

The Tower

The Tower is a publication of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) 415 Audubon Dr., Paducah, KY 42001

Financial Report— Jan 1—Mar. 24

Income \$61,408 Expense \$71,055 Difference (\$9,647)

Due to budget cuts we will be mailing "giving statements" **two times** per year — **July 1 and January 1**. You may request a statement of your giving at any time from the church office (office@fccpaducah.org).

Thank you for keeping your pledged giving up to date!

Attendance

02/26	97
03/05	118
03/12	87
03/19	120

Invite someone to attend worship with you this Sunday!

Minister Search Committee Update

The committee appointed to search for a new Lead Minister for our church continues to meet at least once a month. Surveys have been prepared for the congregations input. Please remember to fill out a survey and hand it in to the office or put in the offering plate on Sunday or give it to **Sue Fletcher**, Committee Chair. **Surveys will be available on the table in the church hallway. We will also be sending a mass e-mail of the survey to all members who have e-mail addresses. We ask that each member fill out only ONE survey. Thank you!**

Director of Christian Education Update

This committee is still meeting at least once a month. To date they have one application in consideration. News paper classified ads will run for the next two weekends. If you know a qualified applicant for this position, please notify Jim Gearhart, Chair. Resumes may be sent to office@fccpaducah.org

Organist Search Committee Update

To date we have not had any applications to fill the position of church organist. If you are aware of a qualified person who might be interested in a full or part time position, please notify **Ann Denton**, Chair of the Committee. Resumes may be sent to office@fccpaducah.org

Memorial Gifts

In memory of Glenda Distler

Beverly Craig and family, the FCC Choir, Glenda Montgomery, Jimmy & Bobbie Allen, Ann & David Denton, Pam & Tom Whittemore, Mariann & June Lankton, Frank & Sue Fletcher, Larry Furmann & Billy Lanier, Betty & WR Sanders, Mike & Brenda Murphy, Stephanie & Bruce Copeland.

In memory of Ray Sanders

Ann & David Denton, Bruce & Stephanie Copeland, Mariann Lankton, Frank & Sue Fletcher, Joe & Betty Wallace, The Men's Breakfast Group

Thank you to WR Sanders, Bill Allen, Joe Wallace and Hugo Ramirez for their continuing work on building needs. We appreciate you guys!!

Easter Basket Raffle

The children are raffling off 3 beautiful Easter baskets on April 15th at the Easter Egg Hunt. One basket is for adults donated by Roof Brothers, one is for a male child and the other a female child. Purchase your tickets today from the church office. They are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Easter Lilies

If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily for decoration of the church on Easter Sunday, please fill out a form from the Sunday Bulletin or pick up one on the front entry table near the door. Lilies may be purchased in memory or honor of a loved one or friend. They are \$10 each this year.

Recurring Monthly Fellowship and Outreach Opportunities

1st Monday (April 3) - Red Cross Blood Drive in Fellowship Hall 11:30 a.m.—5:30 p.m.

1st & 3rd Monday (April 3 & 17) - Pray & Ponder Study Group in Conference Room (10:00 a.m.) Everyone is welcome to join the group. Sue Fletcher, Leader

1st Wednesday (April 5) - Super Seniors lunch at Culver's Restaurant at 11:30 a.m. Everyone welcome to join this group

2nd Saturday (April 8) - Community Breakfast in Fellowship Hall 8:00 a.m.—10:00 a.m.

Bring your family and friends and enjoy a delicious meal for a suggested donation of \$6 or more. Proceeds are used for community outreach and building repairs

2nd Tuesday (April 11) - Community Kitchen Service Day 8:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.

Be sure to check the calendar insert for a complete listing of April activities at FCC Paducah.

Join us for worship on Sunday!

- ◆ 9:30 a.m.—Sunday School
- ◆ 10:45 a.m.—Worship
- ◆ Communion is always offered at our worship services.
- ◆ Remember to **LIKE** us on Facebook
- ◆ Website: fccpaducah.org



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HOLY WEEK EVENTS

Holy Week runs from Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday. It is a week full of worship and remembering what happened in the last days of Jesus' earthly ministry. Invite your family



Palm Sunday—April 9

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School
10:45 a.m.—Worship with us as we celebrate the entry of Christ into Jerusalem by waving palm fronds. *Each person attending receives a handmade palm cross.*

Maundy Thursday—April 13

7:00 p.m.—Seder Meal in Fellowship Hall; *Sign up by e-mail or bulletin insert.*

Good Friday — April 14

12:00 p.m.—Good Friday Service in the FCC Sanctuary *Everyone welcome!*

Saturday, April 15

10:00 a.m.—Easter Egg Hunt for toddlers through 5th grade.

Easter Sunday — April 16

9:30 a.m.—Sunday School
10:45 a.m.—Join us for Easter Worship in the FCC Sanctuary. *Friends and family are all welcome to join us too!*

The Easter Offering supports the General Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Your gift to the Easter Offering helps bring life, love and learning through the general ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Ministries that receive funding from the Easter Offering include:

the Center for Faith and Giving, Central Pastoral Office for Hispanic Ministries, Communication Ministries, Council on Christian Unity, Disciples Church Extension Fund / Hope Partnership for Missional Transformation, Disciples of Christ Historical Society, Disciples Home Missions, Disciples Women, Division of Overseas Ministries/Global Ministries, Higher Education and Leadership Ministries.

You can learn more about the General Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) by visiting www.disciples.org.



April 9 & 16, 2017

Maundy Thursday Seder Meal—April 13th

The **Passover Seder** is a Jewish ritual feast that marks the beginning of the Jewish holiday of Passover. It is conducted on the evening of the 15th day of Nisan in the Hebrew calendar throughout the world. This corresponds to late March or April in the Gregorian calendar.

Pam Whittemore and her helpers will be preparing a special Seder meal for Maundy Thursday, **April 13, at 6:00 p.m.** in Fellowship Hall. If you would like to attend this once every three or four years event, **please sign up with the bulletin insert or e-mail the church office.** There is no charge for the meal. *(Remember this is a light symbolic meal so you may want to plan to eat before or after the meal and program.)*





First Christian Church of Paducah

April 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:30 a.m. Inter-Generational Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship 4:00 p.m. Bible Study	3 10 a.m. Pray & Ponder 11:30 p.m. Blood Drive	4 5:15 p.m. Choir Practice	5 11:30 a.m. Super Seniors Lunch at Culvers	6 11:00 a.m. Bible Study 7 p.m. Gamblers Anon. Mtg	7	8 8 a.m. Community Breakfast
9 Palm Sunday 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship 4:00 p.m. Bible Study	10	11 8:30 a.m.— Community Kitchen Service Day 4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 5:15 p.m. Choir Practice	12	13 11:00 a.m. Bible Study 6 p.m. Maunder Thursday Seder & Program	14 12:00 p.m. Good Friday Service	15 10:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt
16 Easter Sunday 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship	17 10:00 a.m. Pray & Ponder	18 5:15 p.m. Choir Practice	19 Deadline for Tower news 7:00 p.m. Ministers Search Committee Mtg.	20 11:00 a.m. Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Administrative Team Mtg. 7 p.m. Gamblers Anon. Mtg	21	22 Earth Day CWF Spring Conference Sinking Fork Christian Church
23 9:30 a.m. Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship 4:00 p.m. Bible Study	24	25 4:30 p.m. Girl Scouts 5:15 p.m. Choir Practice	26 5:00 p.m. Elder's Meeting 6:00 p.m. Ministry Table (Board) Meeting	27 11:00 a.m. Bible Study 7 p.m. Gamblers Anon. Mtg	28	29
30 9:30 a.m. Inter-Generational Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Worship 4:00 p.m. Bible Study						<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Save the Date! 11th Annual Community Picnic Sunday, May 21 4-7 p.m. </div>

Serving Schedule April 2017

Elders at the Table

	Bread	Wine
2	Betty Sanders	Sue Fletcher
9	Beverly Craig	Kay Henry
16	Ann Denton	Susie Foreman
23	Bea Anderson	Larry Anderson
30	Julie Price	Brenda Murphy

Servers

2	Chloe Deweese & Malou Barnes, Bill & Neva Allen
9	Jennifer Palmer & Jack Bell, Hugo & Jeanie Ramirez
16	Jack Bell, Jennifer Palmer, Sherry Wadlington, W. R. Sanders
23	Jimmy Allen, Tanner Hagood, Ken Bradshaw, Robin Bradshaw
30	Jill Gearhart, Whitney Caywood, Allison Clark, Denise Romanak

Liturgist

2	Ann Denton
9	Malou Barnes
16	Tanner Hagood
23	Chloe Deweese
30	Whitney Caywood

Time for Children

2	Billy Lanier
9	Ann Denton
16	Denise Romanak
23	Brenda Murphy
30	Sue Fletcher

Ushers & Communion Clean-Up

2	Kenny Boaz & Nancy Huffstutter
9	Larry & Bea Anderson
16	Nettie Bingham & Helen Morris
23	Sherry Wadlington & Allison Clark
30	Larry & Bea Anderson

Greeter & Pew Pad Pick-up

2	Marj Heyduck
9	Nettie Bingham
16	Malou Barnes
23	Bea Anderson
30	Sherry Wadlington

Communion for Shut-Ins

2	Linda Creason
9	Larry & Bea Anderson
16	None this week (Easter Sunday)
23	Brenda Murphy
30	Betty & WR Sanders

Elder on Call

2	Marj Heyduck
9	Sue Fletcher
16	Larry Anderson
17	Brenda Murphy
30	Betty & WR Sanders

A place to Learn, Grow, Love & Shine!

Registration is now open for the 2017-2018 FCC Preschool year. Featuring **Extended Hours for working parents.** More information can be found at our fccpaducah.org website or by calling the Preschool Director, Ashley Valentine—Hall at **270-443-0513.**



Sunday School News

Thank you to everyone who has helped us restart Sunday School for all ages. In April we will have two Inter-Generational Sunday School sessions—April 2 and April 30. Coffee, juice, and donuts will be served at both. On April 30 we will have a special Quilters Sunday School program in conjunction with the AQS Paducah Show. Everyone is welcome to attend both. If you have questions or want to help, please see **Brenda Murphy.**

Prayer Concerns

Tim Davenport, 565 Eleanor Dr., 42003
 Mary Lee & Kelly Nuckols, 6441 Stinespring, 42001

Remember Our Friends in Nursing Homes Assisted Living & Homebound

Jo James, Life Care of LaCenter (New address)
 Mary Nell Mathues, Superior Care Home
 Judith O'Donley, Brookdale Senior Living
 Dottie Stivers, Jackson Oaks
 Paul & Betty Feldsien, Jackson Oaks



April Celebrations

Birthdays

2nd	Jo James, Life Care of LaCenter
4th	Cathy Warmack, 109 Timothy Dr. 42003
9th	Betty Butler, 5625 Hwy 60 West. 42001
9th	Aiden Caywood, 1404 Jefferson St., 42001
12th	Erin Nance, 2543 Harrison St., 42001
15th	Bobbie Penix, 2145 Apache Ln, 42001
17th	Tammie Edwards, 661 Ferrin Rd., Ledbetter 42058
18th	John Caywood, 1404 Jefferson St., 42001
25th	Marj Heyduck, 165 Rue Thierry, 42001

Anniversaries

5th	Ben & Erin Morehead, 246 Maxfield Dr., 42001
6th	Ken & Robin Bradshaw, 500 Oakland Cir, 42003
8th	Bill & Neva Allen, 6438 Benton Rd., 42003
19th	Jamie & Heather McKinney, 6955 Ingleside Dr. Kevil, KY 42053

Youth Group Newz!

On Saturday, March 11, ten members of our youth group went over to **Project Hope Animal Shelter** in Metropolis to take a large selection of donated supplies and to play with the animals.

On Sunday, March 19, we had 37 youth at FCC for the **Morgan Guess** program on bullying. Our guests were youth from Washington Street Baptist Church and Grace Episcopal Church.

Save the Date—Planning for Youth Sunday is April 23
 Rehearsal for Youth Sunday is April 30
Youth Sunday is May 7th



Hey Kids! Don't Miss the Fun of Summer Camp

Grade	Event	Date
Completed		
1-2	*Discovery	July 7-9
3	Young Disciples	June 23-25
4-5	Junior	July 3-7
6-8	Chi Rho Sailing (limit 15)	June 4-9
6-8	Chi Rho	June 26-July 1
9-12	CYF	June 11-17
9-12	CYF Sailing (limit 15)	June 18-23

*Discovery camp requires an adult camper with each child.

Remember that camp forms are on the table in the upper hallway of the church. Get your form and fill it out today! **Some camps are limited!**

Our kids have been busy raising funds to put toward the camp fees. **Thank you** to Machel and all the adults, parents and youth who have been working so hard to make this happen. **It is wonderful to see the kids become invested in going to camp!**