

**First
Christian
Church**
(Disciples of Christ)
A Green Chalice Ministry



The Echo

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Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower.

—Albert Camus

Fall is my favorite time of the year. Crisp cool mornings, warming afternoons, the trees in all their magnificent multicolored splendor—it's glorious. As we make the turn into autumn, my heart is full of gratitude. I am thankful for the gracious welcome you have extended to me since my arrival. You all have made my move to Kentucky one of joy and adventure.



Reverend Nancy
Gowler

And thank you to everyone who helped make our Season of Creation worship series in September such an amazing experience! It lifted my heart to catch glimpses of the your world, places cherished by many of you. What a thrill to have so many voices coming together to celebrate creation, to lead us in worship, and to imagine how together we can respond to God's call to care for the earth. We are very blessed to be surrounded by wonderful musicians who readily share their gifts with us and our community. I want to give a big shout out to our musical staff: Genny Jenkins, Jiyeon McGillicuddy, Caleb Fouts, Anna Grayson, and Bailey Hobbs. And a special thank you to Andrew Preston and our very own Roy Reynolds and Jean Lamer for making the worship for River Sunday even more meaningful.

I'm also incredibly grateful to all of you who have given financially to the Amplify Our Reach campaign to modernize and upgrade our audio-visual technology. Because of your wonderful generosity in the last month we are able to begin with the implementation of upgrades to our video streaming capabilities. And a big thank you goes to David Perkins for putting in many

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A Message from the President

"...that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it."

Dear Friends,

I invite you to join me in reflecting on the words of Saint Paul in 1 Corinthians 12, verses 12 - 27.

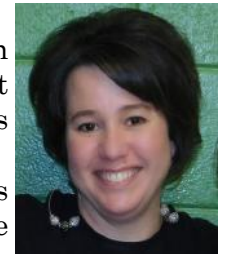
As we navigate the difficulties of this challenging year, we continue to be more physically separated than we have ever been; therefore, we must see this time as an opportunity to continue to become spiritually closer, bound by our shared concerns and beliefs - and our actions.

Reverend Nancy has done a wonderful job of encouraging this practice through the Seasons of Creation services we have enjoyed in the month of September. Putting into practice what Paul calls the "body of Christ" by bringing together the gifts of various members of the congregation into one lovely worship experience - stronger together in unity with one another.

Finding tangible ways to contribute to the church during this time of separation is more challenging, but not impossible. Please consider the following suggestions:

1. Monetary contributions - I know this is obvious, and possibly gauche to mention as the first suggestion, but I am a practical gal as most people who know me personally will attest. Our work in this community has never been more vital, in my humble opinion, and to carry on in the way we are accustomed, it takes cash. Please continue to support the church with your weekly contributions as if you were sitting in your pew and the plate was being passed. And

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President Genny
Jenkins

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hours helping us improve our internet connections and network. His work gives us improved livestreaming worship services from the sanctuary which will greatly enhance our broadcast capabilities.

These are investments not only for our short-term situation, but for the future vitality of our congregation. We are experiencing a shift in the way churches gather, worship, and minister to our communities. In many ways the inability of gathering in person for worship has pushed us to recognize the world had already changed even before COVID-19. The challenge for us going forward will be to integrate these multiple ways of communicating, gathering, and being church together when we are able to worship in-person again.

In our weekly vespers service on Zoom, we share in prayer together. We are invited to give voice to our prayers in two categories: gratitude and concern. We begin those prayers of the people with gratitude as a spiritual practice. Giving thanks requires that we pay attention—we look to our daily lives and find gifts, big and small, which bring joy to us. Focusing on gratitude allows us to look beyond ourselves; it nurtures humility and empathy for others.

There is much in our world which can lead us to despair. In the coming months we will find it hard to resist the temptations to focus on fear or to retreat into our corners. Let's not take the bait. As people of faith we can choose gratitude and we can work to heal divisions. We can march for justice, and we can be peacemakers. In other words, we can be disciples of Christ. May God grant us wisdom and courage for the living of these days.

In gratitude,



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please bear with me as I ask for yet more of your budget for our current special project. Our broadcasting setup is in dire need of an update and we are currently in a campaign of stewardship for funds to support the purchase of new equipment. The product we have - a service that brings joy to the heart through uplifting message, song, and communion - is top-notch and deserves a broadcast to match. Please consider this when writing your checks to the church or donating on our website through PayPal. Earmark your funds for a special project by noting your wishes for the money, please.

2. Worship contributions - We are always in need of liturgists for Sunday mornings and Thursday evening vespers. Please consider signing up to assist with these services. You can email Barbara in the church office.

3. Committee work - Even though we're mostly not meeting in-person, the work of the church continues! If you are not currently on a committee, please consider joining one! We need all our members to assist in the work of the church and this is one of the most vital ways to do so. There are many options - something for everyone. Here is a list of the

World Outreach- Ronetta and
Jeff Brown
Stewardship- Joe Barrett
Property- Brent Rogers
Worship- Alana Scott
Education- Sarah Chaney
Evangelism- Mary Claire Williams
Creation Care- Mark Etherton

committees and their chairpersons - please reach out to the chairperson if you wish to join so they can make sure you're on the list of invites for future meetings.

There endeth my list of suggestions. I realize it is not exhaustive (this newsletter is finite after all), and there are many other ways to be a gift to the church and I'm sure you have your own ideas. It is my fervent hope that you will seek to employ those ideas as we go through this period of upheaval and challenge.

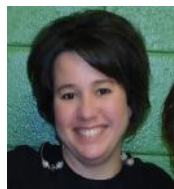
As most of you know, I am a teacher and when I work with my students on a service project or when someone shares their expertise with us through a lab experience or special assembly, I always tell them, "The most valuable asset any of us have is our time, so when someone gives you their time make sure you honor and appreciate that gift." I would encourage you to turn that statement around just a bit and consider how we, together, can honor and appreciate our church through the gift of our time and resources. To truly live up to Saint Paul's description of what it means to be the "body of Christ" in our community.

It is my honor and privilege to serve you as congregational president over the next nine months and if I can assist you in any way during this time, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Most sincerely,
Genny Jenkins

CHOIR AND BELLS

Dear Friends,



Genny Jenkins
Choir Director

As we move through the fall, we find ourselves in what I always think of as an "in-between time." Ordinary time, which began way back in June, lasts all the way to Advent, which begins at the very end of November. The fall is punctuated with special events (World Communion Sunday, All-Saints Day, Thanksgiving), but otherwise, liturgically, ordinary time is rather ordinary.



Sarah Chaney
Bell Choir
Director

I would love to use the month of November as a musical time for "old favorites" in the music of the church - to brighten up this time of being ordinary with some heart-warming music that we can all sing along with (out loud or in your heart - however you prefer). Please **email me with your suggestions** so I can use them as I am planning for November. Thank you so much and I look forward to hearing from you!

Genny Jenkins



Regional Assembly 2020 *Join Kentucky Disciples online for
Regional Assembly like you've never experienced it before!*

Saturday, October 17

Disciples of Christ

[Register online for Regional Assembly!](#)

[Download the Regional Assembly 2020 Program and Business Document](#)



We can amplify our reach

WITH VIDEO AND AUDIO FOR A NEW GENERATION

The technology in our sanctuary has served us well for years. Now the realities of worshipping online reveals the limits of what a borrowed cell phone camera and a small amplifier can do in our sanctuary. Grainy video closeups, sound issues, and video streaming troubles limit our efforts to provide a meaningful worship service.

With your designated gift to the Mack Fund for audio/visual upgrades we can replace our aging sound system and modernize our video equipment.

An initial investment of \$9,000 gives us a good start at upgrading our video components and replacing some outdated sound equipment. The installation of the new equipment will be completed by House of

Worship, a Lexington technology firm specializing in church systems. These improvements will quickly provide a markedly higher quality video for our worship services. The grainy video will be replaced with clear crisp images, including close-up shots. The sound quality for live streaming will also be improved. First time viewers of our worship will find it easier to experience the richness of the FCC worship services we cherish.

Our total goal is \$25,000. With the full amount, advances in our video equipment will be matched with upgrades in the current sound system. This major project will give us greater quality and more flexibility for worship when we return to in person services and as we continue our online worship streaming. Our worship ministries will be equipped to reach folks in person and online, an essential part of being church in our current world.

If you have questions about this project, please reach out to members of the ad hoc audio/visual team Roger Fisher, Pastor Nancy, Genny Jenkins, or Kaitlyn Paschall. Gifts to the Mack Fund can be made online on our website or by mailing a check to the church.

Acknowledging Our Native Heritage



Rev. Nancy begins our Worship Service in the balcony.

We begin our Sunday Worship Service with these words: “For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on this land; their relationship with the land is at the center of their lives and spirituality. We are

gathered on the traditional territory of the Shawnee, Cherokee, and Osage people--past, present, emerging--and we acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages.” Learn more about indigenous lands in North America by visiting www.native-land.ca. To read more about the Disciples of Christ and the Doctrine of Discovery see <https://disciples.org/general/join-the-conversation-about-a-long-standing-injustice/>.

Women of the Bible Study via Zoom

We will be discussing Tamar (Genesis 38:6-30) on

October 6, 2020.

When: Tuesdays Time: 7pm—7:30pm.

Our weekly study will be about one of the 188 women mentioned in the Bible Email Sarah Chaney at sarah.chaney78@yahoo.com or call 606-207-2421 to be added to the Zoom invitation.



Thursdays 7pm

Please join us for Vespers. The link to the service is emailed (check each Thursday).

Message the office for a Zoom invitation.

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.



World Communion Sunday

is celebrated on the First Sunday in October. October 4, 2020

Special Offering September 27 & October 4

Your gifts help us spread the love of God through Reconciliation Ministry justice ministries.

[Reconciliation Ministry](http://www.reconciliationministry.org)



Gateway Basket Items are due the first week of October.

Contact Ronetta or Jeff Brown.

ronettabrown@roadrunner.com
jeffbrown58@roadrunner.com



October Birthdays



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

In Memoriam

Jack Jerome Landreth

August 3, 1929 ~

September 3, 2020

Restore us, God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved. Psalm 80:7

Living Memorial Fund

In memory of

Jack Landreth

by

Harold White Lumber Co.
and Family

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In memory of

Carolyn Sparks Barker

by

David Perkins



FCC has received
a quarterly
donation of
\$192.09 from

Kroger as part of their
Community Rewards
Fundraising Program. We
sincerely appreciate our
congregation members who
have designated First
Christian Church—Morehead
as their rewards partner.

FCC has received

a donation from

Cave Run Lake Sheltopee.
Thank you to Lucy Pryor.

Treasurer's Report

Income for September is
\$5,744.02.

Expenses for September are
\$7,847.95

Mack Fund

In memory of

Jack Landreth

(Ginny Landreth-Etherton's father)
by

Jamie Lucke

Jack & Kay Patrick McAllister

Joyce Hart

Connie Kibbey

Sandy & John Gullett

Fran Helphinstine

Emma Lou & Jim Gross

Cathy & Tom Corbin

Marge & Dan Thomas

Jami Hornbuckle

Jane Holbrook

Sarah & Rex Chaney

Anne Buckner

Yvonne Baldwin

Lucy & Marvin Moore

Pamela & Phil Hardin

Jack Whidden

Carol & Skip Vencill

David Perkins

Joyce & David Saxon

Jo & Kenneth Smith

Ginny & Ted Pass

Joe Barrett

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In memory of

Scharline Whidden

by

Sarah & Rex Chaney

Mack Fund

In memory of

Steve Etherton

(Mark Etherton's brother)
by

Joyce Hart

Connie Kibbey

Marge & Dan Thomas

Fran Helphinstine & Rob Sloss

Anne Buckner

Joe Barrett

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In memory of

Janie McCully

(Jeff Brown's sister)
by

Marge & Dan Thomas

Anne Buckner

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In memory of

Tresia Swain

by

Yvonne Baldwin

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In memory of

Darlene Perkins

by

David Perkins

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A donation by

Jack Whidden

A message from the Creation Care Team. Don't Waste. Don't Waste Time. Don't Waste Food.
Don't Waste Water. Don't Waste Energy. Don't Waste Talent. Don't Waste Oil. Don't Waste.

Outreach Work Adapts to COVID-19 Challenges



Ronetta Brown
Outreach Chair

Souper Sundays FCC Outreach will be partnering with Rowan County Senior High School leadership student Tia Stump on a canned food drive. The food drive will begin Sunday, October 4th and end Sunday October 11th. The congregation is asked to drop canned food items off in the church entry anytime that week. Bring one or bring many. All donations will benefit needy families in Rowan County.



Water Bottles for RCMS Students

We received a request to purchase reusable water bottles for RCMS students. This is a great need at this time, considering the current guidelines for school water fountains and efforts to provide everyone with water for sports or after-school activities. The Outreach Committee agreed to allocate \$250 - \$300 for the purchase of these bottles. If you would like to make a donation toward this effort, you can simply specify that your donation is for "Outreach: Water Bottles." Donations can be made online, or simply by mailing a check to FCC.

Reminder: Gateway Basket Items due by Monday, October 5th. If you have not brought your items in yet, please do so by that date. This will be our last Gateway basket of the year. Everyone will have the opportunity to sign up for items when those resume in January/February.



Peoples' Clinic Lunches

FCC Morehead will be providing lunches for the Peoples' Clinic volunteers two times in November. If you would like to provide one of those lunches, please text Ronetta Brown at (606) 776-0576 or email at ronettabrown67@gmail.com

FCC Holiday Programs:

Thanksgiving Baskets

Each year, FCC Morehead provides 10 Thanksgiving Baskets for families served by the Gateway Homeless Coalition. These baskets are typically put together by our youth, and usually cost between \$50 and \$60 each. Donations from our congregation help offset the cost of these baskets, and are much appreciated. You may specify in your donation "Thanksgiving Baskets." Donations can be made online, or simply by mailing a check to FCC.



Christmas Project

Last year, we served 9 families (32 children) and 10 elderly households during the Christmas season. We purchased clothes, shoes, and toys for the children, and we provided food and household items for each family. Our Christmas expenses last year were \$5,069; however, donations to the project totaled \$4,946.

Typically, our congregation signs up to shop for specific food items and fill toy requests for the children during our First Sunday Lunches in October and November. This year will be different, since we are not meeting for in-person services at this time. We will send sign up information on Thursday, October 15 in the Thursday eBlast/Staying in Touch.







Monetary donations may be earmarked "Christmas Project", and can be made online or via check to FCC.



First Christian October 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30-1pm</p>						
				<p>1 Vespers Service via Zoom 7pm. Email fcmcky@gmail.com</p>	<p>2 Office closed.</p>	
<p>4 Rev. Nancy Gowler 10:45 Worship Service World Communion Sunday fcmmorehead & YouTube</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6 Women of the Bible via Zoom 7pm. Email sarah.chaney78@ yahoo.com to join.</p>	<p>7 Outreach Com- mittee via Zoom 6pm</p>	<p>8 Vespers Service via Zoom 7pm. Email fcmcky@gmail.com</p>	<p>9 Office closed.</p>	<p>10</p>
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<p>18 Rev. Nancy Gowler 10:45 Worship Service fcmmorehead & YouTube</p>		<p>20 Women of the Bible via Zoom 7pm. Email sarah.chaney78@ yahoo.com.</p>		<p>22 Vespers Service via Zoom 7pm. Email fcmcky@gmail.com</p>	<p>23 Office closed.</p>	<p>24 </p>
<p>25 Rev. Nancy Gowler 10:45 Worship Service fcmmorehead & YouTube Newsletter articles due.</p>	<p>26 Board Mtgs 6:25 Executive 7:00 Full Board Zoom link emailed.</p>	<p>27 Women of the Bible via Zoom 7pm. Email sarah. chaney78@yahoo. com.</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 Vespers Service via Zoom 7pm. Email fcmcky@gmail.com</p>	<p>30 Office closed.</p>	<p>31 All Hallow's Eve </p>

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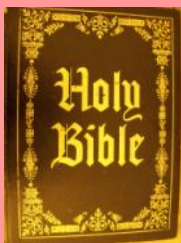


www.youtube.com/user/TheInterper?reload=9



<http://www.twitter.com/fccmorehead>

Bible Lectionary Readings for the Month



Oct 4—Matthew 21:33-46
Oct 11—Matthew 22:1-14
Oct 18—Matthew 22:15-22
Oct 25—Matthew 22:34-46

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Silent Auction!



Silent Auction
November 1-8

Hello from your auction chairs, Anne Buckner and Kaitlyn Paschall. We are excited about this year's auction which will run for one week from Sunday, November 1 through Sunday, November 8. This will allow a month for everyone to bring items to the church. All items will be on Facebook also. Donations are needed (no yard sale items please) and please bring high quality items. You can bring to the church or call Kaitlyn 606-

207-0225 or Anne 606-356-2011 for pick up. Proceeds will go toward the purchase of our new sound system for the church. Call or text either us for more information.



Our next door neighbor, the Rowan County Arts Center, formerly the old Rowan County Courthouse.



Hello from Jim Fred Cassity.
Address:
200 North Fork Drive, Apt 103, Morehead, KY 40351.

Labyrinth Garden Mums

