



FIRST CHRISTIAN disciples of christ HIGHLIGHTS

Making disciples who make a difference!

September, 2022

Life Together

It's hard to believe that this will be my last newsletter article as your interim pastor for the second time! Between my two times of serving as your interim pastor, I have been with you for almost three years. That may be a longer time than some of your regular pastors!

Since I will only be here one more week, I will not write about upcoming events. I will reflect on my time here with you. I have felt a great affection for this church and its people. You have been unerringly kind to me, listened graciously to my sermons, and teased me almost as much as I have teased you.

I believe in this church and its potential. We all want to see this church grow and thrive under the new pastor's leadership. I believe it can because this church has great resources.

The facility is simply amazing. What a wonderful gift to have such a lovely building with so much well-maintained space available to the church and to the community without any debt! The building is a testimony to your faithfulness. The board and property team have maintained this building as well as any I have ever seen. The growth of this church will not be limited by the building.

The endowment is another great resource. What an amazing gift that is! Thanks to sound investment strategies and policies this fund will only grow and continue to benefit this congregation... well... forever! Just think of that! The endowment speaks of the church's wonderful history. This church has provided such ministry to individuals in the past that they have committed their wealth to the financial future of this church. They loved this church like we do, and they put their treasure into permanent funds. And this church continues to be a generous church with tithes and offerings.

The leadership of this church is outstanding, both paid and volunteer. I have a deep trust and confidence in every one of the paid staff members. During my three years of total service I have worked with five board chairs, executive committees and boards. This church has solid, capable and willing leadership. They take their responsibilities seriously and give their best efforts on behalf of this church. I don't believe I have ever seen this church make a bad administrative decision.

This church has a heart for outreach. Every time this church sees a need, it rises to the occasion. Just recently, we have seen the church give 72 backpacks for school children, a bus load and another car load of supplies for Eastern Kentucky, and we have about ten people interested in the adult mission trip to Western Kentucky in September. Soups On Us is an amazing ministry with many dedicated volunteers. And the financial contributions to a variety of outreach causes in the past few years has been wonderful.

This church cares for and about one another. This church is not about performance as much as it is about relationships. Many have said that the church is not the building, and I certainly believe that. The church is the people and their love for God and one another. Most of the people in the pews on Sunday were here loving God and loving one another on the first day I came here seven years ago. A few of the members have been in this church for their whole, long lives! There is a wonderful stability about this community and the members of this church. You have seen the ups and downs, and you are still here, doing everything you can to continue the grand traditions of this church. You have learned the real value of the term I have always used for my newsletter column - Life Together.

I love this church like you do. I will watch you lovingly from a distance. I will pray for you and for this church. I will be interested in your successes. I will be proud of you. I will miss being your pastor, but yes, it is time for me to retire for the third time. As hard as it is for me and for you, I will maintain proper boundaries so that you can love your next pastor like you have loved me.

In conclusion, I will quote Paul from 1 Timothy 4:7-8:

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Inside...

September Birthdays, Anniversaries, Events, News and Announcements

FCC KIDS CORNER



Upcoming Calendar of Events

Sept 5th-NO Kid's Club (Labor Day)

Sept 11th-Kid's Club 12:00--2:00 pm.

Fidgets of Faith

Sept 18th-Kid's Club 12:00-2:00 p.m.

Fidgets of Faith

Sept 25-Kid's Club 12:00-2:00 p.m.

Fidgets of Faith

Oct 2nd-NO Kid's Club (Fall Break)

Medical Permission and Release Forms

The start of the school year means that we need to update all Medical Permission and Release forms

Please watch for the forms and accompanying instructions in your email.

Volunteers needed to provide lunch for one of our weekly Kid's Club Meetings!

Patti can give you ideas about some of the kid's favorites!

Contact Patti if you are willing to provide a meal

Kid's Club Resumes Weekly Activities on September 11th!

Kid's Club for children in K-5th grade meets most Sundays, right after worship until 2pm. We share a meal, play games and do fun activities all based on a Biblical theme.

Our fall theme is **Fidgets of Faith** Activities are designed to help children learn how to trust in God while facing the daily struggles of elementary school.

We will also explore different kinds of fidgets as part of this fun series and friends are always welcome. Hope to see YOU there!

Children's Author, Matthew Paul Turner

Saturday, August 27th

Plaid Elephant Bookstore

Meet this Christian author of beautiful picture books that present an inclusive view of the divine.



MATTHEW PAUL TURNER
at Plaid Elephant Books

**Saturday,
August 27**

1pm to 3pm

Invite your children, grandchildren and friends!

For questions about Children's programs, contact Patti Wright

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

Coming and Going August 28th

- ♦ Remember to show up and welcome Rev. Colby Smith on Sunday August 28th for his first sermon at FCC Danville!

There will be a fun reception after worship service around noon to give a warm welcome to our new senior minister. We will be celebrating and thanking the contributions of Dr. Mickey Anders and Donna Everett as well. Cake and punch will be served.

News & Announcements

Capitol Campaign - August 28th



Eastern KY Flood Relief *The Outreach Team*

We are sure you know flooding in late July devastated many communities and counties in Eastern Kentucky. In Letcher County alone, 5,000 homes were flooded. It is a long process to repair these homes if they can be repaired. After removing all the flood debris, sheetrock must be removed above the flood line. Then the house must be sprayed with a disinfectant to kill the mold. The basement or crawl space must be treated for termites and mosquitoes, the house must be completely dried out before any renovation can start. Cleaning up after a flood is a long and arduous process. Families will need our help because most did not have flood insurance.

There are opportunities for us to share our resources with those in Eastern Kentucky affected by the flooding.

Financial Donations

Some of the organizations accepting financial donations for flood relief in Eastern Kentucky are listed below. Donations to these organizations are tax deductible.

Week of Compassion: A fund set up to aid both the St. Louis area and Eastern Kentucky.

Foundation for Appalachian Kentucky Crisis Fund: located in Hazard, KY which serves the general Kentucky Appalachian region.

Appalachian Regional Healthcare Foundation Flood Relief Fund.

Team Eastern Kentucky Flood Relief Fund: Fund established by Gov. Andy Beshear to help those impacted by flooding.

Supplies

We filled the church bus with supplies and sent them to Heritage Mission in Lynch, KY with Stephen Hinkle on August 3. On August 13 Mary Ann and Lyle McGlothlin filled their Subaru with donations for the Family Fun Boxes that Heritage Mission plans to hand out. **DO NOT bring donations for Eastern Kentucky to the church at this time.** We will let you know when we are ready for additional donations.

Heritage Mission though in Harlan County ministers to the families in Letcher County. Heritage Mission currently needs: window air conditioning units, box fans, dehumidifiers, blankets, and towels. Soon they will be getting requests for heaters. You may order these items directly from Lowes in Wise, VA or Amazon OR wait for additional information from the Outreach Team. Contact Mary Ann McGlothlin if you have any questions.

Mission Trip

Stay tuned for opportunities to work with Heritage Mission, helping with renovation or service to families.

Prayer Concerns

David Cottrell
Anne Kerbaugh
Gigi Biles
John Talor Ross
Howard Wilson
Ken Harmon
Bill Barker

Rev. Catherine DeMoss
Susan Montgomery
Bill Morgan
Mike Swain
Mary Lou Withers
Anne Compton

Shut-ins

Jerry Boyd
Pat & Steve Bruce
Mary Ann Burke
Mindy Carter
Tom Ensslin
Odell Hines

Marianne Kirby
Margaret Milburn
Betty Ramey
Catherine Shoulty
Aubre & Jennie Sue Sivils
Bonnie Wilson

Please Keep In Thoughts and Prayers

The Families of:
Frances Caldwell Martin
Richard Cottrell

Welcome Crystal Reddington!

We are so pleased to introduce Crystal Reddington as our interim Administrative Assistant. Crystal is no stranger to FCC as she has been serving as our Nursery Caregiver since August, 2021. When Donna announced her resignation and the personnel committee was quickly looking for a temporary replacement, Crystal expressed interest and has been doing a fantastic job with the many responsibilities of this important job.

Crystal grew up in Rockcastle County, graduated from Rockcastle High School and currently lives in Lancaster with her cat Millie. Her parents and siblings all live close by in Kentucky. She is currently taking a break from her studies but plans to study veterinary medicine in the future. When not working at FCC, Crystal loves gardening and, when forced to be inside likes to knit, crochet and embroider.

Crystal loves working at FCC and already feels like she is part of the church family! She is looking forward to getting to know everyone so be sure to stop by to see her when you are at the church during office hours or stop by the nursery on Sunday mornings.

Her current office hours are Monday-Friday from 8:00-Noon and 1:00-4:00. She would love to start putting names and faces together so be sure to introduce yourself when you have a chance!

She can be reached via email at
admin@firstchristiandanville.com

News & Announcements

Choral Worship "Putting the Band Back Together"

Calling musicians for FCC – returning members and welcoming new additions who want to give us a try. Work with us until Christmas and you'll be a veteran. It's an old slogan but after our long Covid hiatus we are going "back to business as usual" right after Labor Day.

We will do our usual eat together for musicians past, present, and new with spouses or significant others on Wednesday night, September 14th, 6:00 PM, at Pioneer Playhouse (just as we did what seems like forever ago). As I remember it, we ate in a half hour and talked for another hour. Details to follow as we get closer to the date.

The choir's first Sunday back leading worship is September 11th (that's the Sunday before we eat). We really need to get back to leading worship. It's just better when you are up there.

Rehearsals for choir and bells will begin Wednesday, September 21st (Bells 5:30-6:30, choir 7:00). Hopefully bells will be ready to play October 2nd (World Communion). We'll use all familiar music. October begins a fast-paced run to Christmas. Put your running shoes on and get back into the "band."

- Larry Davidson

Project Recovery Meeting September 1st

On Thursday at 6pm there will be a Mission Trip Meeting at Mary Ann and Lyle McGlothlin's house.

Grace Deaf Presbyterian Church—Sundays 10am

Beginning September 4th, you may notice more activity than usual at the church. The board has agreed to allow Grace Presbyterian Church of the Deaf to use the area by the walking track for Sunday School and worship. We have a contract with this group to allow them to use our facility through the end of the year.

New Office and Walking Track Hours

Office is open 8am-12pm, 1pm-4pm

Walking track is open 8am-11am, 1pm-3pm

Soups on Us September 17th

Mark your calendars for another SOU at 7:00am. We thank you for helping us stock up on cookies.

4 Cans 4 Others

We have a total of 33,453 cans after receiving 64 in August. The Salvation Army Food Pantry appreciates every single item to help someone in need. Let's keep bringing cans each week for this outreach ministry in our community.

About Rev. Colby Smith

Colby believes in the power of prayer—prayer that is directed and intentional. His theological principals are based in interpretation of scripture and the empowerment of the congregational. In describing his gifts, Colby believes his sermons are well grounded in scripture and relevant to the times with a touch of humor. He was ordained in May 1998 and since then has served many years as a pastor.



*"God's calling has been renewed,
enjoyed and incredibly satisfying."*

Reverend Colby Smith

First Worship Service August 28th

Please be sure to come to church and experience his sermon! Let's give him a warm FCC family welcome and show him our support.

Colby and his wife Susie have already come to love the town of Danville and First Christian Church members. His last 6 years have been spent spreading the word of God at First Christian Church in Independence Missouri. You may have seen some of his videos on their YouTube page already!

On July 31st Colby met and had fellowship with board members in the chapel. He was voted on by our congregation and unanimously accepted as our new senior minister.

Colby's sermons focus on spreading all the good that comes from God's love, His people being the body that carries His light through the world, and encouraging all to show up and give praise in the name of the Lord. He focuses God's love and how it truly helps us persevere. On August 14th he spoke about how important love is and what it means:

"Love endures from generation to generation. Kindness and patience, long suffering, forgiveness - these are the things that build everything that is good."

From all of us at First Christian Church in Danville,

Welcome

Reverend Colby Smith and his family.

-Crystal Reddington

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COMING AND GOING

Sunday August 28th
After Church

Dr. Mickey Anders ● Rev. Colby Smith ● Donna Everett

We will be having a lighthearted celebration of those who are "Coming and Going" within the church. Please come celebrate with us while we welcome and thank all involved.

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