Di Walke	Pray for Ron Walke	Pray for Jack Whidden	Pray for Susan Whidden	Pray for Mary Claire Williams	Pray for Ellie Williams	Pray for Caleb Fouts
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Pray for Bailey Hobbs	Pray for Anna Grayson	Pray for Ritta Abell	Pray for Leeann Akers	Pray for Wiley Tanner	Pray for John Akers	Pray for Ashley Adkins

Our garden and landscape crew consists of Yvonne Baldwin, Jackie Bailey, Brent Rogers, and DeWayne Carter. We appreciate their ministry and enjoy the serene beauty everyday.

