



FIRST CHRISTIAN disciples of christ HIGHLIGHTS

Making disciples who make a difference!

October 27, 2021

Life Together

Thank you so much for the kind reception held for me and Sarah on the 17th. And a special thank you to the Connections Team headed by Margaret Clark. In spite of masks, we had a good group to show up and express kindest regards about my coming as your interim pastor.

My granddaughter was shocked that I would go to work again after having retired twice before. Her comment was, "Grandpa! Does this mean when you finish this job you will retire for the third time??"

She's right. I just can't seem to get retirement right. But there are others in our church who are having trouble getting retirement right as well.

When I found out that Eben Henson was at retirement age, I asked him why he didn't retire. He was a bit shocked by my question, stumbled a bit, and finally said, "You know, I don't think anybody in my family ever did retire!" And it's true! His dad ran the dinner theater right up until his death, and his mom is still working there.

Tom Hensley is beyond retirement age, and when I asked him about still working he replied, "I believe continuing to work keeps you alive longer." He's right that quitting everything and sitting around is bad for one's health.

Some people seem to be able to get retirement right and enjoy it, but others of us don't. I am surprised that I fall in the latter category. I am surprised because I yearned for retirement as early as my thirties. Retirement was always my goal. It represented the idyllic future out there after my working days.

I tease my friends and say that my retirement was about ChessBibleBowlBike, all one word. I kept myself busy studying chess, which I have now done for 322 days straight according to my Chessable app. I learned to make wooden bowls on a lathe. I made fifty of them and gave them all away. I rode my motorcycle often. In fact, I have taken 83 rides so far this year. And for fun, I was reading through the 14,000-page *New Interpreter's Bible Commentary*. I had completed about 2,500 pages when Danville called.

So why would a guy who has retired twice and was busy

with ChessBibleBowlBike come back to First Christian Church of Danville as the Interim Minister again?

I think my answer is the same answer you would give if someone asked why you would take a position of service on one of the church committees. Why would a busy person willingly take on a volunteer responsibility at church? Why would you say, "Yes" to a request from the Nominating Committee? It's far easier to just sit on the pew and be self-satisfied.

I think we both say, "Yes" because we love this church. I do. And I think you do too. This church is filled with so many kind and wonderful people! It brings me great joy to simply be involved in Life Together with you. And serving on committees at church gives you the opportunity to be involved in meaningful ways with other good people in this church. You should see the camaraderie that takes place at Soups on Us while people are folding boxes, ladling soup into bowls, or packing the sandwiches into the boxes. The happy faces are unmistakable. It might not be nearly as much fun if we were doing all that work alone. "Together" is the key word in my column title, "Life Together."

I also think we say, "Yes" because we want to make a difference. Terry Dachenhaus told me he has enjoyed serving as co-chair of the Outreach Team for two years because he felt like he was making a difference. I enjoyed ChessBibleBowlBike, but it wasn't really making a difference in the lives of other people. Some people enjoy just sitting on the pew, but they may not be making a difference in other people's lives.

And ultimately we are both serving God through work in God's church. There are probably many more reasons for us to get out of retirement or get off the pew and serve. But maybe it is also like the Bible said in the text for the sermon last Sunday:

Like Jesus, we are here to serve, and not to be served.

Dr. Mickey Anders
Interim Sr. Minister

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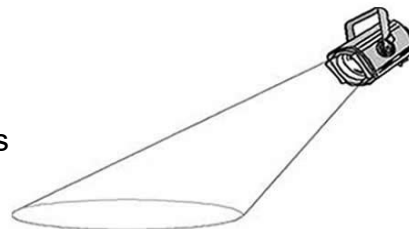


All children in grades K-5th are invited to join the fun each Sunday as we share a meal, create crafts, and explore bible stories through games and activities! We will meet **each Sunday in November** immediately following worship-2:30 p.m. Bring a friend!

In November we will be exploring Holiday traditions including baking, decorating and more. Our fun won't be complete without YOU!

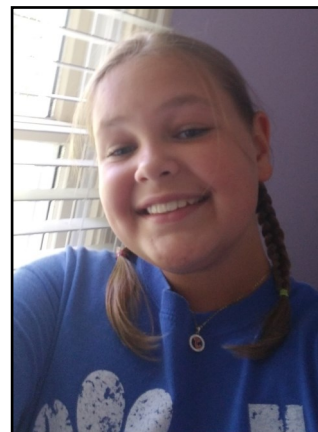
Spotlight on our FCC Kids!

Each month we shine the spotlight on one of our FCC Kids so you can put names, faces, and families together! This month our spotlight shines on **Jenny and Katie Wilson**.



Jenny and Katie attend First Christian with their mom, Kasey Wilson and grandmother, Becky Whited. They have three brothers, Zac, Jordan, and Chris. At home they love spending time with their cats, Dixie and Teddy. Most Sundays you will find them sitting in the balcony!

Jenny attends Woodlawn Elementary. She is in the 5th grade and her favorite subject is Math. Some of her favorite things to do outside of school are cheerleading, playing tennis and reading books. Jenny's favorite memory of church is the Kid's Club recent trip to the Pumpkin Patch.



Katie also attends Woodlawn Elementary and is in 1st grade. Her favorite subject is PE and she enjoys playing soccer, tennis and reading books.

When you see **Jenny and Katie** at church, be sure to introduce yourself so they can get to know their church family.

Acolytes Needed

Children and youth are needed to carry the light into worship each Sunday. Contact Patti to sign-up for a Sunday.



Prayer Concerns

Bill Barker
Jane Boyd
Steve Cline
Rev. Catherine DeMoss
Ken & June Harmon
Sherrie Horn
Elmer Jackson
Margaret Ann Milburn
Mike Miller

Susan Montgomery
Bill Morgan
Jim Page
Mike Swain
Bonnie Wilson
Jeff Withers
Mary Lou Withers
Nyla Wright

Shut-ins

Jerry Boyd
Steve & Pat Bruce
Mindy Carter
Odell Hines

Jack Kaiser
Marianne Kirby
Betty Ramey
Catherine Shoulty



Our Halloween Trunk or Treat was a Success!

Thank you to all who provided a trunk, donated candy, or volunteered their time to provide a fun-filled afternoon for children and families in our community.

Approximately 150 children and their special adults tricked or treated among 20 Halloween displays provided by almost 50 FCC members and friends!

A special thanks to 10 of our youth along with other youth and adults from the DYC (Danville Youth Connection) who led the games and to the Outreach Committee members for support before, during and after the event!

Look Ahead for These Outreach Opportunities:

The Salvation Army Angel Tree Program
The Salvation Army Kettle Bell Ringing
Giving Advent Calendar
Christmas Food Boxes

News & Announcements

Veterans Recognition

On November 7 we will be honoring all our veterans. If you or a family member have never been recognized in previous years, please call the church office or email at donna@firstchristiandanville.com.

Thanksgiving Offering

We will be collecting a special offering on November 21 for Higher Education and Leadership Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Soups on Us

Mark your calendars for November 20 for Soups on Us. All the volunteers and cookies bakers are much appreciated. Process begins at 7:30 am.

4 Cans 4 Others

The Salvation Army Food Pantry was given 58 cans in October, bringing our total of 32,761 cans. As we approach this Thanksgiving month, remember that bringing your 4 cans can bless someone in need.

TIS THE SEASON!

(Alternative Plans for Waynesburg Manor)

For at least the past 10 years, the 29 residents of Waynesburg Manor Personal Care Facility have looked forward to a CWF sponsored Christmas party including gifts from FCC. We want to make sure they feel remembered and loved even though COVID precautions prevent a party.

We are asking for your monetary donations to be placed in the Christmas gift bag at the Welcome Table in the Narthex or mailed to Jodell Brown, 323 Clearbrook, Danville, KY 40422 by Monday, November 15. A small group of personal shoppers will shop for all of us. If you choose to purchase your own sweats for a resident you can contact Jan Bradshaw 859-319-8634 for the name and size for one person. If you could volunteer to be a personal in store or online shopper or have additional questions, contact Jan.

Let's add joy to the Christmas Season for these folks as they experience Christ's love through us!

Renovated Youth Room

Our youth have worked really hard at making the youth area their own! There has been painting and some decorating help from Nancy McMurray and Jennifer Pusateri to make it comfy but also a place they want to be together. We thank Susan Hensley, Stephen Hinkle, Jack Jones, and Jenny and Patrick McClure who have all helped to make this project happen. And now we want to invite you: come and see our new space! Let us share and celebrate it's completion with you after church on November 7.

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Join us this Sunday as we observe All Saints Day and remember those who have passed on before us.

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