

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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## *A Note From Pastor Nancy*

*To dwell means to belong to a given place.*

--Christian Norberg-Schulz

*We shall not cease from exploration  
And the end of all our exploring  
Will be to arrive where we started  
And know the place for the first time.*  
--T.S. Eliot

Moving to a new place is disorienting. Things you took for granted, suddenly require more effort. Which direction is east? Where's the grocery store? What's my street address again?

Although there are fewer unpacked boxes in my home, I'm still settling in, getting my bearings. I am busy learning the ways FCC Morehead does church together. This past week I learned what it's like for students to move back into and how that changes the way the community feels. And I have yet to reprogram the radio stations on my car radio. (FYI, right now it's set on WMKY.)

Learning a new place takes time and intention. Our current social and economic systems make

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Worship in September needs your participation!

We'll be joining with churches around the globe to celebrate God's creation and you can be a part in it.

Each Sunday our worship includes prayers, a call to worship, litanies, and scripture readings. For September we're asking members and friends of our congregation to sign up to make a short video of themselves reading one of those worship pieces outside. Pick a favorite spot—back porch, your garden, a favorite picnic spot, hiking trail, riverbank, scenic view, or other location.

Then record a video using your cell phone, share it with us, and we'll weave those many video pieces together to create a worship by the people and for the people! Each Sunday the complete video will be shared on Facebook and YouTube.

We're not looking for professional video—we're simply missing your wonderful faces and wanting to share smiles and a little piece of the outdoors with one another.

Let us know which Sunday in September you can participate, and we'll send you instructions and a worship reading.

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it easy to ignore the places in which we live. My Fred Meyer grocery shopper's reward card from Washington state works at the Kroger in Morehead, because Kroger owns both. We can travel about the world, yet still eat at the same chain restaurants. Yes, I've been in a McDonalds in Athens, Greece and Frankfort, Germany; and perhaps more surprisingly a Krispy Kreme in Oxford, England.

One of those things I'm discovering is that people who live here often name where they live by county. So, not only am I learning new towns and cities around here, but I'm often trying to figure out which direction Harlan county is from here or how far away Clark county is!

I've learned we live in the Lower Triplett Creek watershed, and I'm slowing getting my bearings as to the different parts that make up our watershed. My dog Stoney and I have walked the trail around Eagle Lake, and just last week I enjoyed a picnic lunch near Triplett Creek. These are the living waters for those of us who call Rowan county home.



Eagle Lake,- MSU. 1.2mi.

In September our worship services will be rooted in the place where we live. Each Sunday we'll focus on a different aspect of place: Forest, Land, Wilderness, and River Sundays. Rather than live stream our worship services from inside the church sanctuary, members of our congregation will be recording parts of our worship from around the area. You may hear and see a call to worship from Rodburn Hollow Park, a Scripture reading from the middle of someone's garden, or special music from a porch front.

This shift in focus of our worship in September gives you an opportunity to participate in a new way and we'll be able to see the faces of our congregation as we worship together. If you have a phone that records video, that's all it takes; no fancy equipment needed. Is there a special place you'd love to share with others? You can sign up to record a small piece of our worship from that spot. The more folks who participate, the richer our worship in September will be. To help out, email the church office, let me know, or contact our new worship chair, Alana Scott. I'm excited to see what we will create together!

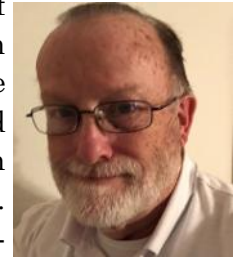
*Pastor Nancy*

## Row The Boat



Roger's article last month did not contain "page 2." We are printing it again in its entirety and apologize for the error.

As many of you know, I am a real college football and basketball fan. Especially a fan of the University of Wisconsin. My time in Madison doing play-by-play of Badger football and basketball have made me a fan forever I do believe.



President Roger Fischer

Because of their proximity to Wisconsin, a big rival of theirs is University of Minnesota. The Golden Gophers have a head football coach who is a true motivator. The fact that he has turned the Minnesota football program around in just three years is proof of his motivational spirit. P.J. Fleck is just that kind of a coach.

Fleck has a catch phrase that he uses to motivate his team, and the fans: "Row the Boat." Everybody needs to "Row the Boat." He borrowed the phrase from collegiate racing sculls.

Everyone in a team scull event must row the boat in sync with the team. Everyone in tandem. Everyone matching the work of the other rowers. Each stroke finding the whole team pulling together to get maximum propulsion from each stroke.

Early in July, we had a meeting, over Zoom, of the Executive Committee and the Chairs of the different ministries at First Christian. Among other things, we found that everyone was ready to "Row the Boat" for this church year. We got our oars in the water and are ready to propel First Christian Church of Morehead through the year.

With the realities of Covid numbers at the level they are, we do not really know what that year is going to wind up looking like. But we do hope that you can "get in sync." We hope that through this coming year, whatever it turns out to be and whatever oar you can manage, you will join us and

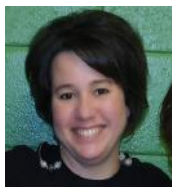


"Row the Boat."

Roger Fischer, President



## CHOIR AND BELLS

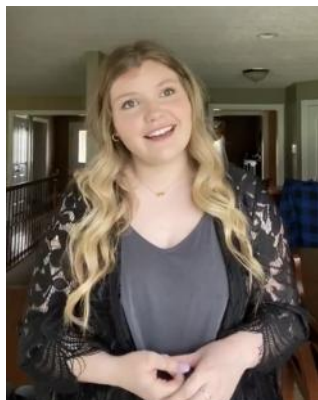


Genny Jenkins  
Choir Director

The music department would like to welcome the Morehead State University interns Bailey, Anna, and Caleb back for the semester.



Sarah Chaney  
Bell Choir  
Director



Bailey Hobbs, MSU Intern



Anna Grayson, MSU Intern



Caleb Fouts, MSU Intern

We are so excited to have their musical talents back with us for worship. We would also like to congratulate Bugs Reinhardt, recent former intern, on his new job teaching choir in New Albany, Indiana. Please pray for a successful transition for him as he goes into the world of teaching.

*Genny Jenkins*



### 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.

## Burning Bright



“You are the light of the world.... let your light shine before men that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven”

Matthew 5.14-16

“How far that little candle throws his beams!  
So shines a good deed in a weary world.”

William Shakespeare

## Women of the Bible Study via Zoom

We will be discussing the woman who had been bleeding for twelve years and touched the fringe of Jesus' cloak. (Matthew 9:20)

**September 1, 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.



**Thursdays 7pm**

Please join us for Vespers. The link to the service is emailed (check each Thursday). You are invited to the service after the host sends an invitation about 5-10 minutes before. 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

is  
celebrated on the  
First Sunday  
in October.

October 4, 2020

## Alexander Campbell Birthday

September 12 is the birthday of a passionate man called to unity in Christ, and the Disciples of Christ has historical ties with Campbell's efforts. A picture of Campbell and declarations by his father Thomas and by Alexander, hang in the entrance to our sanctuary. “But who is a Christian? I answer, every one—that believes in his heart that Jesus of Nazareth is the Messiah, the Son of God; repents of his sins, and obeys him in all things according to his measure of knowledge of his will.” Alexander Campbell. The Lunenburg Letter, September 1837



**Gateway Basket Items**  
are due  
the first week of  
September.

Contact Ronetta or  
Jeff Brown. [ronettabrown@roadrunner.com](mailto:ronettabrown@roadrunner.com)  
[jeffbrown58@roadrunner.com](mailto:jeffbrown58@roadrunner.com)

## 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.

## Living Memorial Fund

*In memory of*

**Tresia Swain**

by

Fran Helphinstine

David Perkins

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*In memory of*

**Pat Cunningham**

(Don Cunningham' wife)

**Hattie Marie**

**Townsend Williams**

(Jack Whidden's sister-in-law)

by

Fran Helphinstine

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*In memory of*

**Carolyn Sparks Butler**

**Linda Deharte Collins**

by

David Perkins

## August Treasurer's Report

Income for the first four  
Sundays is \$5,714.48.

Expenses are \$9,928.72.

## September Birthdays



9- Connie Kibbey

11- Jack Whidden

23- Anne Buckner

27- Brian Carter

*"The God who made the world  
and everything in it is the Lord  
of heaven and earth. Acts 17:24a*

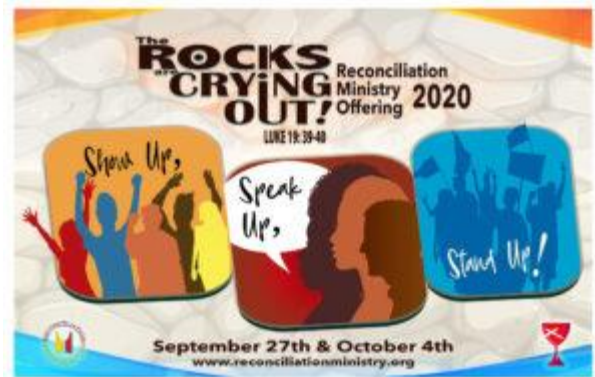


## RECONCILIATION MINISTRY

Special Offering

September 27 & October 4

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



**First Christian Church** has been issued  
a **\$7.71** donation from the AmazonSmile Foundation as a  
result of program activity between April 1 and June 30.



## A message from the Creation Care Team

September is the month of  
**Season of Creation.**



Friday, September 4 is National Wildlife Day.

It's an opportunity for everyone to step back, take a deep breath  
and think about all that surrounds us.

- A. Its time to get outside & explore.
- B. Wildlife is life affirming.
- C. It inspires us to do good.

Monday, September 21 is Zero Emissions Day.

How can you help the  
environment with no  
emissions for 24 hours?

Tuesday, September 22 is  
World Car-free Day.







Ronetta

### Outreach Work Continues

Although we are not meeting as a congregation in person, we realize that the needs in our community are still great. The outreach committee has been busy continuing our current outreach programs and discussing our plans for the year. We concluded our study of the Ruby Payne book, *A Framework*

*for Understanding Poverty*, which provided us with great insight, and helped better inform our outreach work, via a Zoom meeting on August 12th. We decided at that time, that we will continue all our current missions, with the understanding that this new normal reality will likely have given rise to other needs in our community. As new needs arise, the committee will reconvene to determine how we can best be of assistance. Current Ministries:

### Gateway Home Baskets

Each month, February through October, we provide a basket of home goods to support folks who are transitioning into a home via the Gateway Homeless Shelter. These items include things such as a microwave, dishes, flatware, cookware, and towels. This ministry has continued during the pandemic. Items for the September and October baskets need to be dropped off at the church by the 4th of those months.

### Rowan County Schools Backpack Project

FCC support for the Rowan County Schools Backpack Project is set to begin in September. This program provides snacks for at least 70 Rowan County Children over the weekends, to supplement the food service they receive from the schools during the week. We provide a variety of five fresh, healthy snacks each week, such as juice boxes, fresh fruit, granola bars, cheese crackers, cheese sticks, carrot packs, etc. This project is partially funded by the money we receive from Kroger when our members and friends use their Kroger cards. Last year, we received \$882.12 from Kroger, and our total cost for backpack program for the school year was \$4714.80. If you would like to make a donation to support the backpack program this year, you can earmark any donation to the church, designating in your payment "Schools Backpack Program." We decided not to do August *Undie Sundays* this year, as Rowan County Schools will begin their school year online. If you typically donate undies, perhaps you could make a monetary donation to the Schools Backpack Program instead. We are hoping to do the *Undie Sundays* once again in March.

Ronetta and Jeff Brown are the new World Outreach/Mission Committee Co-Chairs. Feel free to contact them with questions or concerns at (606) 776-0576 or [ronettabrown67@gmail.com](mailto:ronettabrown67@gmail.com). Marge and Susan Thomas did an amazing job as the previous co-chairs. Many thanks to them for their dedication to this important ministry of our church!

### Kroger Community Rewards Card










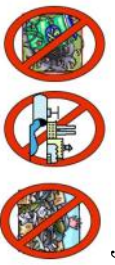



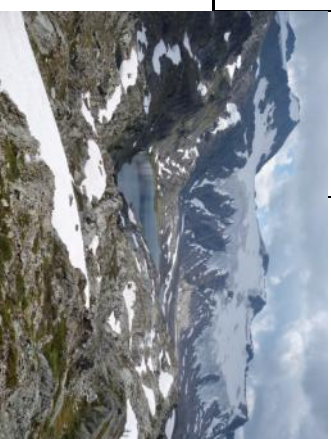
### (Proceeds from Kroger support our Backpack Project.)

- If you do not already have a card and you need a Kroger Plus card you can get one at the store or at the church.
- Register your Kroger Plus key tag or card at [www. Kroger community rewards.com](http://www.Krogercommunityrewards.com).
- Click on "Sign in/Register" on that site.
- Most individuals will need to SIGN UP TODAY in the "New Customer" box.
- You will need to enter a zip code, click on your favorite store and enter your email address and create a password.
- You will be sent a message to your email inbox. You will click on the link in your inbox and enter your email and password and proceed to the next step.
- Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards Information and put your Kroger Plus Card/keytag number in. Update or confirm your information.
- Enter this number "11559" as First Christian Church of Morehead, KY's number. Or you can look for the name in the alphabetical list. Click on confirm once you have done one of these two things to identify the organization.
- To verify you have enrolled correctly, you will see our church's name on the right side of your information page.

With this program you will only be able to support one group since there is one number on your KrogerPlus Card. If you use your KrogerPlus Card/keytag or use the phone number at the register associated with your KrogerPlus card then you will receive discounts, fuel points as you always have and FCC will receive money from Kroger to support our church.

*Thank You !*

# First Christian September 2020

| Sun   | Mon  | Tue   | Wed  | Thu   | Fri  | Sat  |
|---|--|---|--|---|--|--|
| Office Hours:<br>Monday-Thursday<br>8:30-1pm  | <b>Season of<br/>Creation</b>  |   |  |   |  |  |
| <b>August 30</b><br>Rev. Nancy Gowler<br>10:45 am Worship<br>Service Facebook Live<br> facebook.com/fccmorehead                                  |    | <b>Sept 1</b> Women of the Bible via Zoom<br>Woman who touched fringe of Jesus' cloak.<br>7pm<br>Email sarah.chaney78@yahoo.com |  | <b>3</b> Vespers<br>Service via Zoom 7pm.<br>Email fccmky@gmail.com     |  |  |
| <b>6</b> Rev. Nancy Gowler<br>10:45 Worship Service<br><u>Forest Sunday</u><br> facebook.com/fccmorehead   | <b>7</b> Office closed.<br>                                 | <b>8</b> Women of the Bible via Zoom<br>7pm. Email sarah.chaney78@yahoo.com to join.  | <b>9</b><br>  | <b>10</b> Vespers<br>Service via Zoom 7pm.<br>Email fccmky@gmail.com    | <b>11</b>  | <b>12</b><br>Alexander Campbell birthday   |
| <b>13</b> Rev. Nancy Gowler<br>10:45 Worship Service<br><u>Land Sunday</u><br>facebook.com/fccmorehead  | <b>14</b>  | <b>15</b> Women of the Bible via Zoom 7pm<br>Email sarah.chaney78@yahoo.com.  | <b>16</b>  | <b>17</b> Vespers<br>Service via Zoom 7pm. Email fccmky@gmail.com       | <b>18</b>  | <b>19</b>  Clean up the world |
| <b>20</b> Rev. Nancy Gowler<br>10:45 Worship Service<br><u>Wilderness Sunday</u><br>facebook.com/fccmorehead  | <b>21</b><br><u>Creation Care:</u><br>Zero Emission Day<br> | <b>22</b> Women of the Bible via Zoom 7pm. Email sarah.chaney78@yahoo.com.<br><b>World Car-free Day</b>                         | <b>23</b><br> | <b>24</b> Vespers<br>Service via Zoom 7pm.<br>Email fccmky@gmail.com    | <b>25</b>  | <b>26</b>  |
| <b>27</b> Rev. Nancy Gowler<br>10:45 Worship Service<br><u>River Sunday</u><br> <b>Reconciliation Special</b><br>Offering facebook.com/fccmorehead | <b>28</b> Board Mtgs<br>6:25 Executive<br>7:00 Full Board<br>Zoom link emailed.  | <b>29</b> Women of the Bible via Zoom 7pm. Email sarah.chaney78@yahoo.com.  | <b>30</b><br>  | <b>Oct 1</b> Vespers<br>Service via Zoom 7pm.<br>Email fccmky@gmail.com |    |  |



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



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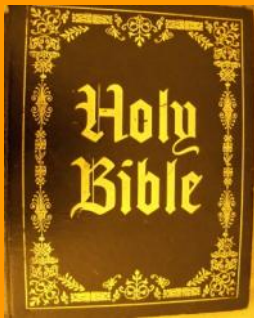


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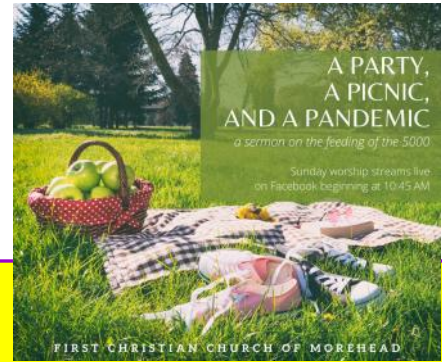
**Bible Readings  
for the Month  
Disciples of Christ  
Lectionary**



Sept 6—Matt 18:15-20  
Sept 13—Matt 18:21-35  
Sept 20—Matt 20:1-16  
Sept 27—Matt 21:23-27

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