

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 Lunch

Fried Chicken

June 2—12pm

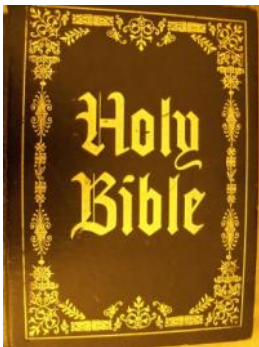


The church will provide
fried chicken and
drinks.

The congregation will be
asked to bring side
dishes or desserts.

Bible Readings
for the Month

Disciples of Christ
Lectionary



June 2—John 17:20-26

June 9—John 14:8-17

June 16—John 16:12-15

June 23—Luke 8:26-39

June 30—Luke 9:51-62

Leadership Change at First Christian

Dear Church Family,

I am writing to update you about some changes in our congregational leadership. At the board meeting on Monday (May 27), due to his many obligations both personal and professional, Reverend Chase stepped down as our permanent minister. He will continue as interim while we conduct the search to replace him. Reverend Chase has been a warm and comforting leader at a time when we needed that; however, he feels that effective ministry should be relational and he has been concerned for a while that he has not been able to build the relationships as fully as he would like. The strain of ministering to us and working full time at the VA was taking its toll on his health, as was the three hours of travel required each time he came to Morehead.

I know we will all be sad to lose Don and the generous spirit of his ministry. But, I am confident that we have found a permanent place in his heart and he in ours. I will be reaching out to the interim regional minister this week as we begin the process of search and call for new leadership at First Christian. Please keep Don and Renee and their family in your prayers as well as our congregation as we all begin this transition.



Reverend Don Chase



Susan Thomas
FCC President

Much love, Susan

Officers and Deacons Elected At our annual meeting on May 5, the congregation voted on officers and new deacons for the fiscal year July 1-June 30, 2020. Installation will follow on June 23. Our officers for FY 20 are President Catherine Rogers; Vice President Roger Fischer; with returning Secretary Fran Helphinstine and Treasurer Joe Barrett.

In the new Diaconate class are Elizabeth Ash and Ashley Adkins.



Elizabeth



Ashley



Joe



Fran



Catherine



Roger

Graduation Honors



Kevin Logan Clark, Bath County High School, Owingsville, KY. Logan will be graduating on June 1, 2019, with a High School Diploma. He will be attending Maysville Community and Technical College this fall majoring in Chemistry. He is the son of Tiffany Buckner Sholar and Alan Sholar, and is the grandson of Anne Reynolds Buckner and the late Glen Buckner, FCC members.



Abigail S. Hammond, Union College, Barbourville KY. Abby graduated from Union College on May 4, with a bachelor of Science Degree in Biology. In the fall, she will be attending the University of Kentucky School of Pharmacy. Abby is the daughter of Cathy L. Hammond MD, and Curt Hammond DM, FCC members.



Gunnar Elijah Gross, Boyd County High School, Ashland KY. Gunnar will be attending Morehead State University in the fall of 2019, and will major in Computer Science. He is the son of Scott and Roxane Gross of Ashland, both graduates of MSU. Gunnar is the grandson of Jim and Emma Lou Gross, FCC members and MSU Alumni.



Mary Charlotte Pepper, US Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO. Mary Charlotte will be graduating on May 30. The newly commissioned Lieutenant Pepper will receive job specific job training and will report to Hill Air Force Base in Utah. She is the daughter of Lee Ann Walke Pepper and Daryl Pepper, Elizabethtown, KY. She is the granddaughter of Dianna and Ron Walke, FCC members.



Jon Christopher Jenkins, Rowan County High School, Morehead KY. Jon graduated on May 16, with a High School Diploma. He will attend Morehead State University in the fall of 2019 and major in Computer Science. He is the son of Genny and Greg Jenkins, FCC members.

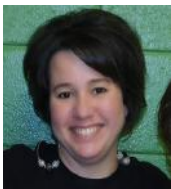


Kaitlyn Rhoden, Morehead State University, Morehead, KY. Kaitlyn graduated on May 11 with a Bachelor of University Studies. Her other interests are Elementary Education and The Arts, including painting, drawing, and photography. Her future plans include possibly going back to school and completing the MAT (Master of Arts in Teaching) program at MSU achieving Kentucky Teaching Certification and a Masters Degree. She would also like to expand her photography business. She is the daughter of Joann and Jeff Rhoden.



Natalie Mineer, University of Mississippi, Oxford, MS. Natalie graduated on May 11, 2019. She will be moving in July to begin working as a Residence Director for the Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, GA. Natalie is an FCC member.

CHOIR & BELLS

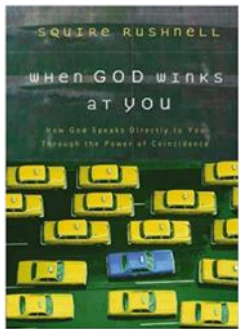


Genny Jenkins

The music department was pleased to host the Triplett Creek Jammers in May and we'd like to thank them for their attendance and wonderful music. June and July will be a relaxed time with our bell choir playing a few times and the youth bells, led by Makayla Reynolds, will be playing one Sunday as well. Jiyeon will be returning soon from her trip to South Korea and we are looking forward to having her back. If anyone has a favorite hymn they'd like to hear this summer, please let me know - I'll be working on those very soon.

Genny Jenkins, Choir Director

CHURCH LIBRARY SPOTLIGHT



When God Winks at You: How God Speaks Directly to You Through the Power of Coincidence, by Squire Rushnell (Spiritual Growth).

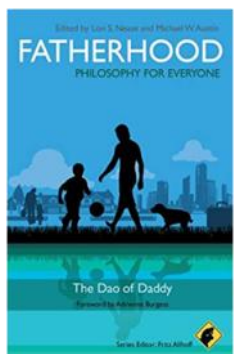
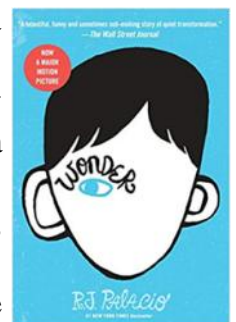
Those extraordinary little events in your life happen for a reason. A coincidence -- sometimes a silly little thing -- changes the course of your day . . . or even your life. Is it chance, or is God communicating with you? *When God Winks at You* is packed with true stories demonstrating that God does communicate with us, making incredible things happen in our lives every single day. As you read the riveting accounts of everyday and famous people -- including Tim Conway, Rudolph Giuliani, Billy Graham, and Don Knotts -- you will begin to recognize the *godwinks* in your own life, both past and present. Through these tangible signposts from God, we receive personalized

messages that reassure us, stop us from worrying, chart our path in life, and help us keep the faith. *When God winks, He is reaffirming that there is absolutely nothing about us that He does not know -- our every hurt, our every desire. And that to me is very comforting.* -Squire Rushnell

Wonder, by R.J. Palacio (Focus on Children and Youth). August Pullman was born with a facial difference that, up until now, has prevented him from going to a mainstream school. Starting 5th grade at Beecher Prep, he wants nothing more than to be treated as an ordinary kid—but his new classmates can't get past Auggie's extraordinary face. *Wonder*, now a #1 *New York Times* bestseller and included on the Texas Bluebonnet Award master list, begins from Auggie's point of view, but soon switches to include his classmates, his sister, her boyfriend, and others. These perspectives converge in a portrait of one community's struggle with empathy, compassion, and acceptance. "*Wonder* is the best kids' book of the year," said Emily Bazelon, senior editor at Slate.com and author of *Sticks and Stones: Defeating the Culture of Bullying and Rediscovering the Power of Character and Empathy*. In a world where bullying among young people is an epidemic, this is a refreshing new narrative full of heart and hope. R.J. Palacio has called her debut novel "a meditation on kindness" —indeed, every reader will come away with a greater appreciation for the simple courage of friendship. Auggie is a hero to root for, a diamond in the rough who proves that you can't blend in when you were born to stand out.



Book
Spotlight



Fatherhood - Philosophy for Everyone: The Dao of Daddy, Lon S. Nease and Michael W. Austin, editors (Personal Growth). *Fatherhood - Philosophy for Everyone* offers fathers wisdom and practical advice drawn from the annals of philosophy. Both thought-provoking and humorous, it provides a valuable starting and ending point for reflecting on this crucial role.

- Addresses the roles, experiences, ethics, and challenges of fatherhood from a philosophical perspective
- Includes essays on Confucius, Socrates, the experience of African fatherhood, and the perspective of two women writers
- Explores the changing role of fatherhood and investigates what it means to be a father

(Source: Amazon)

by Connie Kibbey

~Thank You~

~To FCC: We are so appreciative of your generous donation of \$1,200. As a non-profit Domestic Violence Shelter, we have to depend on our community for support. Your donation will help us to provide safe shelter to victims in our community.

So thankful, Kelli Petronella, Executive Director

~Dear Friends: On behalf of the Board, Staff, and residents of Christian Care Communities, I would like to thank you for your gift of \$285 received on May 13, 2019. Your gift is critical in supporting our ministry of caring for over 5,000 Older Adults in need. We value your partnership and support, and greatly appreciate your help in these ministries.

In His Service, James W. Patton, Vice President

~To FCC: Thank you so much for your monetary donation for our residents and children! We greatly appreciate your support. Your donation will provide much and many needed items. Thank you again. Doves of Gateway Staff

~To FCC: Thank you for your donation to Gateway House! Your generosity and compassion for this cause allow us to continue working to re-build a sense of hope in the lives our clients daily. Your kindness is never forgotten and is always appreciated.

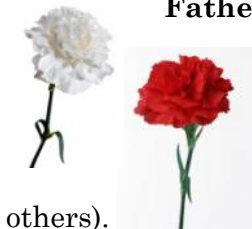
Sincerely, Marilyn Smith, Executive Director

~To Joyce Hart, Emma Lou Gross, Sarah and Rex Chaney: Thank you for providing lunches for the People's Clinic on May 7 and 21. FCC

Gateway Homeless Shelter Basket

Donations for all the members who signed up for household items that for those transitioning to a new home are due on the first Sundays.

Father's Day Flowers—June 16



The Outreach Committee is offering flowers to honor the Fathers in our lives (relatives, friends, or those who father others). You may purchase flowers for \$2 each. Red flowers will be *in honor of* and white flowers will be *in memory of* the honored person. The bouquet will be displayed on June 16. You may take your flowers after the service. We will not be taking names of the men. Contact Alicia Carter or Marge Thomas, or the office. Deadline: June 9.

Mack Fund

In memory of

Dr. Glenn Earl Johnston

by

Jeff & Ronetta Brown

Anne Buckner

Ron & Natalie Caudill

Rex & Sarah Chaney

Mark & Ginny Etherton

Jim & Emma Lou Gross

John & Sandy Gullett

Joyce Hart

Craig & Denise Johnston

Dan & Marge Thomas

Susan Thomas & Grant Alden

Dianna & Dianna Fischer

What's Going On In Our Denomination Websites

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

Green Chalice Ministry

www.discipleshomemissions.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/>

June Elders

2—Alana Scott & Joe Barrett

9—Yvonne Baldwin

16—Ginny & Mark Etherton

23—Ginny & Mark Etherton

30—Yvonne Baldwin

June Deacons

Alicia and
Dewayne Carter,

Catherine
Rogers, and Jim

Gross

Our donation of cereal for

Christian Social Services

was delivered by Marge Thomas this month. She reported 21 boxes were donated by the YOGA group. Thank you!

Living Memorial Fund

In memory of

Dr. Glenn Earl Johnston

by

David Perkins

Anita & Kim Bolen

Revs. Renee and Donald Chase

Ella and Gary Van Meter

Fran Helphinstine

Jane Y. Holbrook

Joyce and David Saxon

Loretta and Larry Fannin

Phyllis Varnado

Glenda & William Henderson

Denise & William Johnston

The Knotty Knitters

% Bridgeport Christian Church

Drs. Kay and Kent Freeland

Carol and Ronald Kellen

Janet E. Lewis

In memory of

Jean Fielding Hill

by

Jack Landreth

In memory of

Dr. C. Nelson Grote

Dr. Don Blair

Jerry Calvert

Etta Jane McCarty

by

Loretta and Larry Fannin

In memory of

Charles Conn (Dianna Fischer's uncle)

by

Fran Helphinstine

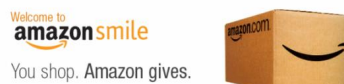
June Birthdays



1- Scharline Whidden 22-John Justice
2- Carmen Swim 23-Meghan Hammond
5- Brenda Combs 25-Ethan Jenkins
5- Tresia Swain 26-Wayne Caldwell
7- Genny Jenkins 27-Leeann Akers
17-Eliza McGillicuddy 29-Susan Whidden

AmazonSmile Donation

First Christian Church) has been issued a \$7.83 donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a result of AmazonSmile program activity between January 1 and March 31, 2019.



You shop. Amazon gives.

Treasurer's Report

Income for May is \$8201.00.

Expenses for May are \$7,329.21

Acolyte Schedule

June 2—Alana Sholar

Pentecost is celebrated this year on June 9. The Christian holy day of Pentecost, which is celebrated on the seventh Sunday after Easter, commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 2:1-31). In Christian tradition, this event represents the birth of the early Church. Pentecost offering envelopes will be placed in the hymnals on June 2 and 9. Your gift will help fund the new church movement. Each year, half of this offering stays in our local Region to start and uphold new churches and the other half is used across the US/Canada in recruitment of new church leaders.

In Memoriam

Jean Fielding Hill



October 17, 1926

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May 18, 2019

Dr. Glenn E. Johnston



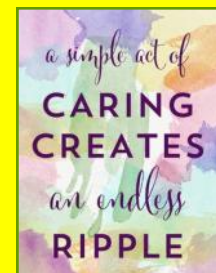
January 16, 1933

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May 3, 2019

Memorial Day Bake and Book Sale

Anne Buckner reports that the annual sale raised over **\$200** on Monday, May 27, 2019.



Family Friendly Hiking Opportunity

Come join the June 9 Second Sunday Hike. Meet at 2pm in the Methodist Church parking lot to carpool. Allow about two hours for this hike.

Contact Lucy Pryor



Thank you to Dwayne Carter for his help in keeping the yard and grounds in such good shape. We also appreciate his family members who help.



Mother's Day Bouquet

Animal Shelter



Donations



We will be collecting animal food in July for the Tri-County Animal Shelter. Any donations are needed and appreciated.... Contact Sarah Chaney.



Jackie Bailey donated her talents with landscaping including mulch, new bench, bench supports, and a St. Francis statue.



First Sunday Lunch in May was enjoyed by many members of the congregation.



In and Around FCC

Photos by Genny Jenkins, Connie Kibbey, Sarah Chaney, and All Seasons Florist.

First Christian Church June 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	Office Hours: M-Th 8:30-1pm					
2 Pentecost Offering 10:45 Worship Service 12:05 Labyrinth Prayer Bless 12:10 First Sunday Lunch Gateway Basket items due.		4 5pm Yoga	5 5pm Adult Bell Choir		May 30 VA Warrior to Soul Mate	1 VA Warrior to Soul Mate
9 Pentecost Offering 10:45 Worship Service 2:00 2nd Sunday Hike Father's Day Flowers Deadline	10	11 5pm Yoga	12 4:30 Youth Bells 5:00 Adult Bell Choir	13 5pm Yoga	14 Flag Day Office closed.	
16 Father's Day 10:45 Worship Service	17	18 5pm Yoga	 19 4:30 Youth Bells 5:00 Adult Bell Choir	20 5pm Yoga	21  Summer Solstice Office closed.	22 
23 10:45 Worship Service Newsletter articles due.	24 6:30pm Executive Board 7:00pm Full Board	25 5pm Yoga	26 5:00 Adult Bell Choir Newsletter publish.	27 5pm Yoga	28 Office closed.	
30 5th Sunday Offering 10:45 Worship Service						

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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



First Christian Church
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Choral Scholars
Benefit and Dinner
May 2, 2019



Thank you to the many congregation members who prepared food, helped with food and room preparation, and clean up of the Fellowship Hall and kitchen.

Morehead State University Choral Scholars are (left to right) Brian Merriman, Bailey Hobbs, Anna Grayson, and Bugs Reinhardt. The dinner and benefit concert were in honor of and in support of the Choral Scholars Program.



We thank the following who made the evening a success (from left first row): Mike Dobranski, Joe Sartor, Genny Jenkins, Bailey Hobbs, Anna Grayson, Denise Barbee, and Stacy Baker. Second row: Bob Lindahl, Bob Franzini, Bugs Reinhardt, Brian Merriman, Cole Strong, Andrew Preston, and Eric Brown.