

The FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ) MESSENGER

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2018 VOLUNTEER SIGN-UPS ARE IN THE GATHERING AREA

Please stop by the Gathering Area and sign up for Worship Leader and Sunday School Clerk. Other sign-up sheets may be placed there, so please stop by and sign up! Thank you in advance for volunteering.

CHURCH BUS

If you would like the church bus to pick you up on Sunday mornings, please contact the church office by Thursday at noon and let us know.

Thank you, FCC Deacons



SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED!

Want to have a positive effect on the lives of children? Teaching Sunday School is an excellent way to do just that. Anyone interested in teaching Sunday School should see or email Pastor Kim or Jenny Fleming.

TABLE TALK

Our next Table Talk will be on February 15th at 6:00 p.m. at Bambino's. All ladies are welcome!

2018 CO-ED VOLLEYBALL SCHEDULE

*All games played at the
Division of Parks and Recreation*

Tuesday, February 20th

@ 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 27th

@ 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, March 6th

@ 7:30 and 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 13th

@ 6:30 p.m.



TGIW DATES FOR SPRING 2018

Dr. Phil will be leading a five week TGIW study beginning February 21 based on the book *Grace for the Journey* (by George Thompson and Beverly Thompson). The book is available on Amazon for \$17.00. If you have a Kindle, you can go to Amazon and download the book for \$9.99. If you did not place your order with the office already, a second order can be placed, but the books may not arrive prior to the first session.

Meals provided by Four Seasons at 5:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Pork Loin, Corn, Garden Salad and Pecan Pie

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Baked Turkey, Garlic Mashed Potatoes,
Peas and Carrots and Carrot Cake

Please make your reservation each week by filling out the attendance card on Sunday or emailing Mary at the church by 10:00 a.m. on Monday morning. Count is called in at noon on Mondays

Children's Programming along with Children's Choirs will begin on February 21 following the TGIW dinner and will meet each Wednesday through March 21 (5 weeks). The Music Makers are older 4's-1st grade and the Young Disciples are 2nd-5th grade. All Children of those ages are invited to come and join us as we learn some new music and prepare for leading in worship through song!

FEBRUARY PRESCHOOL PAPER DRIVE!

The preschool is in need of the following paper items:

- trifold towels (found at Sam's Club)
- 9 oz. paper cups
- small paper plates
- large paper plates
- paper bowls
- napkins
- wet wipes
- paper towels
- toilet paper

These items can be turned in to the preschool or brought to the Wednesday night dinners in February or to the church office. Thank you for all your support and kindness shown to our preschool program.

A Note from Dr. Phil



Miller times 2 divided by Z = your new ministry staff. Reason enough to call us by our first names. So, I'm the "other" Miller.

Call me what you wish, but following the precedent set by the cooks when I directed a meals-on-wheels program in Denver, people at FCC of Jefferson-

ville, Indiana, settled on "Dr. Phil."

For the next year or so, I'll wear two hats. (You'll see me in many hats to protect my bald head, but I'm talking about roles here.) I'll wear the "interim minister" hat when preaching, providing pastoral care, and administering the church program. But I'll wear the "transitional minister" hat as a consultant and facilitator for your church lay leadership during your journey towards the next era of this church's story.

My research, my specialized training, and my recent experience all tell me we should be patient. The fable of the tortoise and the hare supports the wisdom of Ecclesiastes 9:11— "the race is not to the swift."

Efficiency does not equal effectiveness. An effective transition takes longer than you might expect but yields happy results.

My wife Paula and I look forward to living among you, and I am excited to work with your brand-new staff ministers, Kim and Brian, as their "older brother."

PASTOR'S CLASS / BAPTISM

Do you know a young person interested in Baptism this spring? Dr. Phil will be conducting a Pastor's Class beginning Sunday, February 18th following Sunday School at noon. Classes will continue each Sunday through the March 18th followed by Baptisms at Easter. Please let Mary Bolton know if you would like to participate.

PASTOR'S
CLASSES

NOTES OF THANKS

Dear First Christian Church,

The Aaron McNeil House, Inc. wants to say thank you for your overwhelming generosity. We know that you give to enrich the lives of those individuals and families who struggle in our community. We are honored to share in the love and ministry by bringing hope in times of crisis. God bless your organization for caring so much.

With sincere thanks, AMH Team

Dear Friends of LTS at First Christian Church,

The Lexington Seminary community is blessed by your generosity and kindness. We thank you for valuing the work of the Seminary and joining with us in preparing men and women for service in Christ's church.

When students reflect upon their opportunity to attend LTS; words can't describe how enthusiastic and appreciative they are to be in the Seminary's Master of Divinity program. If they could speak to you face-to-face, they would thank you for helping make their seminary education possible. So, on their behalf, thanks for your partnership and good gift.

*Sincerely yours, Mark V. Blankenship,
Vice President for Advancement*

Dear First Christian Church,

Thank you so very much for the food. Everything was delicious! We so appreciated having a home cooked meal and dinner taken care of for one night! Also, thank you for the blanket! It is precious and so soft and snuggly! Our first few weeks at home transitioning to a family of four was made a little easier and sweeter by your kindness!

With love, The Warren Family

Dear FCC Church,

I want to thank all of you for providing such a warm welcome my first Sunday here at First Christian Church, and for your kindness along the way. You have shown me that there really is something to this "Southern Hospitality" - and I have so enjoyed and appreciated your encouragement, enthusiasm, and support! The cards, the visits, the meals, the help on moving day (before and since) - not to mention the laughter and prayers!!! Everything has made me feel SOOOO at home and I am so grateful to be here in "Hoptown" at last!!!! I'm also grateful for the opportunity to serve with and learn from Dr. Phil and his wife Paula, Brian and Brandi, and the rest of the staff!!! This is truly going to be a wonderful adventure getting to know all of you and your children better - as we do ministry together, hand in hand, for the Lord our God "who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us!"

With all Glory to God and blessings to you all!!!

Thank you!!!!

Rev. Kim

LEADERSHIP RETREAT

Saturday, February 17, 2018 @ FCC

This year's Leadership Retreat will build relationships with the three new ministers who have come to First Christian. The Retreat will begin in the Fellowship Hall promptly at 9 a.m. and will dismiss at 3 p.m. on Saturday, February 17th. All Elders, members of the Leadership Council, and Ministry Table team leaders should take part. Coffee and water will be available, and lunch will be catered. The Retreat will help leaders consider why their position exists, what is expected, and how they might fulfill those expectations.

SEEKERS SS CLASS

The 11:00 A.M. Seekers Sunday School Class is doing a Lenten study on the Gospel Of John. Anyone who would like to attend is welcome. The class meets in Fellowship Hall after Worship each Sunday.

OFFICE REQUESTS

If you would like to receive the Messenger via email please let the office know by sending a request to Mary at maryb@firstchristianhopkinsville.org. Also if you have in the past received email messages from FCC and they have stopped coming, it could be that we have an old email address for you. If you have a new email address, please send it to the email above and indicate "New Address" in the subject line, so you will be kept updated on everything happening at FCC.

MEET AND GREET

The Children's Ministry Team invites all past, present, and future volunteers to stop by Marie McCourt's home on February 27th between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m. to meet and greet Pastor Kim.

NEW STAFF E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Dr. Philip Miller - Interim Senior Minister

dr.phil@firstchristianhopkinsville.org

482 Mt. Vernon Church Road, Hopkinsville

Rev. Kimberly Zarley - Associate Minister

revkim@firstchristianhopkinsville.org

110 Mooreland Drive, Hopkinsville

Brian Miller - Director of Youth Ministry

Brian.Miller@firstchristianhopkinsville.org

303 Northwind Drive, Hopkinsville



SHARING RESOURCES THROUGH WEEK OF COMPASSION IS AN INVITATION TO IMAGINATION!

Through our sharing, we get a taste of the generosity of God, who does "immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine." When we look at suffering in the world, we can become discouraged, unable to see past the difficulty. But when we think of the wonders God works, our imaginations go wild! Just imagine how God is bringing transformation! The theologian Gustavo Gutierrez described poverty as "death-dealing. [It] denies the basic human right to existence and the *reign of life*." Without the burdens of struggle, communities have more time for creativity, learning, and possibilities for life in greater fullness. God is at work doing so much more than we can imagine. And when we contribute to Week of Compassion, we are part of God's work in the world.

SAVE THE DATE!

TRIVIA Night

TO BENEFIT

DYSLEXIA ASSOCIATION of the Pennyrile

March 2, 2018

The Keach Building * 803 S. Main Street * Hopkinsville, KY

Happy Hour 6:00 p.m. * Trivia starts at 7:00 p.m.

Winning Team will be awarded \$1000!

\$25 per person
Table up to 10 players

To Make Reservations Contact:
Vicky Waggoner Jones
270-885-5804
dyslexia@hesengery.net



REMEMBER IN DAILY PRAYER

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

Teresa Combs	Hanson Williams	Aneta Mitera
Sharon Gustafson	Helen Damron	Betsy Ritzel
Barbara Oakes	Diane Cathcart	Jack Scott
Jessica Satterfield	Kenneth Morris	Dudley Seale
The Family of Ross Hardy	Anna Marie Campbell	Kent Shaw
Pam Cannon	Mary Partain	

ATTENDANCE PAST SIX WEEKS

01.07.18	161	01.14.18 (snow/ice)	105
01.21.18	179	01.28.18	150
02.04.18	198	02.11.18	146



Youth Group upcoming schedule:

- Feb. 18: Sunday School after worship, Youth Group @ 5-6:30pm
- Feb. 25: Sunday School after worship, Youth Group: Bowling Outing @ 5-7:30pm (Youth Meal @ 5pm, then bowling.)
- March 4: Sunday School after worship, Youth Group @ 5-6:30pm

JOYFUL NOISE YOUTH CHOIR

Invited! The schedule for this Spring is as follows:

- Sunday, February 11 - 4:00 pm Rehearsal
- Sunday, February 18 - 4:00 pm Rehearsal
- Sunday, February 25 - 4:00 pm Rehearsal
- Sunday, March 4 - 9:45 am Worship Service (please plan to arrive by 9:00)
- Sunday, April 7 - 4:00 pm Rehearsal
- Sunday, April 15 - 4:00 pm Rehearsal
- Sunday, April 22 - 4:00 pm Rehearsal
- Wednesday, April 25 - 6:00 pm Rehearsal
- Sunday, April 29 - 9:45 am Youth Sunday Worship Service (please plan to arrive by 9:00)

YOUTH GROUP MEALS SIGN-UP

If you would like to fix a meal for our youth, please click this link <https://takethemameal.com/meals.php?t=XNGM6837> or contact me via email or phone. With the size of our youth group (serving 15-20), maybe two of you can prepare one meal together. Thank you!

Blessings, Brian Miller - Youth Minister
 brian.miller@firstchristianhopkinsville.org
 270-886-0197



FCC Youth lit candles, lifting up their fears and Marshall County to God.



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MESSANGER - 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, February 22, 2018
Thank you for your cooperation.

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