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Making disciples who make a difference!

June 29, 2022

Life Together

In spite of a board meeting with a very light agenda, we had a very significant meeting on June 20. The meeting only consisted of various reports, but the last item on the agenda was a report on the needed organ repairs presented by our organist, Harry Mercer, and our music director, Larry Davidson.

Harry reported that our organ was purchased on June 22, 1967 from the M. P. Moller Company at a cost of \$32,495. He noted that while our organ has served us well for fifty-five years, some of the operating systems have begun to fail in various operations throughout the console. Several of the controls work only some of the time, some of them don't work properly at various and unannounced times, and some just don't function any longer.

Harry shared a letter written in 1987, when the organ was twenty years old, to Norman Hagley from Jerome Schaedle of Schaedle Pipe Organ Services. The letter said in part:

"This organ was built just before the superior solid-state switching mechanisms for pipe organs were introduced. It contains the outdated pneumatic and mechanical switching devices which contain thousands of tiny electrical contacts, many moving parts, and wind-operated switches. The contacts wear, corrode, lose their shape, position, and tension. The moving parts often stick and malfunction, as they are affected by temperature and humidity. The practice of using the wind of the organ to operate the switching devices and combinations pistons is totally outdated.... The pneumatic items, of course, also contain perishable leather and cloth, which must be

renewed at various intervals. Today, all of these switching devices are the solid-state type, employing transistors. They contain no moving parts, no wind, and only a minimum of electrical contacts. In 1986, we made two additional service visits to the organ because of problems in the existing switching system, which caused sticking notes and similar problems... You may wish to consider the conversion of the entire switching system of the organ to solid-state. No better system exists, and a ten-year warranty applies. The expected life is seventy years minimum."

As you might have guessed already, the church never took action on the recommended change to a solid-state system. As was happening in 1987, the mechanism of the organ has continued to deteriorate and various organ repair companies have continued to patch up the outdated system.

At the request of the church, Harry has solicited a bid for the needed change-over to a solid-state system. The bid came back at a cost of \$140,000.

After hearing Harry's report and asking further questions, the board voted unanimously to pursue the long-needed repairs to the organ. Church policies state that any capital expenditure over \$50,000 requires a capital campaign, so the board voted to form a capital campaign committee to lay the plan to raise the necessary funding for the organ repairs.

Dr. Mickey Anders
Interim Sr. Minister

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June Board Summary

The Administrative Board of FCC met on Monday, June 20, 2022 and the following are the highlights of the meeting:

Financial Report: Treasurer Martha Bryant reviewed the May and Year to Date Financial Statement, Restricted Funds, and Balance Sheet. Church expenses are in line with budget. Income is down \$8000.00 from budget. The investment accounts have been reviewed and our goals remain the same. The financial committee is working to get the insurance costs broken down by month instead of quarterly. We expect the gas bill to be lower until November and electricity costs are projected to run higher this summer due to heat waves.

Elders: Elder Chair Kendra Funkhouser reported that the Elders are reaching out to church members and attendees on two fronts: by making plans to possibly resume shut in communion and by contacting those who have not returned to church after the worst of the pandemic and welcoming them back to church. The Elders will meet this Sunday, June 26, to further discuss these efforts.

Children's Ministries: Children's Ministries Director Patti Wright reported that Vacation Bible School was a great success with 40 children attending and 21 volunteer church members and 4 youth assisting. Many thanks from Patti to everyone who helped make VBS a great success.

Property Report: Jack Jones reported that the Chapel has been painted, Grace Gardens is growing profusely, the drain in the hand sink is in need of repair, and we are waiting for rain in order for the roofer to come back and work on the roof leak. The fountain is back from powder coating and the work on it will be completed soon.

Youth Minister Report: Youth Minister Stephen Hinkle reported that on June 12 The Gathering - Catherine DeMoss Vesper Service was held with 10 youth attending. The following events are planned: June 28 – Legend's Ballgame, July 17 - The Gathering - Summer Splash Waterpark and August – Church Lock In.

Outreach: Brian Calvert reported that the Western Kentucky Tornado Relief date has been set for "Project Recovery Mission Trip": Sunday, Sept. 25th-Friday, Sept.30. 216 Soups on Us meals were delivered in May, 60 4 Cans for Others were collected in May, and 95 family boxes and 120 snacks were delivered for Backpack Kids. A Community Back to School Block Party is planned for July 30 at Millennium Park and Outreach will have a table and supervise one hour of the bouncy house. A theme and prizes are being planned along with the best way to promote FCC.

Connections: Margaret Clark reported that the quarterly meal on May 18 was a big success and many thanks to all who helped with this. The Connections Ministry Area reaches out to Shut-Ins through the Card Ministry, the church through the Coffee Fellowship, Small Groups Book Connection, and other events that are planned in the future.

Additional Insurance Coverage: The board was advised that the Executive Committee recently took action to add additional insurance coverage to our policy in order to cover injuries in the church facilities – Participant Accident Insurance. This coverage is the same that schools utilize and covers participants and volunteers.

Organ Repair: Larry Davidson, Music Director, and Harry Mercer, Organist, were welcomed to the meeting and they provided background, history, expertise, and information regarding the organ relative to its current state of needed repairs. The needed repairs were first brought to the attention of the board in 2021. A detailed bid was submitted by Oldham Organ Works from Crestview, Kentucky. Following board discussion, the board approved establishment of a capital campaign committee for the purpose of funding the organ repair up to \$150,000.00.

FCC KIDS CORNER

July is a busy month for the FCC Kid's Club!

Check out these events, mark your calendar, and invite a friend to join the fun! Kids Club events are open to any child entering Kindergarten through Grade 6 in the fall.



Bowling and Lock-In!
Scheduled for July 8th
Postponed to Later Date



VBS Opportunity!

July 18th-21st

Did you have fun at our **HayDay VBS?** Or did you miss the fun? Either way, you have an opportunity to join our friends at The Presbyterian Church of Danville for **Knights of North Castle!**



Dinner begins at 5:30, followed by rotations of Bible stories, crafts, music, and games that will lead you on exciting quests! VBS is for kids 4 yrs. old—completed 5th grade. It ends each night at 8:00pm.

Register by June 24th to receive a free t-shirt!



Swimming Party

Sunday, July 17th

11:45-3:00

Let's swim! We will head to the Anderson Dean Park Aquatic Center after worship for some fun in the sun! Rain date: Sunday, July 24th

Destination Unknown

Sunday, July 31st

11:45-2:00



Join us IF YOU DARE as we load up the church van and try to figure out where we are going based on clues along the way. More info coming soon!

August 21st

Kids and Youth

Fall Kick-Off



Mark your calendar and plan to join the fun as we head to Get Air in Nicholasville.

Details Coming Soon!

Volunteers are needed for each Kid's Club Summer Event. Contact Patti if you can help!

Email: patti@firstchristiandanville.com

Call/text: (812) 483-9004

Thank you so much

Many thanks to all who helped make our **HayDay VBS** a success! We are so grateful for those who put signs in their yards, brought newspapers, invited family and friends, helped decorate, and prayed for our VBS staff and children. We had a GREAT week!

We had 40 children attend VBS and were so grateful to have 24 volunteers who worked closely with the children all week. They were Pastor Mickey Anders, Sarah Anders, Jane Boyd, Martha Bryant, Molly Cooper, Linda Dachenhaus, Terry Dachenhaus, Chloe Darnell, John Funkhouser, Kendra Funkhouser, Stephen

Hinkle, Sherrie Horn, Libby Joiner, Caleb Jones, Julie Jones, Kellie Jones, Mary McKitric, Connie McVicker, Harry Mercer, Sueann Rice, Darell Rickmers, Ruth Sigler, Emma Taylor, and Sarah Kate Taylor.

A Special Thank You to . . .

. . . **Susan and Chris Taylor** for inviting us to their farm where the children got to get up close and personal with Buttercup the Donkey, Scout the horse, and their lively chickens.

. . . **Darell Rickmers** who envisioned and brought to life our beautiful decorations.

. . . **Donna Everett** for her hours of help with fliers, registration, VBS website and more!

Having a successful VBS takes a village and our amazing FCC Congregation is truly the best!



FCC YOUTH NEWS FROM STEPHEN

Our FCC Youth met off campus one Sunday this past month for The Gathering. Rev. Catherine DeMoss had a Vesper Service by guiding the youth through different expressions of worship and connection with God in a group setting. The service ended with communion and self-meditation. Youth meet each Sunday for The Gathering at 9:45am during the Sunday School hour in the Youth Room. We hope all middle and high school students will join us!

Youth Gatherings Summer 2022

July 24 – The Gathering – SomerSplash Waterpark (Somerset) - Meet at church to depart @ 9:45 AM. Bring towels, sunblock, etc. Bring money for lunch and snacks. Arrive back at church @ 6 PM. Cost to be determined.

August 5 – Youth Church Lock-in (Date to be determined)

Service Roster July 2022

	July 3	July 10	July 17	July 24	July 31
Worship Leader	Tom Huckleberry	Margaret Clark	John Funkhouser	Joey Kirk	Mary Ann McGlothlin
Elders at the Table	Brian & Patricia Calvert	Cheryl Gibson Bart Gover	Martha Caywood Kathryn Ensor	Tom Huckleberry Nancy McMurry	Evelyn Guerrant Butch Pass
Deacons	Rodger & Wendy Ross	Brent Williams Kasey Wilson	Sarah Hempel Eben Henson	David May Kasey Wilson	Sarah Hempel Brent Williams
Children's Chat	Debbie Baker	Martha Bryant	Susan Taylor	Mickey Anders	Patti Wright
Steward	Elmer Jackson	Bill Barker	Martha Bryant	John Caywood	Joey Kirk
Summer Children's Worship	Martha Bryant Stephen Hinkle	Penny Vaught Patti Wright	Patricia Calvert Brent Williams	Patti Wright Brent Williams	Penny Vaught Stephen Hinkle
Greeters	Jeanette Barbour Sueann Rice	Terry & Linda Dachenhaus	Youth	Jay & Alice Reynolds	Debbie Baker Sherrie Horn

Prayer Concerns

Bill Barker
Rev. Catherine DeMoss
Ken Harmon
Margaret Ann Milburn
Mike Miller
Susan Montgomery
Bill Morgan

JT Ross
Mike Swain
Kandi Williams
Howard Wilson
Mary Lou Withers

Shut-ins

Jerry Boyd
Steve & Pat Bruce
Mindy Carter
Odell Hines
Marianne Kirby

Betty Ramey
Catherine Shoulty
Dorothy Warren
Bonnie Wilson

Sr. Pastor Search Committee: Jacob Cooper, Elmer Jackson, Jenny McClure, Nancy McMurry and Jan Scott

Thank You

First Christian Church,

Thank you very much for your generous donation of \$1,500 to the Backpack Kids food program. Your donation provides much needed food on the weekends for Boyle County children.

First Christian Church has been a long time supporter of the BPK program. We truly appreciate your continued commitment to this important mission.

Sincerely,

The BPK Board of Directors

SPECIAL NOTICE: The Pastor Search Committee is pleased to announce that we have selected an individual to become our new Pastor. He will be placed before the Church Board soon for their consideration. If he is endorsed by that body, his nomination will go before a Congregational vote in the near future. So, more work is to be done, but we are hopeful that the process will move smoothly and our new pastor will soon join us. I want to thank the members of the Search Committee for their devoted and faith-filled efforts in this task. Those members are Jan Scott, Nancy McMurry, Jennie McClure and Jacob Cooper. Please express your appreciation to them when you can.

Thank you to all who prayed for us...
Elmer Jackson, Pastor Search Committee Chair

Church Closed on the 4th of July

News & Announcements

Back-to-School Block Party July 30

FCC Outreach Ministry will be participating in a Back-to-School "Block Party" at Millennium Park on July 30 from 12-9pm. The Outreach team will have a table representing FCC, with a drawing for a back-to-school "prize basket" to give away. Anyone interested in joining us is welcome! Contact Patricia Calvert (859-583-6336)

Small Group Book Discussion Next Sunday

Another group discussion on Chapter 3 of the book "Significant" will be held on July 10 after worship in the chapel. Please contact Margaret Clark (859-319-3895) if you want a box lunch ordered from Danielle's Drive Away Cafe. It's not too late to join in these discussions as each chapter stands alone. Books can be purchased through Amazon or other book stores.

Soups on Us

We are still in the summer months with people out on vacations, etc. so your help is greatly needed and appreciated for this ongoing food ministry. Volunteer to drive, bake some cookies, and/or come help us assemble meals on Saturday, July 16. Process begins 7:30am box folding; 9:00am sandwich making; 10:00am meal assembly; 11:00am delivery. Hope to see you there!

4 Cans 4 Others

With an additional 99 cans this month, we now have a total of 33,352 cans. The Salvation Army provides food and more for many in our community. Your giving and support does make a difference!

Body Recall Resumes Normal Schedule

After July 4th, Body Recall resumes their normal schedule. Join this low impact exercise group on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings at 9am. For further information, contact Carolyn Walter (859-548-8203).

Dash for Dolls Collection (Christmas in July)

With your help & support, a collection for dolls and appropriate toys for boys will be held in honor of Ruby Cline-Eaton's friend, the late Karen Wilson, who always worked to provide toys for kids during the holidays. Dash for Dolls is a 501c3 and has helped many deserving children in the surrounding counties...last year through your generous donations approximately 250 toys were sent to Western Kentucky after their devastating tornadoes. If you would like more information please feel free to contact Ruby Cline-Eaton (859-516-8046).

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Don't take a break from God this summer. Worship with us in-person or online each Sunday at 10:45am. Our services are streamed live on YouTube or Facebook.

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