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a newsletter of the First Christian Church of Morehead, Kentucky

General Assembly

JULY 29—AUGUST 1 IN LOUISVILLE, KY

The 2023 General Assembly welcomes a diverse selection of preachers and Bible lectures from across the life of the church to lead the assembly in worship and spiritual reflection at our gathering July 29 – August 1 in Louisville, Kentucky. To learn more or to register for General Assembly, visit www.ga.disciples.org.

The Design of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

As members of the Christian Church,
We confess that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of the living God,
and proclaim him Lord and Savior of the world.
In Christ's name and by his grace
we accept our mission of witness
and service to all people.
We rejoice in God,
maker of heaven and earth,
and in God's covenant of love
which binds us to God and to one another.
Through baptism into Christ
we enter into newness of life
and are made one with the whole people of God.
In the communion of the Holy Spirit
we are joined together in discipleship
and in obedience to Christ.
At the Table of the Lord
we celebrate with thanksgiving
the saving acts and presence of Christ.
Within the universal church
we receive the gift of ministry
and the light of scripture.
In the bonds of Christian faith
we yield ourselves to God
that we may serve the One
whose kingdom has no end.
Blessing, glory, and honor
be to God forever. Amen.

KINDOM OF GOD WITHIN US AMONG US

GENESIS 11:1-9 • LUKE 17:20-21 • 2 PETER 1:3

July 29 - August 1, 2023 • Louisville

General Assembly Preachers and Bible Study Leaders



CH (MA) Owen Chandler



Rev. Dr. David Anderson
Hooker



Rev. Yolanda Norton



Rev. Terri Hord Owens



Anatheia Portier-Young



Edwin David Aponte, PhD

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Outreach Update

RONETTA & JEFF BROWN

Bake Sale Raises Funds for the Snack Backpack Program

Thanks to everyone who baked, bought, brought, or worked our Memorial Day Bake Sale! We raised \$415 for our snack backpack program, which will nearly pay for one month of snacks. We support 70 children each school year totaling approximately 9 months and roughly \$4,000. We will be enjoying hot dogs and desserts after church Sunday, and will collect a love offering at that lunch, which will also go to the Snack Backpack Program. Pictures below.



Other Ministry Updates:

Gateway Shelter Housewarming Baskets will continue for 5 more months. Please be sure your item donations are at the church by the 10th of each month.



Congregational Meeting June 11

VOTING WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER WORSHIP FOR OFFICERS OF THE CONGREGATION

The 2023 FCC nominating committee led by Yvonne Baldwin presented a proposed slate of officers to the Board at their May 22, 2023 meeting. The Board of Directors unanimously voted to recommend the following slate of officers for congregational approval on June 11.

Nominated officers for 2023-2024

President: Brent Rogers
Vice President: Genny Jenkins
Secretary: Elizabeth Ash
Treasurer: Joe Barrett

The annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 11, immediately following the worship service. It is very important that all members are present to vote on the slate of officers for the coming year.

A big thank you to all of the members of the Nominating Committee for their prayerful discernment process: Elizabeth Ash, Yvonne Baldwin, Fran Helphinstine, Dianna Pettit, Dan Thomas, and Jack Whidden.

June 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 6:00pm Vespers (Zoom)	2 Office closed.	3
4 10:45am Worship 12:00pm Hot Dog Lunch—Fellowship Hall	5	6 7:00pm Women of the Bible (Zoom)	7 5:00pm Bells	8 6:00pm Vespers (Zoom)	9 Office closed.	10
11 10:45am Worship Annual Congregational Meeting 2:00pm 2nd Sunday Hike-UMC parking lot	12	13 7:00pm Women of the Bible (Zoom)	14 Flag Day 5:00pm Bells	15 Vespers is paused for this week.	16 Office closed.	17
18 Father's Day 10:45am Worship— Rev. Jonathan Adkins, preaching	19 Juneteenth	20 7:00pm Women of the Bible (Zoom)	21 5:00pm Bells	22 7:00pm Vespers (Zoom)	23 Office closed.	24
25 10:45am Worship Installation of Officers July Newsletter articles due.	26 6:30pm Executive Board Meeting (Zoom) 7:00pm Full Board Meeting (Zoom)	27 7:00pm Women of the Bible (Zoom)	28 5:00pm Bells	29 7:00pm Vespers (Zoom)	30 Office closed.	

MSU Camden-Carroll Library and First Christian Church Archives Project

ALANA CAIN SCOTT



Morehead First Christian Church

In January, we began a collaboration with the MSU Archives to develop an archival site dedicated to the historical records of First Christian Church, Morehead. One of Alana Scott's Public History students, Chase Whaley, under the direction and supervision of MSU Archivist Dieter Ullrich, spent the Spring 2023 semester digitizing many of the church's historical records. The first phase of that project is complete and available through the Morehead State Camden-Carroll Library's online catalog and Scholar Works database. Stay tuned for further developments!

FCC archives at Morehead State University may be accessed through their website www.scholarworks.moreheadstate.edu/mfcc/ or through this link [Morehead First Christian Church](#).

Jonathan Adkins

FORMER MUSIC DIRECTOR RETURNS AS GUEST PREACHER

On June 18, we welcome our former music director, the Reverend Jonathan Adkins, to the pulpit as guest preacher. This past Fall 2022, I was able to reconnect with Jonathan after we realized we were taking a class together at Lexington Theological Seminary. It has been wonderful to share the seminary journey with him and he has been a blessing in untangling some of the "seminary speak" that appears in some of the assignment grading. Jonathan will be arriving in Morehead the afternoon of Saturday, June 17, and we will have a meet and greet at the Sawstone Brewing Company from 6-8 pm that evening. He has to be back to his LTS course by 2:00pm after church on Sunday so we will not be able to visit with him then. Thank you! Alana Cain Scott



Rev. Jonathan Adkins

Jonathan Adkins, formerly of Morehead, is a commissioned Disciples of Christ minister from Daytona Beach, Florida. He has spent the last 10 years working as a public school teacher and leading in music ministry & pastoral care at his local congregation. His spouse of 24 years, Dr. Libby Adkins, is now a chiropractor working personal injury cases in Titusville, Florida. Jonathan is currently finishing his master's degree at Lexington Theological Seminary and will be visiting Morehead during his June Intensive courses. He begins his first full-time ministry position this August as a Chaplain Resident at a local hospital and will graduate from LTS in 2024.

TREASURER'S REPORT—MAY

General gifts and income (First four Sundays)	\$9,805.03
Expenses	\$11,779.08

THANK YOUS

On behalf of the staff and board of directors of DOVES of Gateway Inc., thank you for generous support (\$2,000) of this organization.

—Kelli Petronella, Executive Director

Thank you for your very generous donation of \$3,000 to the Gateway House Homeless Shelter. Our staff continues to work closely with each household to help them find employment, housing, medical care and any other necessities as they seek to rebuild their lives. We are deeply grateful for the ongoing support of your church.

Thank you for your generosity and concern for the men, women and children we serve.

Marilyn Smith
Executive Director

Paul Semisch
Assistant Director



NEW MEMBER

On May 14, 2023 we officially welcomed Sandy Gullett to our congregation. Welcome, Sandy!

Come Home to Cane Ridge Cane Ridge Day, June 24, 2023

Registration	9:30 am
Hymn Singing and the Cane Ridge Story	10:00 am
Dedication of Trees to Honor Trustees	11:30 am
Bring your own picnic lunch and tour the grounds	

The Cane Ridge Meeting House
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Photo ca. 1947

June BIRTHDAYS

2 - Carmen Swim
5- Brenda Combs
7- Genny Jenkins
23- Meghan Hammonds
25- Ethan Jenkins
26- Wayne Caldwell
27- Leeann Potter
29- Susan Whidden



HONORING GRADUATE SPRING 2023

Camuel Dean Hart

Amherst College
Double Major in Math and Music

Parents: Rebecca and Brad Hart

Grandparent: Joyce Hart

Future plans: To continue jazz composition and performance along with graduate school

Interests: Films and comics

Notes from Pastor Nancy

REV. NANCY GOWLER

Let us be lazy in everything, except in loving and drinking, except in being lazy.

—Gotthold Ephraim Lessing (1729-81)

The happiest part of a man's life is what he passes lying awake in bed in the morning.

—Dr. Samuel Johnson (1709-84)

There is nothing more notable in Socrates than that he found time, when he was an old man, to learn music and dancing, and thought it time well spent.

—Michel Montaigne (1533-92)



In the summer of 2007 as I was beginning my first sabbatical, I wandered into our local Borders bookstore, and stumbled across a book that would shape my sabbatical time more than any other: *How to Be Idle: a Loafer's Manifesto* by Tom Hodgkinson, founding editor of *The Idler* magazine. My sabbatical was funded by a generous Lily Foundation clergy grant which encourages clergy to seek rest and renewal. I had a plan, a calendar, and a healthy budget for my three months off. However, there was still that nagging voice in the back of my head, whispering that I must make this sabbatical “productive.” I had internalized the judgement that simply resting and loafing about doing things which brought me joy was not a worthy endeavor in and of itself. Hodgkinson helped me silence that voice, for a few months.

It remains one of the books I regularly recommend to others.

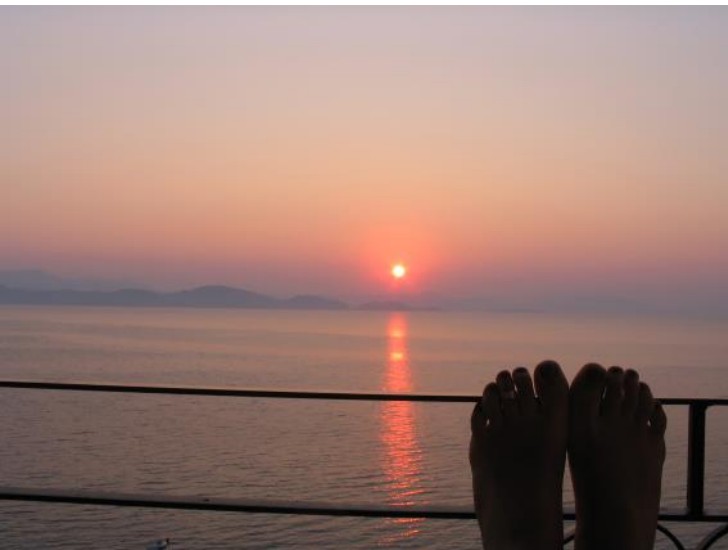
The book slowly ambles its way through the hours of a day, inviting the reader to set aside the imperialistic metaphor “time is money,” and to ask questions about leisure, health, happiness, and well-being. Beginning with the tyranny of the alarm clock, Hodgkinson finds inspiration from the great slackers of the past, including Oscar Wilde, Robert Louis Stevenson, Samuel Johnson, Robert Burns and so many more. He writes with joy and humor, elevating the importance of tea time, afternoon walks, fishing, and late night conversations. The entire *Idler* project is a much needed anecdote to Benjamin Franklin's unfortunately popular aphorism, *early to bed and early to rise, “makes a man healthy, wealthy, and wise.”*

As I write this, it seems the long days of summer have already arrived. Can they be a time of renewal for us? Could the summer of '23 be a chance to slow down, take a much needed break, and perhaps even recalibrate the pace of our lives?

What if this summer wasn't productive in the least bit, but rather unfolded as a time filled with rest, renewal, relationships, pleasure, and yes, even idleness?

We could call this a Sabbath summer, and tap into the rich traditions of regular rest in our Scriptures. As Abraham Heschel wrote, “*Man is not a beast of burden, and the Sabbath is not for the purpose of enhancing the efficiency of his work.*” Rest is a gift for us. We could remind ourselves that God created Sabbath and blessed it, the seventh day of Creation.

Let's give it a try, shall we? Let's be inspired by the wisdom of Ferris Bueller, “*The question isn't, 'What are we going to do?' The question is, 'What aren't we going to do?'*”



An August sunrise in Xiropigado, Greece, (population 353)
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Pastor Nancy

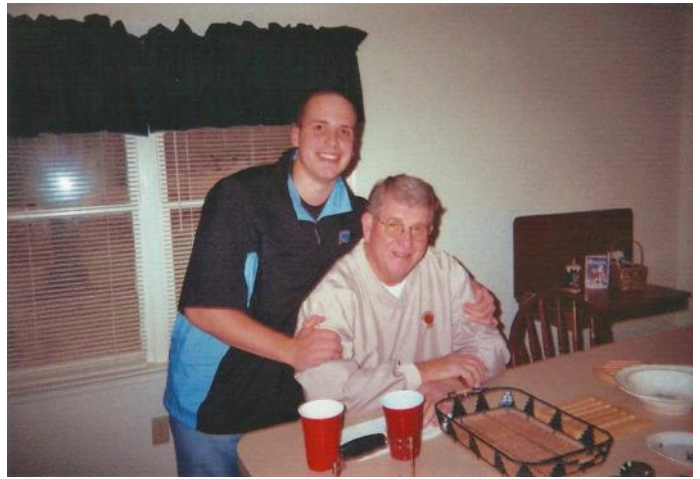
History Corner

HISTORY OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF MOREHEAD — ANNE BUCKNER

Church Gatherings Over the Years - Fellowship Dinners



John Gullett, Betty Hall, and Jennifer Blair Anderson



Lee Chaney and Rex Chaney



Makayla Reynolds and Dianna Pettit



Fellowship Dinner



Jackie Bailey and Keyairah Bailey



Fellowship Dinner



Writing Letters to Camp

Receiving a card from home while at summer camp is a real treat! This year we will have two campers at our Disciples of Christ church camp. Alana Sholar and Ellie Williams will be leaving for camp during the last week of June.

Please pray for our campers and for their camp experience during the week of June 26 – July 1.

If you would like to send a card or write to the our girls, here is the address:



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