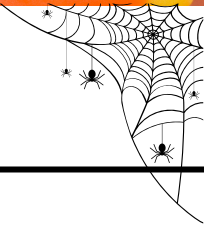


# THE CALLER

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH (Disciples of Christ)  
OWENSBORO, KY



From the Preacherman....

Most people have a favorite season of the year. Winter inspires some, when nature is at rest and temperatures chill. Falling snow is a remarkable thing, blanketing the world in silence. Some love Spring and the return of warmth and light to the Northern Hemisphere. Baseball and March Madness add to the life together. Some love summer and its warmer days and relaxed pace. Gardens and flowers bloom, as do fruits and vegetables, fishing and the beach. Each season has something to offer.

I love autumn, with its cooler mornings, changing leaves, harvest bounty and something called football, glorious football. I love everything about fall, from pumpkins and Halloween to festivals and remarkable colors in the sky and landscape. It is a feast to behold and feel the chill in the evening air.

Autumn brings with it feasts for our senses at church, too. On October 5 we will celebrate World Communion Day with bread from around the world. It is a day on which we mark our kinship with Christians of every nation, ethnicity and practice. A hallmark of our faith as Disciples of Christ is the belief that we have more in common than uncommon. Christ has invited us to eat together, so we have to figure out a unity that is organic, a given, baked into our life together. We may argue and disagree, but Christ has already agreed in us that we are one. That is a given, a fact of our faith.

On the last Sunday of October (26th) we will mark All Saints Sunday, a day to remember those who have gone from this life to life beyond the grave. It has been a difficult year for losses in our place, but it is a gift to remember those whose lives still mean so much to us. The people we love and have lost are not really past, but are as present as our memories and stories. We hope for life together again, a promise of the resurrection.

It is too easy to get caught up in our day-to-day schedules, the week-to-week grind of events that can cause our lives to become shallow and thin and exhausting. We look up from the busyness and Spring has become Fall; years, then decades have passed. My mother would sing me to sleep with a wonderful song from back in her day:

*Turn around and you're tiny, turn around and you're grown  
Turn around and you're a young wife/husband with babes of your own.*

I sang that to my own children when they were tiny and now, they are grown. Where did the time go? Pay attention to the days and hours and minutes. Celebrate the connection with people around the world and beyond the grave. We are people whose lives are bigger and deeper than today's issues and problems. Come and see.... Peace, Chris



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH!</b>			1 Dinner @ 5:30 p.m. Worship @ 6:15 p.m. Youth Groups @ 6:30 p.m.	2 Refugee Food Pantry 10-1	3	4 
5  Worship/Sunday School <b>DWM Meet &amp; Greet</b> @2:00-3:00 Handbell Rehearsals	6 OCTC Chorus Rehearsals @ 6:30 p.m.	7	8 Dinner @ 5:30 p.m. Worship @ 6:15p.m. Youth Groups @ 6:30 p.m.	9	10	11
12 Worship/Sunday School Handbell Rehearsals	13 	14 Primetimers Plus Lunch @ Adams Breezy Hill Farm @11:30am <b>Elders Meeting @5:30</b>	15 <b>NO ACTIVITIES DUE TO FALL BREAK</b>	16 Refugee Food Pantry 10-1	17 	18
19 Worship/Sunday School Handbell Rehearsals	20 OCTC Chorus Rehearsals @ 6:30 p.m.	21 <b>Board Meeting @ 5:30</b>	22 Dinner @ 5:30 p.m. Worship @ 6:15p.m. Youth Groups @ 6:30 p.m.	23	24	25
26 <b>All Saints Celebration</b>  Worship/Sunday School Handbell Rehearsals	27 OCTC Chorus Rehearsals @ 6:30 p.m.	28	29  <b>CHILI SUPPER &amp; TRAIL OF TREATS</b> @ 5:30-7:30 P.M. 	30	31 <b>HAPPY HALLOWEEN</b> 	

## Birthdays

1 Max Sterett  
 1 Steve Divine  
 3 Megan McKay  
 3 Sara Travis  
 4 Mackenzie Elliott  
 4 Marilyn Forrester  
 4 Colin Ruckdeschel  
 7 Clayton Roberts  
 8 Bob Hines  
 9 Wade Harper  
 10 Angela Bruce  
 10 Annalee Yager  
 12 Patti Brownson  
 13 Cathy Midkiff  
 16 Rebecca Glenn  
 19 Flem Gordon  
 22 Jena Jacobs  
 24 Michelle Ruckdeschel  
 25 Allen Holbrook  
 25 Tessa McKinley  
 26 Camille Divine  
 27 Mary Lynne Roach

## Thank You Note

My family would like to thank you all  
 for the platters of sandwiches, fruit, cookies, and  
 drinks brought to the funeral home. It was  
 appreciated more than you know.  
 Thank you, Marilyn & Ronnie Forrester  
 (The family of Virgie Mae Smeathers)

## Anniversaries

Carrol & Cheryl Bell  
 Casey & Kristin Callis  
 Shannon & Steve Divine  
 Bill & Susan Frederick  
 Cate & Chris Gaddis  
 Andy & Libby Johnson  
 Amanda & Jason Kyle  
 Joseph & Meghan McKinley  
 Marilee & Wendell Thompson  
 Blake & Missie Hayden

## August Financials

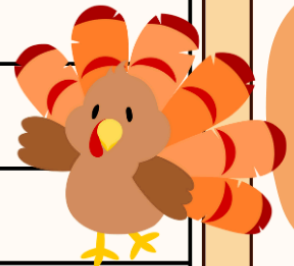
Offering for the Month:	\$39,057.00
Other Revenue Month:	\$3,636.85
Total Revenue:	\$42,693.85
Expenses:	(\$42,321.13)
Net:	\$372.72
 Year-to-Date Offering	 \$297,199.03
YTD Other Revenue	\$21,002.29
YTD Revenue	\$318,201.32
YTD Expenses	(\$405,708.02)
Net for the year	(\$87,506.70)

# FCC YOUTH NEWSLETTER

October & November 2024

OCTOBER 1	<u>ALL:</u> VOLUNTEERING AT CEDARHURST! BUS WILL TAKE ALL YOUTH TO CEDARHURST AFTER DINNER. PLEASE PICK YOUR CHILD(REN) UP AT CEDARHURST AT 7 PM. (WE WILL MISS WORSHIP THIS WEEK)
OCTOBER 8	<u>ALL:</u> CARVE/PAINT PUMPKINS & COKE FLOATS 5:30-7
OCTOBER 15	NO YOUTH GROUP (FALL BREAK)
OCTOBER 22	MEAL ONLY! YOUTH ACTIVITY ON TUESDAY THIS WEEK (SEE BACK FOR DETAILS)
OCTOBER 29	TRAIL OF TREATS
NOVEMBER 5	YOUTH GROUP 5:30-7
NOVEMBER 12	THANKSGIVING POTLUCK
NOVEMBER 19	YOUTH GROUP 5:30-7
NOVEMBER 26	NO YOUTH GROUP (THANKSGIVING BREAK)

SCHOOL  
BREAK





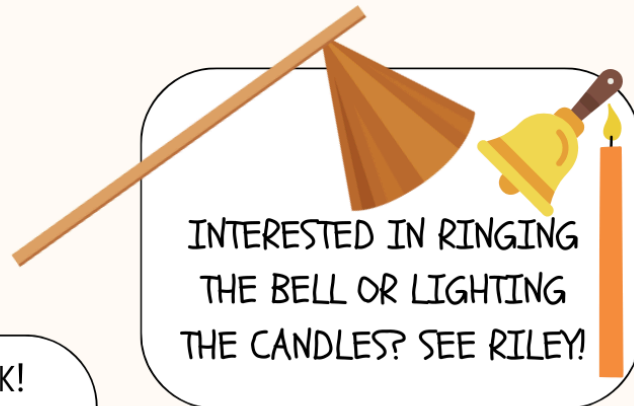
# TRAIL OF TREATS

JOIN US ON **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29- 5:30PM**  
FOR OUR ANNUAL TRAIL OF TREATS EVENT! CHILI,  
TACO SOUP & HOT DOGS, COSTUMES, TRICK OR  
TREATING AND MORE! IF YOU ARE WILLING TO  
VOLUNTEER, PLEASE CONTACT MEAGHAN MURPHY!  
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO BRING CHILI, SET UP TRICK  
OR TREATING TABLES AND FACILITATE GAMES.



JOYS OF COOKING IS BACK!  
WE ARE HEADING TO COOK ON  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22 AT 5:30PM.  
ALL YOUTH WELCOME (PARENTS  
ENCOURAGED FOR CHILDREN AGE  
5) COST TBD- PLEASE RSVP FOR  
HEAD COUNT TO MEAGHAN  
MURPHY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

THIS EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE OF YOUTH  
GROUP FOR THE WEEK SO WE WILL NOT  
MEET AFTER WORSHIP ON 10/23



## NEW JUNIOR DEACON PROGRAM

WE ARE EXCITED TO BE BEGINNING A  
NEW JUNIOR DEACON PROGRAM. ALL  
CHI-RO (6<sup>TH</sup> -8<sup>TH</sup>) AND CYF(9<sup>TH</sup> -12<sup>TH</sup>)  
STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE  
PROGRAM TO LEARN TO SERVE  
COMMUNION AND COLLECT OFFERING.  
WE WILL PRACTICE AND PREPARE TO  
BEGIN SERVING ON SUNDAYS. PLEASE  
REACH OUT TO MEAGHAN MURPHY TO  
JOIN THE PROGRAM!





# Life at FCC



## Refugee Food Pantry

Come and volunteer  
anytime b/w 9-1  
October 2nd and/or  
the 18th!



Mike & Ginger preparing food boxes.



Papa Lou with Grandson Max  
preparing to deliver.



Janet counting  
tomatoes to put in  
food boxes.



Janet, David, & Barbara working hard to  
feed people.



Cathy & Amy are  
always ready to  
lend a hand.



## New Wednesday Nights



Join us October 1, 8, 22, & 29 for the meal at 5:30, short church service at 6:15, and Youth Group at 7:00. Hope to see you there!





# Newbies at FCC



Welcome to our new members, Jena & Joseph Jacobs! They reside at 5560 Park Haven Bend (42303).

Welcome to Mary Glenn Payne! She was born September 15<sup>th</sup> to Riley and Luke.



Stacy Castlen is our new Executive Assistant.



Kaydence Coomes is a part of our Nursery Team.



Kacee Glenn is a part of our Nursery Team.



Christian Murphy, Max Baur, & Miles Baur make up our AV Team. They have created a new Youtube link for the Church. Click the link and subscribe to our page! [youtube link here](#)

[Click HERE](#) to see Adams Breezy Hill Farm, where Primetimers are heading October 14.



## TAKE NOTE

- |                         |                              |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Sunday, Oct 5 2-3       | - DWM Meet and Greet         |
| Tuesday, Oct 14 11:30   | - Primetimers Luncheon       |
| Tuesday, Oct 14 5:30    | - Elders Meeting             |
| Tuesday, Oct 21 5:30    | - Board Meeting              |
| Wednesday, Oct 29 5:30- | Trail of Treats/Chili Supper |



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