

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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March 2019

## First Sunday Lunch

March 3



### POTATO BAR

Hosted by the Elders.  
The congregation is  
requested to bring  
sides, salads, or  
desserts.

Our Creation Care Team is creating opportunities for us to **Value Our Earth More**. Goals this month include ordering recycled paper for our newsletters and bulletins. We were successful in washing dishes during First Sunday Lunch in February.



Now to get the dishwasher repaired.

## Turn Your Clock Ahead

March 10

Daylight  
Saving  
Time  
Begins.



# Lenten Opportunities

The Season of Lent

March 6—April 14, 2019

Please join us for an inspiring Ash Wednesday service on March 6. We are sharing the service with First Baptist Church and Faith Presbyterian Church. The Service of Communion and Imposition of Ashes will be held at Faith Presbyterian Church, Fraley Drive, at 7pm. Please join us for a soup dinner at 6pm. FCC members are requested to bring salads.

Lenten Devotionals will be available for church members. Many members contributed daily meditations. Genny Jenkins is completing the devotional for us.



Palm Sunday falls one week before Easter on April 14. Christians celebrate the triumphal entry into Jerusalem by Jesus. Palm branches will be waved by the children.

Maundy Thursday Taizé Service will be hosted by FCC on April 18, with First Baptist and Faith Presbyterian. Maundy Thursday is the Thursday before Easter, believed to be the day when Jesus celebrated his final Passover with His disciples. Most notably, that Passover meal was when Jesus washed the feet of His disciples in an extraordinary display of humility.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service will be hosted by First Baptist Church, with FCC and Faith Presbyterian on April 19. Good Friday is the Friday preceding Easter, and is a Christian holy day commemorating the trial, crucifixion and the death of Jesus Christ on the cross.



Easter Sunday, April 21, is the oldest and most important Christian feast, celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus Christ on the third day after his crucifixion, as described in the New Testament. Lily dedications will be in the bulletin.

Rev. Don Chase is recovering from an illness. We wish him the very best and look forward to his return. His popular "Chasing Rabbits...." series is being replaced this month with a reference to Jesus' first miracle from Carolyn Roth Ministries.



## God As Gardener

### Grape, Vine, Vineyards

Jesus was familiar with the symbolism of vines and vineyards. He knew that often when the Old Testament prophets referenced vine or vineyard, they spoke about judgment that God would bring upon disobedient Israelites. The grapevine didn't elicit positive images to first-century Jews. The first time Gospel writers recorded an interaction with Jesus and the grapevine, he performed a miracle at Cana in Galilee. Subsequently, several of Jesus' teachings used grapevines, vineyards, and wine.

Very early in Jesus' ministry, he and disciples were at a marriage feast. The feast was at the bridegroom's home. Possibly, the groom was a friend or relative of Jesus' family. Mary, Jesus's mother, was there; she was concerned that all went well at the feast. Servants obeyed Mary's directions. When the wine ran out, Mary told Jesus, clearly expecting him to do something. Although a little reluctant to become involved, Jesus turn water into wine and performed his first-recorded miracle. Jesus's miracles pointed to him as Messiah and were designed to honor God.

God told Israelites that seven plants would be available to them in the promised land (Deuteronomy 8:8) The grapevine was one a plant. *Vitis vinifera* is the botanical name for the grapevine that grew in Israel. In ancient Israel, grapevines were a principle crop because grapes could be eaten fresh, dried, or made into wine. Although the Negev was a popular area for wine production in ancient times, today, grapes and wineries are present throughout Israel.

[http:// www.carolynrothministry.com/god-as-a-gardener.html](http://www.carolynrothministry.com/god-as-a-gardener.html)



## Nominations for Vice President/Deacons Due ASAP

Each year our church calls into order a Nominating Committee, comprised of 1 elder, 2 deacons, and 3 members at large. The function of this committee is to fill necessary positions within the church board – officers and deacons. This is done through a system of gathering names from within the congregation. Anyone who has been a church member for the 12 months prior to the new church year (which begins on 1 July) may be considered. Slips for suggesting possible names are available at each door of the sanctuary. **The deacon co-chairs determine how many new deacons need to be added to the roster, which consists of a term of three years on, one year of sabbatical.** It is the job of the Nominating Committee to count the names on the slips AND TO MAKE CONTACT WITH THOSE WHO ARE NOMINATED. Please be in prayer for the Nominating Committee as they work and serve our larger church. **NOMINATION SLIPS NEED TO BE TURNED IN ASAP.** Baskets are available at each sanctuary door in which to place the slips, or you may drop them in the offering plate or mail them to the office. [You may also call or email your nominations. \(fccmky@gmail.com\)](mailto:fccmky@gmail.com)

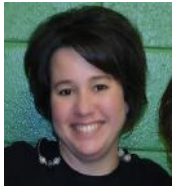
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Office Phone (606) 784-4836 Monday-Thursday 8:30-1pm or leave message for return call.

Slips are due by April 7, 2019.

## ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

March 3—Keyairah Bailey    March 10—Eliza McGillicuddy    March 17—John Akers  
March 24—Ellie Williams    March 31—Keyairah Bailey

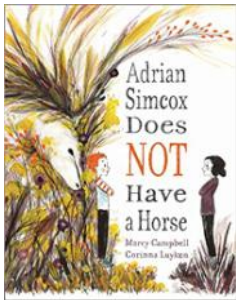


### CHOIR & BELLS

The music department is celebrating the last Sunday of February with several pieces by our combined Bell Choir. The first Sunday of March will be “Alleluia Sunday” in our hymns and our anthem because March 6 is the beginning of Lent.

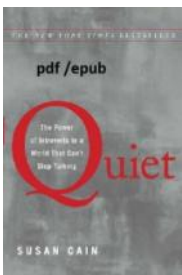
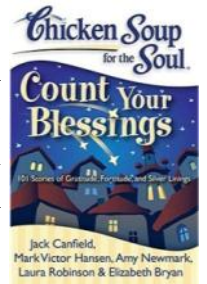
Genny Jenkins Please plan to join us at 6:00pm on Ash Wednesday, March 6, at Faith Presbyterian Church for a simple supper, followed by Ash Wednesday service at 7:00pm at Faith Presbyterian Church.  
**Genny Jenkins**, Choir Director

### LIBRARY SPOTLIGHT by Connie Kibbey



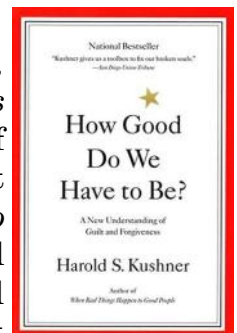
*Adrian Simecox Does NOT Have a Horse*, by Marcy Campbell (Focus on Children and Youth). A classic in the making, this heartwarming story about empathy and imagination is one that families will treasure for years to come. Written with tenderness and poignancy and gorgeously illustrated, this book will show readers that kindness is always rewarding, understanding is sweeter than judgment, and friendship is the best gift one can give. With a gentle reminder that it is better to be kind than to be right, this is a significant book for readers of all ages.

*Chicken Soup for the Soul: Count Your Blessings*, by Jack Canfield et al. (Chicken Soup for the Soul). With 101 stories of gratitude, fortitude, and silver linings, this book will inspire and uplift readers with its stories of optimism, faith, and strength. In bad times, and good, readers will be heartened to find something good in each day.



*Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking*, by Susan Cain (Personal Growth). At least one-third of the people we know are introverts. In *Quiet*, Susan Cain argues that we dramatically undervalue introverts and shows how much we lose in doing so. Passionately argued, superbly researched, and filled with indelible stories of real people, *Quiet* has the power to permanently change how we see introverts and, equally important, how they see themselves.

*How Good Do We Have To Be? A New Understanding of Guilt and Forgiveness*, by Harold Kushner (Spiritual Growth). From the author of *When Bad Things Happen to Good People* comes an inspiring bestseller that puts human feelings of guilt and inadequacy in perspective - and teaches us how we can learn to accept ourselves and others even when we and they are less than perfect. *How Good Do We Have to Be?* is for everyone who experiences that sense of guilt and disappointment. Harold Kushner, writing with his customary generosity and wisdom, shows us how human life is too complex for anyone to live it without making mistakes, and why we need not fear the loss of God's love when we are less than perfect.



(Source: Amazon)



~Thank You~

~ To Congregation: You commitment to help the uninsured and underinsured receive health care is sincerely appreciated. Many folks struggle to meet their co-pays as well as their deductible under the new federal insurance program. Your gift of \$2,000 will help to defray costs for this vital program. Most Sincerely, Jim Brandenburg, Executive Director, People's Clinic

~ To Anne Buckner: Thank you for purchasing a communion cup washer. This addition enhances our green team for our Green Chalice Ministry. We thank you also for your many gifts including two organ tunings last year. FCC

~ To Congregation: Your gift is already helping our hungry brothers and sisters! Thank you for your \$117 gift of health and hope. With you in Christ's service, D'Lynn Burgess, Director of Relations, Society of St. Andrew

~Dear Church Family and Church Librarians Ronetta Brown and Connie Kibbey and Artist Elizabeth Ash: Thank you for the surprise dedication of our church library in my honor on Sunday February 10, 2019. My life has been dedicated to the line on the plaque: "The end of knowledge should be service to others." With love and appreciation. Fran Helphinstine

~FCC Friends: Thank you for keeping our family close in your prayers during Mom's illness (Betty Eldridge). We appreciate your every kindness. Much love, Joe Eldridge, Carmen & Phillip Swim and family.

**Labyrinth Prayer Blessing—March 31, 2019**

Join us immediately following worship service in the Labyrinth Prayer Garden. Our Prayer Ministry includes having slips available in the hymnals to write a prayer request. These are placed in the stone chalice. Members of the ministry pray for those requests. Periodically, these specific concerns are offered to God by placing them in the cairn in the labyrinth garden as the slips are burned. Contact Maggie Miles

**Camp Wakon'Da-Ho**

The 2019 Camp Registration/Health Form is available in the office.

**2019 Wakon'Da-Ho Camp Dates**

Spring Work Weekend - March 22-24	Mini Camp - June 7-9
CYF 1 - June 10-15	Eighters' - June 16-22
Junior 1 - June 24-28	Camp 101A - June 28-30
CYF 2- July 1-6	Chi Rho 1 - July 8-13
Chi Rho 2 - July 15-20	Junior 2 - July 22-26
Camp 101B - July 26-28	Y'ALL Camp - Aug 30 - Sept. 1

Please call or stop by for a copy of the application. There are many camps for all children/youth ages.

Early bird deadline is May 1, 2019.

Registration forms can be downloaded at:  
[www.ccinky.org/ministries/outdoor-ministries/](http://www.ccinky.org/ministries/outdoor-ministries/)

**Cane Run Meeting House**

You are invited for our  
Opening Day Worship Service  
Monday, April 1, 2019 at 10:00am  
An Offering will be Received  
Light Refreshments Follow in the Museum  
The Cane Ridge Meeting House  
1655 Cane Ridge Rd. (Hwy 537)  
Paris, KY 40361  
(859-987-5350) [curator@caneridge.org](mailto:curator@caneridge.org)

**Kentucky Disciples Women's  
2019 Spring Conferences**

- #1. April 13, 10am at First Christian Church, Mayfield 42066. Cost \$25 by April 1.
- #2. April 27, 9:30am at Beargrass Christian Church, Louisville 49297. Keynote Rev. Terri Hord Owens, President, DOC,US/Canada. Cost is \$35 by April 13, 2019.

Registration form is available in the office or register online at [ccinky.net](http://ccinky.net).

### Family Friendly Hiking Opportunity

Come join Sustainable Morehead, Daniel Boone Rails to Trails and Friends of Rodburn Hollow Park for our March 20, Second Sunday Hike. We will hike the popular Martin's Branch trail. Meet at 2pm in the Methodist Church parking lot to carpool to the Rodburn Hollow Park trail head or about 2:15pm at the Park. Allow about two hours for this hike. Will we see any wildflowers? Contact Lucy Pryor

### Another Hike! ... a little more challenging.

Saturday, March 16 & 23—10am (meet at Meth Church) Rowan County Hike Series Hike #3, organized by CRL, Sheltoewe Trace Asso. on Forest Service Road 977. We will walk 7 miles into Morehead, passing a couple of vistas, beautiful ridge top trail with views to each side, and Eagle Lake. Prepare for a fairly challenging trail, especially as it nears the ridge above town. Email [crlc@sheltoewe.trace.org](mailto:crlc@sheltoewe.trace.org) to sign up.

### March Deacons

Ronetta Brown, Jeff Brown, and Curt Hammond.

### March Birthdays

1- Don Williams 18- Elizabeth Ash  
4- Josh Akers 22- Cathy Hammond  
4- Jim Fred Cassity 23- Jon Jenkins  
9- Lee Chaney 28- Roger Fischer  
15-Matt Nutter 30- John Akers

### Living Memorial Fund

*in memory of*

Betty Eldridge

(Carmen Swim's mother)

Jim Callihan

(Ashley Adkins' great grandfather)

by

Fran Helphinstine

*in memory of*

Jane McKay

(Dennis McKay's mother)

Jacob Semisch

(Paul Semisch's father)

Paul Pinkston

(Jackie Bailey's father)

Dr. C. Nelson Grote

Jesse Binkley

(Darlene Perkins' nephew)

by

David Perkins

### Bread for World Thank You

Dear Friends: In 2018, you supported our work together to end hunger with 2 gifts, totaling \$95. Your generosity helps create hope and opportunity to those who struggle with hunger in our own country and abroad. Sincerely,

*Bread for the World*

### March Elders

3—Sarah Chaney  
10—Larry Fannin &  
Yvonne Baldwin  
17—Ginny & Mark Etherton  
24—Ginny & Mark Etherton  
31—Sarah Chaney

### Mack Fund

*in memory of*

Jane McKay

(Dennis McKay's mother)

Betty Eldridge

(Carmen Swim's mother)

Jacob Semisch

(Paul Semisch's father)

Paul Pinkston

(Jackie Bailey's father)

by

Anne Reynolds Buckner  
Susan Thomas and Grant Alden

*in memory of*

Dr. C. Nelson Grote

by

Anne Reynolds Buckner  
Susan Thomas and Grant Alden  
Emma Lou and Jim Gross

### AmazonSmile Donation



First Christian Church has been issued a \$11.60 donation as a result of activity Oct. 1 and Dec. 31, 2018. *Thank you.*

### Treasurer's Report

Income for February is \$7,885.60.

Expenses for February are  
\$8,703.33



Our Sunday  
Worship



[www.facebook.com/  
fcc.morehead](http://www.facebook.com/fcc.morehead)

@ 10:50am

### Gateway Homecoming Baskets

Items for the basket for those transitioning to a permanent home from the Gateway Homeless Shelter are due always at First Sunday Lunch (January-October). Outreach Committee thanks you!

# Library Dedication

## February 10, 2019



The Green Team says “this is the way you dry dishes: air.” Ronetta and Jeff Brown along with Bob Pryor washed real dishes (!) after First Sunday Lunch on February 3. As you can see, they are proud of the fact we are not using paper or styrofoam products for our lunches. This is part of the philosophy of Green Chalice Ministry and taking care of the earth that God created for us. For more info on other green processes, contact Susan Thomas.



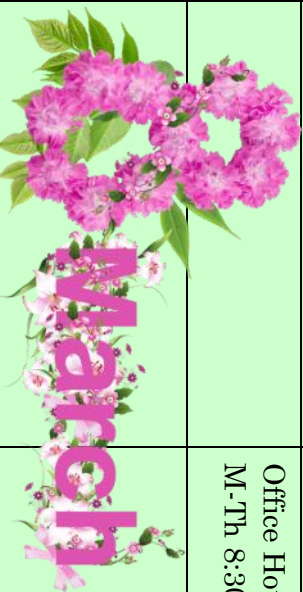

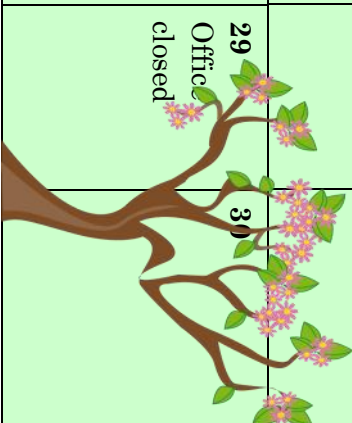


## In and around FCC





## First Christian Church March 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
					
					
<p><b>3</b></p> <p>9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service 12:00 First Sunday Lunch Gateway Basket items due.</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Office Hours: M-Th 8:30-1pm</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>5:00 Yoga</p>	<p><b>6 Lent Begins</b></p> <p>6:00 Ash Wed Dinner at Faith Presby; 7:00 Ash Wed. Service</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p>5:00 Yoga</p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>Office closed.</p>
					
<p><b>10</b> Daylight Saving Time begins 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service 2:00 Rodburn Park Hike</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>5:00 Yoga</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>5:00 Combined Bell Choir 7pm Choir</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>5:00 Yoga</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Office closed.</p>
<p><b>17 St. Patrick's Day</b> 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service 12:00 Youth Meeting </p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>MSU spring break—March 22</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>5:00 Yoga 7:00 Sign up for Com. Garden Plot a At Meth Church</p>	<p><b>20</b> Combined Bell Choir 7pm Choir</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>5:00 Yoga</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Office closed.</p>
<p><b>24/31 5th Sunday Offering</b> 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service 12:05pm Prayer Slip Burning 1:30pm Women's Fellowship at Rowan Co HS Home Ec Rm</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>6:30/7 Executive/ Full Board Mtg</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>5:00 Yoga</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>5:30 Combined Bell Choir 7pm Choir Newsletter published</p>	<p><b>28</b> 5:00 Yoga Rowan County Schools spring break -April 1.</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>10am Hike the Sheltowe. Meet Meth Church</p>
					
					<p><b>22</b></p> <p>Office closed.</p>
					<p><b>29</b></p> <p>Office closed.</p>
					<p><b>30</b></p> <p>2310am Hike the Sheltowe. Meet Meth Church</p>

Sunday March 24—Newsletter articles due.

First Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)

Rev. Donald Chase  
Minister

Genny Jenkins, Choir  
Open, Youth

Barbara Marsh, Secretary  
Sarah Chaney, Bells  
Kaitlyn Rhoden, Nursery  
Darrin Roe, Custodian

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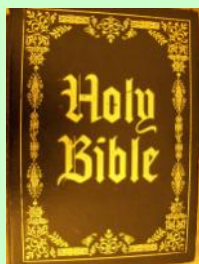


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Join us for live Sunday  
Worship Service @ 10:50am

Bible Readings  
for the Month

Disciples of Christ  
Lectionary



Mar 3—Luke 9:28-36  
Mar 10—Luke 4:1-13  
Mar 17—Luke 13:31-35  
Mar 24—Luke 13:1-9  
Mar 31—Luke 15:1-3,  
11b-32



**First Christian Church Library honors Dr. Helphinstine**

February 10, 2019 was a special day in the life of the church. Our library was opened and dedicated in honor of Dr. Fran Helphinstine. Fran has been a member of our church for over 50 years and currently serves as secretary to the church board. A special plaque was made by Dr. Elizabeth Ash.



Left to right: Ronetta Brown, library organizer; Dr. Elizabeth Ash, artist; Dr. Fran Helphinstine, honoree; and Connie Kibbey, library organizer.