



FIRST CHRISTIAN disciples of christ HIGHLIGHTS

Making disciples who make a difference!

March 21, 2024

From the Pastor's Study

The adage goes,

"We are all in the same boat."

While there is no doubt that we are all in the same storm, the fact is clearly we are not all in the same boat. For instance, for some the unaccountable rise in the cost for groceries is a desperate family financial crisis. For others, it's more along the lines of inconvenience. Likewise, some in retirement enjoy time spent on their own terms for the very first time: not parents, not educators, not coworkers or supervisors. For others, retirement is the experience of rationing limited resources, isolation or raising an unplanned additional generation.

Perhaps the biggest difference I see in people weathering the same storm is whether or not they are involved in a community of faith. The Church is a boat built to carry all through the storms of life.

From the story of Noah's ark, built to keep people and animals safe above floodwaters (Gen. 7-8) to Jesus in the boat with his disciples - how *"Jesus rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' "* (Mark 4) we see that this is true.

In the same way, the church is a vessel of salvation.

And what's more, these scriptures are not just stories from the past, but a current, I living promise that God will continue to protect us from the storm - a reminder that Jesus is still in the boat with us today.

For the good news is that just because we are individuals doesn't mean we must be alone. FCC is doing all we can to keep people connected: in Sunday school, for children and youth, in worship, online, and staying connected with those in Boyle County who have few others they can count on.

The way we share our time and faith makes all the difference for those receiving such encouragement and support.

"It helps me to know I'm not doing this by myself," shares one of FCC's members, a person in their 80's. Or in other words – and despite the differences in how we may be experiencing current storms – it feels like we're all in the same boat.

-Rev. Colby

Rev Colby Smith

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FCC KIDS CORNER



Upcoming Calendar of Events

March 31st-Easter Sunday, No Kid's Club

April 7th-Superhero Faith: Mission

April 14th-Superhero Faith: Superpowers

April 21st-Superhero Faith: Costume

April 28th-Superhero Faith: Arch Nemesis

May 5th-Destination Unknown!



FCC Kid's Club for children in K-5th grade meets most Sundays immediately after worship until 1:30.

We have lunch together and fellowship with games and activities on a theme. Friends are always welcome!

SAVE the DATE

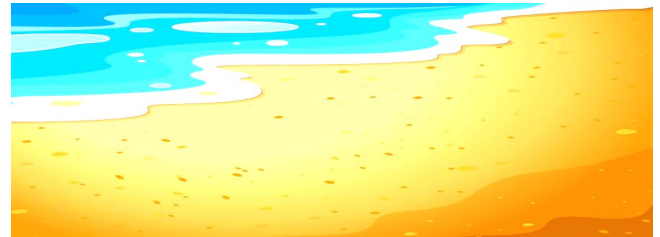
VBS: Sand for Days!

June 17th-20th

We are once again planning to partner with The Presbyterian Church of Danville for VBS!

We need volunteers, and especially hope that all of our FCC children, PK-5th grade will be able to be there for all the fun!

Mark your calendar so you don't miss out!



Registration is open for Summer Camps at Wakon' Da-Ho!!

Mini Camp (Just Completed 2nd – 3rd grade) – May 31 – June 2

CYF 1 (Just Completed 9th – 12th grade) – June 3 – June 8

Eighter's Camp (Just Completed 8th grade) – June 9 – June 15

Junior Camp (Just Completed 4th – 5th grade) – June 17 – June 21

Camp 101A (Just Completed K – 2nd grade –accompanied by adult) June 21 – June 23

CYF2 (Just Completed 9th – 12th grade) – June 24 – June 29

Chi Rho 1 (Just Completed 6th – 8th grade) – July 1 – July 6



**Early Bird Registration
Ends Wednesday,
May 1st!**

Contact Patti or go to <https://www.ccinky.net/ministries/camp/wakonda-ho> for more information.

For questions about Children's programs, contact Patti Wright

Email patti@firstchristiandanville.com or text (812) 483-9004

News & Announcements

Church Women United Spring Conference

Disciples Women's Ministries will hold their Spring Conference at First Christian on Saturday, April 13th.

We are hosting the conference and will be providing light breakfast refreshments during registration.

Lunch will be catered. To register, go to [www.ccinky.netministries/disciples/Upcoming Events](http://www.ccinky.netministries/disciples/Upcoming%20Events) then choose April 13 FCC Danville to register. Cost is \$30.00. Contact Judy Morgan for more details.

-Judy Morgan

Easter Flowers

Sunday, March 24th is the last day to order Easter Flowers in Honor or in Memory of someone special. The cost is \$12. Order forms will be available on the Welcome Table and in the church office.

Organ Update

Surely by now, you have heard our wonderfully newly refurbished organ in the sanctuary. Though it still has a few final additional voices as well as final voicing ("tweaking") and tuning, it is already serving First Christian Church very well!



The organ is indeed the very best of the old along with the best of the new. Please feel free to come into the chancel anytime and admire the beauty and elegance of the console. And, I can personally speak for the organist that he would be more than pleased and eager to give you a tour of the amazing amount of pipes and controls up in the chambers behind the screens!

Thank you for making the decision to support this much needed work to keep our wonderful organ going for many more years and more functional a reality.

May our worship of God and our ministry in our community be ever enhanced by this wonderful instrument in our church.

-Harry Mercer

Four Cans for Others

53 cans were donated during February bringing our total for 2024 to **228**. Keep bringing in those cans so we can beat our total for 2023 of **1,421**

Holy Week at First Christian

Sunday, March 24th

Palm Sunday-Palm processional and jubilant music in worship featuring the Grace Notes Handbell Choir.



Easter Egg-Stravaganza-Immediately after worship for FCC children and guests. Children will make an Easter craft, have a snack and photos with the Easter Bunny followed by an Easter Egg Hunt in the FCC Courtyard.

Thursday, March 28th-Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Worship-7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 29th-Good Friday Prayer Vigil. Come to the sanctuary anytime from 6:00am-6:00pm for quiet meditation.

Sunday, March 31st-Easter Worship

Early Easter Service-8:00 am Outside, weather permitting with a devotional by Jacob Cooper.

Easter Breakfast-a Continental Breakfast will be provided in the Fellowship Hall between services.

Easter Worship-10:45 am including the choir, instrumentalists and Pastor Colby preaching the good news!

Connections Book Group

The Connections Book Group has selected the book [The Invention of Wings](#) by Sue Monk Kidd as the next discussion starter.

All are invited to join us in Fellowship Hall on **April 7, immediately following the worship service** for a light lunch and thoughtful sharing of ideas focusing on Part 1 and 2 of this historical fiction set in Charleston, South Carolina in 1803-1838.

An NPR review states this book is "A textured masterpiece, quietly yet powerfully poking our consciences and our consciousness . . . leaving us uplifted and hopeful."

Contact Jan Bradshaw for more information.

New Volunteer Opportunity!

Do you enjoy being outdoors in the spring and summer months? Then we need YOU on our new Landscaping Committee!



Sign up at the Welcome Table or contact the church office.

Jack Jones will be contacting volunteers about their availability before setting up a schedule.

Dear Pastor Colby,

I am writing on behalf of **Backpack for Kids**. A generous donation has been given by FCC in your honor. We appreciate this donation as well as the continuous support from your/our congregation.

I am personally so proud to be affiliated with such a kind, and generous congregation.

Sincerely, Libby Joiner

Please Keep the following in your Prayers

John Caywood	Darell Rickmers
Lesa Cooper	Robin Lee
Gary Gibson	Rodger Morris
John Taylor Ross	Lauren Newman
Jan Sheffield	The Family of Charlotte Henson
Bill Morgan	The Family of Bill Barker
Trevor & Lucy Graham	All Unspoken prayers

Thank You First Christian!

Rev. Dr. Donald K. Gillett, II
Regional Minister

Dear Members of First Christian Church,

I send you greetings in the glorious name of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ. I write to thank you for your partnership with the congregations in the Kentucky Region. Your spiritual, physical and financial support help to make Kentucky congregations and the Region stronger - in our camping ministries, our fellowship ministries and as we connect and equip one another in faithful service.

I wanted to share with you my deep gratitude and appreciation for your 33% increase in your Disciple Mission Funding for the 2023 year and in your support for special day offerings. With the support given through the ministry and stewardship of your congregation, I've been able to help many congregations find ministers, to serve as a counselor, pastor and support for the clergy across the region.

Again, thank you! It's a joy to be in ministry with you,
-Don

Remember Our FCC Shut-ins

Jerry Boyd	Margaret Milburn
Pat & Steve Bruce	King & Brenda Pruitt
Mindy Carter	Mike Swain
Hugh & Mary Jo Coomer	Bonnie Wilson
Charles & Marilyn Highfield	

April Serving Roster

If your situation changes and you cannot serve, please arrange to trade with someone.

April 7th	April 14th	April 21st	April 28
Worship Leader - Jan Scott Elder - Evelyn Guerrant Elder & Counter - Brent Williams Elder for Morning Pointe - Margaret Clark Children's Chat - Jacob Cooper Worship & Wonder - Sherrie Horn & Patti Wright Children's Church - Molly Cooper Nursery Volunteer - Mary McKitric Kid's Club Assist and Lunch - Mary McKitric	Worship Leader - Jacob Cooper Elder-Lyle McGlothlin Elder & Counter - Maryann McGlothlin Children's Chat - Kendra Funkhouser Worship & Wonder - Connie McVicker & Brent Williams Children's Church - Kendra Funkhouser Nursery Volunteer - Edna Prall Kid's Club Assist-Kendra Funkhouser Kid's Club Lunch - Alice and Jay Reynolds	Worship Leader - Mary Ann McGlothlin Elder - Jan Scott Elder & Counter - Larry Scott Children's Chat - Patti Wright Worship & Wonder - Debbie Baker & Jackie Fowler Children's Church - Penny Vaught Nursery Volunteer - Kris Hamlin Kid's Club Assist-Penny Vaught Kid's Club Lunch - Donna Carol Welch	Worship Leader - Tom Huckleberry Elder - Elmer Jackson Elder & Counter - Suzy Jackson Children's Chat - Pastor Colby Worship & Wonder - Kandi Williams & Jackie Fowler Children's Church - Patricia Calvert Nursery Volunteer - Trista Hinkle Kid's Club Assist-Suzy Smith Kid's Club Lunch

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