

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

First
Christian
Church
(Disciples of Christ)



The Echo

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PLEASE JOIN US

First Sunday



Lunch

Fried Chicken
October 7
12-2pm

Please bring your
favorite side,
salad or dessert.

Invite a friend!



The earth is the Lord's and everything
in it; the World and all who live in it.
Psalm 24:1.

Dear Congregation:

FCC has begun the process of becoming a Green Chalice church with the formation of a Creation Care Team. Look for inspiration and ways to become involved in this ministry in the coming weeks as we seek to care for God's amazing creation.

Watching God Work,
Susan Thomas, President

From the DOC website: "Disciples have a strong tradition of creating a more just world for others and future generations. Today, we are called to bring our leadership to a new moral challenge – climate change. Damage to our climate puts the health of our children and elderly at risk, hurts the poorest among us the most, and diminishes God's creation. As followers of Christ, we can make a difference. We can engage others in known solutions that will create healthy and safe communities for our families, leave a thriving world for future generations, and protect God's creation.

The program has two tiers. The first level is to become a Green Chalice Congregation/Assembly. The second level is to become a CERTIFIED Green Chalice Congregation or Assembly."

Energy Audit Scheduled !!!

Men's Breakfast Rescheduled to Saturday, September 29

Please plan to meet at Cracker Barrel on at 8:30am. Reverend Chase invites all men of the church congregation to "break bread," but it will probably be biscuits!

GOING ON IN OCTOBER

Animal Blessing October 6
World Communion Sunday October 7
First Sunday Lunch October 7
Gateway Baskets October 7
Youth Reverse Trick or Treat October 21
Bread for the World Sunday October 21
Women's Potluck October 21
Fall Work Day October 27

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Chasing Rabbits...

A Dog Named Shep



Reverend Don Chase

During the summer of 1936 a shepherd fell ill while tending his flock and was brought to the St. Clare Hospital in Fort Benton, Montana. A nondescript sheep dog had followed the herder into town and soon set up vigil at the hospital's door. A kind-hearted nun who ran the hospital kitchen fed the dog during those few days before the man died. The herder's family in the East requested that his body be sent back home. On that August day the undertaker put the body of the shepherd on the east-bound train for shipment to his waiting relatives. As the gurney was rolled out onto the platform, a big gaunt shepherd dog with watchful eyes appeared out of nowhere and watched as the casket was loaded into the baggage car. Attendants later recalled the dog whining as the door slammed shut and the engine slowly started to pull away from the station, with head down, turning and trotting down the tracks. On that day the dog, later named Shep, began a 5 ½ year vigil that was only broken by his death.

Day after day, meeting four trains daily, Shep became a fixture on the platform. He eyed each passenger hopefully, and was often chased off as a mongrel but never completely discouraged. Neither the heat of summer days nor the bitter Montana winter days prevented Shep from meeting the next train. As Shep's fame spread, people came from everywhere to see him, photograph him, and to try and make friends and possibly adopt him. All of the attention was somewhat unwelcome to Shep; after checking the train he often retired quickly to get away from those who came to see him. Most people missed the point that Shep was a one-man dog. The bond he had formed with the herder many years before was simply the most important thing in his life. Food, shelter, and attention were now provided by the railroad employees. That was all Shep wanted, except for his master's return. Shep was an older dog when he came to the station house in Fort Benton. Throughout his vigil the long nights under the platform and the cold winters had taken their toll. Stiff-legged and hard of hearing, Shep failed to hear old '235' as it rolled into the station at 10:17 on that cold winter morning. Shep finally turned to look when the engine was almost upon him, moved to get out of the way, but slipped on the icy rails. Shep's long vigil had ended" (<http://www.fortbenton.com/shep/.html>). On the fiftieth anniversary of Shep's death, the townsfolk memorialized their favorite – and famous – dog by erecting a huge bronze statue, placed on a rough granite stone from a local quarry, and surrounded by a 35-foot brick octagon. The community commissioned the renown sculptor Bob Scriver to design and build the monument. The statue stands as a fitting tribute to the faithfulness of humankind's best friend, and a reminder of the wonderful story of Shep – Forever Faithful.

I love this story. Very touching. I share it with my church family because it reminds me of our God: always faithful and trustworthy, forever pursuing and seeking us, and the One who taught us that there is no greater love than to lay down our life for another.

Shalom,
Pastor Don



Acolyte Schedule

October 7—Sam Rogers
October 14—Ellie Williams
October 21—Ellie Williams
October 28 Keyairah Bailey

Children’s Musical Activities

Thank you to Ross Haney and Ashlyn Denney, MSU choir interns, who will be leading Youth Instrumental Ensemble and Middle School/High School Bell Choir this semester.

On Sunday, September 30, there will be two special ministries highlighted. Reconciliation Ministry Special Offering is once a year. As on every 5th Sunday of the month you have an opportunity to support Christian Care Communities. For further information, please read below.

5th Sunday Christian Care Communities Offering - September 30



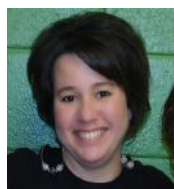
Since its founding by the Christian Churches in 1884 to help Kentucky’s widows and orphans, Christian Care Communities has reached out to our neighbors in need. Today, the primary mission is to provide affordable housing and a continuum of services for thousands of older adults. With our help, Christian Care is able to serve this rapidly growing population through an extensive network of retirement communities — including apartments and garden homes for independent living and assisted living, and facilities for skilled nursing care.

Reconciliation Ministry Offering

September 30 & October 7



As we approach this year’s offering, the good news is that the Reconciliation Ministry takes many forms. From providing anti-racism/pro-reconciliation training to offering webinars on the ways in which language can affect how we view and treat people, efforts are continuing to break down racial, ethnic, and cultural barriers. From providing liturgical resources to funding a local Louisville initiative to recruit more mentors of color to work with individuals returning from places of incarceration, support is offered to demonstrate the reconciling love of God.



Jenny Jenkins

Choir—Bells—Instrumental Ensemble

The music department is in full swing for the fall semester!

Currently, we have several different groups working to bring music to the church. The Adult Bell Choir meets on Wednesdays from 5:00 - 6:00pm each week and is working on several pieces for upcoming Sunday services, as well as our music for the Hometown Holidays performance at the beginning of December. The Youth Bell Choir, directed by Ashlyn Denney, MSU choir intern, meets on Wednesdays at 6:00pm and they also are working on several hymn accompaniments for upcoming services. The Youth Instrumental Ensemble, directed by Ross Haney, also an MSU choir intern, meets on Sundays after church and they are also working on music for several upcoming services. The Choir continues to meet on Wednesday evenings at 7:00pm and we are looking forward to bringing music to support the worship of the church each week as well. On October 7th, which is World Communion Sunday, Andrew Hall will be our featured soloist for the anthem and we look forward to “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing.” Thank you for your continued support of our church music programs.

Jenny Jenkins, Choir Director

~Thank You~

~ Dear Church Family, I send my love to all.

Be Blessed and Much Love, *Ritta Abell*

~To our choir members Summer Lighthall, Andrew Hall, Ashlyn Denney, Ross Haney, Mike Dobranski, Catherine Rogers, Alana Scott, Sarah Chaney, LeeAnn Akers, Tim Conner, Chas Jenkins, Jon Jenkins and to choir director Genny Jenkins: Thank you for enriching our services. We are so blessed to have each of your sweet voices.

Gratefully, *FCC*



We received \$240.98 from 38 households participating in the Kroger Rewards program. Be sure to check the bottom of your receipt to make sure your rewards are going to First Christian Church, Morehead. We use these funds to purchase food for the school backpack program.

Treasurer's September Report

Income: \$8,849.25
Expenses: \$6,241.10

Do you like to work in the garden?

We have such a special place in the garden that holds our labyrinth, and we want to always have an inviting area. If you are led to be one of a group of gardeners who will minister in a protective and beautifying manner, please let Yvonne Baldwin know. Help is needed!



The Yard Sale Was A SUCCESS!

The Yard Sale raised \$580.50 this year. We surpassed last year's total of \$576.00. Thank you to everyone who placed the ads for the yard sale, set up tables, donated items, arranged items, bought items, boxed things up after church Sunday and agreed to take leftover items to Christian Social Services. And thanks to Anne Buckner & her granddaughter Alana for helping work the yard sale held on Saturday, September 15.

October Deacons

Ned Breschel, Jim Gross

October Elders

Ginny and Mark Etherton

Work Day October 27

9-1pm



Mark your calendar for the church work day on the last Saturday in October. Tool lists and assignments to come at a later date. Nibblies will be provided. We need more volunteers for tasks inside and outside the church, many hands make light work, *you know*.

Gateway Home Baskets Items are Due

October 7. Thank you to those who have signed up to donate for those transitioning to a home. This is the last basket of the year.

Animal Blessing October 6

The annual blessing of the animals will take place at 10am on Saturday, October 6. Bring your lovely furry (and non furry) friends to be blessed and loved by others in attendance and Rev. Chase.

Please make sure your pets are secured with the appropriate leash/cage.





Birthdays



5- Raven Lynn Evans
 13- Mary Claire Williams
 13- Stacy Baker
 17- Jean Hill
 18- Makayla Reynolds
 19- Fran Helphinstine
 24- Chas Jenkins
 28- Jeff Brown



Sundays:
www.facebook.com/fcc.morehead
 10:50am



October Events

Yoga Tues & Thurs 5pm Adult Bell Choir
 Wed 5pm; Middle/High School; Bell Choir
 Wed 6pm; Choir Wed 7pm

Sunday, September 30

5th Sunday Offering for **Christian Care Communities** and/or **Reconciliation Ministry Offering**; 12:00pm **Elder Meeting**; 5:00pm **College Ministry** in Fellowship Hall.

Saturday, October 6

10am **Animal Blessing** in parking lot.

Sunday, October 7 **World Communion Day. Reconciliation Ministry Offering** (Sept. 30 & Oct. 7);

Gateway basket items are due; 12pm **First Sunday Lunch** Chicken Dinner

Sunday, October 21 Bread for the World Sunday; 12pm **Youth Meeting**: Reverse Treat or Treat; 5pm **Women's Potluck** will meet at Yvonne Baldwin's home.

Monday, October 22 6:15/7pm **Executive/Full Board Meetings**

Saturday, October 27 9-12pm **Fall Work Day.**

Pastoral Care for Emergencies

Please contact the office for pastoral emergencies, Monday-Thursday 8:30-1pm, at 606-784-4836.

After 1pm, Fridays, and on the weekend, please contact Rev. Don Chase for pastoral emergencies.

Rev. Don cell: 859-753-4335.

Living Memorial Fund

in memory of

Glen Buckner

by

Jane Y. Holbrook
 Ritta Abell
 Bonnie F. Bryson
 Betty & John Phillely
 Ginny & Ted Pass
 Natalie & Ronnie Caudill
 Jane & Leo Blair
 Fran Helphinstine
 Darlene & David Perkins
 Andy Higgins

in memory of

Etta Jane McCarty

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Jane Y. Holbrook
 Connie Kibbey
 Darlene & David Perkins
 Kathy Litteral
 Fran Helphinstine
 Yvonne Baldwin
 Revs Renee & Don Chase
 Harold White Lumber Inc.
 Kay Patrick & Jack McAllister
 Carol Cassidy

in memory of

Wilma Grote

by

Jack Landreth
 Grote Family

in memory of

Jerry Calvert

by

Revs Renee & Don Chase

Mack Fund

in memory of

Glen Buckner

by

Etta Jane McCarty
 Vanda Galen
 Barbara Marsh
 Marge & Dan Thomas
 Susan Thomas & Grant Alden
 Sarah & Rex Chaney
 Joyce Hart
 Jeanne & Bill Huie

in memory of

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Emma Lou & Jim Gross
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 Anne & Glen Buckner

What Does Matter

Be good to others, help people in need, forgive those who hurt you, and meet the Father regularly in worship.



"Mille grazie" to the deacons for an outstanding ITALIAN meal in September!



Blast from the Past. Courtesy of Girl Scout Troop 544 and their scan project. Top row, far left is Ginny (Landreth) Etherton and far right is Anita (Johnston) Bolen. Please contact FCC with names of others in this photo.



Outreach

We are collecting donations for area Blessing Boxes and The Everything Store on campus. Our contributions will be personal hygiene products such as deodorants, soap, toothpaste, and toothbrush. If you are led to help with this ministry, please put items in Blessing Box bin placed by the basement elevator.



The MSU Men's Golf Team was instrumental in helping with our Outreach Program on September 17, 2018. We are grateful for their service to our church and want to applaud the efforts of the Morehead State University in allowing their participation. A special thank you to Coach Matthew Martin. Our Annual Yard Sale is held during the Arts and Eats Festival in Morehead. Our members and congregation donate clothing, shoes, furniture, Christmas and household items for the sale. The Golf Team carried the boxes out of left over items to a waiting trailer (thank you Sarah and Rex). The items were delivered to Christian Social Services. In addition, the young men put tables away and swept the floor.

First Christian Church - October 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	
 <p>7 Rev. Donald Chase 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service 12:00 First Sunday Lunch Gateway Home Basket items due.</p>	<p>Office Hours: M-Th 8:30-1pm</p>					<p>1 10am Animal Blessing</p> 
	<p>8</p>	<p>2 5:00 Yoga</p>	<p>3 5:00 Adult Bell Choir 6:00 MS/HS Bell Choir 7:00 Choir</p>	<p>4 5:30 Yoga</p>	<p>5 Office closed.</p>	<p>6</p>
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Bread for the World

World Communion Day

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Rev. Donald Chase, Minister

Genny Jenkins, Choir
Jiyeon McGillicuddy, Keyboards
Youth
Barbara Marsh, Secretary
Sarah Chaney, Bells
Kaitlyn Rhoden, Nursery
Darrin Roe, Custodian

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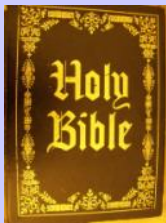


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Bible Readings
for the Month

Disciples of Christ
Lectionary



October 7—Mark 10:2-16
October 14—Mark 10:17-31
October 21—Mark 10:35-45
October 28—Mark 10:46-52



In Remembrance

Jerrod Wolford "Jerry" Calvert
January 27, 1952
-
August 5, 2018

In Remembrance

Wilma E. Grote
January 1, 1928
-
August 18, 2018



In Remembrance

Glenns Wayne "Glen" Buckner
February 17, 1942
-
September 2, 2018

In Remembrance

Etta Jane Caudill McCarty
August 27, 1943
-
September 19, 2018

