

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

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# The Echo

First Christian Church of Morehead

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**Sunday, October 31—10:45am**

Join us online for a very special Worship Service as we honor our loved ones and friends.

## Message from the President

Greetings Church Family,

The month of October is soon coming to an end. We had a very successful “Trunk or Treat” for the community (see pictures p8). It was lots of fun as we joined with the Baptist Church in our parking lot greeting over 130 boys and girls. A big thanks to Mary Claire and all who participated for making it such a success. Just a reminder that the Hoodie Drive is still on thru October. You can sign up online here [Helping With Hoodies](#).

The Silent Auction will be Sunday, October 31—November 7. If you want to contribute please bring your items to the church by October 31—12:pm. If you can't make it to the church during work hours, call me at 606-356-2011 and I will come by your house and pick it up.

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Anne R. Buckner  
President

## Notes From Pastor Nancy

*History is not a burden on the memory but an illumination of the soul.*

—John Dalberg-Acton

Dear Disciples,



Reverend Nancy Gowler

Much of pastoral ministry involves not speaking, but listening. A new minister slowly learns the stories of their congregation, both individual stories and the collective history of that faith community. Listening takes time and intentionality. As relationships deepen, the opportunities for sharing significant and personal experiences grows.

A few months ago I shared some of what I've been learning about FCC Morehead, gleaned from conversations and practices. I listed the core values I've see in this faith community: communion, compassion, education, beauty, Creation, hospitality, community, history, and practicality.

It's an incomplete list, I know. Still I hope we can continue the conversation on these core values. I'd love to see where our lists overlap and what you know of this congregation that I have yet to learn.

Let me say a bit more about one of those core values: history. I am mindful of the rich tradition of this congregation, under the direction of Frank C. Button its joint history with the founding of the Morehead Normal School, now Morehead State University. The very foundation of the church building rests upon the ground of its predecessor, the Union Church, which was built at the encouragement Col. John Hargis, founder of Morehead (see Anne Buckner's column for more information about Col. Hargis).

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Those two parts of our congregation's history reveal the threads of ministry which continue to this day: our ongoing commitment to education and our dedication to ecumenism. It is, borrowing the words of Lord Acton, "an illumination of the soul" of this congregation.

An exploration of one's history also calls us to reflection, and at times repentance. Our ancestors, both personal and corporate, were human beings like us, sometimes inspiring, at other points most fallible. Engaging in history requires much of us, to be willing to face uncomfortable facts and to learn what those parts of our history reveal about ourselves. Our congregation's history is no exception. The first financial supporter of the founding of the Normal School and of the Christian Church in Morehead was William Temple Withers, a former Confederate general and slaveowner, and also a prominent Lexington philanthropist and supporter within Christian Church circles. His name is included in one of our stained glass windows. History is complicated because human beings are complicated.

We are beginning our worship services with an acknowledgement of the land, a public recognition of the stories of this place before us, of the people who lived on this land, loved it, cared for it, and who were forcibly displaced from their lands. That story is part of the history of the American church, too, and of ours as members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). It's a history which may make us uncomfortable, which challenges the narratives our ancestors told about themselves. Learning about the Doctrine of Discovery, the role that Christian churches played in the forced removal and the intentional erasure of indigenous culture and practices, enables us to tell our own stories with more honesty and humility. And it can change the ways in which we engage in ministry today, as we learn from the mistakes of the past and see how those historic decisions still affect the present day.

Our histories are a mix of cherished stories and of regrets. I'm grateful that this congregation is committed to being faithful storytellers who both inspire and who don't flinch at the painful chapters of the past.

How do you understand the role of history in this congregation? In your own life? What lessons are you learning from the past? What stories do you want to know more about?

Let's keep this conversation going.

*Pastor Nancy*

### Choir & Bells



Genny Jenkins  
Music Director

Thank you for all the continued support of music at FCC. We've been working hard to support the weekly worship services. The encouragement we get from the congregation means so much.

Community Choir Messiah. Dr. Greg Detweiler will once again lead this event and will take place in December (more details later). If you would like to assist with this event by singing or by donating to support the hiring of an orchestra



Sarah Chaney  
Bells Director

Intern Recitals. Several of our interns have recitals (MSU Baird Music Building—Duncan Recital Hall) this fall. Please mark your calendars!

Caleb Fouts - Thursday, October 28 at 7:30 pm

Anna Grayson - Friday, November, 12 at 7:30pm

Isaiah Florence - Sunday, November 21st at 3:00pm

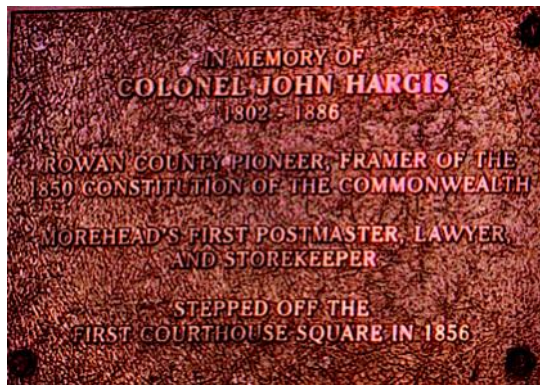
Everett Quiggins - Sunday, November 21st at 7:00pm

## Our Beginnings—A History and Comment

First Christian Church by Anne Reynolds Buckner

### Founding of Morehead and Morehead Normal School [Rowan County Kentucky](#)

It is believed that Rowan County was first explored in 1773 by a party of surveyors from Pennsylvania. The first settlement was established in Farmers, a town 10 miles west of Morehead. The population rapidly increased due to its fertile farming land and proximity to water sources. Additional settlers came to Rowan County from Virginia in the late 18th century after being awarded land grants at the end of the American Revolutionary War. Clearfield was the second settlement established in the county, being colonized by a Virginia aristocrat named Dixon Clack in the early 1800s. It accommodated the first



Col. John Louis Hargis historical marker is located on the Rowan County Arts Center building, Courthouse Square, Main Street, Morehead, KY.

sawmill in the county. In 1854 Morehead became the third community to be settled in the area. Colonel John Louis Hargis founded the city after purchasing the land in the county, naming it after Governor James Morehead. Rowan County came into existence in 1856, seceding from Morgan and Fleming County. It was divided into four districts with Morehead being declared the county seat.

Prior to moving to Morehead, Col. Hargis had established a strong character, marked spirit and independence, and held state positions with the leading men of his day and time. He represented the counties of Breathitt and Morgan as a member of the Constructional Congress in 1849 when the state was changed to a commonwealth. Col Hargis was an assistant U. S. records as Colonel John Louis Hargis or “Bally John”. He was a

Marshall in 1850. He is referred to in member of the convention which framed the present Constitution of Kentucky. It was divided into four districts with Morehead being declared the county seat. When he moved to Morehead he brought with him his wife and two sons, Kenaz F. Hargis and Thomas Frazier. He gave the land on which the Union Church was built, now First Christian Church, DOC. His funeral was held in the Union Church. Col. John Hargis is honored and memorialized with a Historical Marker, which is located on the side of the Rowan County Arts Center Building, recognizing him as a Rowan County Pioneer, Framers of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Morehead’s First Postmaster, lawyer, storekeeper and having stepped off the land for Morehead’s first Courthouse Square in 1856.

~ **Thank You** ~ *Dear Church: Ned and I would like to thank our church family for your faithful love, support, and prayers during Maggie's most recent hospital stay and home recovery. Your love, support, and prayers matter. And, they are deeply appreciated. We can pinpoint specific times when someone from FCC reached out to us, and things shifted for the better. Know you are loved beyond measure, and that we welcome your love with open arms.*

*Maggie Miles & Ned Breschel*

#### Disciples Websites

[Cane Ridge Meeting](#)

[Disciples News Service](#)

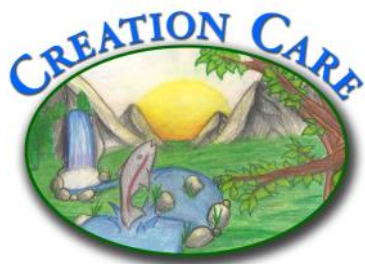
[Christian Church \(Disciples of Christ\)](#)

[Disciples Home Missions](#)

[Lexington Theological Seminary](#)

[Mission Behind Bars and Beyond](#)





As a Green Chalice congregation in our denomination, we work to follow the words found in Genesis 2:15 which says, "The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it." The Green Chalice Team since its formation has completed several initiatives to be "caretakers of the garden." The following are a few of those items that were completed at the FCC campus: 1) Had an energy audit conducted to determine where the church could become more energy efficient. 2) Upgraded lighting for more energy efficiency. 3) Installed several energy efficient appliances in the kitchen. 4) Reduced/eliminated use of disposable dinnerware.

Many of you may be wondering what you could do now in your own home after reading what FCC has accomplished on its campus. Any or all of the following could be a start: getting an energy audit; checking one's windows and doors for appropriate insulation; improving lighting for energy efficiency; and reducing use of single-use containers may be a start for your household.

If you would like to join the Creation Care Committee at FCC or just interested in more information, contact Mark Etherton. Email [ginn1@windstream.net](mailto:ginn1@windstream.net) or cell (606) 776-1745.

#### *Message From The President p1*

Don't forget to fill out the item information and price. Funds raised from the Silent Auction will be used for building maintenance and repairs.

We are so blessed each Sunday to have such inspirational sermons and beautiful music performed by our interns and our Bell Choir. Since we aren't having in person services, you can watch on Facebook live or on YouTube. We'd love for you to join us on Thursday Night Vespers on Zoom. Just email or call the church office for a Zoom Vespers invitation.

I hope you are enjoying the history articles I have been sharing with you. This month I am sharing how Morehead came to be through the efforts of a father and a son. Please see p3.

In closing I pray for God's blessings for each of you. May you feel his love and grace as you go about doing his daily work.

Sincerely, Anne

#### **Blast from the Past**

1950's Era Sunday School Class of Don Blair: 1st row Tom Martin (Bowne), Proc Caudill, Eddie Holbrook. 2nd row Mike Clark, Ricky Bradley. 3rd row Mary Cassidy, Mary Ann Cline, Debbie Williams. 4th row Janey Powers, Cindy Holbrook, Becky Hogge.



#### **All Saints Remembrance**

October 31, 2021

*Tracey Williams*

*Calvin Fulkerson*

*Marguerite Lambert*

*Delphia May Lambert Osborne*

*Harold Tackett*

*Brian M. Small Sr.*

*Peggy Bizzel*

*Margaret G. Pryor*

*Cody Williams*

*Lillie Ella Townsend Stephens*

*Robert L. Brown, Jr.*

*John Swain*

*Beata Alden*

*Vicky Seriani*

*Robert Caldwell*

*Marge Brown*

*Evelyn and Cran Teater*

*Glen and Betty Walke*

# *Waiting*

Hope  
Love  
Peace  
Joy

*Join us for the season of  
Advent*

*November 28*

*December 5*

*December 12*

*December 19*



**Thanksgiving Offering  
Benefits the Colleges,  
Universities, and Graduate  
Theological Institutions  
Affiliated with the Christian  
Church (DOC)**

November 14 & 21



Higher education has been an important focus for Disciples since the very beginning of the movement. Throughout our history, Disciples have founded institutions of higher learning to educate students and form leaders to make a difference in the world. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is still committed to higher education. Your gift to the Thanksgiving Offering helps support the education of thousands of students at our fifteen colleges and universities as well as our seven seminaries and divinity houses. [More info HERE.](#)

**Thank you**

to



for their generosity through the  
Community Rewards program.  
**\$192.30**

**October Treasurer's  
Report**

Income is \$10,964.90.  
Expenses are \$8,391.01.

**Mack Fund**

A Donation  
by  
Anne Buckner



- 1- David Perkins
- 5- Neva Griffith
- 6- Marge Thomas
- 9- Carrie Frazier
- 10- Maggie Miles
- 12- Wiley Tanner
- 22- Ellie Williams
- 24- Jim Gross

**Opportunities for  
Connection**

**Women of the Bible Study  
via Zoom**

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

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**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.](#)

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

Congregational Life Committee

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Creation Care Committee

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[ginn1@windstream.net](mailto:ginn1@windstream.net)



Funds raised will be used for building maintenance and repairs.



## OUTREACH

We are gearing up for our busiest time of the year! See updates on specific projects below.



Outreach chairs, Jeff cell (606) 776-3233 &  
Ronetta cell (606) 776-0576

### ***Helping with Hoodies***

Thanks so much to everyone who purchased hoodies for the students at RCSHS and RCMS! These will be put to good use keeping young people warm as temperatures begin to drop. Sign up here to help: [\*\*Helping With Hoodies\*\*](#)



***Urgent: People's Free Clinic Lunches needed in November***

The clinic will be open 3 days.

Tuesday, November 2

Tuesday, November 16

Tuesday, November 30

Lunches will need to feed 10-12 volunteers and should be delivered by 11:30am to 751 East First Street.

Contact our Outreach chairs if you can help with the lunches.



### ***Gateway Housewarming Baskets***

Please have the last of your donation items for the housewarming baskets in to the Fellowship Hall by November 10.

### ***Thanksgiving Outreach***

Our youth are shopping for food items to be included in Thanksgiving baskets for 10 families through the Gateway Homeless Shelter. Cost for one Thanksgiving basket is approximately \$60.



### ***Christmas Outreach***

\* Serving 10 elderly individuals/couples this Christmas.

[\*\*Sign Up Here for Elderly Christmas.\*\*](#)

Gifts will include food, hygiene, household items, a Kroger gift card, self-care items and inspirational reading material.

\* Helping 11 Rowan County families with a total of 42 children providing clothes, shoes, underwear, pajamas, and toys/gifts for the children and food, household cleaning supplies, and hygiene items for the families.

[\*\*Sign Up Here for Families' Food\*\*](#)

[\*\*Sign Up Here for Children's Toys\*\*](#)

\* Sign up for clothing will be added soon.

## First Christian November 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Oct 31 <i>All Saints Day</i></b> <b>5th Sunday Offering for Chris.Care Communities</b> Rev. Nancy Gowler 10:45am Worship <i>Silent Auction - Bid Online@ 1pm</i> Pray for Phillip Swim.	<b>1</b> <i>Silent Auction thru 11.7 @ 1pm</i> Pray for Olivia Black.	<b>2</b> Women's Bible Study via Zoom 7pm <i>Silent Auction thru 11.7 @ 1pm</i> Pray for Graham Black.	<b>3</b> Bell Choir 5pm <i>Silent Auction Thru 11.7 @ 1pm</i> Pray for Dan Thomas.	<b>4</b> Vespers via Zoom 7pm <i>Silent auction thru 11.7 @ 1pm</i> Pray for Marge Thomas.	<b>5</b> Office closed.	<b>6</b> <i>Silent Auction thru 11.7 @ 1pm</i> Pray for Maggie Alden.
<b>7 <i>Silent Auction ends @ 1pm</i></b> Rev. Nancy Gowler 10:45am Worship <i>Daylight Saving Time ends.</i> Pray for Di Walke.	<b>8</b> Pray for Ron Walke.	<b>9</b> Women's Bible Study via Zoom 7pm Pray for Jack Whidden.	<b>10</b> Bell Choir 5pm Pray for Susan Whidden.	<b>11 Veterans Day</b> Vespers via Zoom 7pm Pray for Mary Claire Williams.	<b>12</b> Office closed. Anna Grayson recital 7:30pm. Pray for Ellie Williams.	<b>13</b> Pray for Caleb Fouts.
<b>14 Thanksgiving Offering for Higher Education</b> Rev. Nancy Gowler 10:45am Worship Pray for Bailey Hobbs.	<b>15</b> Pray for Anna Grayson.	<b>16</b> Women's Bible Study via Zoom 7pm Pray for Isaiah Florence.	<b>17</b> Bell Choir 5pm Pray for Maura McCoy.	<b>18</b> Vespers via Zoom 7pm Pray for Everett Quiggins.	<b>19</b> Office closed.	<b>20</b>
<b>21 Thanksgiving Offering for Higher Education</b> —Rev. Nancy Gowler—10:45 Worship I. Florence Recital 3:00p E. Quiggins Recital 7:00p	<b>22</b> 6:30/7:00pm Executive/Full Board Meetings	<b>23</b> Women's Bible Study via Zoom 7pm	<b>24</b> Bell Choir 5pm	<b>25</b> <b>Thanksgiving</b> Office closed.	<b>26</b> Office closed.	<b>27</b>
<b>28 ADVENT I</b> Rev. Nancy Gowler 10:45am Worship Newsletter articles due.	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Women's Bible Study via Zoom 7pm				

## First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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Isaiah Florence, Keyboardist  
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Services are on-line only.

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Join us for livestream  
Sunday Worship  
Service @ 10:45am



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[www.youtube.com/user/TheInterper](https://www.youtube.com/user/TheInterper)

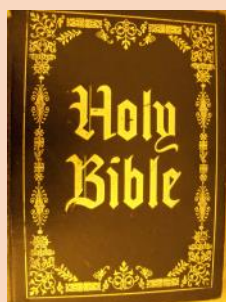


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## Bible Lectionary Readings

Disciples of Christ



November 7-Mark 12:38-44  
November 14-Mark 13:1-8  
November 21-John 18:33-37  
November 28-Luke 21:25-36

## CULTIVATING A SPIRIT OF LOVE

# Congregation Prayer Practice



The Congregational Life Committee would like to encourage the church to intentionally think of each other in prayer. To this end, concluding in November, there will be an individual or intention on each day of *The Echo* calendar to include in your personal prayers.

31 Pray for Carmen Swim	NOV 1 Pray for Philip Swim	2 Pray for Olivia Black	3 Pray for Graham Black	4 Pray for Dan Thomas	5 Pray for Marge Thomas	6 Pray for Susan Thomas
7 Pray for Maggie Alden	8 Pray for Di Walke	9 Pray for Ron Walke	10 Pray for Jack Whidden	11 Pray for Susan Whidden	12 Pray for Mary Claire Williams	13 Pray for Ellie Williams
14 Pray for Caleb Fouts	15 Pray for Bailey Hobbs	16 Pray for Anna Grayson				

**Trunk or Treat 2021** was a 'howling' success with First Baptist on October 22. Thanks to all who contributed and donated.

