



FIRST CHRISTIAN disciples of christ HIGHLIGHTS

Making disciples who make a difference!

June 30, 2021

Koinōvia (Koinonia)

koinē 'nēā, noun: Christian fellowship

Overhearing what they said, Jesus told him, "Don't be afraid; just believe." (Mark 5:36, NIV)

Welcome to the tunnel of chaos.

"The tunnel of chaos" is a concept to which I was first introduced about 10 years ago when I was serving as a seminary intern at my home church, Middletown CC, in Louisville.

At that time, the church was going through a visioning process, guided by an outside consulting ministry. When the consultants came in and began leading discussion sessions within smaller teams, it wasn't long before people began to feel overwhelmed, disoriented and frustrated. This, the consultants told us, was normal. It was "the tunnel of chaos."

You see, there is a myth about change. People think that you can change without changing. Let me give you an example: "We want to attract more people to church" (change), "but we want to keep church exactly like it is" (no change). Or "We want to make a bigger impact in the community" (change), "but we can't spare another weekend or more money to do something" (no change). "We want more children and youth ministry" (change), "but we can't let it overlap or interfere with our other ministries" (no change). "We want more young people in worship" (change), "but we don't want to change worship" (no change). "We want more youth in relationship with Jesus, but we don't want to talk about drugs, racism, LGBTQ people, sex, abortion, school shootings, etc." You get the idea. The reason things are the way that they are is because of the way that everything is.

The bottom line is, you can't change anything without changing everything, at least a little bit. This is not easy to see, but everything is connected. It's like a racehorse or a marathon runner. When one joint is injured, pretty soon all the joints hurt because they are all affected by the change in movement that one injury causes. When my running

shoes get worn out, I feel it first in one ankle, then the opposite knee, then both hips. And when alignment is restored for one joint, the rest fall into place.

Back to the church. When we begin to seek change in one part of the church (growth in worship, in ministry, in young people's participation, we suddenly realize that every part of the church has to change. This can be overwhelming, disorienting, and frustrating. It can feel like chaos. And I think that the tunnel of chaos is necessary if we want real, meaningful change. If we don't enter the tunnel of chaos, then we aren't taking the change seriously; we are just trying to put up window dressing.

As we resume and grow worship, as the ministry areas of the church dream big, as we take on ambitious goals, expect things to collide. Expect that a new ministry to interrupt an existing ministry until they find a way to work together. As we make room for new people, expect to give up some of your space. Expect the chaos. Welcome to the tunnel.

But do not fear. I have been in tunnels like this before and they are worth it. Use it as an opportunity to change and grow. And remember that we aren't alone in the tunnel. Jesus is with us. In fact, he is the one that will lead us out of the tunnel, because he is the one who led us into it!

Shalom,

-Rev. Joey Pusateri

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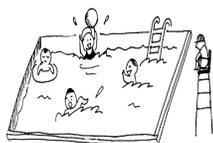
The FCC Administrative Board met on 6/17/2021 and the following are highlights from the meeting:

- Financial Report: Analysis of Revenues and Expenses – May 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 compared to YTD budget; salaried and benefits are on budget; water bill is high due to recent water leak; electricity is down due to rate change from Demand to General; net surplus for the year is \$60,323.17 – without the Endowment Income it would be \$ -31,446.42.
 - ◇ In June the Endowment Check from Farmer's National Bank will show in the financial statements. \$6265.20 will go to the Restricted Account Youth Fund; \$24,588.00 will go to the Restricted Account Emergency Fund; another \$4469.53 will post to Endowment Income in the General Fund. The Emergency Fund will have a balance of \$51,163.12 and the Youth Fund will have \$35,176.13.
 - ◇ Board approved to move the following from Restricted Accounts to General Fund: Children's Offering - \$130.76, Sunday School Offering \$16.85, Interest Income \$59.07.
 - ◇ Board approved opening a Sweep Account at Community Trust Bank. Anytime the total balances of our accounts with them exceed \$250,000.00 (FDIC limit) at the end of the business day, the amount over \$250,000.00 will sweep to the new account, which is backed by CTB securities, therefore insuring the safety of our funds. We receive the same interest on this account as the other two.
 - ◇ The general fund is now set up as interest bearing.
 - ◇ Board discussed Emergency Fund amount and will carry this item to August board meeting.
- Property: Property Chair Steve Cline appointed an Energy Council – Jack Jones, Patti Powell, George Coomer, and Steve Cline and they are meeting with KU representative on 6/24 for a walkthrough. All sources of energy are being reviewed to determine where savings can be realized.
- Board discussed ways in which to improve our technology in order to capture all of the worship experience online and in the sanctuary, which also includes a trained audio-visual team. Worship Ministry Area and Pastor Joey are leading this effort.
- Outreach: Soups on Us, Back Pack Kids, 4 Cans 4 Others are going well and the following outreach events are planned: Church Under the Bridge (8/29), Arnold Tower Meal (September), and Christmas Breakfast with Santa.
- Connections: A church potluck is planned for 6/30/2021 and a coffee fellowship before worship has begun.
- Pastor Joey announced Rev. Catherine DeMoss will be preaching on 7/11/2021 and the plan is for her to preach every 6-7 weeks.
- Personnel: The positions of PT Facilities Administrator, PT Custodian/Event, and PT Nursery Workers (2) have been posted.

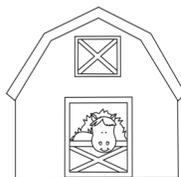
FCC KIDS CORNER

Kid's Club Summertime Fun!

Please put these dates on your calendar so you don't miss out. Watch for details in email and text updates from Patti.



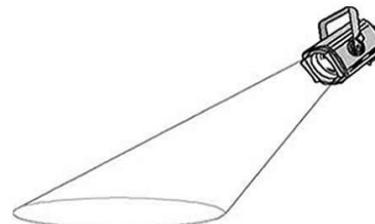
Sunday, July 11th
Swim Party at the Tye's
11:45 am-3:00 pm (lunch included)



Sunday, August 1st
Mystery Destination
11:45 am-2:30 pm (lunch included)

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 **Bari Bowman**.



Bari is the daughter of Ramona Guinn and the granddaughter of Mary McKitric, aka Nana. She will start 2nd grade this fall at Tolliver Intermediate School and, as Bari loves to read, it is no surprise that her favorite class is Library!

Bari loves spending time with her dog, Zella, riding her bike, and playing Corn Hole. She also likes to work puzzles with her Papaw and loves to get ice cream with Nana. If you look closely at her photo, you may discover something else Bari likes to do!

Bari's favorite memories at church include being in the Christmas play in 2019 and Kids Club trips to Malibu Jack's. She also loves to sing and does all sorts of arts and crafts.

Fun Fact: Bari collects fidgets! When you see Bari at church, be sure to introduce yourself so she can get to know her church family!

SAVE the DATE! SUNDAY, AUGUST 15th FCC BACK to SCHOOL BASH!

Plan to join the fun as our entire FCC Family gathers for food, fun and fellowship and to support our children and teachers as they head back to school. Mark your calendar today and watch for more details later this summer!

Prayer Concerns

Bill Barker
Jerry Boyd
Steve & Pat Bruce
Steve Cline
Rev. Catherine DeMoss
Ken & June Harmon
Josh Hensley
Nancy Mellios
Margaret Ann Milburn
Mike Miller

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

Shut-ins

Mindy Carter
Odell Hines
Jack Kaiser
Marianne Kirby
Marilyn Marlowe

Peggy Mitchell
Betty Ramey
Catherine Shoulty
Dorothy Warren

In Sympathy

To Darell & Karen Rickmers and family on the passing of Darell's mother-in-law, June Simpson, on June 6.

To Melissa Talley and family on the passing of her father, Sammy Marlowe, on June 9. A celebration of life will be held on July 1 at 4:00pm following visitation from 1:00-4:00pm. at W.L. Pruitt Funeral Home in Moreland.

To Tom and Julie Hastings and family on the passing of Julie's mother, Donna Lewis McGee of Hopkinsville, on June 23. A celebration of life will be held at a later time.

News & Announcements

Children's Church

All children 4 years old thru entering 2nd grade are invited to Children's Church **beginning July 4th**. Those children entering 3rd-5th grades may also join the group or remain in the sanctuary with their families. Children will be dismissed during the worship service after Children's Chat and picked up after the service on the 2nd floor children's hallway.

Nursery Ministry

We are eagerly searching to hire 2 nursery caregivers, but in the meantime, we need volunteers to stay with our current nursery caregiver. Our Safe Sanctuary Policy requires 2 adults to stay with our children. If you or someone you know are interested in the hired position or willing to volunteer one Sunday a month, please contact Patti (812-483-9004) or the church office (236-4006).

Hiking to Raven Run

Mark your calendar for July 17 for a hiking trip to Raven Run in Lexington. We will gather at the church to car-pool to Lexington at 9:30am.

Backpack Kids Offering

An offering collection will be taken on July 18 to help provide food items for students. This program reaches many students and their families throughout the year.

Are You a Teacher?

Let us know if you are a teacher - active, inactive, or retired. You may contact the church by emailing donna@firstchristiandanville.com or calling 236-4006.

Soups on Us

Your help is needed on Saturday, July 17. Volunteers will begin at 7:30am box folding; 9:00am sandwich making; 10:00am meal assembly; and 11:00am delivery. If you can't come help, bake cookies! Cookie bakers can bring cookies packaged 2/bag (no nuts or peanut butter) during the week. Let's serve those in need in our community.

Back to School Bash

Mark your calendars for August 22 and come out to show your support to our students and teachers in the new school year. More details will be given closer to the time.

4 Cans 4 Others

Your contributions of 72 cans and food items for June brought our total to 32,430. Thank you for continuing to support The Salvation Army Food Pantry. Every item meets someone's need in our community.



★ INDEPENDENCE DAY ★

CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENT

The church offices and walking track will be closed on Monday, July 5th in observance of July 4th holiday.

July Service Roster

Month of July	Deacons	Elders at the Table	Worship Leader	Children's Church	Steward	Children's Chat
July 4, 2021	Sarah Hempel Eben Henson Rodger & Wendy Ross	Julie Jones Nancy McMurry	John Caywood	Patti Wright Martha Bryant	John Caywood	Catherine DeMoss
July 11, 2021	Nancy Mahan Rodger & Wendy Ross Kasey Wilson	Butch Pass Vince Pennington	Tom Huckleberry	Farrah Guerrant Peyton Guerrant	Bill Barker	Joey Pusateri
July 18, 2021	Terry & Linda Dachenhaus Sarah Hempel Kasey Wilson	Jan Scott Larry Scott	Lyle McGlothlin	Martha Bryant Sueann Rice	Martha Bryant	Kendra Funkhouser
July 25, 2021	Sherrie Horn Rodger & Wendy Ross Jeff Withers	Jane Boyd Jan Bradshaw	Evelyn Guerrant	Patricia Calvert Penny Vaught	Elmer Jackson	Debbie Baker

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We are excited to offer Children's Church beginning this Sunday for children ages 4 thru entering 2nd grade. Those entering 3rd –5th grade may also attend or stay in the worship service with their parents. Children will lbe dismissed during the service after Children's Chat with leaders to their own room for worship time. Don't let your child miss out on this great Bible learning opportunity!

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