

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)
OWENSBORO, KY

From the Preacherman…

Sometimes I long for the days of slow communication, as opposed to the constant barrage of instant messages from our various forms of media. After the Civil War Battle of Gettysburg it took days for news of the clash to filter around the country by newspaper and word of mouth. In our current communication milieu, we would have already moved on to the latest celebrity news by nightfall on July 3, 1863 and lost sight of something profoundly important.

We have gained access to more information than any generation in human history; truly an amazing feat and opportunity for humankind. What has been lost is a sense of perspective, a place for wisdom, a time for ideas and thoughts and responses to ferment, take shape and grow into something deeper and more insightful. We have ceded the long view of history to life by sound-bite and we are poorer, and dumber, for it.

Maybe I sound like some old stick-in-the-mud, or worse, some Luddite afraid of new technology. Far from it: I am deeply grateful to God that I live in this time of monumental change in communication and information technology. Our ancestors will be in awe of the changes wrought in our era. However, I lament when technology uses us, rather than when we use technology. The Church has embedded in its history and traditions a remarkable story of innovation and technology implementation to support the mission of the gospel of Jesus Christ. We have been early adopters of print, radio, television and internet technology.

We have, however, always been wary of substituting technology for the timeless qualities of conversation, relationships and shared suffering. I can keep up to date with someone in the hospital by text message, email or phone call and seek to do so. But absolutely nothing comes close to standing beside that hospital bed and offering the body and blood of Christ in Holy Communion. God speaks through words, prophets, signs and wonders, but when God really wanted to get the point across, in the fullness of time, God sent his Son as a fully human person. We can use all the technology at hand, but the hard work of the Church is done in the flesh, one person or small group at a time. That will never change. Technology will never replace the living, breathing Body of Christ.

Nor will it replace the importance of perspective and taking the long view. Everyone knew the Battle of Gettysburg was important. However, it took four and a half months for someone to put that meaning into words: “Four score and seven years ago today….” Peace…. Chris

PS…. Thank you. Thank you from both me and Laura for your kindness and generosity during Pastor Appreciation Month. We are grateful to be able to serve God here in this church. May God bless you all in the days to come.

November

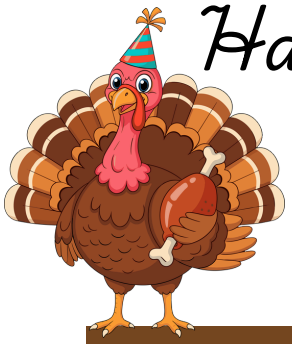
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1  All Saints' Day Worship/Sunday School Handbells 5:00 p.m.	2 OCTC Community Chorus Practice 6:30 p.m.	3	4 Dinner @5:15 p.m. Worship @6:15 p.m. Youth Groups, Cantata, & Choir @6:30 p.m.	5 **Refugee Food Pantry**	6 1:30 p.m. Faith Fest 3131 Alvey Park Dr W	7 **Youth to Top Golf** 
8 Worship/Sunday School Handbells 5:00 p.m.	9 OCTC Community Chorus Practice 6:30 p.m.	10 **Primetimers to Moonlite @11:30 a.m.**	11 **POTLUCK @5:30 p.m.**  Worship @6:15 p.m. Youth Groups, Cantata, & Choir @6:30 p.m.	12	13	14
15 Worship/Sunday School Handbells 5:00 p.m.	16 OCTC Community Chorus Practice 6:30 p.m.	17 **5:30 p.m. Board Meeting**	18 Dinner @5:15 p.m. Worship @6:15 p.m. Youth Groups, Cantata, & Choir @6:30 p.m.	19 **Refugee Food Pantry**	20	21
22 **DMW Bake Sale** Worship/Sunday School Handbells 5:00 p.m.	23 **8 AM - 12 PM Christmas Decorating**  OCTC Community Chorus Practice 6:30 p.m. 	24	25 **Church CLOSED for Thanksgiving Break** 	26 	27	28
29 Advent begins  Worship/Sunday School Handbells 5:00 p.m.	30 OCTC Community Chorus Dress Rehearsal 6:30 p.m.					

***Men's Fellowship at Great Harvest on Frederica Every Wednesday @ 6:30 a.m.**

Happy Birthday!

2 Bethany Duke
2 Steve Perrin
3 Calvin Gilbreath
5 Melissa Jagoe
6 Tabitha Lucas
9 Ruth Ann Dearness
11 Miles Baur
12 Eric Farmer
12 Cheri Robinson
13 Doug Hoyt
13 Deborah Yates
14 Jody Emerson
14 Reid Sterett
16 Nancy Barnard
16 Nina Belcher
16 Garrett Carter
16 Ginger Norris
18 Beverly Dawson
19 Mick Ford
20 John Roberts
21 Brooks Aud
21 Ashtyn Callis
21 Klara Zboril
22 Blake Hayden
26 Pam Woodward
27 Paige Castlen 
28 Sherry Rhoads
29 Vivian McNatton
29 Robert Spencer

Happy Anniversary!



Barbara Bennett & Hervey Howell
Mary Lynne & Ronnie Roach
June & Mitch Stapleton

September Financials

Offering for the Month:	$34,367.00
Other Revenue Month:	$1,094.12
Total Revenue:	$35,461.12
Monthly Expenses:	$44,670.79
Net for the Month	($9,209.67)
Year-to-Date Offering	$373,745.65
YTD Other Revenue	$24,655.32
YTD Revenue	$398,400.97
YTD Expenses	$443,792.77
Net for the Year	($45,391.80)

Coming Up In November

1st All Saints' Day Sunday Worship Service

10th Primetimers to Moonlite @11:30 a.m.

11th Fellowship Potluck @5:30 p.m.

15th Celebration of ten years in the new building
*Pledge cards DUE

17th Board Meeting @5:30 p.m.

22nd DWM Bake Sale

23rd Christmas Decorating 8:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

25th - 26th Office closed for Thanksgiving

29th First Sunday of Advent

Wednesday Night Dinner

Breakfast for Dinner
November 4 @ 5:15pm

Fellowship Potluck
November 11 @ 5:15pm

Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes and Green Beans
November 18 @ 5:15pm

Thanksgiving Break: No Meal This Week
November 25

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Laura, I gotta a question for you...why should we fill out a pledge card? And by the way, what a GREAT shirt!

Thanks, Mark! I like your shirt too! We need to fill out a pledge card, so the church knows how much it can budget for different programs and expenses.





November marks the 10th anniversary of our new building. We are planning a self guided "tour" of items in our building retrieved from the fire's ashes, as well as a display of items and pictures you may have from the old building. Contact Stewart Gant, Janet Corum, or Debby Crone, if you have items to lend us.

PLEDGE DRIVE

EVERY HOUSEHOLD
PLEASE FILL OUT
(and return)
A PLEDGE CARD
by November 15th.

THIS HELPS US PLAN AND BUDGET 2027
**We MUST have you pledge AGAIN, even if you pledged last year.

If you want the church to withdrawal an amount automatically from your account, you must fill out a new form for 2027.

Feel free to scan the QR codes to learn more about our rebuild of the church building.





If you have concerns about the budget, please schedule a meeting with Kristin Callis. To contact her about scheduling a meeting, please email her at kristin@fccowb.org ASAP.

October Events

Youth Service Project








Members of our youth group planted mums at Cedarhurst Senior Living on 10/7. This wonderful service project was a great way to spread some fall love and beautify the already lovely outdoor space there. Thank you to all the youth and adults that worked together last night, and a special thank you to all who donated money and plants to make this project possible, including Lowe's Home Improvement.

Pumpkin Painting

To prepare for the Trail of Treats, our youth had fun painting pumpkins one Wednesday evening.





An Evening With KY Authors

Kentucky authors Joe Survant, Bobbie Ann Mason, and Kathleen Driskell read their poems and stories on October 22nd to an attentive audience from our community. Thank you to the committee members, who organized this special night of great literature.





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