



FIRST CHRISTIAN disciples of christ HIGHLIGHTS

Making disciples who make a difference!

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Life Together

"Wise people plant trees under whose branches they will never sit." - Alfred North Whitehead

I think a lot about investments for the future lately. Partly because I am enjoying the benefits of retirement investments that I made starting in my late twenties. In 1973, I attended a stewardship conference where the retirement specialists showed graphs depicting the benefits of compound interest. Now I wasn't the smartest guy around, but I understood the graph and the concept. So, I made a commitment to always try to save for retirement. There were many tough days for our family living on less, but it has made retirement much easier.

I am equally impressed with the long-term thinking of many now deceased members of our church. People like Nancibel Rogers, Wanda B Coleman, Estelle W Pruitt, Charlie Hazelrigg, Woody Guerrant, Pauline Nolloth, Emma Kimberlin, Hiram A Morgan, Margie Hazelrigg, Ralph & Nancy Amos, and James Beazley. I hardly recognize any of these names. However, I am sure that long-time members of our church do recognize them. These people cared so much about this church that they left instructions that part of their estate would go to our church's endowment fund. They planted trees under which they will never sit.

I like looking to the future this way. And I like the power of compound interest! While most endowments are funded from estates after someone dies, I give a small monthly gift to the legacy fund of another church where I served as pastor. I like thinking that my little gift will be there FOREVER and will grow,

and the interest will always be used for the church that I love. Long after I am gone, that gift will continue to make a difference!

I am impressed with the management of the endowment funds for our church. We have excellent and specific policies regarding all the funds so there is never a debate about how they are to be used. And there is no possibility of them being misused.

Someone asked me once if this church ever considered spending the principal of the endowment funds, and I was shocked and replied, "Certainly not! The policies are very strict about that."

Our church endowments have benefited from compound interest and continue to provide a growing amount of resources for our congregation to maintain this lovely building, provide funds for outreach, and undergird a portion of our regular budget.

I'm glad there were people in our church willing to plant trees under whose branches they will never sit. We are enjoying the shade!

Dr. Mickey Anders
Interim Sr. Minister

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February Board Summary

The FCC Administrative Board met on Thursday, 2/17/2022 and the following are the highlights from the meeting:

- Financial Report: The January 2022 Balance Sheet, General Budget, and Restricted Funds documents were distributed, reviewed, and discussed. The total amount of our investment accounts is \$3,640,947.01. The church is on solid financial ground thanks to our Endowment and Memorial Funds and the growth of the funds due to sound investment practices. January 2022 pledges and offerings are \$7000.00 less than budget and expenses are on target.
- Personnel: Former Personnel Chair John Funkhouser, Julie Jones, and Dr. Anders met with new Personnel members Joey Kirk, Bart Gover, and Evelyn Guerrant. Joey Kirk was selected as Personnel's board representative. The new members were brought up to speed on outstanding personnel items and the work needed on FCC Handbook.
- Children's Ministries: Patti Wright provided information on Kid's Club, resumption of Worship & Wonder on 2/13/22, appreciation for nursery caregivers and ten (10) acolytes currently serving, and preliminary plans for Easter and Vacation Bible School.
- Associate Minister: Rev. Catherine DeMoss updated the board on the Baptism Class which has begun with 8 girls and female and junior mentors. Rev. Catherine reminded that our facility is an emergency shelter and warming center and a detailed emergency plan needs to be developed. Rev. Catherine and David May will take the lead on this.
- Senior Minister: Dr. Mickey Anders notified the board he is in touch with Rev. Joey Pusateri regularly and that Joey is considering starting a ministry in a room at Centre College. Dr. Anders announced and welcomed 2 new church members – Scott and Nita Reisinger. 7 people have joined since 1/1/2022.
- Vince Pennington provided a summary of the Endowment Funds Annual Reports for 2019, 2020, and 2021 to the board, which includes the distribution amount and amount of return received on each fund. The full detailed reports were reviewed by the Endowment Committee.
- Senior Minister Search Committee has met and selected Elmer Jackson as the Chair. On 2/17/2022, Regional Minister Dr. Don Gillett met with the committee. The board and congregation will be informed of the general progress of the committee.
- The board approved the Vacation Policy for Part-Time Employees: Part-time salaried employees will receive 2 weeks of vacation. 3 weeks of vacation would be earned after 5 years of employment.
- The board approved an expenditure of \$200.00 to be made in memory and honor of Dr. Bill Hammond, former FCC minister, to the Week of Compassion.
- The Elders will review a request from shut-ins for weekly transportation to church and a request from McDowell Place to provide an in-person service once a month. Elder Chair Kendra Funkhouser presented the highlights of the Board Strategic Planning Session at the January Elders Meeting. The Elders' goal for 2022 is to focus on intentional spiritual initiatives.
- Outreach: Patricia Calvert reviewed a potential Outreach project called Greenhouse 17.

Senior Minister Search Congregational Survey

Please check the box of only eight (8) items below that are most important to you in seeking a new senior minister. Surveys will be collected until **March 6** by mail, welcome table, church office or filled out online at <https://forms.gle/9wJSBCefoN5H9ZX36>

- ☐ 1) Has a deep devotional/prayer life
- ☐ 2) Takes a stand on social issues
- ☐ 3) Is approachable
- ☐ 4) Actively supports children/youth programs
- ☐ 5) Motivates church staff and lay leaders
- ☐ 6) Emphasizes local missions
- ☐ 7) Is a good steward
- ☐ 8) Is creative in planning and leading worship services
- ☐ 9) Builds a strong sense of fellowship
- ☐ 10) Is actively involved in Disciples of Christ, both regionally and generally
- ☐ 11) Emphasizes outreach beyond our local community
- ☐ 12) Delivers effective, meaningful sermons
- ☐ 13) Self-care (maintaining health and wellness)
- ☐ 14) Has strong pastoral care qualities
- ☐ 15) Has a vision for the future of the church
- ☐ 16) Is involved in the local community
- ☐ 17) Is a good administrator
- ☐ 18) Is computer literate
- ☐ 19) Is capable and eager to bring new members to FCC

Comments:

FCC KIDS CORNER



Our FCC Kids have been having a GREAT time with the Challenge Accepted Curriculum!

We have already mastered the Whisper Challenge, the Don't Laugh Challenge, the Seven Seconds Challenge and the Blindfold Drawing Challenge and can't wait to tackle the rest!

Kid's Club for children in K-5th grades meets each Sunday immediately following worship for lunch, games, and activities based on a challenge related to a specific scripture. All are invited!

Upcoming Kid's Club Schedule

March 6th: Windjammer Fun Center Trip
March 13th: What's in the Box Challenge
March 20th: Off-Brand Challenge



Windjammer Fun Center Trip Sunday, March 6th Noon-2:30

All FCC Children and Youth are invited to join us for roller skating, laser tag, lunch, and more on Sunday, March 6th.

We will meet in the gym for "lunch in reverse" then take the church van to Windjammer Fun Center and return to church at 2:30.

Cost is \$8 per person and friends are welcome to join the fun!

Contact Patti with questions or to register for the trip.



Baptism Class

February 13 we began our baptism class! We have a wonderful group of strong girls and amazing female mentors! This includes:

Bari Bowman whose mentor is Katie Powell.
Jenny Wilson whose mentor is Kandi Williams, and Junior Mentor, Kendall Williams.
Ainsley Shartzer whose mentor is Susan Taylor and Junior Mentor, Emma Taylor.
Serenity Smithers whose mentor is Alice Reynolds.
Abbie Pennington whose mentor is Mary Emily Gross.
Ellie Pennington whose mentor is Nancy McMurray.
Edie Gover whose mentor is Patricia Calvert.
Kierstin Gibson whose mentor is Cheryl Gibson.

We will also have Maddy Funkhouser, Kate Hoffman, and Ella Gover as junior mentors.

Our first class will be about figuring out what we believe and how we talk about what we believe using the Passage into Discipleship: Guide to Baptism curriculum. Baptism Sunday is scheduled for March 27 and will be for whoever feels ready at that time. This is a journey for each person to be on with God and there is no time frame pressure surrounding that. I ask that you keep all of these people in your prayers through the coming weeks as we ask big questions, have good conversations, and continue to grow in God's vast goodness and love.

Catherine

Prayer Concerns

Bill Barker	Diane Reed -new phone
Steve Cline	(859-397-2620)
Rev. Catherine DeMoss	Mike Swain
Ken Harmon	Bonnie Wilson
Margaret Ann Milburn	Howard Wilson
Mike Miller	Mary Lou Withers
Susan Montgomery	Nyla Wright
Bill Morgan	

Shut-ins

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

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

In Sympathy

To the family of Rev. John Short who passed away on February 15. Rev. Short was the pastor of a new church plant, Greater Vision Missionary Baptist Church, which started here in the chapel at FCC in 2017 for a couple of years.

Thank You

FCC Family,

I want to write this letter of thanks especially to Jan Scott, Debbie Baker (my wonderful daughter), and the church staff for the beautiful service during Worship to honor me. The whole ceremony was a complete surprise to Ann and me and it was organized so well. Thank you so much.

I also want to thank the FCC Elders for bestowing the honor of Elder Emeritus on me. I consider this an extraordinary honor given by the Elders, and I am so appreciative.

Lastly, I want to thank my FCC family for your thoughts, prayers, and cards since I started on my ALS journey. I feel your prayers and I know the Lord hears you. This church has always been one of caring and love, and I thank you for sharing those with me.

Bill Barker

Welcome New Church Members

Scott & Nita Reisinger recently joined our church this month. They are both retired and reside in the Danville community. Please reach out and make them feel welcomed..

News & Announcements

Connections Ministry Team

Have you been told that you have the Gift of Hospitality? Do you enjoy getting together with folks at church for meals, fellowship, and discussions? Do you enjoy working with a team to accomplish a goal that would benefit the church or a cause? If the answer to these are "YES".... then you have a Heart for Connections... and we need you on our Connections Ministry Team. Our next Committee meeting will be 10AM, March 10th in the Parlor. Come and join us... BUT... if your schedule does not permit you to be at meetings, you can always be a part of the Committee by staying in touch by phone, email, and participation in our events. Thank you for Prayerfully considering this opportunity. Call Margaret Clark at 859-319-3895 with any questions.

Connection Groups

Our Connections Ministry Team is considering starting 2 or 3 Small Group Book Discussions that may be held at different locations/times/days. Each group will determine what types of books to discuss. The Connections Team wants to gauge the interest of the congregation in this type of small group meetings (6-12 folks). Think about participating and/or leading a discussion on a book that you particularly like. A sign-up sheet will be at the Welcome Table through the middle of March or you can call the church office (859-236-4006) if interested in joining with your available times. For more information, contact Jan Scott (859-583-3478) or Margaret Clark (859-319-3895).

Backpack Kids Offering

A collection will be taken on March 13 to help provide weekend food supplies for children in the Danville/Boyle County Schools.

Soups on Us

Looking for an opportunity to serve? Come be a part of SOU ministry on March 19. You can bake cookies, prepare and pack soup and sandwiches, or deliver meals. Cookie bakers should package 2 cookies/bag and can bring them to the church during the week. No nuts or peanut butter. Volunteers begin at 7:30am on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Please join us!

4 Cans 4 Others

We had 53 cans given this past month reaching a total of 33,033. Now that we are back to in-person worship, please remember to bring your 4 cans each week for the Salvation Army Food Pantry.

Sanctuary and Handbell Choirs Resume in March

We are excited to resume Sanctuary Choir Rehearsals on Wednesdays at 7pm beginning March 9 and Handbells on Wednesdays at 5:30pm beginning March 16.

Service Roster

March 2022

	Mar 6	Mar 13	Mar 20	Mar 27
Worship Leader	Tom Huckleberry	Martha Caywood	Cheryl Gibson	Vince Pennington
Elders at the Table	Ruth Sigler Brent Williams	John & Kendra Funkhouser	Julie Jones Mary Ann McGlothlin	Jan & Larry Scott
Deacons	Connie McVicker Jeff Withers	Jenny & Patrick McClure	Nancy Mahan Jeff Withers	Nancy Mahan Connie McVicker
Children's Chat	Darell Rickmers	Kendra Funkhouser	Susan Taylor	Patti Wright
Steward	John Caywood	Bill Barker	Joey Kirk	Elmer Jackson
Communion Preparer	Connie McVicker	Connie McVicker	Connie McVicker	Connie McVicker
Children Worship & Wonder	Alice Reynolds Jay Reynolds	Alice Reynolds Jay Reynolds	Patricia Calvert Jackie Fowler	Linda Dachenhaus Sueann Rice
Acolytes	Ainsely Shartzter Bari Bowman	Abbie Pennington Ellie Pennington	Becca Hoffman Sarah Kate Taylor	Lillian Russell George McClure

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Join us as we begin the Lent season together with our Ash Wednesday Service on March 2. This special service will be held in-person and streamed live at 7pm on our Facebook page and YouTube channel.

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