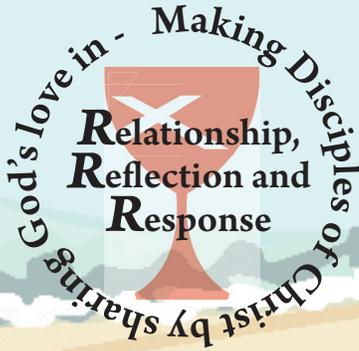


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The MESSENGER

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

July 2, 2017

Here I Am

Matthew 10:40-42; Genesis 22:1-14

Rev. Sara Nave Fisher

July 9, 2017

Hanging on for Dear Life

Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Rev. Mark Calvert-Rosenberger



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AREA VBS VOLUNTEERS

VBS is just around the corner! Registration forms are available in the Narthex or on the church website. If possible, please return forms in early July so we can plan for food and supplies! See Marie McCourt or Jenny Fleming if you have questions or to volunteer. VBS is from 5-7pm on July 24-27.

FCC FACEBOOK PAGES

Do you follow the FCC Facebook pages? "Like" them all for updates and information!

First Christian Church - Hopkinsville, KY - the main church page with announcements and information

FCC Hopkinsville Family Ministries - announcements about children and youth activities - and lots of pictures!

Challenge House #5 - Hopkinsville, KY - this new page promotes the events happening at Challenge House 5! There are lots of ways to be involved, so follow it for details!

FCC Local Mission Trip: Hiram Farms - this new page is for those interested in or looking for information about FCC's mission trip this fall!

FCC CAMPERS

On June 4, we offered a prayer of blessing over all the FCC kids and youth attending Camp Kum-Ba-Ya this summer. Camp is such an important time in the lives of our young people, so let's encourage them together! While they are at camp, they can receive emails. Send the email to cckkby@wk.net and put "Camper__[first and last names]__" in the subject line. *Here are the campers this summer:*

June 26- July 1 Sam Cotthoff, Anna Maddux

July 3-7 Evelyn Cotthoff

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are looking for several adults who are willing to teach two Sundays of children's Sunday School over the summer. See Jenny Fleming for more information!



NOTE OF THANKS

Dear FCC Friends,

Thank you so much for your support of our Relay for Life team. This is our first year to have a Relay team and our success is heavily dependent on the prayers, support and encouragement of friends like you. Your gracious support of our efforts means more to us than words can convey. Thank you!!

Your Brothers and Sisters in Christ at
Liberty Christian Church

Dear First Christian Church,

I want to thank each and every one of you who were involved with my ordination and installation this past weekend. I appreciate each of you who provided food and worked at both receptions, who made the lovely stoles, who attended in body or in spirit, and who sent cards and messages. This church has been so supportive of my ministry, and your acts of generosity and thoughtfulness have sustained me every step of the way. From the bottom of my heart, thank you. ~ Sara

SYMPATHIES

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Betty Major who died on Sunday, June 18th. Services were held at FCC on Thursday, June 22nd.

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Rudianne Thomas who died on Thursday, June 22nd. A Celebration of life will be held at FCC on July 21st.

ATTENDANCE PAST SIX WEEKS

05.21.17	182	05.28.17	154
06.04.17	178	06.11.17	129
06.18.17	288	06.25.17	163

(includes Sara's Ordination)

“A Note from Sara”

Right before Lexington Theological Seminary's graduation last Friday, those of us who were graduating found ourselves waiting in the choir room at Crestwood Christian Church. We were robed and ready for the dean to get us for the processional, with time to spare. One person looked at the rest of us all and said, “I think we should sing.” Another immediately went to the piano and started playing.

Without any words of instruction — or hymnals — we all began singing the words to the song he played: “We are standing on holy ground...”

That's how this entire last weekend felt. Three days in a row of graduation, ordination, and installation were exhausting and exhilarating... and holy.

“A Note from Nathan”

Change. It's always happening, isn't it? Whether we want it or not. The Church is no exception. And this year we've been through a lot at FCC. New Sunday morning schedule. New church structure. New ministries. New members. And now new staff! Change is good—especially if you have a general idea of what to expect. Therefore, I want to use this article to inform you of how some of our staffing is going to change for at least the remainder of this year and, to some degree, what is coming in the future.

By now, you know that Jenny Fleming is our new Interim Director of Children's Ministries. More information about her is included in this newsletter. She will be coordinating and organizing all that Sara has been previously, as it relates to our children's ministry, from birth through fifth grade. This includes things like overseeing and recruiting volunteers for children's Sunday School, Worship and Wonder, Following Jesus, Vacation Bible School, and TGIW programming. If you have not previously been involved in Children's Ministry, this is a great time to volunteer. Our children's ministry program is vital and serves as one of the “engines” of our church.

Sara has now transitioned into a full-time capacity as our new Associate Minister for Youth and Congregational Life. She will still lead the middle school and high school youth programming of our church. Additionally, you will continue to see her lead worship on Sundays and assist with pastoral care as needed. She also will now be officiating weddings and funerals

And I know I never stand on this holy ground alone. Marion's sermon on Saturday reminded me that, while I have been busy with the work of school and ministry, I have been surrounded by people helping at each step of the process. Many of you have filled these roles, of encourager and supporter, you have been my kids' village and showed me what the love of God looks like. You have stepped up to help each other, to teach each other, to learn from each other. And with every act of love, you have filled my own “satchel” of love as well. Thank you for letting me learn from you.

I am excited for this next season of life, one filled with new roles and responsibilities at the church... and no homework or papers! I will be working alongside you to build stronger connections within the life of the church, but I already know that this will be a joyful endeavor. Continue to love each other well, just as you have loved me well. Because that is holy work.

als on a more regular basis. You may even see her preaching a bit more frequently.

However, the new “congregational life” portion of her portfolio is aimed at congregant assimilation. With so many new members and regular visitors to our church, it's important we find ways to plug people into our ministry, helping them navigate the process from visiting, to membership, to having a sense of belonging.

Therefore, Sara will be working with the Evangelism, Congregational Care, and Christian Education teams in the many different ways we welcome and assimilate people to the ministry of First Christian Church. This includes supporting current small groups as well as helping create new ones, keeping up with visitors and making sure they are aware of the happenings of the church, and creating opportunities for both new and long-time members alike to get to know one another in the formation of community. Sara, in some ways, is approaching this role as an interim, knowing she will be leaving at the end of this year. Thus, she will be working on creating systems that can be in place to be picked up by the next Associate Minister we might call.

Which leads me to the future—the Leadership Council has approved the formation of a Search Committee for a New Associate Minister. That committee has been formed and they are in the early stages of laying the groundwork for their process. Look for more information about the committee and their work in the next newsletter.

Please hold our church in your prayers as we journey this time of transition. This is an exciting chapter within the life of First Christian Church as we continue to grow and experience new life all around us. Blessings to you....

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Author and speaker, Annie F. Downs, will keynote an ecumenical women's conference at Edgewood Baptist Church on Saturday, September 23rd. The conference will take place from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The theme is "The Power of Words." Tickets are \$20 before July 1st and \$25 after. If you are interested or would like to purchase tickets, go to www.goedgewood.com/give.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)

Our denomination's General Assembly takes place July 8 - 12 in Indianapolis, Indiana. This year's theme is "ONE." Revs. Nathan Brown, Sara Fisher, and Jon Fisher will be attending the Assembly as delegates from First Christian Church. Keep them and our denomination in your prayers as we go about the worshipful work of the Church.

OUTREACH MISSION INFO. Mission Trip to Hiram Farms

The Outreach Team is planning a mission trip to Hiram Farm during Fall Break, October 7 - 13, 2017. Hiram Farm is a nonprofit organization that provides services for adults with developmental disabilities, with an emphasis on Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). The Farm provides opportunities for these adults to grow, learn, work, and live in a setting focused on respect and support for individuals and the environment. So far we have 6 people interested and would ideally have at least 10. If you are interested in this trip, please contact Laura Shipp or the church office by Friday, June 30th.

SUMMER YOUTH ACTIVITIES

July 5, 6:00 - location TBD

July 22, 2:00 - Paddle Boarding in Nashville

All youth are welcome (completed 6th-12th grades).
See Sara for more information! SUMMER

REMEMBER IN DAILY PRAYER

(Names will remain on prayer list for one month,
unless the office is otherwise notified.)

Gant Golladay	Teresa Combs	Aneta Mitera
Bobbie Huffman	Sue Cummins	Hanson Williams
Family of Betty Major	Donna Bolton	The Frost Family
Lois Carter-Lacy	Helen Black	Helen Damron
Lisa Bridges	Mark Roseberry	Mike Powell
Stacy Winders	Barrett Hendricks	Albertine Savoie
Allison Guffey Caldwell	Ava McManaman	Megan Ford
Brenda Chambers	Family of Rudianne Thomas	
Oakley Haddock	Jim Noffsinger	Karon Zimmerman
Sam Cotthoff, Anna Maddux - KBY Campers		Tommy Nelson

ARE YOU PART OF THE FIRST CHRISTIAN LEGACY CIRCLE?

Have you included First Christian Church in your will or other estate plan? And, if so, may we have permission to list you as a part of the First Christian Legacy Circle? Your Permanent Fund Committee is beginning an emphasis of encouraging such gifts in the life of the church, and we are beginning the process by attempting to identify those individuals or couples who have already put plans in place. We know you probably are not seeking attention from your gift, but we'd like to add your name to the list to be an encouragement to others to remember FCC in their plans also.

Please let us know by calling the church office or Chair of the Permanent Fund Committee, Don Atwood, at 270-881-8886.

Gratefully, Your Permanent Fund Committee

FCC SUMMER FUN JULY 9

Family Scavenger Hunt - Week long Facebook game. We will share photos & the most likes by July 9th wins.

JULY 24-27

VBS Hero Central - Children from 3 years to 5th grade will enjoy dinner and learn about heroes of the Bible 5:00-7:00 p.m.

AUGUST 4

Pool Party - 6:00 p.m. at the McCourts' house.

AUGUST 6

Back to School Sunday & Prayer Partner Party - Blessing of the Backpacks during Worship then partner up for Sunday School.

RAFFLE TO BENEFIT ST. LUKE'S CLINIC

Win a Weekend in Music City

\$50 per ticket (drawing will be July 17)

Only 250 tickets sold (deadline July 16)

Winner will receive:

- 2 nights in trendy West End B & B
- \$100 Visa Gift Card
- \$200 Mall at Green Hills gift card
- \$200 gift card to M Street Restaurants
- Total value \$2,000

Church members selling tickets are: Chuck Cummins (270) 889-8901, Vickie Smiley (270) 348-6607, Tracey Clark (270) 889-4451, Helen Cayce (270) 881-8549, Allison Mohon (270) 987-3117. Please support a wonderful cause and hopefully you will win an amazing weekend in Nashville.

NEW MEMBERS

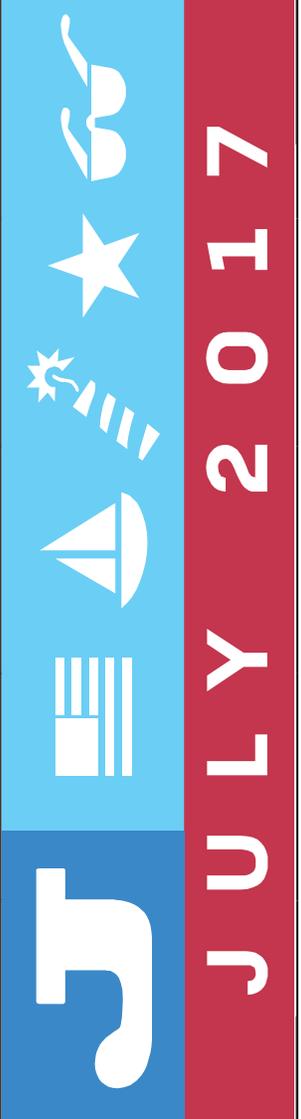
Jim and Finney Noffsinger who reside at 204 Backstrom, Eddyville, KY 42038 joined the membership of First Christian Church on June 18th. Please join in welcoming them into the life of our church.

July Birthdays

2. Kyle Congdon
3. Tom Steiner
5. Claire McCourt
6. Brad Anderson
7. Gary Isom
9. Jim Moore
9. Craig Allen, Sr.
9. Elaine Baker
9. Jeff Chapman
9. John Crenshaw
10. Julie Antee
11. Beverly Atwood
11. Oakley Haddock
14. Jessica Young
14. Gentry Pelham
16. Jessica Shelton
16. Betsy Fuqua
20. Freida Augsburger
23. James Chapman
23. Curtis Pyle
23. Scott Ross
23. Neal Sellars
25. Claudia Hale
25. John Jones
26. Keith Toms
30. Mary Lou Roark
31. Cheryl Steiner

July Anniversaries

1. Richard and Pamela King
2. Billy and Becky Johnson
3. Mario and Kaly Delcampo
4. Steve and Mary Underwood
4. Mark and Jane Wells
5. Len and Claudia Hale
6. Bob and Sandra Kilijian
7. Brian and Kathy Harton
7. Scott and Mary Bess Ross
12. Jonathan and Eileen White
17. Mike and Mindy Long
22. John and Jenny Moss.
26. Andy and Natalie Riggs
28. Tommy and Sandy Porter

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2. 9:45 am Worship Service 11:00 am Sunday School	3. 11:00 am Exercise Class 5:30 pm Zumba	4.  CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	5. 4:00 pm Prayer Group 6:00 pm Youth Outing	6. MESSENGER DEADLINE 11:00 am Exercise Class Noon - Prayer Shawl Min. 5:30 pm Yoga 5:30 pm Zumba	7.	1..
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JULY 2017						

FELLOWSHIP DINNER

We are going to have a summer fellowship dinner on Thursday July 20th at 6:00 PM. Following the meal, we will have conversation about our new identity statement as well. All the proceeds from the meal will benefit the mission team going to Hiram Farm this fall. We hope you will come for a midsummer evening of fellowship and fun!

NEW INTERIM DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

We are pleased to announce that we have a new Interim Director of Children's Ministry: Jenny Fleming! Jenny and her husband, Jim, joined First Christian approximately six months ago. Now, we are so excited to be welcoming her on staff. Jenny will serve in her new role on an interim basis, from June 15th through at least the end of this year, as we begin the search for a new Associate Minister. She is a graduate of Austin Peay State University with a Bachelor's in Mass Communications and a minor in Journalism. Jenny is also a graduate of Murray State University with a Master's Degree in Organizational Communications. Jenny taught adjunct at Hopkinsville Community College for approximately 10 years and taught several classes for Austin Peay. Currently, in addition to her work at FCC, she will be working part-time at BB&T Bank. She has been married to Jim for 23 years. They have two grown boys and a granddaughter, Kylie-Ann. In her spare time, Jenny is a hospice volunteer. If you would like to send words of welcome to Jenny or need to contact her for any reason, her new email address is jenny.fleming@firstchristianhopkinsville.org. Her office hours will be different week to week, based on her schedule at the bank. However, she is always available by appointment. Please help me in warmly welcoming Jenny to the FCC staff!

SUMMER READ - WHAT IS THE BIBLE?

This summer two different groups are reading through Rob Bell's new book, "What is the Bible?" There is a combined Sunday School Study taking place in the Library on Sunday mornings. Additionally, there is a small group that meets Tuesdays, in the conference room, during the lunch hour. If you can't be part of either group, but want to be part of the study, feel free to pick up a copy of the book or call the church office to order one. The books are \$20 and can be purchased on Amazon and other online book retailers. Hope you can join us

WAY TO GO FCC!

In the most recent publication of the Kentucky Christian, our Region's denominational newsletter, First Christian Church in Hopkinsville was listed as one of the top 100 per capita giving congregations denomination-wide in 2016. We were one of only 12 congregations in Kentucky to make that list. Congratulations FCC, and thank you for your generosity!



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MESSENGER - DEADLINE

If you have information that you would like included in the next messenger. The information needs to be submitted to the church office in writing, by Thursday, July 6, 2017.
Thank you for your cooperation.