



FIRST CHRISTIAN
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HIGHLIGHTS

Making disciples who make a difference!

January 8, 2020

Koinōnía (Koinonia)

koinō' nēā, noun: Christian fellowship

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.*
(Psalm 51:10-12, NRSV)

A new year has begun! This is an opportunity to pause and reflect over the days of the previous 12 months and to consider where we might go and what we might do in the next 12.

Did you set any goals in 2019? Did you make any commitments to grow? Did you lose those 10 pounds? Did you improve your diet, join a gym or make a decision to improve yourself in some other meaningful way? Did you get out of debt? How did you do?

Certainly, we have all had successes, and surely we have all fallen short. If you are one of the rare people who reached every goal, congratulations!

For 2020, what are your goals for growth and self-improvement? If you are serious about reaching your goals, I have a few suggestions: 1.) write them down and look at them often; 2.) define what success specifically looks like, in other words, write down the dollar amount you are trying to earn so that you can pay down debt, target a specific amount of weight you want to lose, name the three people you want to reconcile and reconnect with this year; 3.) write the strategy you are going to use to get to those goals, identify the short-term milestones and celebrate the reaching of each step; 4.) take action daily, no matter how small; and 5.) keep perspective. Most people overestimate what they can accomplish in one year and therefore get discouraged, but they underestimate what they can accomplish in a decade and therefore squander their potential. So be patient and persistent. Finally, know that many hands make light work, so share your goals with

others, find encouragement and accountability partners and collaborate. Going to the gym with a friend is so much more sustainable than going it alone. And it's more fun!

At this moment of reflection and resolve, let us as a family of faith make a commitment for the coming year together. 2020 can be the year that we take the ministry of First Christian Church to the next level. This can be the year that we grow our Sunday School classes, increase worship attendance, make a bigger impact in the community, and deepen our connection with God and each other. I challenge and encourage you to think of one or two things that you can do to fulfill our calling to "make disciples who make a difference." You can commit to more church engagement, start inviting neighbors to worship, join a ministry, volunteer, sing in the choir, join a 9:45 am Sunday School class (there's a new one that I'm teaching in room 209), increase your giving, start a new fellowship group that meets at a coffee shop or your home one evening a week or month, or anything else God might be calling you to do to serve the Kingdom. The possibilities are endless and the path is easier than you think. All we need is a specific goal, a plan to get there, and patient, persistent action taken daily. God is faithful and will do the rest.

Blessings to you in this New Year!

Shalom,
Joey Pusateri

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Open Gym

As in years past, we are considering opening the gym on Thursday evenings. As the weather turns cold, a trip to the gym may offer your family a chance to burn off some energy before bed time. We will need 2 adults to supervise when the gym is open. Historically it has been difficult to find volunteers to staff the desk so this may be the determining factor in deciding to open the gym. If you think you will want to use the gym this winter, please let us know. Maybe more important, let us know if you are willing to help out other church families by manning the desk. Contact Donna at the office (236-4006) or email Dave May at hotairhead@msn.com.

CWF (Christian Women's Fellowship)

All ladies are welcome to join this group on Tuesday, January 14 at 1 pm in the church parlor. Judy Morgan will be sharing from Matthew 28:16-20; I Thessalonians 5:12-23 on "I Am With You Always: Lessons on Discipleship."

Soups on Us January 18

It's a new year and we are starting fresh with cookies this month. After having a month off from baking, we are in need to stock up. Please bring cookies packaged 2/bag and do not use nuts or peanut butter. If you have never helped, come be a part of this food ministry on next Saturday, January 18. The process begins at 7:30 am with box folding; 9:00 am sandwich making; 10:00 am meal assembly; and 11:00 am meal delivery.

Magnet Bible Study Group

A new 10-session study *Better: A Study of Hebrews* by Jen Wilkin begins Thursday, January 9. This group meets on Thursdays from 9:30-11:00 am in Room 208.

Faith 101

If you don't have a Sunday School and looking for fresh start to the new year, you are welcome to be a part of Faith 101. This Sunday School class is being taught by Rev. Joey Pusateri and meets at 9:45 am in the Education Room 209.

Church Leader Installation

All church leaders (Church Board, Trustees, Deacons and Elders) for 2020 will be recognized and installed on January 22 during worship.

Choirs Resume in New Year

Many thanks to all the choir members (Sanctuary and Grace Notes Choirs) for their hard work and dedication this past Christmas season. Sanctuary Choir resumes Wednesday, January 8 at 7 pm. Grace Notes resumes Wednesday, January 22 at 5:30 pm.

4 Cans 4 Others

Happy New Year to our wonderful church family. Hope one of everyone's New Year resolutions will be to remember to bring their 4 cans each Sunday or purchase from Soups on Us. Our total with additional 12 cans is now 31, 189. Let's see how much we can increase this total in 2020. Thank you for your continued support of these much needed outreach programs.

Blessings,
Jim and Evelyn Page

Youth News

K-5th grade children will now have activities held on a monthly basis. More information will be given as parents and leaders work to establish a calendar.

DYC (Danville Youth Connection) -Middle & High School Students will continue to meet on Sundays at 5:15 pm, rotating the meeting site among the three churches (FCC, Trinity Episcopal Church and The Presbyterian Church of Danville). They resume meeting this Sunday, January 12 at 5:15 pm at Trinity Episcopal Church.

High School Hub Devotions—Wednesdays 7:15 am

Upcoming DYC Trips:

High School Ski Trip—February 14-16

Middle School Snow Tubing trip on February 15.

FCC Youth (Middle/High School) will have monthly activities scheduled. Look for more information coming soon.

God's Family

Children (birth—5th grade) and parents will meet Tuesday, January 21 at 5:30 pm in the chapel. This group continues to meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Bring the family for playtime, games, activities, and pizza!

Attendance

December 22

Attendance 201

Last Year 127

December 29

Attendance 142

Last Year 133

January 5

Attendance 163

Last Year 153

December Board Summary

- November Financial Report: Contributions were less than budget for November and greater than budget year to date. Expenses were greater than budget for November. This year's income from the Endowment Fund slated for the General Budget was used to pay debt associated with HVAC project. Budget is expected to balance at year end. Emergency Fund: \$5000.00 for remaining amount insurance didn't pay for lightning strike damage to sound system; an estimated cost of \$3000.00 is expected to repipe the gas line that was cut off during original repair of gas leak; and an estimated cost of \$8000.00 is expected for new copier.
- Personnel: Board approved five (5) weeks of vacation pay for associate pastor; board approved revision to the current Health Insurance Policy; board approved final draft of Volunteer Facility Wedding Coordinator definition; board approved the revised Funeral Policy and Funeral Fees.
- Senior Minister: Average attendance is 165; last eight (8) weeks is 180, reflecting a positive upward trend. On-line giving is live this week and information will be placed in the Highlights this week.
- Board approved recommended constitutional changes regarding the Discipleship Ministry Area Coordinator. A second reading will take place at January 2020 board meeting.
- A focus for 2020 will be on filling the Associate Pastor position.
- Board approved a request from Adult Day Care Health Services to utilize FCC as a temporary contingent location if their facility is temporarily uninhabitable or unsafe.
- Proposed changes in the Love Fund Policy were reviewed and decision was made to send it back to Love Fund Committee for further review and clarification.
- Outreach: Breakfast with Santa and the Salvation Army Angel Tree and Bell Ringing were all successful.

Prayer Concerns

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| Bill Barker | Margaret Ann Milburn |
| Janice Bohannon | Mike Miller |
| Jerry Boyd | Julian Mitchell |
| Addison Brown | Peggy Mitchell |
| Steve Bruce | Susan Montgomery |
| Lynne Dean | Bill Morgan |
| Peyton Guerrant | Betty Ramey |
| Odell Hines | Mike Swain |
| Jack Kaiser | Bonnie Wilson |
| Marianne Kirby | Jeff Withers |
| Marilyn Marlowe | Mary Lou Withers |

Our Sympathy

To Mary Ann Wilson and family on the death of her niece.

To Regina Taylor and family on the death of Charlie Taylor, who passed away January 6.

Thank You

Please express our thanks to the congregation for the gift of \$909 to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) In Kentucky.

We appreciate the many ways that the church is involved in witness and serves through the Christian Church In Kentucky. We claim your ministry together in the name of Jesus Christ.

Sincerely,
Dean Phelps
Interim General Minister

Thank you for your congregation's gift of \$1,212 given to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) In Kentucky for the bath house improvements at Camp Wakon' Da-Ho.

We are grateful for your commitment to the ministry with children and youth of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) In Kentucky.

Sincerely,
J. Dean Phelps
Interim General Minister

Weeks Ahead

Week of January 12

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| Sunday | 9:45 | Sunday School |
| | 10:45 | Worship Service |
| | 5:15 | DYC at Trinity Episcopal |
| Monday | 9:00 | Body Recall |
| | 6:30 | PALS (Parents of Addicted Loved Ones) Support Group |
| | 7:00 | Boy Scouts |
| Tuesday | 1:00 | CWF (parlor) |
| | 7:00 | Property Team |
| Wednesday | 7:15 | DYC Hub Devotions |
| | 9:00 | Body Recall |
| | 5:30 | Grace Notes |
| | 6:30 | Ladies AA Group |
| | 7:00 | Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal |
| Thursday | 9:30 | Magnet Bible Study Group |
| | 4:00 | Centering Prayer Group |
| | 6:30 | Living Word Bible Study |
| Friday | 9:00 | Body Recall |
| | 7:30 | AA Meeting & Al-Anon |
| Saturday | 7:30 | Soups on Us |
| | 10:30 | Al-Anon |

Week of January 19

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| Sunday | 9:45 | Sunday School |
| | 10:45 | Worship Service (Church Leader Installation) |
| | 5:15 | DYC at Trinity Episcopal |
| Monday | 9:00 | Body Recall |
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| | 7:00 | Boy Scouts |
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Congratulations

To Meredith & Michael Hopper on the birth of their daughter, Charlotte Lynn, who was born on January 4, 2020 and weighing 7 lbs., 14oz and 19 1/2 inches long. Proud grandparents are Jack and Julie Jones.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Service Roster January 12

Deacons Eben Henson (Team Coordinator), Shelley Gover, Sarah Hempel, David May, Wendy Ross, Rodger Ross, Larry Scott, Brent Williams, Kandi Williams, Kasey Wilson **Elders at the Table** John Funkhouser, Kendra Funkhouser **Elders Serving Shut-in Communion** John Caywood, Kathryn Ensor, Bart Gover **Worship Leader** Tom Hensley **Communion Preparer** TBD **Steward** Bill Barker **Greeters** TBD **Ushers** Butch Pass, Becky Whited Mary Ann Wilson **Welcome Table** Jeanette Barbour **Children Worship & Wonder** Connie McVicker, Sherrie Horn

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Next newsletter publication is January 29. Please submit any information by January 24.

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