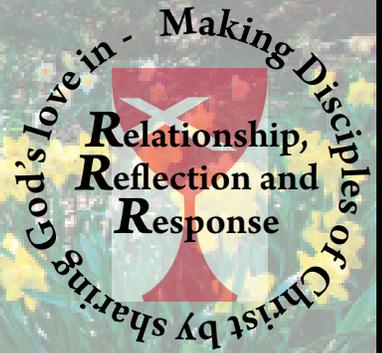


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CHALLENGE HOUSE GAME NIGHT! JULY 11th 6:30-8:00 p.m.

2130 Crockett Street

Parents are encouraged to introduce FCC Children and Youth to the children at the Challenge House by dropping them off on Wednesday night where Karen Shields, Rev. Kim and Brian Miller will meet them and supervise board games. Snacks will be provided. Please support this effort to reach out to the community around us!

FCC NIGHT AT THE HOPTOWN HOPPERS



This Saturday night, July 14th, @ 7:00 p.m. plan to attend First Christian Church's night out at the Hoppers baseball game. Get your tickets from either Scott Ross or Bruce Smiley. Everyone is encouraged to come and bring guests. Scott's number is 270-839-3470 if you need for him to get the tickets to you. If you know of someone who does not have a church home, please invite them to attend with us!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL July 23-26 5:30-7:15 pm

Children from 3 years to 5th grade will enjoy dinner and fun and discover that life with God is an adventure full of wonder and surprise! They can trust God to be with them through anything

at the Rolling River Rampage! Pre-registration has begun. Find registration and t-shirt order forms at the Sanctuary entrance, in the gathering space, or church office.



VBS SUNDAY! July 29th

All members of FCC and their guests are invited to VBS Sunday, July 29th – as the children lead worship in the Sanctuary at 9:45. Then share in the fun as we head off to Camp Kum-Ba-Yah for an all church potluck picnic after the Sunday School hour. (Children and Youth will go ahead on the church bus to prepare for the picnic during the Sunday School hour.) The entire camp is reserved that day specifically for First Christian Church and their guests, so we invite you to come along and join in the fun or kick back and enjoy a walk in the woods. It is a day for all of us to enjoy the beauty of God's creation – the great outdoors – together!

T-SHIRTS FOR ALL ON VBS SUNDAY!

If you did not get your T-Shirts for VBS (July 23-26) or VBS Sunday (July 29) ordered by July 10th – but would still like to purchase one, please contact the church office or email Rev. Kim at revkim@firstchristianhopkinsville.org.



NOTES OF THANKS

Dear 1st Christian Church,

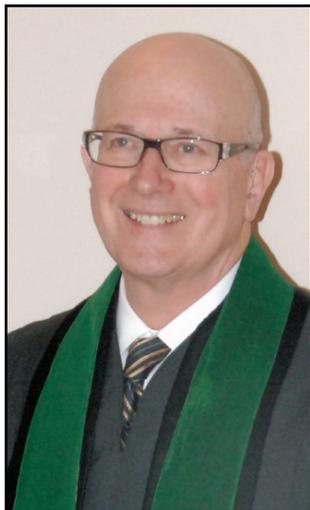
Thank you for helping me to go to camp Kum Ba Ya. I had so much fun.

Love, Maurice

We are extremely grateful for your congregation's gifts to the Disciples Mission Fund and Special Day Offerings given to support our shared ministries. Your generosity allows us to provide ministries that help equip and build up the ministry and mission of Disciples congregations throughout Kentucky.

Peace, Greg Alexander
CCK General Minister

A Note from Dr. Phil



Single adults use on-line dating programs to meet potential partners, but once upon a time, before the Internet, what did they do? They sometimes felt as stuck as you may feel when you're urged to invite someone to come and visit our church.

"But everyone I know either attends our church or is active in another church," I hear people say. We enjoy fellowship with like-minded people, which feels more comfortable

than trying to get to know new people who may be different from us.

Not only are we asked to step outside our comfort zone (bikers? bodybuilders? military families? hipsters?), we're not even sure where to find such people. So here are five ideas.

(1) Volunteer. Many non-profit organizations need volunteers. You can probably find a niche that you'll enjoy. In the process, you'll meet other volunteers but also those served by the agency. You're bound to meet someone who doesn't have a church home and is open to your invitation.

(2) Walk a dog. If you have one, that is. If you live out in the boonies, this doesn't work quite as well, but if you live in a residential neighborhood, you'll be amazed at the new acquaintances you make with people curious about your dog, or if you admire theirs.

(3) Take a class. Cooking? Pottery? Writing? Dancing? Photography? Studios and colleges offer opportunities to expand or enhance your interests. And to make new friends.

(4) Attend events. Look on Facebook or in the newspaper for nearby programs you might enjoy. Go hang out and see if you can meet someone you don't already know.

(5) Talk to strangers. C'mon, if you're a grown-up, it's okay. Sometimes it's in line for the grocery check-out. Maybe it's while you're pumping gas across the aisle from someone doing the same thing. Small talk can lead to more talk, and occasionally even to God talk.

You won't lose the friendship of people you already know by making more friends. The people who helped our church grow decades ago weren't afraid of inviting someone to church. That may be how you got here!

BOUND BY LOVE

CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN KENTUCKY
2018 BIENNIAL ASSEMBLY
BEARGRASS CHRISTIAN CHURCH
LOUISVILLE | OCTOBER 19-20

Speakers:

Rev. Erin Cash, Moderator of CCK
Rev. Sotello V. Long, President, Division of
Homeland Ministries, Disciples of Christ
Rev. J. Gregory Alexander, General Minister,
Christian Church (Disciples) in Kentucky

Reconciliation Retreat Madisonville August 3-4

A Friday evening and Saturday event to explore how to be an anti-racist and pro-reconciling church. Please let one of our ministers know if you are interested.

Abide in Me

JULY 20-24, 2019 | DES MOINES, IA
General Assembly
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
in the United States and Canada

Kentucky Regional Men's Chorus

"Singing from the Back Row"

First Christian Church | Madisonville
January 25-27, 2019

Registration \$60

Ask Dr. Phil for more information.

FCC GOING GREEN!



The church is taking steps to become a greener church by recycling and using less disposable products. We are using less plastic at the TGIW meals already and now we would like to use less paper coffee cups. Help us demonstrate better creation care at our church.

If this idea interests you and you would like to be on the Green Chalice committee, please call the church office and give Mary your name. The committee is in the process of developing plans to honor God through Creation Care.

BOOK CLUB NEWS

We have just completed our first book discussion and have decided what our next will be. The group is open to anyone, and if a book interests you, then you can join us as you wish. The next book will be Amor Towles' *A Gentleman in Moscow*, and we'll meet on August 20 (time and place to follow). Here's a little info about the book, and if you want to read along and join us in August, please email Sheila DeMoss at ss-demoss@bellsouth.net.

Beginning in 1922, a wealthy aristocrat, Count Alexander Rostov, lives under house arrest by the Bolsheviks in the famed luxurious hotel Metropol. Despite being confined to the hallways of the hotel, the Count lives an absorbing, adventure-filled existence, filled with capers, conspiracies and culture, thanks in large part to his new friend, nine year old Nina. It's a story of a man of status (at least in the old Russia) whose relationship with the hotel workers around him becomes that of confidants, equals, and friends.

HEARTHSIDERS

Have you always wanted more ways to have fellowship and to get to know your fellow church members better? Do you remember Hearthsiders? For those of you who are new to FCC or who may not remember Hearthsiders, it is a dinner club-like fellowship where 8 people have dinner in someone's home. The groups rotate as do the hosts, so you have ample opportunity to get to know others and share a wonderful meal. There is no agenda other than fellowship and building relationships among those with whom you worship. Topics of conversation can be whatever the group is comfortable discussing. Within the group of 8 people, one couple or pair will host and provide the main course and beverage, another will bring a vegetable or casserole, another the salad, and another the dessert. Dates and times are set by the group and will vary from group to group. (You may even decide that you'd all rather go out to eat!) If you would be interested in participating beginning this fall, please contact Sheila DeMoss by email (ss-demoss@bellsouth.net) or by phone/text (270-839-2544). Once we have enough interest, a schedule of groups will be created and more information provided, and if you are interested but child care is an issue, we'll figure that out. If you would like to participate only occasionally, you can be an alternate and fill in where needed.

ATTENDANCE PAST SIX WEEKS

06.03.18	128	06.10.18	117
06.17.18	146	06.24.18	107
07.01.18	109	07.08.18	120

The Global Leadership Summit

Nashville

Thursday, August 9 - 8:30 to 4:30

Friday, August 10 - 8:30 to 3:30

Everyone has influence.

Your influence matters.

Join 445,000 of your peers to learn how to maximize it with two days of world-class leadership training.

- Get a unique blend of vision, inspiration and practical skills you can immediately apply
- Learn from the diverse 2018 faculty
- Leverage the Summit as a resource to transform yourself and your community
- Join a community of life minded Christians from 135+ countries and 60 languages who attend the Summit around the world

See Beverly Atwood and Diane Pyle for more information.

Discounted rates available. www.willowcreek.com/events/leadership/

CONTRIBUTION REPORT

We are half way into our church year. We are so fortunate to have a strong interim minister, consistent and caring staff, and so many great church and community ministries. Our Discovery Team has completed its work to discover more about us and the future of First Christian Church. The Team's report has been emailed to you and hard copies are available in the Narthex. The Search Committee is in the process of completing our Search and Call paperwork to find a new minister. All of this requires our continued support, prayers, and contributions.

While the summer is time for relaxation, vacations, and additional family time, our church is not standing still. We have many important programs within our community and in our church. Please be aware that while we might be away from church services more often during this time, it remains important to make regular contributions to our church in order to meet our expenses and program requirements.

Thank you First Christian Church Family for your generosity.

Jane R. Wells, Financial Secretary

REMEMBER IN DAILY PRAYER

Teresa Hord Owens, Disciples' General Minister & President

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

Vickie Sisk	Natalie Brame Foster	Pam Cannon
Jack Scott	Zoe Raber (Brenda Raber's Granddaughter)	Barbara Oakes
Sara Camp	Rebecca Peters DeArmond	Gary Wall
Trisha Collins	Mark Gado	Nancy Scott
Donna Durden	Lois Lacy	Mary Partain
Sloan Satterfield		



JULY SCHEDULE:

July 11th:

Board Game Night at the Challenge House
6:30-8:00 p.m. (Snack provided)

July 14th:

FCC Hoppers Baseball Game Outing @
7:00 p.m.
(RSVP to the Church Office)

July 22nd:

VBS setup during the Sunday School hour

July 23rd - July 26th:

VBS from 5-7:15pm

July 28th:

Youth Mission Car Wash for Christian Care Communities starting at 8am. Please meet at the church by 8am and wear clothing you don't mind getting wet. We will travel to Christian Care Communities and will be back by 2pm. RSVP to Brian

Blessings,
Brian Miller
Youth Minister
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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 19, 2018.
Thank you for your cooperation.