

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

**First
Christian
Church
(Disciples of Christ)**



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PLEASE JOIN US

First Sunday Lunch

ITALIAN



Hosted by the
Deacons

September 2
12-2pm

Please bring your
favorite salad or dessert.

Entrees, bread, and
drinks are provided.

College Ministry
Sunday, Sept. 30
Fellowship Hall
5:00 pm

Men's Breakfast
Saturday, Sept. 22
Cracker Barrel
8:30 am

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Reverend Donald Chase

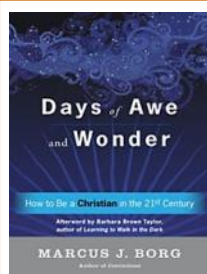
Welcome Reverend Chase!

As current president of the congregation, I am delighted on behalf of First Christian Church, Morehead, Kentucky, to welcome Reverend Donald Chase as our new minister.

On August 19, the congregation met after worship service to vote to extend Reverend Donald Chase a letter of calling to pastor our congregation. Reverend Chase has been serving as transitional minister for the past several months and it became clear quite early that many of you in the congregation wished him to become our permanent minister. After consulting with Reverend Greg Alexander, our Regional Minister, I met with the committee chairs and officers at our annual planning meeting to see if they felt we should call Reverend Chase or initiate a more traditional search and call process. With unanimous support, the group decided to move forward with the process of calling Reverend Chase. The proposal went before the personnel committee and the full board for approval before it was brought to the congregation.

I am excited about the future of our congregation under Reverend Chase's leadership. I am hopeful that we can now focus on doing the work of Christ in our community and our world. Reverend Chase has a clear passion for the Gospel and the vision and heart to support and guide us. If you have not met him, I hope you will worship with us on Sundays or reach out to him personally. He can be reached at revdonald59@gmail.com or through the church office at 606-784-4836.

Susan Thomas, President



Adult Sunday School Class

A new study with Days of Awe and Wonder

by Marcus Borg

September 16-October 21

9:45-10:30am

Dr. Alana Scott invites everyone to join in the discussion.

Chasing Rabbits...

KNOW THYSELF.....



Reverend Don Chase

There is an old and beautiful tale of a rabbi's child who was inclined to wander in the forest. Over time, the father became concerned and asked the boy why each day he ventured into the dangerous woods.

The boy answered his dad saying, **"I go there to find God."**

"Well, of course, that's a fine thing," the rabbi reassured his son. **"But, don't you know that God is the same everywhere?"**

"Yes," said the boy, **"but I'm not."**

This story reminds us that our searching and experience of God changes as we find ourselves in various places – spiritually, emotionally, and physically. The important thing to remember is that while God is immutable, we change. We are continually changing through this shared journey called life. It also reminds me that I can choose to be a different person today (and *tomorrow*) than yesterday. It seems important to me, then, that we are supremely honest with ourselves as we determine the values that we choose to guide our life. Rev. Dr. Maurice Boyd, one of the great preachers of the 20th century, once invited his congregation to consider the following "realities" when developing a credo for life. These realities are too good not to share. Enjoy.

If what you are after is first and foremost power, you'd better forget about love.

If you insist in putting yourself at the center, you'd better get ready for a life of loneliness.

If you are a gossip, don't be expecting confidences.

If you view life as essentially a quantitative proposition, you'd better keep your averages up.

If you think life is a race won by the swift, you dare never slow down.

If you think the fight goes to the strong, you'd better never relax.

If you love life in the fast lane, don't even think of setting your heart on anything that takes time.

If what you are seeking is security, then you'd better forget about genuine ecstasy because you can't have both.

If you honestly believe that life is a rat race, don't be surprised if you don't find any dignity in it.

If you're primarily interested in justice and not in mercy, you'd better never make any mistakes.

If you are ruthless on the way up, don't be looking for tenderness on the way down.

Glad to be your pastor... **DON**

Acolyte Schedule

Sept 2—John Akers
 Sept 9—Sam Rogers
 Sept 16—Ellie Williams
 Sept 23—Keyairah Bailey
 Sept 30—John Akers

Children's Church

Andrew Hall and Summer Lighthall, MSU choir interns, will be leading children's church this semester. The children will have a lesson and a craft each Sunday. The craft will be making chrismons, ornaments made from Christian symbols. Thank you Andrew and Summer!

Hear Ye, Hear Ye...

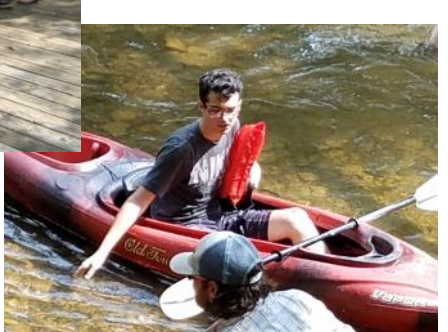
To more efficiently coordinate and streamline the monthly publication of FCC's **The Echo**, the following publication guide will serve to ensure that the most up-to-date news, happenings, and information is communicated to our members and friends of our congregation. Please be especially mindful of the deadline for all articles and announcements (middle column). We are most thankful for the diligent, excellent, creative work church secretary Barbara Marsh does every month to ensure the FCC family stays informed. Thank you, Barbara – Pastor Don

Newsletter Month	Copy Deadline (COB*)	Publication Day/ Date
<i>October Newsletter</i>	Sunday, September 23	Wednesday, September 26
<i>November Newsletter</i>	Sunday, October 28	Wednesday, October 31
<i>December Newsletter</i>	Sunday, November 25	Wednesday, November 28
<i>January (2019) Newsletter</i>	Wednesday, December 26	Monday, December 31

Youth Kayaking Kick Off August 26



Our youth group's first meeting was on the Licking River. The Old Cornfield provided the kayaks for the fourteen people that floated down the river from the Cave Run Spillway. The trip took about 2 hours. Afterwards, the group went to Frosty



Freeze and had a bite to eat including ice cream. A good time was had by all! More pictures on page 6.

Sarah Chaney

~Thank You~

~ Dear Reverend Chase, On behalf of the Morehead/Rowan County Ministerial Association, I would like to thank you and the members of FCC for the donation to the Ministerial Association Transient Fund which was collected at the Hymn Sing & Ice Cream Social on July 29th. A total of \$382.61 was collected that evening and will be used to meet the needs of individuals and families who are traveling through our area and who find themselves in need of emergency assistance. We are grateful to you and to all the churches* which participated. Thank you for helping us to continue this important ministry.

Paul Semisch, Treasurer, Morehead/Rowan County Ministerial Association

*First Baptist Church, First Presbyterian Church, Jesus Our Savior Catholic Church, First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

~ Thank you for our \$30 gift to Bread for the World, received on July 25, 2018. I'm pleased you have renewed your membership. Your financial support enables us to involve more people in our work together to end hunger. *David Beckmann. President*

~To the church, Thank you so much for the love and hospitality you gave to our family. We appreciated every kind and generous thing you did. The church looked beautiful and the members are as sweet and loving as ever. You made a very difficult day so much easier to bear. Love to all,

Nelson, Jan, Carol, & Mark Grote

~Thank you to the church family from the animals at the Tri-County Animal Shelter for the pet food donations. The shelter had to stop accepting animals due to overcrowding and needed extra pet food. *FCC*

*No act of kindness,
no matter how small,
is ever wasted.*

Aesop

"I am not capable of doing big things, but I want to do everything even the smallest things for the greater glory of God."
(Saint Dominic Savio)

Hymn Sing Raises \$382.61

The July 29, 2018 Hymn Sing and Ice Cream Social was able to contribute to the Morehead/Rowan County Ministerial Association. Area churches came together to enjoy traditional hymns and fellowship.

Treasurer's August Report

Income for August: \$7,657.00
Expenses for August: \$9,368.41

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. His cell phone is 859-753-4335.

September Deacons

Genny Jenkins, Curt Hammond,
and Catherine Rogers.
Deacon Co-Chairs are Alicia Carter and Curt Hammond. They will serve from
July 2018-June 2019.

Deacon Meeting September 2—1:30pm

The deacons will meet immediately after the First Sunday Lunch. All deacons are requested to be at this brief meeting.
Thank you, Alicia Carter, Co-Chair

September Elders

Sept 2 Alana Scott and Joe Barrett
Sept 9 Alana Scott and Susan Thomas
Sept 16 Yvonne Baldwin and Larry Fannin
Sept 23 Joe Barrett and Sarah Chaney
Sept 30 Alana Scott and Paul Semisch

Gateway Home Baskets

Items are Due September 2 Thank you to those who have signed up to donate for those transitioning to a home.

Birthdays

- 4- Sara Justice 19- Angela Caudill
 9- Connie Kibbey 23- Anne Buckner
 11- Jack Whidden 27- Brian Carter
 29- Maynard Reinhardt



September Events

Yoga Tues & Thurs 5:00pm Adult Bell
 Choir Wed 5:00pm Choir Wed 7:00pm

Sunday, September 2 12pm First Sunday Italian Lunch hosted by the deacons. Deacons will provide entrees, bread and drinks. The congregation is requested to bring salads and desserts; 1:30pm Deacons and Outreach Committees will meet.

Monday, September 3 Labor Day. The office will be closed.

Wednesday, September 12-13 Items maybe be brought for yard sale from 8:30-1:00pm. Please price all items. Clothes accepted.

Saturday, September 15 9-1pm Yard Sale during Arts and Eats Festival.

Sunday, September 16 9:45am New Adult Sunday School class; 12pm Youth Meeting—Poverty Awareness

Saturday, September 22 8:30am Mens Breakfast at Cracker Barrel.

Sunday, September 23 Newsletter articles due for October edition.

Monday, September 24. 6:15/7pm Executive/Full Board Meetings.

Sunday, September 30 5th Sunday Offering; 12:00pm Elder Meeting; 5:00pm College Ministry in Fellowship Hall.

Living Memorial Fund

In memory of

Marvin Black

(Carmen's Swim's uncle)

by

Fran Helphinstine

In memory of

Reva Chaney Brumagen

(Rex Chaney's sister)

by

Fran Helphinstine

In memory of

Bill Davis

by

Fran Helphinstine

In memory of

Jerry Calvert

by

Fran Helphinstine

Darlene & David Perkins

In memory of

Wilma Grote

Fran Helphinstine

Darlene & David Perkins

Revs Renee & Donald Chase

Yvonne Baldwin

Mack Fund

In memory of

Reva Chaney Brumagen

(Rex Chaney's sister)

by

Marge & Dan Thomas

In memory of

Bill Davis

by

Susan Thomas &
Grant Alden

Yvonne Baldwin

Marge & Dan Thomas

In memory of

Jerry Calvert

by

Marge & Dan Thomas

Etta Jane McCarty

In memory of

Wilma Grote

by

Marge & Dan Thomas

Sandy & John Gullett

Susan Thomas &
Grant Alden

Anne & Glen Buckner

Etta Jane McCarty

During the
Morehead Arts and Eats
Festival - Saturday
September 15 9-1:00pm

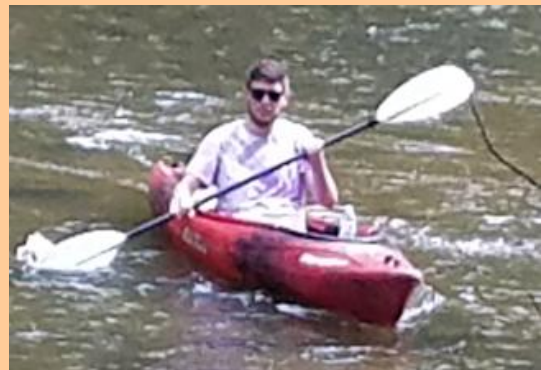


Items may be brought
Wednesday & Thursday
Sept 12 & 13, 8:30-1pm.
PLEASE have all items priced.
Clothes accepted!
Please contact Joe Barrett
(606) 875-9412 for questions.



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


In and around FCC



Photos of Blast from the Past are from FCC's Photo Gallery at <https://www.flickr.com/search/people/?username=Gstrop544>.
Other photos by Sarah Chaney, Jackie Bailey, & Ginny Etherton.

Blast from the Past (Thank you Girl Scout Troop 544)

First Christian Church - September 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	
	Office Hours: M-Th 8:30-1pm					1
2 Rev. Donald Chase 9:45 Adult Sunday School 10:45 Worship Service 12:00 First Sunday Lunch 1:30 Deacon Meeting Gateway Home Baskets items due.	3 Labor Day The office will be closed. 	4 5:30 Yoga	5 5:00 Adult Bell Choir 7:00 Choir Rehearsal	6 5:30 Yoga	7 Office closed.	8
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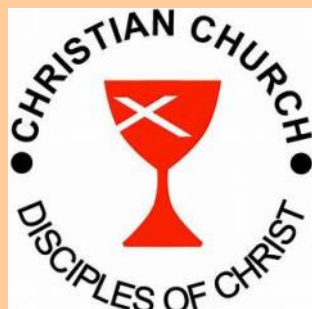
Genny Jenkins, Choir
Jiyeon McGillicuddy, Keyboards
Youth

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

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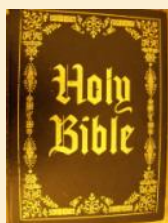


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Bible Readings
for the Month

Disciples of Christ
Lectionary



Sept 2—Mark 7:1-8; 14-15
Sept 9—Mark 7:24-37
Sept 16—8:27-38
Sept 23—Mark 9:30-37
Sept 30—Mark 9:38-50



EAGLE FEST

FCC joined Morehead State University's welcome new and returning student at Eagle Fest on August 15, 2018. Our college Disciples of Christ represented First Christian Church with a booth and bottles of water. Left to right, Josh Pack, Brian Carter, Rev. Don Chase, Meghan Hammond, and Mark Etherton.



Thank you to Meghan Hammond, Brian Carter (center), and Josh Pack (right) for helping to welcome students at MSU's Eagle Fest.