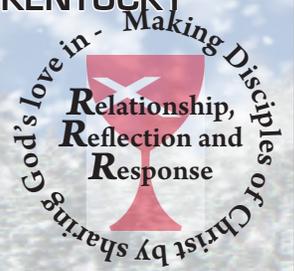


# The Messenger

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## M A S K S   A V A I L A B L E



Having fulfilled our requests to provide masks to area medical facilities, our sewists are now making masks for the FCC congregation. If you and your family would like a mask, please email [revkim@firstchristianhopkinsville.org](mailto:revkim@firstchristianhopkinsville.org)

### **MAY BIRTHDAY'S**

1. Mary Lois Clark
4. Alan Beard  
Nancy Scott
5. Parker Bradley  
Adam May  
Norris Orange
6. J. D. Hazelrigg  
Betty Thomas
11. Calle Maynard
14. Solomon Maddux
15. Nancy Wall  
Rhonda Welliever
16. Kelsey Cobbs
20. Jenny Fleming
21. Ann Roseberry  
Victoria Sisk
22. Mason Gamble  
Peggy Kemp
26. John Maddux  
Sara Camp

### **MAY ANNIVERSARIES**

12. Mike and Margo Chadwell
16. Jim and Finney Noffsinger
17. Joseph and Lisa Sisk
23. Lewis and Rosemary Bradley
26. Steve and Sheila DeMoss
27. Mike and Marilyn Foster
29. Garnet and Nancy Scott
31. Todd and ReGina Morris

### **ATTENTION FAMILIES OF GRADUATES:**

As the graduation season gets closer, we would like to make sure that we recognize and celebrate the hard work of those in our church community who are graduating from high school, college, trade school, or post-graduate degree programs. If you would like your graduate to be recognized, please contact Kelsey via email at [kelsey.cobbs@firstchristianhopkinsville.org](mailto:kelsey.cobbs@firstchristianhopkinsville.org) or let the church office know. We look forward to hearing from you and celebrating the hard work of the students in our community.

Peace, Kelsey Cobbs

# VBS



Now that we are aware of how the Kentucky Region will be handling camp this year, we will meet with leadership and the VBS directors regarding the best format for FCC Children and volunteers for this year's VBS. Check out the next Messenger for more details.

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## A Word from Rev. Wade Miller

### “WE WILL GET THROUGH THIS, TOGETHER”

A couple of Sundays ago, I opened with Governor Brashear’s mantra for all his 4pm Covid-19 updates. It is true.

That doesn’t mean it is easy.

Please continue to share grace and goodwill with your family and one another in times that have created so much stress and anxiety for so many. Maybe you’re worried about everything? Maybe you’re tired of your same 4 walls? Maybe you’re worried about jobs or financial strain? There are lots of reasons to worry, and I wish I could say your faith will heal all wounds, but I can’t. We may come out of this with scars.

The beauty of it is that we are not alone... ever! God and your church family are here for you. Whether the need is a friendly voice on the other end of the phone, a delivery of groceries, an assurance that you are stronger than you realize, or a promise that things will get significantly better...we are here for you.

As we plan for the next few weeks and months, we need to realize that we will not immediately go back to “normal.” Just as social distancing was phased in, it will likely be phased out...10 at a time, 50 at a time, 100. So, we are trying to put together a plan for our church emphases and opportunities during each of these phases.

Your pastors are meeting and planning together this week so that we can present an idea to our Leadership and Elders for refinement and implementation. We may ask for RSVP’s and Sign-Ups for future events. We may ask for certain allowances such as screening or masks. Church may look different for a while, and some of those changes we might like enough to keep going long after the threat of this virus. Please, be patient as we figure this out, because lives truly are at stake.

Pray for one another and for your church leaders. We need it. We also need you! So, stay healthy, wash your hands, and don’t touch your face!  
Blessings, Rev. Wade

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## Word from our Moderator Jane McInnis

Dear Church Family,

I don’t know about you, but I certainly feel as if it’s been more than 6 weeks since we began the “Healthy at Home” stage of combating the corona virus. It’s amazing how much our lives have changed. As much as I miss seeing you all in person, I’m grateful that technology has made it possible for us continue to come together as church - not in the way we would like to - but at least in a way that we can share in worship and communion together. I love seeing our members come on line as we watch the service on Sunday morning. I pray for and look forward to the time when we can come together again in our sanctuary!

When you have the opportunity, please join me in offering a special thanks to our staff for finding ways to continue to be “church” in these challenging times. Rev. Wade never knew he would need to be a technology expert to provide a worship experience for us. And thank you Rev. Wade, Rev. Kim and the rest of our staff for helping us continue to help others during this time - from the distribution of school lunches and sewing of masks - to continuing to reach out to our members who are more isolated than many of us are. And many thanks to Joyce Barrier for meeting needs in our Challenge House neighborhood.

We also want to say how grateful we are to you, our members, for sending in your offerings, so that we can continue our work as a church. As you know, our Promise Land Preschool had to be closed per the governor’s order. We wanted to be able to continue to pay our preschool workers but had no tuition coming in to the program. After receiving approval from our Trustees and Leadership Council, we applied to receive a loan from the Payroll Protection Plan that would pay for 2 1/2 months of our church payroll, including the preschool workers. We have received that loan for \$89,000 which will be forgiven when we’ve used the funds for payroll. It is not known when the preschool will be able to open, but we are monitoring the situation and will keep you informed.

If there are any of you who are in need of assistance during this unusual time, please let us know. Even though we are somewhat limited in what we can do, we want to help in any way we can.

Please continue to keep your prayers flowing for all of the people who are giving so much of themselves to fight this pandemic. I know you join me in praying for a cure or viable treatment for this virus. Even though we can always find blessings in adversity, I know we all pray for the time we can be together again!

Love and hugs to you all!  
Jane McInnis

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ALL ARE ENCOURAGED TO FOLLOW

**252 KIDS**

**& CONNECT WITH FCC CHILDREN  
BY FOLLOWING US ONLINE!**

**WEBSITE** <https://kzarley.wixsite.com/252kidsathome>

**FACEBOOK PAGE** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/555280981762286/>

We would also like to invite all the children from Pre-K to 5th grade to join us for a **ZOOM** gathering on Tuesday, May 5th at 3:30. We'll meet for 30 minutes and this will be our chance to say "hi" to each other and catch up. We had a riot the first time we met and the kids are ready to share their ideas about going forward! Look for a ZOOM invite in your email this Sunday. A reminder will be posted on the FCC Bulletin Board Tuesday morning.

**NOW IS A GREAT TIME TO LEARN WHAT THE  
YOUNGEST AMONG US ARE UP TO!**



We just got word on how the Kentucky Region will be handling camps this summer. During these challenging and uncertain times, they have decided on the following alternatives to the original 2020 Camp Kum-Ba-Ya programs in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Instead of traditional in-person camps, Camp Kum-Ba-Ya directors and staff are at work right now preparing an entirely new program of virtual gatherings. What new things will God do through technology and our faithful discipleship to connect campers of all ages and grow their faith this summer?

Please watch KBY's social media, website, and your email for details about our new off-site opportunities as they are rolled out. We have an unprecedented opportunity to share the gospel to a new cast of virtual campers this year.

Camp Kum-Ba-Ya web site  
Camp Kum-Ba-Ya's Facebook page  
Camp Kum-Ba-Ya on Instagram

Our hope and prayer is that the fall will offer us opportunities to meet face-to-face again around the campfire by the lake at Camp Kum-Ba-Ya.

**THE DATES REMAIN THE SAME:**

**Discovery (Grades 1-2)** May 29-31  
**Young Disciples (Grade 3)** June 4-6  
**Junior (Grades 4-5)** June 29-July 3

## **REMEMBER IN DAILY PRAYER**

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

Family of Laurie Brown  
Brad and Janell Anderson  
Trudy Morris *(James's mother)*  
Sarah Johnson *(Jeff's mother)*  
The World and Government Officials  
Medical and Emergency Personnel  
Marty and Vickie Gamble

Albert Sisk  
Mary Partain  
Megan Kidd  
Linda Ledford  
Nathan Carver  
Angie Smith

## **NOTE OF THANKS**

My Dear Church Friends,

How wonderful it was to look out my picture window and see my minister and church friends singing "Happy Birthday" along with beautiful flowers, a big birthday poster, and a mask!

We certainly enjoyed the casserole when "Gandy" passed away. Thank you for all the many nice things you have done—cards, letters, phone calls. I am truly blessed.

Love, Mary Anne Hale

## **MAILED MESSENGER**

For those of you that we don't have an e-mail address for, you will receive only the Messenger published at the end of each month via snail mail until we return to the office.

## **CHALLENGE HOUSE 5 RESPONSE**

I want to thank everyone who has donated food for the Challenge House 5 "Daily Manna Food Pantry." The people in the neighborhood are very appreciative and wanted me to let you know that it is a blessing and Godsend during this crisis. I love how God provides! The donations are a steady flow and always arrive exactly when needed, when the supply is starting to get low. We have never run out! It's a real testament to how The Lord provides our daily bread, both physically and spiritually. I've had many opportunities to share about faith in a time of uncertainty. And there has been a great move of the Spirit as we hold "Church On The Porch" and everyone gets to share their stories of where God is working in their lives. I wish you could see what I see, the hand of God reaching down to this neighborhood and lifting people, many who have tears of relief and joy when they get their manna from heaven. It's a beautiful thing that you are doing! If you want to join in, let me know. And as always, please pray! (Unfortunately my phone and technology continue to have issues, so you may need to be persistent.) Joyce Barrier, CH5 Neighborhood Ambassador, 2130 Crockett Street, 908.399.3988 joybarr77@gmail.com

*Please contact staff members before dropping in to the office. We don't want to miss you!*

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