



THE

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, OWENSBORO

(Disciples of Christ)

# CALLER

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Dear church,

I am so very grateful for my time here in Owensboro, and I thank you all so very much for the graciousness, patience, and hospitality shown to me during the last nine months. Nine months – wow, in some ways it seems so much longer than that, but in another way it seems just a few weeks ago that we first worshipped together.

I would not dream of starting to name names, because that would be a long list and take up most of “The Caller”, but I will take this opportunity to thank the staff for their help and support. You do know what a great group of folks you have ministering here, right? My thanks and best wishes to Anne, Cheryl, Kristin, and Mike as they continue to lead and support the congregation and the new person in the office.

You will grow and flourish and continue to make a difference in this world if you keep the mission statement utmost in your worship: *to manifest Christ’s love by empowering all to compassionate service.* The world needs this now more than ever. I will keep an eye on you, and look forward to seeing how God continues to work among you.

A new gig will start for me in February. I ask for your prayers as I move to another field and help tend different sheep. Please know that you will be in my prayers as well. I hope to see many of you Sunday as Leon and I say our goodbyes. Grace and peace to you all.

Pastor Molly

### First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Owensboro, Kentucky Mission Statement

*“Our mission is to manifest Christ’s love by empowering all to compassionate service.”*

### Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Mission Statement

*“We are Disciples of Christ, a movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ we welcome all to the Lord’s Table as God has welcomed us.”*

#### FCC STAFF

Ministers.....The Congregation  
Interim Sr. Minister..Rev. Molly Smothers  
Associate Minister.....Rev. Cheryl Russell  
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**T**he Friends in Faith class Christmas outreach projects included care packages to 5 U.S. soldiers deployed overseas, cash and donations to OASIS, and a donation to Foods Resource Bank, the partner organization for this year’s youth mission trip to Guatemala.

*Pictured on the left are members of the Friends in Faith class with donated items for OASIS, Foods Resource Bank, and military packages.*

## News and Notes

### Thank you to all who have turned in pledge cards to the Church.

To date, the Church has received 93 pledge cards for a total of \$335,224.

It's not too late to fill your card out and turn it in to the Church office or drop it in the offering plate this Sunday!

You may also email Kristin your pledge ([kcncallis@roadrunner.com](mailto:kcncallis@roadrunner.com)). All pledges are gratefully received!

Marie Abell	Chris & Stacey Castlen	Blake & Missie Hayden	Kenneth C. McDanell	Mitch & June Stapleton
Kyle & Sara Aud	Norma Collier	Carroll & Larkin Hayden	Ethel McElwain	Tres & Katie Sterett
Terri Bailey	Henry & Nancy Connor	Marbrey Hedges	Joey & Teresa McKinley	John & Gloria Strehl
Nancy Barnard	Norris & Pat Cotton	Robert Hines	Cathy Midkiff	Rich & Janet Suwanski
Nelda Barnett	Steve & Shannon Divine	Bonnie Hite	Don & Margaret Miller	Nancy Swanks
Nina & Brian Belcher	Joy Emerson	Allen Holbrook &	Francy Miller	Mike & Janet Tichenor
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Ginger Boehm	Kaye Farmer	Andy & Libby Johnson	Bob & Sue Ann Morris	Betty Troutman
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Julie & Dan Burg	Robert & Maxine Goebel	Sue & Ken Lawson	Jim & Martha Quisenberry	Amy Fredrickson-Wilkey
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Garrett & Stacey Carter	Todd & Amy Harper	Cathy Maddox	Jon & Jo Anne Skillman	
		Jackie & Tom Maddox		

**T**hank you for financially supporting First Christian Church. For the year ending December 31, 2016, we had 113 giving units with total pledge commitments of \$377,494. Approximately 92% or \$347,872 of the pledge commitments were satisfied. The 2016 year-end statements have been mailed. Please review your statement as soon as you receive it. If you have a pledge balance, please consider satisfying your 2016 commitment. If you have questions, please contact the financial office.

#### **The sympathy of the congregation is extended to...**

Naomi, Chris and Stacey Brown and family in the death of Mitchell "Mitch" Brown, who passed away December 14.

Mike and Patty Matthews and family in the death of Mike's brother, Don Matthews, who passed away December 16 in Evansville, IN.

Martha and Jim Quisenberry and family in the death of Martha's sister, Helen Marie Bennett, who passed away January 7 in Woodburn, KY.

#### **Reception for Pastor Molly Smothers**

Sunday, January 15, will be Pastor Molly's last Sunday to serve our congregation. All are invited to join us as we celebrate her time with our congregation with a reception following the worship service.

**DWM meetings** in February will focus on the Bible study series, "The Table and Beyond: Lavish Hospitality in the Bible. The night group will meet on Thursday, February 2, at 6:00 pm at Old South Barbecue for dinner, lesson, and business meeting. The daytime group will meet at 1:00 pm at the church fellowship hall on Tuesday, Feb. 7, with Hilda Nance as hostess. All church women are invited to join either group for Bible study, service, and fellowship. The January service project will be the Souper Bowl Sunday sales on Feb. 5, with all proceeds benefitting DWM projects, including the food pantry.

#### **Thank You**

Being in a body of Kings Kids is a nice place to be. Mitch & I would say, "Well, FCC must be praying because we feel it". Our battle of 14 long, hard months is over. Mitch always said, "I'm a winner either way. I get to stay here with you or I get to go to heaven and be with Jesus". I just want to say thank you for your cards, food, flowers, and most of all, love and prayers.

Naomi, Chris, & Family

#### **Hymn Festival for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity -**

Christians from many denominations will join together to pray for Christian unity at 6 pm on Thursday, January 19, at St Stephen Cathedral. The prayer service will take the form of a Hymn Festival with scripture readings, a sermon by Rev. Jim Coleman and prayers for Christian unity. Afterwards, there will be fellowship and refreshments downstairs in the F. John Vaughan Community Center. Lift every voice and sing!

#### **WORSHIP & WONDER STORYTELLERS NEEDED**

There will be two opportunities in the new year to be trained as a Children Worship & Wonder Storyteller. This training is one and a half days and the church has funds available to cover the costs.

FCC, Bowling Green - February 3-4

Bethany CC, Evansville - February 10-11

Contact Pastor Cheryl if you have questions or to register!

# Serving Schedule

## January 15, 2017 ~ Epiphany 2 ~ 9:00 AM

Liturgist: **Joey McKinley**  
 Serving Elders: **Bonnie Brown and Alpha Jo Luallen**  
 Acolyte: **Daniel Lott** Bell Ringer: **Camryn Kyle**  
 Elder of the month: **Anne Carlisle**  
 Deacons: **Barbara Bennett, Shannon Divine, Andy Goodaker, Sale Gordon, Sally Ham, Teresa McKinley, Cathy Midkiff, Forrest Roberts, Sandra Roberts, Janet Tichenor**  
 Youth Deacon: **CC Webb**  
 Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 1:4-9; John 1:29-42  
 Worship & Wonder: Storyteller: Circle Shepherd: **Katie Sterett**  
 Feast/Wondering: **Nancy Connor**  
 Choir Message: *Holy Manna*

Hymns: *God of Grace and God of Glory; Here I Am, Lord; They'll Know We are Christians; One Bread, One Body*

*Flowers have been placed in the chancel by the Disciples Class in honor and gratitude to all who gave of their time and energy for the new building.*

## January 22, 2017 ~ Epiphany 3 ~ 9:00 AM

Liturgist: **Alpha Jo Luallen**  
 Serving Elders: **Carroll Hayden and Carolyn Williams**  
 Acolyte: **Camryn Kyle** Bell Ringer: **Clayton Roberts**  
 Elder of the month: **Anne Carlisle**  
 Deacons: **Janey & John Burns, Aloma Dew, Steve Divine, Chris Gaddis, Blake & Missie Hayden, Michelle Long, Abbe Quisenberry, Mitch Stapleton, Marilee & Wendell Thompson**  
 Youth Deacon: **Camille Divine**  
 Scriptures: Isaiah 9:2-4; Matthew 4:12-23  
 Worship & Wonder: Storyteller: **Mallory Roberts**  
 Circle Shepherd: **Missie Hayden** Feast/Wondering: **Nancy Connor**  
 Choir Message: Mike Tichenor, soloist

Hymns: *God of Grace and God of Glory; Dear Lord and Father of Mankind; Called as Partners in Christ's Service; Take My Life; One Bread, One Body*

*Flowers have been placed in the chancel by Ron Waite to the glory of God and in loving memory of his father, Floyd B. Waite.*

## Calendar of Events

### SUNDAY, January 15

9:00 am Worship  
 10:00 am Farewell Reception  
 for Pastor Molly  
 10:30 am Sunday School  
 3:00 pm Fellowship Hall in Use  
 6:00 pm Boy Scouts

### MONDAY, January 16

Office Closed  
 5:30 pm Boy Scouts

### WEDNESDAY, January 18

6:30 am MBS Panera  
 9:00 am Faithful Knitters  
 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, January 19

2:30 pm Food Pantry

### SUNDAY, January 22

9:00 am Worship  
 10:00 am FCC Café  
 10:30 am Sunday School  
 4:00 pm Children, Youth, and  
 Family Service Project  
 6:00 pm Boy Scouts

### MONDAY, January 23

5:30 pm Boy Scouts

### WEDNESDAY, January 25

6:30 am MBS Panera  
 9:00 am Faithful Knitters  
 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

### FRIDAY, January 27

6:30 pm West Area Ski-Thing

### SATURDAY, January 28

West Area Si-Thing  
**SUNDAY, January 29**  
 9:00 am Worship  
 10:00 am FCC Café  
 10:30 am Sunday School  
 6:00 pm Boy Scouts

### MONDAY, January 30

5:30 pm Boy Scouts

### WEDNESDAY, February 1

6:30 am MBS Panera  
 9:00 am Faithful Knitters  
 11:30 am ADC Team Mtg.  
 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

### THURSDAY, February 2

2:30 pm Food Pantry  
 6:00 pm DWM Night Group at  
 Old South Barbeque

### SUNDAY, February 5

8:30 am DWM Soup & Bake Sale  
 9:00 am Worship  
 10:00 am FCC Café  
 10:30 am Sunday School  
 6:00 pm Boy Scouts

### MONDAY, February 6

5:30 pm Boy Scouts

### TUESDAY, February 7

1:00 pm DWM Daytime  
 Group Mtg. at FCC  
 6:00 pm Worship Team Mtg.

### WEDNESDAY, February 8

6:30 am MBS Panera  
 9:00 am Faithful Knitters  
 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal

**The FCC Café is off and running.** We have been tweaking the menu based on \$\$\$\$. We want to thank the Adult Sunday School classes for taking on this mission by serving once a month. The breakfast should be self-sustaining. We appreciate those that are putting donations in the basket. *However, we have not been breaking even on any Sunday.* We are going to try putting additional baskets in several locations to help offset the cost of coffee, coffee supplies, milk, and juice. Thank you for contributing to this mission. If you have further suggestions, please talk to a member of the fellowship team.

Fellowship Team



Pictured above is the newest addition to the Carol Mark Community Garden - a table with benches! This table was made from recycled bottle caps that we have been collecting.

At this time, our church is not collecting bottle caps, however, Zion UCC is collecting them and would appreciate any caps that you drop off at their church.



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## ***Youth Events***

### **Ski Thing**

On January 27-28 FCC will host West Area Disciples for Ski Thing. This event is open to all youth (grades 6-12). Friday night's lock in will be a chance to get to know and reconnect with other youth around the region. Then, Saturday morning we will head out to Paoli Peaks for a day of skiing and snow tubing. See Cheryl for more information and to sign up. T-shirt orders due January 15, forms due January 23.

### **Valentino's Coming Up**

Mark your calendars for Valentino's! We will need all hands on deck for our most popular youth fundraiser of the year. Stay tuned for more information.

### **Youth Sunday is Back!**

Our youth will lead worship on March 12. We will meet for a planning session on Sunday, January 22 following the Youth & Children service project (around 5:30pm).

### **Camp @ KBY 2017**

Camp forms are in the office and in the Youth Zone, register early!

CYF: June 11-17

Chi Rho: Jun 26-July 1

## ***Children & Families***

### **Family Service Project**

On Sunday, January 22 at 4pm, all families are encouraged to come to FCC for a service project. There will be opportunities for children of all ages to participate in service including assembling Church World Service Hygiene Kits, making cards, and making fleece blankets.

### **Camp @ KBY 2017**

Camp forms are available in the office, register early!

Discovery Camp (grades 1-2): July 7-9

Young Disciples (third grade): June 23-25

Junior Camp (grades 4-5): July 3-7