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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
(Disciples of Christ)

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Children's Worship Directors:
Ashley Dawson & Elizabeth Dawson
Church Custodian: Aimee Bailey
Nursery Director: Lisa Allen

Sunday School 9:45-10:30 am
Worship 10:45 am

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Many thanks to everyone for making our Advent and Christmas season so wonderful! Included below are a sampling of photos starting with our Advent decorating, Hanging of the Greens, Choir Cantata, Children's Craft and Cookie Bake, "Meeting the Christ Child" Christmas Pageant, Longest Night - Service of Light, and Christmas Eve Candlelighting Service.



prayer list

for the week beginning January 1, 2012

THE PRAYER LIST is a published list of concerns that have been shared by people seeking prayer by any and all who will gladly pray on behalf of others - even without knowing them or the details of the request.

- Shanna Ballew Ruth King
Terri Benton Liz Lawrence
Mark Buckingham Charles Magness
Sue Campbell Nancy Manning
Marcus Cavitt Betty Meadows
Stella Cavitt Keena Miller
Violet Chamberlain Anne Marie Montgomery
Gary Crass Kenny Dale Orr
Frank Dibble Kathy Perkins
Julie & Linda Drake Rachel Ragovin
Kathy Farris Nellie Roberts
Sammy Heath John Ross
James Hendrix Ron Rue
Mike Holton Anne Schiappa

january birthdays

- Jordan Benton1
Elizabeth Dawson2
Bradley Marvin2
David Daughaday.....3
Victoria Daughrity3
Leah Hart.....10
Abbey Arnett.....12
Haley Hart.....13
Leah Ann Enzendorfer.....15
Brandon Daughaday16
Lyn Ryan.....16
Sarah Stanley21
Dave Reeves.....24
Michael Andrews27
Fulton Hart.....27
Helen Campbell28
Kate Reeves.....31

FIRST FACTS by Dave Eldredge

October 3, 1937

During this board meeting in the eighth year of the 12-year Great Depression, George Hart read a petition for raising funds to pay the \$1500 debt. All members agreed four months was plenty of time for the project, provided that "We can get five men to give \$100 each, and ten men to give \$50.00 and the rest of the church could easily raise the last \$500.00 and let us have a clean slate for 1938.

Upcoming Classes with Pastor Ruth

A "Baptism Class for Children", Sunday, January 22 and January 29, from 9:45 to 10:30 in Pastor Ruth's Office. An additional class will be scheduled following these with each child who may wish to be baptized. To enroll, please call 270-753-3824 or email the church office at fcc@fccmurray.com.

Anyone middle-school aged or older who is considering baptism should call to set up an appointment with Pastor Ruth to find a time to meet.

A Class entitled "Discovering Church Membership" to be held for six Sundays during Lent (February 26 to April 1) from 9:45 to 10:30 AM in the fellowship hall. The goal of this class is (1) to learn the basics of the Christian faith as understood by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), (2) to learn what First Christian Church of Murray, KY, is all about, and (3) to understand the meaning of church membership.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OFFICERS FOR 2012

- Elders: Helen Campbell, Judy Lyle, Scott Marvin, Dan McKeel, Mike Ridley
Deacons: Lisa Allen, Mallory Cathy, Melanie Dawson, Nancy Dycus, Carmen Garland, Erica Gray, Sharon Rue, Fulton Hart, Donnie Hendrix, Judy Hill, Rebecca Landolt, Dianne Miller, Roger Miller
New Trustee: Amy Roos
Board Chair: Dan McKeel
Vice Board Chair: Eddie Phelps
Secretary of the Board: Rebecca Landolt
Treasurer: Don Chamberlain

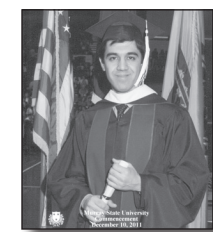
Joys and Thanksgivings...

Thank you First Christian Church! We could not have done it without you! - Murray Christian Fellowship
Thank you, my FCC family, for the wonderful Christmas gift. I thoroughly enjoy working with you and hope everyone has a blessed and prosperous new year! - Margaret Davis
Thank you church family and friends not only for your generous Christmas gift but also for your many acts of kindness and words of encouragement to both me and my family over this Advent and Christmas season. I am so blessed to be part of such a loving church family and would not trade you for anyone in the world! - Pastor Ruth

We would like to thank the church for their generous expression of appreciation this past Christmas. Your love and support have meant so much to us. We look forward to serving with you in the coming year! - Mark and Nancy Dycus

Congratulations to Catherine Crass, who passed her praxis, got a 4.0 GPA, and will do 14 weeks of student teaching at South West Elementary!

Congratulations to Haval Latif, who has just received his Masters in TESOL from Murray State and is busy applying for Ph.D. programs and for jobs.



Dear FCC family, I would like to express my gratitude and extend a heart-felt thank you for your sponsorship, endless help, support, and generosity. Your generous contributions have helped me attain my goals and make my vision a reality. You have been such a great asset and blessing in my life. May God Bless You All! In peace and love, Haval Latif

OUTREACH MINISTRIES By Teresa Nixon

The CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING was evenly divided between "Hospice House" and "West Kentucky Mentoring," with each receiving \$460.50.

\$3116.00 was received to support the 12 projects chosen for this year's 2011 ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS GIFTS. The specific amounts given for each project will be published in the February edition of Church Life.

BACK-PACK BAGS
First Christian Church and St. John's Episcopal Church are partnering together in February to sponsor the school systems Back-Pack program (coordinated through Need Line). This outreach program is meeting the needs of 300 children per week to assure they have food to eat during the weekend. FCC will fill 600 bags.

We need BIG participation from FCC in the following ways:

- 1) Donation of food items: individual serving sizes of cereal boxes, pudding cups, fruit cups, fruit juice boxes, cereal bars, peanut butter crackers, cheese crackers, pretzels, applesauce cups, granola bars, fruits snacks, shelf stable milk, toaster pastries, and size #4 paper lunch bags.
A "Kids Against Hunger" rice meal will also be included.
2) In February, we will need volunteers to pack the sacks.
3) We will need manpower to deliver the sacks to the school systems on Tuesday, February 7 and again on Tuesday, February 21.

This program directly provides for needy children in our community. Please consider participating in any way you can.

For questions, contact Teresa Nixon (Outreach Co. chair) at 759-1563, 293-8933 or e-mail tbknixon@gmail.com.

WARMING SHELTER

The Warming Shelter opened on January 1, 2012. First Christian Church is scheduled to staff the Shelter February 5-12. We need 2 people for each of the three shifts. The government requires that a male and female staff the overnight shift. If you can volunteer, please call the church office at (270) 753-3824. There also is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the church office.

"WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE" FOR ALL AGES

Wednesday, January 4, 5:30 PM: "Chinese New Year."
Come and eat your Chinese food with Chopsticks. Sit with others who share your Chinese zodiac sign!
Wednesday, January 18, 5:30 PM: "Week of Compassion Meal."
You will learn what other people around the world get to eat.

FROM THE FORMER BOARD CHAIR - Ruth Daughaday

I never ever envisioned myself as church board chair. However, I honestly can say the experience has been a privilege and a blessing. My overwhelming thanks to all the committee chairs who have worked hard and did all the work. I did not do all I intended, but I will spearhead one of those - the updating Articles of Life. Now maybe I will have the time to complete that with the committee. And I am sure there are things you think I should have done of which I am not aware. But you have been kind and I have been blessed.



CONDOLENCES

Our love and prayers are with the family and friends of Robert Singleton, who passed away on Thursday, December 22, 2011. Bob was a long-time member of First Christian Church, a beloved choir member, and he was cherished by many. Services were conducted on Saturday, December 24, 2011 at Memorial Gardens with Pastor Ruth officiating, Julie Warner playing her clarinet, and the choir singing.

Our love and prayers are with the family and friends of Don Chamberlain, Sr., who passed away on Thursday, December 29, 2011, with his family by his side. Services were held in West Virginia.

calendar

- Sunday, January 1
Sunday School9:45 AM
Worship Service.....10:45 AM
Charter for Compassion, Step 47:00 PM
Monday, January 2
OFFICE CLOSED
Tuesday, January 3
TOPS #6168:00 AM
TOPS #6235:00 PM
Wednesday, January 4
Wednesday Night Live, "Chinese New Year"
Fellowship Meal.....5:30 PM
Children's Program.....6:00 PM
Choir Rehearsal.....7:00 PM
Sunday, January 8
Sunday School9:45 AM
Worship Service.....10:45 AM
Rev. Dr. Cathy Hubbard Preaching
Monday, January 9
Boy Scouts6:30 PM
Home Bible Study7:00 PM
Tuesday, January 10
TOPS #6168:00 AM
TOPS #6235:00 PM
CWF III7:00 PM
Wednesday, January 11
Elders Meeting.....6:00 PM
Choir Rehearsal.....7:00 PM
Saturday, January 14
VFW Ladies Auxiliary, Library2:00 PM
Sunday, January 15
Sunday School9:45 AM
Worship Service.....10:45 AM
Rev. Mike Kerrick Preaching
Monday, January 16
Boy Scouts6:30 PM
CWF IV7:00 PM
Home Bible Study7:00 PM
Tuesday, January 17
TOPS #6168:00 AM
TOPS #6235:00 PM
Charter for Compassion, Step 4, FCC7:00 PM
Wednesday, January 18
Charter for Compassion, Step 37:00 PM
MSU Women's Center
Wednesday Night Live, "Week of Compassion"
Fellowship Meal.....5:30 PM
Children's Program.....6:00 PM
Home Bible Study7:00 PM
Thursday, January 19
Far West Men's Group7:00 PM
Saturday, January 21
DMF Breakfast.....8:00 AM
Sunday, January 22
Sunday School9:45 AM
Children's Baptism Class9:45-10:30 AM
Worship Service.....10:45 AM
The baptism of Kaitlyn Koehler White, Reception to follow
Monday, January 23
Boy Scouts6:30 PM
Charter for Compassion, Step 47:00 PM
Tuesday, January 24
TOPS #6168:00 AM
TOPS #6235:00 PM
Wednesday, January 25
Choir Rehearsal.....7:00 PM
Thursday, January 26
"Head and Heart" at First Presbyterian Church...7:00 PM
Sunday, January 29
Sunday School9:45 AM
Children's Baptism Class9:45-10:30 AM
Worship Service.....10:45 AM
"Dream Team" in Parlor12 Noon
Monday, January 30
Boy Scouts6:30 PM
Home Bible Study7:00 PM
Tuesday, January 31
TOPS #6168:00 AM
TOPS #6235:00 PM