



FIRST CHRISTIAN disciples of christ HIGHLIGHTS

Making disciples who make a difference!

January 26, 2022

Life Together

I have delayed writing this column so that I could report to you the activities and plans from our board retreat on Saturday, January 22.

The Board voted to continue NOT having in-person worship services as long as the COVID numbers are as high as they are. They will review the health data every week and will move to in-person worship as soon as they deem it safe to do so.

One of the most important actions of the day was the approval of the Senior Minister Search Committee. The members will be:

Jacob Cooper
Elmer Jackson
Jenny McClure
Nancy McMurry
Jan Scott

Join me in praying daily for these friends as they tackle the vital task of finding our next Senior Minister.

But most of our morning was spent doing some strategic planning. I wonder how you would have responded to these questions that we addressed:

1. What are we trying to accomplish for our members? (Purpose)
2. If we were to receive an award from our denomination five years from now, what would be said about our congregation? (Vision)
3. What do we do best that draws people to our church instead of another church? (Strengths)
4. What hinders us from being the best church in town? (Weaknesses)

5. What ministry opportunities in the community are we missing? (Opportunities)

6. What is happening externally that will adversely affect our church? (Threats)

We had lively discussions about all those questions before setting some goals and strategies to meet those goals. Many worthy goals were suggested, and after voting we selected these three as the top priority goals.

1. Tell our story better through authentic promotion
2. Explore additional outreach opportunities in our community
3. Provide more alternatives for weekday Bible studies, book studies, and fellowship opportunities

I appreciate the board members who gave up their Saturday morning for these important discussions and the seriousness with which they took the task. We had a very limited time for all these topics, and it will take some time for us to compile and process all our notes. But this discussion and goal-setting will have a big impact on the direction of the church over the next year.

Dr. Mickey Anders
Interim Sr. Minister

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November Board Summary

The Administrative Board of FCC met on Saturday, January 22, 2022, following a Strategic Planning Session. The following are highlights of the board meeting:

- **Financial Report:** November and December 2021, and 2021 YTD Financial Statements for the General Budget and Restricted Funds were distributed, reviewed, and discussed. Pledges and offerings were \$15,747.73 less than budget YTD; General Endowment Income is up 2021 YTD by \$26,286.70. Many expenses were less in 2021 due to Covid 19. Lower expenses included professional development, health insurance, disability insurance, Green Chalice, food, paper, supplies, and electricity. Higher expense than budget included recent Wi-Fi expansion. There is a budget surplus for 2021 of \$34,931.31. \$19931.31 of the surplus will be moved to the Reserve Fund at the end of January.
- **Endowment Committee Year End Review:** The Endowment Committee met 1/14/2022 to review the Endowment accounts with the account administrators from Kentucky Trust and Farmer's Bank. The Endowment Accounts include the General Endowment, Maxine Maxey Fund, and the Ansel Herndon Fund. The Endowment Committee felt comfortable with the feedback received and the investment strategies of the funds. The funds did well in 2021. 2022 is expected to be a challenging year for markets. Dr. Larry Scott's term ended on 12/31/2021 and Sarah Hempel has filled the vacancy.
- **Dr. Anders announced and welcomed five (5) new members of FCC:** Jacob Cooper, Don and Carolyn Burton, and Jim Lester and Mary Lester.
- **Rev. DeMoss stated that The Gathering is continuing to meet on Sunday mornings even while worship is virtual.** DYC will hopefully begin again on 1/23/22 at 5:30p.m. at the Presbyterian Church if possible depending on the Covid 19 situation.
- **The board approved the acceptance of the email proxy vote for the purchase of two (2) microphones to be used in the Sanctuary for a total cost of \$1712.00**
- **The board approved the members of the Senior Pastor Search Committee:** Elmer Jackson, Jan Scott, Jenny McClure, Nancy McMurry, and Jacob Cooper.
- **The board approved a recommendation by Dr. Mickey Anders for Stephen Hinkle to serve as an unpaid Pastoral Intern at FCC from January-May 2022 to fulfill requirements for his current ministry classwork.**
- **The board discussed resuming in-person church services in February.** The board decided to evaluate and determine whether or not to hold February services on a week by week basis, with a decision being made on the Thursday prior to each Sunday. The announcement will be made via OneCall and an email blast.

FCC KIDS



Children's Programming at FCC takes a village of volunteers and our volunteers are the BEST!

Each week, we need 6-8 volunteers to work with our children in **Worship & Wonder** (ages 4-2nd grade) **Children's Church** (3rd-5th grade), provide our **Children's Chat** during worship, and **Acolyte Assistants** who help our acolytes safely bring the light into the sanctuary. And all of this happens during worship each week!

After worship, we have volunteers who stay to **assist Patti with Kid's Club** and others who **provide lunch** for Kid's Club

Many of the amazing people you see listed help in multiple areas of these Children's Ministry areas! Please let them know how much they are appreciated!

If you would like to volunteer to work with our wonderful children, or would like to provide a lunch for Kid's Club, contact Patti through the church office.



THANK YOU TO OUR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS!

Sarah Anders

Kelly Anderson

Debbie Baker

Martha Bryant

Pat Calvert

Jacob Cooper

Molly Cooper

Linda Dachenhaus

Ramona Guinn

Jackie Fowler

Kendra Funkhouser

Sherrie Horn

Nancy Mahan

Mary McKitric

Connie McVicker

Alice Reynolds

Jay Reynolds

Sueann Rice

Darell Rickmers

Rachel Russell

Ruth Sigler

Susan Taylor

Penny Vaught

Brent Williams

Kandi Williams

Prayer Concerns

Bill Barker	Bill Morgan
Jane Boyd	Diane Reed
Steve Cline	Mike Swain
Rev. Catherine DeMoss	Bonnie Wilson
Ken Harmon	Howard Wilson
Margaret Ann Milburn	Jeff Withers
Mike Miller	Mary Lou Withers
Susan Montgomery	Nyla Wright

Shut-ins

Jerry Boyd	Marianne Kirby
Steve & Pat Bruce	Betty Ramey
Mindy Carter	Catherine Shoulty
Odell Hines	Dorothy Warren
Jack Kaiser	

Thank You

FCC has been acknowledged by the following donor recipients:

- Backpack Kids program of Boyle County for helping provide food for children of Danville/Boyle County
- Boyle County ASAP for treatments and related travel costs, and transitional sober living in Boyle County and contiguous county residents who are in need of assistance for substance abuse disorders
- Christian Church (DoC) Kentucky for bath house improvements at Camp Wakon' D-Ho
- Families Forward (Danville Housing) for helping families with self-sufficiency through housing, food, counseling, and education

Dear Church Family,

We have all experienced the sting of a loved one's death. It was my family's turn with the recent passing of my father. Please know that I felt the love, prayers, and deeply appreciate the cards and calls from this church. I cannot imagine going through life without a church like ours.

In Christ,
Joey Kirk and Family

Church World Service Blanket Ministry

FCC's Church World Service 2021 Blanket program totaled \$1213.00. When difficult times happen, a kind and loving response can make all the difference. Your generous contributions sent the message, "Love never fails".

Thank you for your support on behalf of CWF (Christian Women's Fellowship).

News & Announcements

Week of Compassion—Love remains

On February 20, our annual offering will be taken for Week of Compassion which is the relief, refugee, and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Your gifts help rebuild communities recovering from disaster. They help support refugees, empower farmers to grow crops, and empower youth and women through education and vocational opportunities. Let your giving share faith, hope, and love around the world and make a difference in so many lives. Please indicate Week of Compassion on all checks sent or given in person to the church.

Soups on Us

Mark February 19th on your calendars to help with our SOU outreach ministry in our community. Volunteers begin at 7:30am preparing meals and deliver around 11:00am. Cookie bakers are always needed too!

4 Cans 4 Others

Thank you for your generosity this past year in giving cans and non-perishable food to The Salvation Army. We are now at a total of 32,980. Every can makes a difference in helping feed the hungry in our community. Feel free to bring your cans by the church during the week or when we have in-person worship again.

Welcome New Church Members

Please welcome the following new church members:

Jacob Cooper is married to Molly Anderson Cooper and resides in Stanford.

Rev. Don & Carolyn Burton reside in Junction City and are foster parents of Kierstyn Gibson and Serenity Smithers. They also have a daughter and son-in-law, Donna Carol & Sean Welch, and grandchildren, Liam and Elijah. Don is a former Disciples' minister.

Jim & Mary Lester are retired and reside in the Danville community.

In Sympathy

- To Joey Kirk Family on the passing of his father, William Joseph "Billy Joe" Kirk of Georgia, on December 28.

- To Penny Vaught on the passing of her brother, Ray Mattill of Florida, on January 3

- To the family of Bill Hammonds, former pastor of FCC Danville, who passed away on January 13.

- To Kendra Funkhouser in the passing of her aunt on January 14.

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BAPTISM CLASS

BEGINNING FEBRUARY 13
6 WEEK CLASS

Interested in baptism? We are offering a 6-week class that begins February 13 in which you can learn more, ask questions, and get paired with a mentor. It is a personal and spiritual journey to find God's calling and timing in making this commitment. For those ready, baptism is scheduled for March 27. Contact Rev. Catherine for more information.

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