



FIRST CHRISTIAN disciples of christ HIGHLIGHTS

Making disciples who make a difference!

August 25, 2021

There have been quite a few times this year that I have heard the phrase: "When we make plans, God laughs." And to say that this has not felt like the biggest understatement of my life would be a lie. When I came to Danville, I was so excited for a time when I was able to be with people again and get back to some semblance of normalcy after 2020, being isolated from everyone when I was in Texas. So I moved, started getting a little bit settled, and immediately found out that I had leukemia and needed to be hospitalized--away from EVERYONE. My poor extroverted heart broke. And yet, this year, I have been surrounded by more community and love than I could have ever fathomed. My life is entirely different than I could have ever imagined as we entered 2021, and though this hasn't been easy, it is continuing to form and shape the person I am and the person I will become. And now we enter this space at FCC. That crossroads of things we don't want to do, which will ultimately shape who we all will become.

A theme of my life which I keep coming back to these past couple of weeks is this tendency for me to come to a job or a place amidst a big season of change. I will come in, anticipating something, and quickly find myself venturing down a road of figuring out everything except that which has always been. And to be honest, even though it can be a little daunting, this liminal space of uncertainty is where I am my best. Sitting in the ambiguity of all that we could do or be. Listening to the audacious hope of what the body of Christ could do through the hands and feet of our community. Grieving what we thought might have been, while dreaming about all that could be. These are the gifts which God has given me for

this time with you.

We are in a season of change at First Christian. COVID has left us asking so many questions about how we do things and how we care for each other. We are constantly having to reexamine what being together looks like as we try to keep everyone as safe as we can while also naming that we as people long for community and being together. What I want you to know is that I'm here. Lean on me. I know you are all still getting to know me, but know that I am here to walk with you as we transition into what God is calling First Christian to next. Lean on me like you have let me lean on you these past months. I am so excited for what is ahead. I have no clue what it might look like, but together, with grace and creativity, with holding fast to each other with gentleness, we will watch God's plan flourish--and if we listen closely we will probably hear God giggling in the background at the plans we have made.

Catherine DeMoss
Associate Pastor

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August Board Summary

- Board welcomed Regional Minister Dr. Don Gillett II. Dr. Gillett will be working with the Interim Minister Search Committee to celebrate Joey's transition, as we seek an Interim Minister, and later on when we seek a Senior Minister. Chair Doug McMurry announced the Interim Minister Search Committee: Jan Scott, Chair, Margaret Clark, Linda Dachenhaus, Brent Williams, and David May. Members of the Committee met with Dr. Gillett after the board meeting.
- Max Germann, Senior Patrol Leader Boy Scout Troop 326, provided a detailed report of their June, 2021 trip to Boundary Waters, and stated the troop's deep appreciation and gratitude for the use of the church bus. He also submitted a thank you letter to the board.
- Financial Report: Analysis of Revenues and Expenses – July and Year to Date, 2021 Summary and Detail and Summary of Restricted Accounts, additional handouts 2021 Financial Statement, Restricted Accounts, 2021 Estimated Pledges and Offerings, and Treasurer Report were distributed, reviewed and discussed. YTD pledges and offerings are down \$16,091.96 compared to YTD budget; salaried and benefits are lower than budget due to employee insurance expense being lower than budget; Operations is a little over budget due to Audit expense that wasn't budgeted; electricity is down due to the rate change from Demand to General; Worship is over budget and guest music is over budget; Outreach is below budget by \$8000.00; Net surplus for the year is \$77,321.50. It would be -\$43,416.20 without the endowment income.
- Property: Jack Jones and Doug McMurry are currently filling in for Chair Steve Cline and are addressing several water leak issues, including a roof leak in the CLC. Our painting project is projected to start in early September. Church received a \$96.00 rebate from KU for converting thirty-two (32) fluorescent lights to LED lights. Many thanks to Sue Ann Rice for her many hours of hard work in the Grace Garden, which has been very successful this year with green beans and tomatoes donated to New Hope Food Pantry.
- Worship Committee and Rev. Joey met with HouseRight regarding possible upgrades to sound and video in the Sanctuary. Decision was reached to not pursue at this time.
- Elder Meeting in August will focus on how best to serve as spiritual leaders during this transition time at FCC. Elders continue to lead devotional services at Morning Pointe and McDowell Place.
- Personnel: Reported success in filling the positions of Night & Event Custodian – Katrina Stringer and the two (2) nursery workers – Crystal Reddington and Emma Spears. A second interview is planned with a candidate on Friday, 8/20/2021, for the position of Part-Time Facilities Administrator.
- Rev. Catherine DeMoss reports that she has begun Course 4 of her chemo treatment plan which will last through early October. Catherine is working to become more and more familiar with the work of the church and has been attending Ministry Team Meetings, assisting with interviews, meeting with church leaders to discuss college opportunities for college age and young adults, checking in with staff regarding needs during the transition, and supporting youth and DYC.

FCC KIDS CORNER

Kids Club Resumes Weekly Gatherings this Fall!

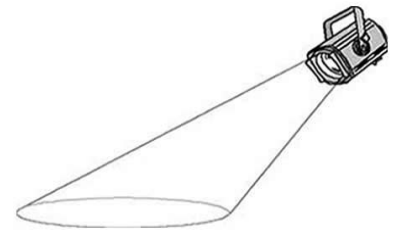
Mark your calendar for Kids Club Gatherings on Sundays right after worship.

Starting Sunday, September 12th, children currently in Kindergarten-5th Grade are invited to share a meal, play together, and dive into the scriptures each week immediately following worship through 2:00 p.m.

Our September theme, **That's in the Church??!!** will take us on adventures to explore parts of the church you may not have ever seen or know about, all related to bible stories! Parents, watch your email for details.

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 **Harrison Compton**



Harrison is the son of Eddie and Anne Compton and big brother to 2 year old Everett. The Comptons live next door to Georgianne Smith and they visit her often!



Harrison attends Woodlawn Elementary School and is in the 3rd grade this year His favorite subject is Math.

Some of the things Harrison likes to do include playing baseball and video games and playing with his dog, Jack.

Harrison's favorite memory from church is our recent Kids Club Mystery visit to the Taylor's where he got to feed and interact with the animals.

Fun fact about Harrison: He loves riding roller coasters! When you see Harrison at church, be sure to introduce yourself so he can get to know his church family!

Would you like to Get to Know our FCC Kids?

We need volunteers to provide a light meal for Kids Club on Sundays right after worship.

Fix a meal and share some quality time with these amazing children!

Contact Patti to volunteer or for more information.

Prayer Concerns

Bill Barker	Mike Miller
Jerry Boyd	Susan Montgomery
Steve & Pat Bruce	Bill Morgan
Steve Cline	Jim Page
Rev. Catherine DeMoss	Mike Swain
Ken & June Harmon	Bonnie Wilson
Nancy Mellios	Jeff Withers
Margaret Ann Milburn	Mary Lou Withers

Shut-ins

Mindy Carter	
Odell Hines	Peggy Mitchell
Jack Kaiser	Betty Ramey
Marianne Kirby	Catherine Shoulty

In Sympathy

To Melissa Marlowe Talley and family on the death of her mother, Marilyn Marlowe.

Thank You

Dear church family,

As I am getting ready to start a new chapter by hauling off to college. I wanted to thank you for your love, support, and encouragement through the years. I will probably take my First Christian blanket to school and always remember where I am from. Pray for me to stand for Jesus.

Love,
Lisi Gross

New Staff Members

We are excited and thankful to have new staff members at FCC. Please welcome them!

Katrina Stringer has been hired as our night custodian and will be helping with set-ups and securing our building for our groups meeting at night.

Crystal Reddington and Emma Spears are our new nursery caregivers for infants and preschoolers on Sunday mornings.

Church Closing

The walking track and church will be closed on Monday, September 6 in observance of Labor Day.

News & Announcements

Church Under the Bridge (CUTB)

FCC Outreach could still use some volunteers to set-up, serve food, clean up and mingle with attendees this Sunday, August 29th. Volunteers will meet at FCC at 1:00pm to carpool to Lexington. The church service is held at 3:00pm with the meal to follow. CUTB is located on Fourth St. and Martin Luther King Blvd. If you can help, contact Terry or Linda Dachenhaus.

Worship for Children & Youth dismissed during worship after Children's Chat

Children Worship & Wonder—ages 4yr old—2nd grade (Room 101)

Children's Church—3rd-5th grade (Children's 2nd floor wing)

Middle/High School Youth—6th-12th (Youth 2nd floor wing)

4 Cans 4 Others

A total of 46 cans were contributed this month to The Salvation Army Food Pantry, bringing our total to 32,623. Please continue to bring your 4 cans each week!

Soups on Us

Mark your calendars for September 18! Your faithful service of this outreach ministry month after month does not go unnoticed. We would love to have more volunteers, including more cookie bakers! If you have never helped with SOU, please talk with someone who has and knows what a blessing it is to serve at FCC.



FCC Youth in Grades 6-12 are invited to get together for an afternoon of fun on the water!

Sunday, September 12th

Immediately following worship until 6pm

Join us right after worship for lunch in the gym, then head to Lake Herrington for an afternoon of boating, swimming, water sports and dinner on the dock. Cost is \$5 per person. We will need to know in advance how many are going to make sure we have enough space in the church vans and on the boats. Watch for an email to reserve your spot. *A final decision on this youth gathering will be based on the level of Covid cases in Boyle County at the time of the event.

SEPTEMBER SERVICE ROSTER

	Sept 5	Sept 12	Sept 19	Sept 26
Worship Leader	Joey Kirk	Jane Boyd	Gigi Biles	Cheryl Gibson
Elders at the Table	Julie Jones Nancy McMurry	Butch Pass Vince Pennington	Jan Scott Larry Scott	Martha Caywood Ruth Sigler
Deacons	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Children's Chat	Martha Bryant	Debbie Baker	Patti Wright	Darell Rickmers
Steward	Elmer Jackson	Bill Barker	John Caywood	Joey Kirk
Communion Preparer	Jane Boyd	Ann Barker	Linda Dachenhaus	Kathy Milby
Children Worship & Wonder	Martha Bryant Brent Williams	Darell Rickmers Sueann Rice	Kandi Williams Brent Williams	Kandi Williams Brent Williams

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**FAREWELL APPRECIATION
FOR PASTOR JOEY PUSATERI**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 29
10:45 WORSHIP SERVICE

**BASKET FOR CARDS, NOTES, AND LOVE OFFERINGS
WILL BE AVAILABLE**

Join us this Sunday as we recognize and show our appreciation to Pastor Joey Pusateri for his 4 1/2 years of ministry here at FCC. A basket for cards, notes and love offerings will be available in the narthex.

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