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Life Together

What kind of new senior minister are we looking for?

As most of you know, the Senior Minister Search Committee recently asked you to respond to a survey in which you could pick only 8 qualities from a list of 19. I'm sure you wanted to include all 19, but that's the way survey prioritization works. I thought you would be interested in the results. Elmer Jackson gave me permission to share this information with the congregation. With 80 survey responses, here are your priorities:

1. Delivers effective, meaningful sermons (63 votes)
2. Has strong pastoral care qualities (60 votes)
3. Approachable (56 votes)
4. Actively supports children/youth (56 votes)
5. Capable and eager to bring new members to FCC (52 votes)
6. Has a vision for the future of the church (50 votes)
7. Builds a strong sense of fellowship (46 votes)
8. Motivates church staff and lay leaders (45 votes)
9. Creative in planning and leading worship services (40 votes)
10. Has a deep devotional/prayer life (30 votes)
11. Involved in the local community (30 votes)
12. Good administrator (28 votes)
13. Emphasizes local missions (17 votes)
14. Actively involved in Disciples of Christ, both regionally and generally (12 votes)
15. Good steward (10 votes)
16. Takes a stand on social issues (9 votes)
17. Computer literate (8 votes)
18. Emphasizes outreach beyond our local community (7 votes)
19. Commitment to self-care (maintaining health and wellness) (6 votes)

As I look at the results of this survey, it seems to accurately reflect this church as I know it. Those first two items seem to represent the largest share of any pastor's work day and are the two items with the biggest impact on the congregation.

Once I get past those two most important functions, I feel there could be a healthy discussion about the rest. For example, the last item, number 19, is "Commitment to self-

care." Everyone would agree that they don't want their pastor melting down or having a mental breakdown because of the stress of the work at church. That's the last thing anyone would want for their pastor. You really do want the pastors to take care of themselves. But you only got to choose your top 8 items! A similar case could be made for any of the items on the list.

I was interested that item number 16 "Takes a stand on social issues" appeared so low. I think that reflects some conflict that has occurred over social issues in this church, and the church is saying, "We don't want conflict." But I doubt that you were really saying you don't want to take a stand on important social issues.

The other item I would call your attention to is item number 12 "Good administrator." If I had filled out the survey, that item would be much higher because I happen to have first hand knowledge of the administrative requirements of this job. This is a busy church with a large staff which requires a serious effort in administration by the senior pastor. In my opinion, a senior minister who had no interest in administration would not be a good fit for this job.

Any prioritized survey will have issues like this because all the items are important. One of my mentors said that the pastor must be a generalist in an age of specialists. Medical students quite often "specialize" in limited areas of medicine, but the best pastor is not one who specializes in any of the items on the list, but one who is generally capable in all of them.

I believe this survey gives a good view of where our congregation is right now. It should be very helpful to our Search Committee and to prospective pastors.

Let's continue to pray for the Search Committee as they carry on their important work.

Dr. Mickey Anders
Interim Sr. Minister

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March Board Summary

- Financial Reports: A written report was submitted from the Finance Committee, including the February and YTD 2022 financial statements for the General Budget and the Restricted Funds.
 - ◇ General Budget: Pledges and offerings were \$6467.02 less than budget. The General Endowment income is being received monthly. Retirement and Payroll Tax Expense and gas expense were not listed and the plan is to list these expenses every month in the future. Starting next month, the Property and Liability Insurance expenses will be broken down instead of showing as just Property Insurance. There is a \$9908.45 surplus YTD. However it would be closer to even if these expenses were listed.
 - ◇ Restricted Funds: Reviewed several line items for an understanding of the use of the funds.
 - ◇ Eighteen (18) guest instrumentalists for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday will be paid a total of \$2250.00 – this was provided for in the development of the 2022 budget.
- Grace Gardens: Church of Healing Chair David May reported that FCC had been contacted in regard to grant funds that may be available for use toward garden expenses. David will pursue this. Some of the tall raised beds are rotting and need repair and David will obtain estimates. Many thanks to Sue Ann Rice for working on the garden again this year. She will be planting in mid-May.
- Property: Property Chair Jack Jones will pursue organ repair with Music Director Larry Davidson and Organist Harry Mercer. The steeple has a leak and a roofing contractor has been contacted. There are numerous property projects being addressed both in the building and on the grounds. A clean-up day is planned for April 9.
- Rev. Catherine DeMoss reported that the Baptism Class has been terrific and the mentors greatly appreciated. She has been working on lots of details so others can pick up some of her duties. Much appreciation was expressed for the amazing support she has received from the church during her illness and her decision to go on disability. Rev. Catherine will be greatly missed and board members expressed their desire to keep in touch.
- Outreach: Outreach Co-Chair Patricia Calvert invited Greenhouse 17 Director Darlene Thomas to address the board in regard to the possibility of FCC meeting the needs of their organization. Ms. Thomas had toured our building and determined it might fill their need for a locked office space and a group space for meetings. Facilities Administrator Stephen Hinkle will look around the church for possible locations and Patricia, Stephen, and Darlene will work together overall.
- Children's Ministries Director Patti Wright updated the board that Kid's Club and the Windjammer Trip have been very successful. Patti thanked the volunteers for their great help and also expressed appreciation to all volunteers who assist with Worship & Wonder and Children's Church.
- Interim Senior Minister Dr. Mickey Anders updated the board that he has contacted 261 people related to the church and is providing pastoral care.

Security Update

All church exterior doors with the exception of the gym will be open on Sunday mornings until 11:00am for the safety of the church and especially our children in different areas (Children's Church and Children Worship & Wonder). The main front sanctuary doors and arcade door will remain open during the entire worship service.

Prayer Concerns

Bill Barker
Steve Cline
Rev. Catherine DeMoss
Ken Harmon
Anne Milburn
Margaret Ann Milburn
Mike Miller
Susan Montgomery

Bill Morgan
Diane Reed
JT Ross
Mike Swain
Bonnie Wilson
Howard Wilson
Mary Lou Withers
Nyla Wright

Shut-ins

Jerry Boyd
Steve & Pat Bruce
Mindy Carter
Odell Hines
Marianne Kirby

Betty Ramey
Catherine Shoulty
Dorothy Warren

Sr. Pastor Search Committee: Jacob Cooper, Elmer Jackson, Jenny McClure, Nancy McMurry and Jan Scott

Thank You

Dear FCC Family,

Thank you so much for the kind thoughts, prayers and cards that were sent before and after my sister's passing. Your love and support was felt and appreciated.

I would have loved for you to meet my oldest sister, Suzy, who was happy, funny and ready to laugh, loving to her sons and extended family and a beautiful woman.

I feel sad for losing her in this world, but feel blessed that she no longer must deal with her many physical problems. I like to picture her laughing with our loved ones who have gone on before us. God is good.

Thank you,

Nancy Robertson

Dear Friends of First Christian Church,

Thank you for your recent donation to Kentucky Refugee Ministries (KRM) Lexington. We are grateful for the generosity and involvement of KRM Partners like you.

Sincerely,
Mary Cobb, Director of KRM Lexington

Thanks for all the Christmas gifts. They were greatly appreciated.

Waynesburg Manor

News & Announcements

Spring Workday

Bring your rakes and shovels to help spruce up the church grounds on Saturday, April 9 at 9am. Contact Jack Jones for any questions.

Church Women United

Mercer/Boyle County Church Women United is returning to their celebrations on Friday, May 6 @ 9:30am at Centennial Baptist Church in Harrodsburg. In the Spirit of Friendship Day, a Pot Luck breakfast will be served, followed by a short business meeting and our celebration of May Friendship Day.

Soups on Us

Could you help drive and deliver meals for SOU? We are particularly in need of driver and/or rider subs for this outreach ministry. And we always need our cookie bakers! Join us on April 16 from 7:30am-12:00pm. You can always swing by to help for even an hour or two. This is a great opportunity to get to know your church family while serving together.

4 Cans 4 Others

There were 58 cans given this past month bringing our total to 33,091. The Salvation Army appreciates every can and item contributed to their food pantry. Let's continue to support this food ministry in our community.

VBS 2022

Mark your calendars for VBS this summer, June 13-16. We will need lots of volunteers. More information will be coming soon!



In Sympathy

To Greg Anderson and family on the death of his mother, Mary Anderson who passed away March 27.

To Susan Hensley and family on the death of Tom Hensley who passed away on March 10.

To John Kaiser and family on the death of his father, Jack Kaiser, who passed away on March 3.

News & Announcements

Candy Donations

Thank you so much for all the egg donations we have already received for the Community Easter Egg Hunt. We still need individually wrapped candy to fill the eggs. Please bring your items and drop off in designated bins in the narthex or church office by April 3.

Ladies Night Out

All ladies are invited on Tuesday, April 5 at 6:30pm in the chapel to fill Easter eggs with candy for the Community Easter Egg Hunt and FCC Children's Egg-Stravaganza. Bring an appetizer to share and some candy!

Easter Flowers

Easter flower orders are being taken in honor or in memory of a loved one. Cost is \$12/each. Please fill out a form and place in box with payment in the narthex or church office by April 13.

Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service

Make plans to attend this special service on April 14 at 7:30pm. It will be a time of focus on the crucifixion through scripture as candles are gradually extinguished.

Good Friday Prayer Vigil

Mark your calendars now! Our sanctuary will be open for anyone to come pray on Good Friday from 6am –6pm. There will be communion and Bible literature available for your time of prayer and meditation.

Easter Sunrise Service

Our traditional Easter Sunrise Service will be held April 17 at 7pm at our Trinity Outdoor Worship Area. The service will include hymns, scripture readings, and a short meditation led by our musicians and elders. In case of rain, it will be held inside. Please dress accordingly for weather and bring a blanket if needed.

Easter Worship

Join us on Resurrection Sunday! Sunday School begins at 9:45am and Easter Worship at 10:45pm. There will be no Kids Club or NYC.

Connections Book Discussion Planning Meeting

Those interested in being a part of a small group book discussion will meet on April 10 following worship in the parlor. Contact Margaret Clark for more information.

Backpack Kids 5K Fundraiser

Mark your calendars for the Jennie Carol Backpack Kids 5K run/walk! The race will take place at Millennium Park on Saturday, May 7, 2022. The race will begin at 8:00 a.m. and include a Kids Fun Run. Check the BPK Facebook page in the coming weeks for more information.

Chaplain and Music Volunteers for Ephraim McDowell Hospital

Looking to serve in the community? Ephraim McDowell Hospital are in need of volunteers (minister, deacon, elder, or ministry student) to serve as chaplains. They are also looking for music volunteers. For more information, contact Rebecca Rowe 859-239-1208.

Senior Minister Search Congregational Survey Results

The results of the congregational survey are as follows: 80 surveys were received. Comments were noted. Many said that all 19 choices were important and that it was hard to limit the selection to 8. The top 9 choices were in this order:

1. Delivers effective, meaningful sermons.
2. Has strong pastoral care qualities.
3. Actively supports children/youth.
4. Approachable.
5. Capable and eager to bring new members to FCC.
6. Has a vision for the future of the church.
7. Builds a strong sense of fellowship.
8. Motivates church staff and lay leadership.
9. Creative in planning and leading worship services.

Thanks to all of you who participated. Your thoughts will help us in the selective process.

Search Committee

Elmer Jackson– Chair, Jacob Cooper, Jenny McClure, Nancy McMurry and Jan Scott

FCC KIDS CORNER



We have been having a great time with Challenge Accepted activities during Kid's Club and will finish the series April 24th.

Kid's Club for children in Kindergarten-5th Grade meets most Sundays during the school year, immediately following worship-2:00 p.m. Each week we share a meal, play games, and do activities around a biblical theme. All children (K-5th) are welcome to join the fun! See our April schedule (right) and Contact Patti for more information.

We hope you have been enjoying the photos of our challenges on the screen in worship on Sunday mornings!

SAVE THE DATE!

FCC Easter Egg-Stravaganza

Palm Sunday, April 10th

We hope all FCC children (Toddlers through 5th grade) will be able to join us after worship on Palm Sunday for Easter Crafts, Photos with the Easter Bunny, snacks and the main event, an Easter Egg Hunt in the FCC Courtyard!

Not to be confused with the Community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16th, our Easter Egg-Stravaganza event on Palm Sunday is a great opportunity for you to invite friends, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and neighbors to join us for worship that morning!



Kid's Club April Schedule

April 3rd NO Kid's Club (Spring Break)

April 10th FCC Easter Egg-Stravaganza!

April 17th NO Kid's Club (Easter)

April 24th Kid's Club Decision Challenge



Church Camp

Think Summer . . . Think Church Camp!

Has your child or grandchild experienced summer church camp? If not, this is the perfect year to give it a try!

Mini Camp (June 3-5) for children who have completed 2nd or 3rd grade is a great introduction to camp. Patti is planning to go to support our first time campers!

Junior Camps (June 20-24 or July 18-22) for children who have completed 4th or 5th grade) is a week of fun and fellowship.

Contact Patti for more info or pick up a registration form in the church office.

Contact Patti for more information on Children's Programs and Events
Email: patti@firstchristiandanville.com or call/text 812) 483-9004

The Community Easter Egg Hunt is Back!

After two years, First Christian Church, along with First Baptist Church, The Presbyterian Church of Danville, Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church, Trinity Episcopal Church, and Danville-Boyle County Parks & Recreation have joined together to bring back the Community Easter Egg Hunt! Each organization will be providing candy filled eggs, a game, craft or activity before the egg hunt begins and working together to make sure families in the community know about the event. **There are several ways you can help.**

1 Donate candy!

Each church will be responsible to fill 500 eggs with candy! We have enough eggs but still need more candy. Individually wrapped please. Donation tubs are located in the narthex and near the church office. **Please bring candy by April 3rd.**



2 Volunteer!

We need people the day of the event from Noon-2 pm to help with the activity and to get all those Easter eggs put out on the ball fields! Contact Patti Wright or Patricia Calvert if you can help on Saturday, April 16th.



3 Get the Word Out!

Tell your friends, family, and neighbors about the event! There will be fliers available at the Welcome Table and in the church office for you to take and give to anyone with children that may be interested!



Saturday, April 16th

Millennium Park

(on the Softball Fields)

1:00-2:00

1:00-1:45-Games, Crafts & Activities

1:45-2:00-Egg Hunt

All Kids up to 5th Grade are welcome to participate!



Service Roster April 2022

	April 3	April 10	April 17	April 24
Worship Leader	Mary Ann McGlothlin	John Funkhouser	Lyle McGlothlin	Sarah Hempel
Elders at the Table	Debbie Baker Jane Boyd	Brian & Patricia Calvert	Martha Caywood Mary Ann McGlothlin	Bart Gover Evelyn Guerrant
Deacons	Sarah Hempel Eben Henson	Eben Henson Kasey Wilson	Sarah Hempel David May Brent & Kandi Williams	David May Kasey Wilson
Children's Chat	Dr. Mickey Anders	Darell Rickmers	Debbie Baker	Kendra Funkhouser
Steward	Martha Bryant	Bill Barker	Elmer Jackson	John Caywood
Communion Preparer	Connie McVicker	Connie McVicker	Connie McVicker	Connie McVicker
Children Worship & Wonder	Connie McVicker Sherrie Horn	Connie McVicker Debbie Baker	NO CWW	Kandi Williams Penny Vaught
Acolytes	Bari Bowman Jenny Wilson	Bari Bowman Ainsley Schartzer	George McClure Sarah Kate Taylor	Lillian Russell Jenny Wilson

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Holy Week and Easter Sunday

Palm Sunday Worship 10:45am

Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service 7:30pm

Good Friday Prayer Vigil 6:00am-6:00pm

Easter Sunrise Service (Trinity Outdoor Worship Area) 7:00am

Easter Worship 10:45am

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