

THE ECHO

a newsletter of the First Christian Church of Morehead, Kentucky

President's column

MARY CLAIRE WILLIAMS



Hello Church Family,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. Even as Covid is surging in our community, we recognize that everyone has a yearning to be together. We certainly had fellowship and connection on our minds when the annual planning meeting took place last month. On September 11th, we will have church in the city park at the pavilion located in the back (past the dog park). Although we will not have a traditional

potluck, we hope you will join us for the church service and bring your own picnic lunch. As a community, we have to learn new ways to keep our connection while always thinking about the safety of others. During this service some of our youth will be provided with Bibles as a gift from the church to encourage lifelong biblical studies. I hope to see you there!

Our worship services in September will be a Season of Creation which is an opportunity to renew our stewardship to the earth. During this month, we will be joining others around the world who wish to honor and pray for the connection to creation and our Creator. I know Pastor Nancy and the worship committee have worked hard to plan meaningful services, as always. I would like to thank them for their dedication. I look forward to joining everyone in this Season of Creation.

With Love,

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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
OF MOREHEAD

WORSHIP AT THE PARK

FOLLOWED BY AN ALL-CHURCH PICNIC!

DUE TO COVID PROTOCOLS, EACH PERSON/FAMILY
WILL PROVIDE THEIR OWN PICNIC.

September 11, 2022 10:45 AM - 3:00 PM
Morehead City Park Back Pavillion

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Outreach Updates

RONETTA & JEFF BROWN

Reminder: St. Claire Patient Transportation Assistance Request

St. Claire has reached out to local churches requesting help with patients who need transportation to their doctors' appointments. At this time, the focus is primarily on oncology patients at St. Claire. The social worker at St. Claire is building a database, which will be kept on her computer, of people who would be willing to take a patient to their oncology appointments. She will contact volunteers individually, on an as-needed basis. This list will not be shared with the patients or general public. Anyone who volunteers to transport will do so as a private individual, not as a member of FCC. If you are interested in adding your name to the database, please contact Ronetta Brown. The Outreach Committee also agreed that one way we can help with this community need is to provide gas cards for the social worker to distribute when patients have transportation, but cannot afford the gas to get to their appointments. If you would like to donate gas cards, please put them in an envelope labelled "St. Claire" and place them in the Outreach mailbox, or drop them off in the church office. This will be an ongoing need, so feel free to donate whenever, and as often as you wish.

To date, there have been no donations of gas cards, and there are only two volunteers for transportation. Please consider assisting in some way for this need in our community.

Gateway Housewarming Baskets

We have two more months remaining for baskets. Please bring your items to the fellowship hall by the 10th of September and 10th of October.

Partnership with Rowan County Schools Family Resource/Youth Service Centers

Many thanks to everyone who donated water bottles for RCMS! We were able to deliver 89 reusable water bottles to have during after-school practices and activities. FRYSC director Whitney Watercutter was SO appreciative!

Undie Sundays September

As we continue to partner with the schools, the directors have indicated a need for undies for boys and girls, especially at the elementary level. In September we will collect all sizes of children's undies and some adult sizes. Please follow the link to sign up for sizes, and place your donations in the bin just inside the door on the basement floor.

[Sign Up for Undie Sundays](#)

Feminine Hygiene Products

There is a continuing need for all types of feminine hygiene products in the schools. We have also placed a bin for these just inside the door on the basement floor. Feel free to give whatever you can for this. We will keep the bin out during the school year, and I will deliver the items when the bin is full.

Snack Backpacks Continue

This school year, FCC will continue providing healthful weekend snacks, consisting of two fresh fruits, raisins, and 100% fruit juice boxes per student, pending item availability. We serve approximately 70 students in two elementary schools. Please remember that your Kroger Rewards helps supplement this program.

The Outreach Committee's next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 28th, at 6:00 pm in the church Fellowship Hall. We always welcome new members, and we'd love to have you join us!



September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 7:00pm Vespers via Zoom	2 Office closed.	3
4 10:45 Worship	5 Labor Day Office closed.	6 7:00pm Women of the Bible via Zoom	7 5:00pm Bells 7:00pm Choir	8 7:00pm Vespers via Zoom	9 Office closed.	10 Gateway Basket Items due for Homeless Shelter.
11 10:45-3:00pm Worship at Park – City Park Back Pavilion followed by brown bag picnic.	12	13 7:00pm Women of the Bible via Zoom	14 5:00pm Bells 7:00pm Choir	15 7:00pm Vespers via Zoom	16 Office closed.	17
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25 10:45am Worship 12:30pm PRC Mtg. Reconciliation Ministry Offering. Newsletter articles due.	26 6:30/7:00pm Executive/Full Board Meetings	27 7:00pm Women of the Bible via Zoom	28 5:00pm Bells 6:00pm Outreach Com. Mtg -FS Hall 7:00pm Choir	29 7:00pm Vespers via Zoom	30	



MSU Choir Interns

FALL SEMESTER 2022

Morehead State University music majors have long been a wonderful addition to our FCC choirs. Our Sunday worship services will include music majors Mason Pack, Maura McCoy, and Katie Webb.



Mason Pack



Maura McCoy

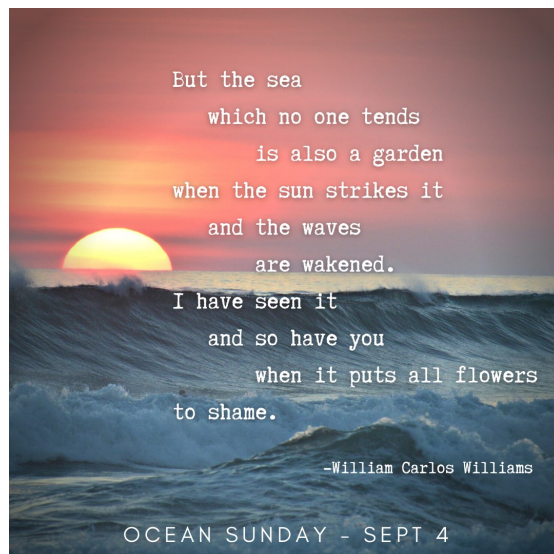


Katie Webb



What is the Season of Creation?

In September we join faith communities around the world in celebrating God's amazing gift of Creation and reflecting on our call to care for that gift. Our 2022 season begins with Ocean Sunday, on September 4.



Chalice Prayer Slips

The Stone Chalice in our sanctuary serves as a visual reminder of prayer and as a place to receive private prayers for intercession. Prayers written on slips and placed in the Stone Chalice will be shared with our Chalice Prayer Ministry Team. The Prayer Ministry will offer the slips to God quarterly in the labyrinth garden cairn. **Thank you to Jim Fred Cassity for placing prayer slips in the sanctuary pew bibles.**

Parking News at FCC

SPACES 1-4 ARE RESERVED

The church rents 4 parking spaces to the public during the fall and spring semesters. For this reason please do not park in spaces 1-2-3-4.

If you would like a parking permit for the current year (July-June 2023), please stop by the office to pick up your free permit. Permits are not necessary on Sunday mornings.

Online Opportunities



CONNECT WITH OTHER DISCIPLES

Women's Group on Tuesday evenings. The gatherings meet for 30 minutes on Zoom.

Thursday Night Vespers on Zoom include prayer, art, scripture, and communion. In 2022 we are following the gospel of Luke in our weekly readings. Take time to slow down, connect with others, and find inspiration for your week. Message us for an invitation to one or both of these weekly Zoom gatherings. Email: fccmky@gmail.com; phone (606)-784-4836.



Giving News

TREASURER'S REPORT AUGUST

General gifts and Income \$7,718.38

Expenses: \$8,324.64

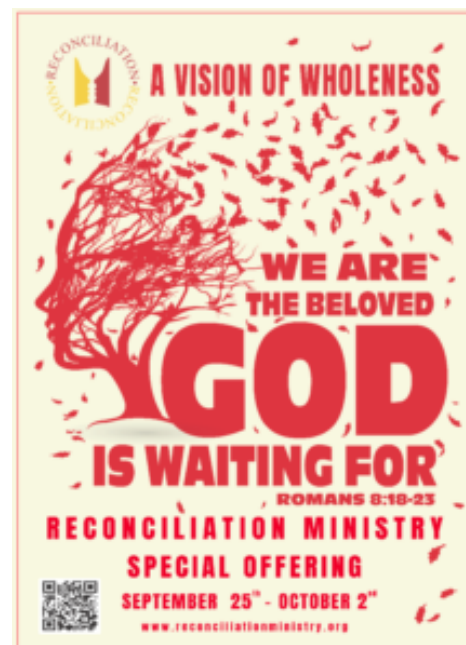
THANK YOU

To First Christian, Adrian Swain & Barbara Marsh, I'd like to give a shout out for the arrangement of my driving buddy, Adrian!

—Wayne Caldwell

RECONCILIATION MINISTRY OFFERING

Reconciliation Ministry leads the pro-reconciliation/ anti-racism work of Disciples. Founded upon the need to make visible God's beloved community, it invites the church to listen to the once silenced voices of its racial and ethnic communities, learning from their wisdom and leadership. Reconciliation Ministries calls the church to discern, pray, study, reflect, dialogue, and fellowship. The true goal is to transform, strengthen, and deepen the church's spirituality, resulting in a community that understands its mission to be about bringing justice and salvation to the world.



Learn more at reconciliationministry.org

Notes from Pastor Nancy

REV. NANCY GOWLER



And in this he showed me something small, no bigger than a hazelnut, lying in the palm of my hand, as it seemed to me, and it was as round as a ball. I looked at it and thought: What can this be? I was amazed that it could last, for I thought that because of its littleness it would suddenly have fallen away into nothing. And I was answered in my understanding: It lasts and always will, because God loves it; and thus everything has being through the love of God.

—Julian of Norwich, *Showings*

As I sit down to write this column, the news is filled with scenes of the catastrophic flooding in Pakistan, with over 1,000 people dead, 1/3 of the country devastated, and 33 million people affected by floodwaters. High temperatures, warming oceans, and record rainfall contributed to this tragedy. Anjal Prakash, research director at the Indian School of Business in India's Hyderabad and one of the lead authors of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report, says "We have got to stop using the word unprecedented because every time a new precedent is being formed in South Asia. The impact of warming on Himalayan glaciers, which are retreating very fast, is much faster than we earlier thought." (Chaudhary, *Pakistan Flood*, Aug. 29, 2022, Bloomberg) Here in Eastern Kentucky we have witnessed the horrors of flooding exacerbated by deforestation, mountain-top removal, and climate change.

Had we heeded warnings from scientists dating back to the 1960s and 1970s, we might be in a different position in 2022. Had the church taken seriously our calling from God to be co-creators and stewards of the earth, the divides in popular opinions might not be so stark. But those decisions are in the past. This week the National Association of Evangelicals released an updated version of [*Loving the Least of These: Addressing a Changing Climate*](#). The publication deftly connects the science of climate change with the biblical imperative to care for the poor. The president of the NAE, Dr. Walter Kim, explains the motivation behind the report, "Our concerns and motivations are not political. They are deeply rooted in the biblical conviction about God as Creator of this universe and humanity's responsibilities to care for the gift of this creation," he said. "As followers of Jesus, we certainly are committed to God's glory that's revealed in creation and the stewardship that would be our responsibility in caring for God's artistry."

Data from the Pew Research Center reveals an unsettling generational divide on issues of addressing climate change, with younger folks, Millennials (born 1981-1996) and Generation Z (born after 1996) reporting higher levels of engagement and concern over climate change than older generations. The generations which are leaving or who have already left church are the ones with higher levels of concern for climate change. If they do look at what the church is doing on climate change, they seldom find faith communities publicly engaging environmental justice issues. This trend breaks my heart.

When I was considering the call to the pastorate at FCC Morehead, the presence and activity of the church's Creation Care team encouraged me. The commitment of individuals on that team and beyond remains a source of hope and encouragement. While the pandemic has hampered many initiatives, we have continued to prioritize our work to care for creation, particularly this Appalachian landscape on which we live, work, and play.

For the third year FCC Morehead will observe the Season of Creation during September. The ecumenical celebration began in 2000 with the Uniting Church of Australia and has expanded across the globe. The observances differ from denomination and country, but remain rooted in the hope of restoration and jubilee for the Earth. This season is "a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and with all creation through repenting, repairing, and rejoicing together."

I hope you will find ways to join in the celebration and to take action to care for this amazing planet which has been entrusted to us by our Creator.

Pastor Nancy

History Corner

ANNE BUCKNER

Christian Women's Board of Missions Takes Over, 1900-1922

A Continuing Look Back at MSU Beginnings

(excerpt from [A Light to The Mountains](#), by Donald F. Flatt, pp19-22)

Commencement exercises in 1901 featured the delivery of student papers which represented “creditable efforts of serious thought, tinged with wit and fringed with smiles.” Five women and two men graduated in the auditorium of the local courthouse. Mrs. Ida W. Harrison, daughter of General Withers, delivered the commencement address, school and publicist R.B. Neal claimed the “argument for the co-education of the sexes” was clearly demonstrated. From the school’s conception women played a major role. At a time when such was not the norm, Frank Button seemed to feel perfectly comfortable in serving as principal under direction and the oversight of the Christian Women’s Board of Missions.

By 1905 enrollment had grown to 363, representing twenty-one counties and five states. In looking back over the school’s first eighteen years, Button stated that a total of 1,500 students, including 500 who had trained to be teachers, had attended Morehead Normal School. He estimated that these young teachers had subsequently gone out to instruct at least 100,000 pupils. During commencement he told students, “Whereas we have always begged you to ‘Stay,’ we now ask you to ‘Go out’ so as to make a difference in Eastern Kentucky.

Frank Button was deeply impressed that one young man who graduated in 1904 had walked all the way from the Great Smoky Mountains of Tennessee to attend school at Morehead. The circulation of such stories inspired parents to send their children in larger numbers. Morehead Normal School experienced its largest enrollment—584—in the academic year of 1907-08. And the campus continued to grow. Its buildings included Hodson Hall, which was by then being used exclusively as a residence for girls; Withers Hall, a dormitory for young men; Hargis Hall, a classroom building; and Burgess Hall, a yellow-brick structure serving as the administration building and library, with offices, music room, MCA room, and a third-floor chapel which surprisingly had a seating capacity of 500.

Tuition remained low. If one took a general set of courses, the tuition was only one dollar per month; if one majored in bookkeeping, the cost increased to seven dollars, and the tuition for one majoring in stenography was \$7.58. Living expenses were also low, as two dollars per week covered room and board, fuel, light, and washing of bed and table linen. In fact, money was not always required. Cornelius P. Caudill, later president of Peoples Bank in Morehead, related that Button once accepted a wagon load of potatoes to pay for his expenses and those of his four brothers.

Morehead Normal School experimented for ten years with a voluntary work project to provide jobs for students. Girls received a nickel an hour for housework, and boys the same rate for keeping buildings and grounds in good order. The school also began operating a broom factory, a 120-acre farm to raise broom corn, a printing business, and a furniture factory to give employment to students. Within a short time the farm, broom factory, and printing plant were sold, although enrollment had increased during that period. The record is not clear as to why the school abruptly eliminated its labor program; at the time there were over 75 names on a waiting list for openings in the setup.



Expenses

	Per month
Primary Course	\$1.00
Intermediate Course	1.50
Academic Course	2.00
Normal Course	2.00
Instrumental and Vocal Music	3.00
Table Board, per week	2.00
Registration (dormitories)	1.25
Rooms furnished, except, See Necessary Equipment, heated and lighted free.	


Morehead Normal School Fees, 1917-1918 Catalogue

Kentucky Regional Christian Church News

CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) IN KENTUCKY

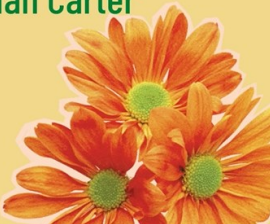


SEASON OF CREATION



september Birthdays

- 9- Connie Kibbey
- 11- Jack Whidden
- 22- Jackie Bailey
- 23- Anne Buckner
- 27- Brian Carter



Disciples Women

Women's Fall Retreat

Keynoter, Rev. Emily Askew

October 14-16, 2022

Barren River State Park, Kentucky

\$35 registration fee

[Women's Fall Retreat Registration Form](#)



Regional Assembly

November 3-5, 2022

Georgetown, Kentucky

A feast of workshops, fellowship, worship, and prayer for Kentucky Disciples and congregational leaders.

[Register for Regional Assembly](#)



The Welcome Table

a reunion of God's beloved community



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