



First Christian Church
Disciples of Christ
RICHMOND, KENTUCKY

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES
8:30 & 10:40 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:40 a.m.

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September 2016

Sharing the good news of Jesus Christ
through the life and ministry of First Christian Church

Congregational Meeting ~ Sunday, September 11

Following the 8:30 & 10:40 Worship Services

Meet & Greet with Associate Minister Candidate

5:30–7:30 p.m., Friday, September 9

The Board of First Christian Church is calling a Congregational Meeting to consider the call of a new associate minister. The board met on August 28 and unanimously voted to call Rev. Katie Griffin to be our associate minister pending a vote of the congregation.

A meet and greet event will be held from 5:30–7:30 p.m., Friday, September 9 in the Banquet Hall. This will be an opportunity to learn more about Katie's gifts for ministry. All are invited to participate in the meet & greet. Information about Katie may be found on page 2.



All Church Picnic at Turpin Farm Sunday, September 25

Begins at 4:00 p.m.

Join in for Great Food, Fun and Fellowship

Directions from Main St.:

Left onto N 2nd St.

Travel 2 mi

Right onto Union City Rd.

Travel 2.1 mi

Left onto Hackett Pike

Travel 3.1 mi

Right onto Peacock Rd.

Travel 0.1 mi

1st gate on the left

**Bring a Dish
and a
Lawn Chair**

**Transportation
Available from Church**

3:30 p.m.
Meet at the Main Street
Parking Lot Entrance

Call 623-4383 to
reserve a seat
on the bus

Hardwired for Connection

Professor and social worker Brene Brown is popular these days among a growing group of people who have found important insights in her books and her TED Talks (google "Brene Brown TED Talks" and you will see what I mean). Most of her material deals with relationships and the obstacles we often need to overcome to make vital connections with others. She is being quoted in lots of places and the other day this one came to me, *"Connection is why we're here. We are hardwired to connect with others, it's what gives purpose and meaning to our lives, and without it there is suffering."*

While the truth of this seems obvious, I am still amazed at how difficult it can be for us to connect with others. If we are "hardwired" to make connections, to have meaningful relationships, what happens when that doesn't happen? There are plenty of professionals out there who would blame many of our health problems, including mental health, on our inability to form the kind of relationships we need to be happy and healthy.

Our families and friends give us the foundation we need for our most important relationships, but it doesn't end there. This is where the church enters to offer another kind of connection that also relieves suffering. Church communities help us connect with those we might miss in our normal weekly routines. Church communities expose us to people who are different from us, those who are not like our families and friends. When we expand our connections to include those who are not like us we may not be impacting our own suffering, but we may be easing the suffering of others.

Who do you see sitting by themselves? Who do you not know by name? Who seems so different from you that you don't know how a connection could be made? There are still opportunities at FCC for you to make new connections, so keep at it because building relationships is good for us, it's what we are hardwired to do.

Blessings,

Mark

Associate Minister Candidate

On Sunday, September 11, there will be a congregational meeting to consider the call of Katie Griffin as Associate Minister. She has received unanimous approval by the Search Committee and the Board.

Meet our Candidate:

- Raised in Evansville, IN.
- Graduated from Christian Theological Seminary (Indianapolis, IN) and ordained 2016.
- Attended Transylvania University three years and transferred to University of Southern Indiana, B.A. Sociology.
- Student Minister (2013-2016) Allisonville Christian Church (Indianapolis) working with youth.
- Worship & Wonder Trained.
- She has provided volunteer time and leadership in a variety of organizations including the World Student Christian Federation Activity, the Young Adult Commission of the Christian Church (DOC) and Keep Evansville Beautiful.
- She has served as a camp counselor, camp director, member of Student Council in seminary, White House Intern and preschool teacher.
- Strong recommendations from her references.



Please plan to attend the meet and greet on Friday, September 9 from 5:30 to 7:30 in the Banquet Hall to learn more about Katie and the search process. Drop in to meet her and leave whenever you are ready. Light refreshments will be served.

SERVING IN SEPTEMBER



Elders	8:30	10:40
September 4	Richard Bendure Connie Adams	Pam Grant Susan Willis
September 11	Laura Steidle Tina Stegemoller	Sheila Miller Bruce McIntosh
September 18	Mike Gordon Kim DeCoste	Connie Adams John McKinney
September 25	Martha Cobb Doug Whitlock	Sharla Davidson John Davidson

Pam Grant	September 1
Anna Land	September 1
Kevin Jones	September 2
Harry Moberly, Jr	September 2
Andrew Travis	September 3
Tony Burich	September 4
Janice Luxon	September 4
Lenore Robinson	September 4
Aaron Weitekamp	September 5
Gary Westerfield	September 5
George Robinson	September 6
Lindsay Wiley	September 7
Danny Pearson	September 7
Jesse Ward	September 7
Kate Congleton	September 8
Lesley Oswald	September 8
Kate Sorrell	September 8
Kenneth Fortney	September 9
Richard Cobb V	September 10
Jane Noland	September 11
Jenna Sehmman	September 11
Amy Aalberts	September 12
Ellen Fritz	September 12
Donna Poindexter	September 12
Faye Pearson	September 13
Michael Fore	September 14
Daniel Pearson	September 15
Curtis Davis	September 16
Ann Leslie Jones	September 16
Jennifer Morrow	September 17
Grant McIntosh	September 18
Jennifer Tudor	September 19
Steve Gamble	September 20
Jean Metcalf	September 20
Justin Ramey	September 20
Charles Metcalf	September 21
David Hopkins	September 21
Jessica Agee	September 22
Bob Biggin	September 22
Cathy Begley	September 24
Ronnie Ginter	September 24
Bob Vickers	September 25
Sheila Miller	September 27
Sonny Hutchinson	September 27
Kendall Stapp	September 29
Martha Witt	September 29

Diaconate 8:30 Service - Jim and Sandy Clark, Rick and Ann Leslie Jones

Diaconate 10:40 Service - Mike Brandenburg, Jan Barnes, Tim Brandenburg, Loraine Condrey, Kathy Congleton, Sarah Beth Dickey, Emily Fritz, Edwin Luxon, Janice Luxon, Rosalind McIntosh, Faye Pearson, Angela Rhodus, Steve Rhodus, Joe Rice, Lisa Robbins, Marc Robbins, Tonya Singleton, Heather Taylor, Chase Daniel, Laura Weitkamp

Home Communion Elders/Deacons - September 11 Skip Daugherty, Jayne Birkett, Glenn Birkett, Jo Luxon, Sheila Miller, Bob Biggin, Jackie Collier, Kay Stapp, Leslie Stapp, Jay Weitekamp, Laura Weitkamp

McCready Service - September 18 Margaret Gibson and Connie Adams

Diaconate Team Leaders - Kathy Congleton, Emily Fritz, and Tonya Singleton

Communion Preparation - Skip and Holly Cowell

Bus Driver - Ronnie Ginter and Scott Turpin

Greeters at 10:40 Services:

- September 4 - Steve and Lisa Gamble
- September 11 - Bill, Sarah, Katie and Allie Shaffer
- September 18 - Helen Chenault and Norman Robinson
- September 25 - Harry and Betty Bush

Call to Worship 10:40 Services:

- September 4 - Sharla Davidson
- September 11 - Margaret Gibson
- September 18 - Doug Whitlock
- September 25 - Youth

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Greeters Welcome
 • Anyone wanting to be greeters prior to the 10:40 service, please
 • contact the office - 623-4383.
 • Please contact the church office to add birthdays to our list.
 • 623-4383 or connie@fccrichmond.com

In Loving Memory

Gifts and donations have been given to the church in memory of the following loved ones.

Vickie Tudor

Given by Anna Frances Black

In Sympathy

Prayers to the family of Katherine Powell, who passed away on July 5. She is the mother of Wilma Taylor and Velma (Bill) Partin.

Prayers to the family of Vickie Tudor who passed away on July 12. She is the wife of Bill Tudor and the mother of Wayne Ann Tudor and Verda Lee Tudor Rochford.

Prayers to the family of David Huff, who passed away August 4. He is the cousin of Larry (Melissa) Agee.

Prayers to Ashley, Alexis, Kelsey and Tanner Reisig in the passing of Chris Reisig on August 8.

Prayers to the family of Maggie Sills from Brandenburg who passed away on August 22. She is the mother of Mike (Becky) Sills.



Congratulations to Cory Sills and Paul Watts in the birth of their daughter, Vivian Jane Watts who was born on August 2. The proud grandparents are Mike and Becky Sills.

Congratulations to John and Jessica Roberts of Lexington in the birth of their daughter, Hazel Catherine Roberts, who was born on August 12. Her sister and brother are Clare and Jack. The proud grandparents are Bob and Cathy Roberts.

COME RING WITH US!!

If you have ever been curious about ringing handbells, now is a great opportunity to come and see how easy and fun ringing handbells can be. Rehearsals are held on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. beginning Sept. 14. No prior musical experience is necessary. For further information or questions call Margaret Gibson at 582-6311.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We celebrate the following who have recently joined the church:

Debby Moberly joined on August 7.

Holly Rice was baptized on August 21. She is the daughter of Joe and Corrie Rice.

Victoria Taylor was baptized on August 21. She is the daughter of Jason and Heather Taylor.

Bill & Barbara Hendren joined on August 21.



Holly & Victoria

CONNECTING THE SEPARATED

The Madison County Sister City Exchange with Hokotyu City, Japan involves community Adults and Students at the University, Middle and Elementary levels. Grade 5 and Middle School students learn about the program by using criteria and themes for creating these paintings.

The Exchange Program began with Berea College. It has grown to include all of Madison County. The most recent expansion involves Elementary age students.

Personal and Community Cultural changes are very noticeable because of these transforming experiences. A second generation of project leaders are now impacted. All this has occurred because of the new friendships, knowledge, and purpose inherent in this exchange project. This art display will be on view soon.





Blessing of the Backpacks & Back to School Bash in Pictures

We wish all students (from preschool to college), teachers and staff a wonderful start to your school year!

FCC 14TH Annual Golf Scramble Golf Scramble A Success

Thanks to the 64 players, donors and hole sponsors for making the FCC 14th Annual Golf Scramble a great success. The scramble was held on August 4th at the Battlefield Golf Club. Over \$3500 was raised by the event which will benefit the Youth Program at FCC.

The field of 16 teams is the second largest of all our scrambles being topped only by the 17 teams in the 6th Annual Scramble held on August 5, 2008. However, the \$3500 raised this year is the largest amount ever of all the 14 scrambles.

First place honors went to team of Wayne Bowlin, Jimmy Collins, Harold Thompson and Gene Parks with a score of 55. The team of John Hamilton, Ben Cormney, Jim Johnson and Stan Wylie shot a 57 and were declared second place winners after a scorecard play-off with the team of Ricky Clontz, Joey Centers, Mark Buttry and Steve Fritz who also shot a 57 and were declared third place winners.

Elsa Moberly dominated the special events by winning both the longest drive and closest to the pen for the ladies. John McKinney won closest to the pin contest for the men and Ricky Clontz had the longest drive for the men.

The event committee of Ronnie Ginter, Bob Herbst, Steve Gamble, Skip Cowell and Bob Vickers express thanks to all the players, hole sponsors, donors. Clay Hamrick, Golf Pro at Battlefield and his staff served a delicious lunch following play. Others that helped with the scramble duties were Mary Jane Ginter, Janet Herbst, Holly Cowell and Youth Director Pam Grant. Thanks to the office crew of Connie Adams and Margaret Gibson for their help with all the paper work and etc. for putting on this event. All of this under watchful eye of our Senior Pastor Mark Condrey, who also played in the scramble.

Again thanks to everyone involved in the scramble either as a player, donor, hole sponsor or administrative support. It was a great day for a great event to help the Youth Program at First Christian Church.



Committee Meetings

4:30-Mon., Sept. 6 - DWM Exec. Board Meeting
 7:00-Wed., Sept. 14 - Elder Meeting
 7:30-Wed., Sept. 21 - Board Meeting



RE-CAP OF THE AUGUST 17, 2016 BOARD MINUTES

Financial reports showed that giving toward the budget continues to be strong.

A proposed Wedding Ministry Policy was presented and discussed by the board. This proposed policy does not permit the use of alcohol on church property during any wedding related activities. The board requested additional information on wedding prices, and the policy will be further discussed at the next meeting.

An update was shared on the search for an associate minister. At the time of the board meeting the committee had a candidate that was now the focus of negotiations.

Rev. Condrey shared that increase requests for assistance has almost depleted the Ministers Outreach Fund. Money from this fund is used to meet request for assistance with utility bills, rent, gasoline, meals at Jacksons and other needs. (Cash is never given to those requesting help.) Rev. Condrey pointed out that this is one of the clearest ways that FCC connects with those who are living in poverty and that only a handful of churches in Richmond are able to offer this kind of assistance. A motion was made and seconded to move \$5,000 from the Departmental Reserves Fund to the Ministers Outreach Fund. FCC has helped over 250 individuals/families in 2016.

Week of Compassion Giving	\$1206
Special Olympics Giving	\$383
Habitat for Humanity Giving	\$890
Salvation Army Giving	\$520
Open Concern Giving	\$787
1-1-16 Minister's Fund Balance	\$6537
YTD Minister's Fund Income	\$7805
YTD Minister's Fund Expenses	\$11,079

Sept. Outreach ~ Backpack Program Donations will be collected on September 11 & 18

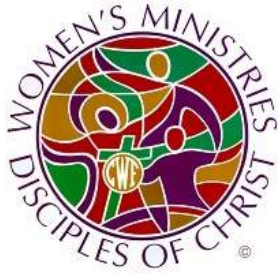
Your donations will help feed needy children in Madison County. FCC will be bagging backpacks for the Madison Kindergarten Academy. Donations of plastic bags are needed and may be dropped off at the office. Call the office to volunteer—623-4383.

Stories of Hope

There are two women who recently came to FCC seeking assistance obtaining a renewed driver's license. One woman needed an ID in order to get a job. She was currently living in a hotel with several children and a job would become her way out of this. The other woman was trying to leave an abusive relationship and had gone to the Salvation Army hoping to find temporary housing. While a room was available, the Salvation Army could not help her unless she had a valid identification. She sought help at a local church that referred her to FCC. In each case a payment was made directly to the local motor vehicle office to obtain a new license. It is a small thing that went a long way to enable these women to work and find a safe place to live. Your gifts to the Ministers Outreach Fund make this kind of assistance possible. Thank you for all of your gifts, both now and in the months ahead.

WATCHING OUR FIGURES

2016	1st Service	2 nd Service	Total	General Fund	YTD General Fund	Building Fund	YTD Bldg Fund
July 31	50	108	158	5,240.25	261,870.43	1,480.00	73,418.00
August 7	49	149	198	11,979.57	273,850.00	905.00	74,323.00
August 14	38	184	222	7,870.75	281,720.75	815.00	75,138.00
August 21	50	182	232	7,973.00	289,693.75	11,138.00	86,276.00
August 28	50	143	183	3,630.00	293,323.75	590.00	86,866.00



Installation of 2016-2017 DWM Executive Board & Group Chairs

All women are invited to join a circle group this year. The September meetings will take place on the 19th. Groups that will be meeting the 3rd Monday of each month include:

- 10:00 a.m. Group IV meets in the atrium
Faye Pearson, Chair
- 1:30 p.m. Group VIII meets in the Banquet Hall
Donna Cox, Chair
- 5:30 p.m. Group III meets in the atrium
Martha Cobb, Chair

August Women's Luncheon was Great Fun!



Sunday, August 28 was a great day for the Disciples Women's Ministry to share lunch with all women of FCC. The decorations were gorgeous (Thanks David & Kay Jones), the men who served really pampered us, the food was delicious and the entertainment by Linda Hensley and Marilyn Ballew was great fun! Enjoy our pictures.



Worship Schedule


8:30 Early Worship
 9:40 Sunday School
 10:40 Morning Worship

SEPTEMBER

Wednesdays

5:30 Chancel Choir
 Rehearsal
 6:30 Handbell Choir
 Rehearsal

2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	6 10:00 Staff Meeting 4:30 DWM Executive Bd.	7 6:30 Choir Party Steidle's Home	8	9 5:30-7:30 Meet & Greet Katie Griffin	10
11 9:30 & 12:30 Home Communion Congregational Mtg. following each service	12	13 10:00 Staff Meeting	14 7:00 Elders	15	16	17
18 2:00 McCready Service	19 10:00 DWM IV 1:30 DWM VIII 5:30 DWM III	20 10:00 Staff Meeting	21 7:30 Board Meeting	22 2016 Biennial Assembly Crestwood Christian Church 22nd-24th	23 October Courier Deadline	24
25 4:00 Church Picnic - Turpin Farm	26	27 10:00 Staff Meeting	28	29 10:00 Courier Workers	30	

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