



Just Wait a Few Minutes

We have witnessed some pretty extreme weather changes lately. One day we wake up and its barely above zero and a couple of days later the thermometer is pushing 60 degrees. It's hard to prepare for weather like this and even if we do, it's still hard to adjust and adapt to the change. We all complain about the weather; it's too cold, too windy, too hot, too wet, too dry. I can't begin to count the number of times I have complained about the weather and someone has told me, "Well, if you don't like the weather, just wait a few minutes."

I got to experience a different kind of weather when I lived in Florida. It had extremes but they came more slowly, gradually and once the change was done there were longer periods of time where not much changed at all. In the winter I remember weeks of sunshine, never seeing a single cloud and temperatures that were constantly in the sweet spot of 70 degrees. I'll admit, those stretches were wonderful and if they had stayed that way I could have gotten used to it. But nothing stays the same and as change came once more I could remember those sobering words, "If you don't like what is happening, wait a few minutes."

Just as the weather changes, so do our lives. There are seasons where the conditions are perfect for growth and we can settle in to life that seems to repeat day after day. Those are good times when we relax and focus on things other than our fears and worries. Maybe it's in our nature to believe that good times will come to an end, but when it finally happens we respond with surprise and disbelief, as if we never saw it coming. Too easily we forget that change is a natural part of life; just wait a few minutes and something new will happen.

The winter months can feel so long as we tire of the endless cold and clouds, but even in the middle of winter change is happening. Life follows these same patterns, whether it's in the clouds, the ground or our personal lives. We may grow tired of the winter of life when we feel emotionally cold or trapped, but just wait a few minutes because change is coming. For as much as we want to lock into the stability of life, we are always changing and becoming something and someone different. As seasons of our year cannot be stopped, so also the seasons of life will carry us along. Sometimes we go willingly and at other times we go kicking and screaming, fighting back what is inevitable and wishing for the return of easier days.

Whatever season of life you are in right now, just wait a few minutes, because you are changing and something new is right around the corner. Don't fight what is happening but go with it, embrace it, learn something from it, and you will discover the new gifts that this next season has to offer. I know, the present can be a tough place to live, but wait a few minutes...

*Peace,
Mark*

Serving in February

ELDERS

8:30

10:40

February 2	Glenn Birkett Lee Ann Browder	Marc Robbins Susan Willis
February 9	Jimmy Cornelison Martha Cobb	Bill Shaffer John Tudor
February 16	Marc Robbins Mike Gordon	Doug Whitlock Bob Vickers
February 23	Jo Luxon Richard Bendure	Edwin Luxon Nancy Cotton

DIACONATE 8:30 SERVICE - Jill Cornelison, Bonnie & Steve Cosby, Rick & Ann Leslie Jones “

DIACONATE TEAM LEADERS - Brenda Ault, Jim Johnson, Sarah and Allie Shaffer

DIACONATE 10:40 SERVICE - Brenda Ault, Tim Brandenburg, Rob Congleton, Peggy Coy, Kim Day, Matt Day, Jillian Fichetola, Carey Gordon, Jim Johnson, Chase Lochmueller, Presley Lochmueller, Danny Noland, Jane Noland, Clayton Oswald, Lisa Robbins, Lauren Stapp, Leslie Stapp, Allie Shaffer, Sarah Shaffer, Laura Weitkamp, Janet Whitlock, Kayla Whitlock

HOME COMMUNION February 9 - Elders/Deacons Ed Ford, Edwin Luxon, Bruce McIntosh, Doug Whitlock, Angela Rhodus, Steve Rhodus, Heather Taylor, Willi Walker-Thompson

MCCREADY SERVICE - February 16 - Sheila Miller

COMMUNION PREPARATION - Donna Cox and Jane Gordon

BUS DRIVERS -

February - Rob Congleton - 369-7989

March - Richie Cobb - 893-1648

GREETERS - 10:40 SERVICE

February 2 - Connie Adams and Jackie Thomas

February 9 - Lloyd and Ann Rhodus

February 16 - Janet Walters and Elin Gullett

February 23 - Matt and Kim Day

CALL TO WORSHIP - 10:40 SERVICE

February 2 - Rowan Mullins

February 9 - Bob Biggin

February 16 - Tyler Waldroup

February 23 - Donna Cox

February Birthdays

February 1	Steve Cosby
February 2	Bill Hendren
February 2	Maggie Sizemore
February 3	Andrew Jones
February 5	Frank Brown
February 5	Bob Herbst
February 5	Fanny Rice
February 6	Danny Noland
February 7	Sara Cornelison
February 8	Ken Tunnell
February 9	Joe Roberts
February 10	Katie Stallons
February 10	Pat Dawson
February 10	Melanie Stearns
February 11	Becky Carr
February 11	Sarah Beth Dickey
February 12	Anna Sizemore
February 12	Carol Vickers
February 13	Roger C. McKinney
February 14	Daniel DeCoste
February 14	Lolly Harris
February 15	Jackie Collier
February 15	Andrew Gamble
February 15	Clint Wimberly
February 16	Joyce Davis
February 17	Jayne Birkett
February 17	Craig Combs
February 17	Deacon Maloney
February 18	John M. Davidson
February 18	Marlowe Stallons
February 19	Robert Luxon, Jr.
February 19	Misha Owens
February 20	Gannon Stearns
February 20	Ella Enrico
February 20	Joe Fichetola
February 20	Bizzy Robards
February 20	Wilson Wiley
February 21	Glenn Birkett
February 21	Janet Whitlock
February 22	Wesley Byers
February 22	Laura Steidle
February 22	Linda Wimberly
February 23	Debbie Jones
February 24	Carol Leyes
February 24	Karen Tillie
February 25	Ray Coy
February 25	Tommy Goucher
February 25	Brooks Wiley
February 26	Janet Walters
February 27	Jane Sallee

In Loving Memory

Thank You

The following people helped prepare food for the bereavement for Sherry Congleton: Sheila Miller, Jane Gordon and Clara Mae Parrish.

Women's Book Study

6:15 on Thursdays

In Sympathy

Prayers go out to the family of Harry Bush who passed away January 30. He is the husband of Betty Bush and the father of Rosalind (Bruce) McIntosh.

A Baby Girl!

Caroline Elizabeth Armstrong was born on December 27 in Tampa FL. She was welcomed home by her parents, Chase and Lindsey Armstrong. The proud grandparents are Richard and Elizabeth Bendure.

Souper Bowl Sunday February 3

Souper Bowl of Caring is a national organization, founded by a youth group in Texas, to empower youth around the country to fight hunger and poverty in their own communities around the time of the Super Bowl football game.

Our youth will be standing outside the sanctuary doors on February 3 with giant soup buckets in hand, asking for your donations to help Week of Compassion combat hunger here in the United States and around the world. We will also be collecting canned food and non-perishable food items for God's Outreach.

Men's Breakfast

Sponsored by Man-Up Men's Ministry of First Christian Church

All Men and Women are Invited to this Special Event!

Speaker:
Robert Blythe
Mayor of Richmond

Saturday, February 9, 2019 @ 8:30 am
Golden Corral Restaurant



Valentine's Dinner Fundraiser 6 PM ~ February 15

Everyone is invited to our youth group's 2nd annual Valentine's Dinner on Friday, February 15. The youth will be serving a spaghetti dinner, followed by "The Newlywed Game." Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$5 for children (5th grade and younger), and \$25 for couples. To buy tickets, please look for our table in the Loggia the next few Sundays, call the church office, or purchase them at the door. This is going to be a fun night with lots of laughs and opportunities to help our wonderful, lively youth group as we raise money for our mission trip this summer. We cannot wait to see you there!

February Outreach

Week of Compassion - Donations collected February 9 & 16, 2020



God imagines a world where all are fed, everyone has access to clean water, and all children grow up healthy. The author of Ephesians writes, “Now to God be the glory, who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine...” (Ephesians 3:20). Your gifts to Week of Compassion help make this world look more like the world God imagines.

January, 2020 Board Highlights

The meeting began with a general orientation for new and current board members.

Financial reports for end of year 2019 revealed total income of and total expenses of . While we overspent income by , this was a significant improvement from the budget deficit that was experienced only a few months ago.

Mark shared that the month of December was a busy and productive time of year. This culminated in the Christmas Eve Pageant where 401 were in attendance. Mark will begin serving a two year commitment on the board of the Christian Church in Kentucky, the regional ministry of our denomination. He also shared that the Safety and Security Team met recently and approved a proposal to enhance the security features of our church. This will include additional cameras and recording equipment. A start date for this work has not yet been determined. Mark also suggested the creation of two adhoc teams: one to help plan activities to celebrate the 175th anniversary of the church and another team to use this anniversary year to revisit FCC’s mission and vision for ministry.

Katie shared that the youth will be traveling to Lexington on January 20 to participate in MLK Day activities at Central Christian Church. The youth will also be going on a ski trip in February.

Glenn Birkett shared a wonderful presentation on his project of writing a history of FCC. He also introduced the concept of forming a team to help raise funds that will be donated to the church to reduce the mortgage.

Joe Rice made a motion to create three adhoc teams: 1. Debt Reduction Team 2. 175th Celebration Team, 3. Mission and Vision Team. This motion passed.

The next meeting will be on March 20th at 7:00 pm.

2020 Board Meeting Dates ~ 7 PM

January 15, 2020

March 18, 2020

May 20, 2020

July 15, 2020

September 16, 2020

October 21, 2020

November 18, 2020

December - TBD

(election of 2021 Board officers)

WATCHING OUR FIGURES

2019	1st Service	2 nd Service	Total	General Fund	YTD General Fund	Building Fund	YTD Building Fund
January 6	44	114	158	11,541.00	11,540.00	2,875.00	2,875.00
January 13	43	139	182	8,469.00	20,009.00	970.00	3,845.00
January 20	24	53	77	1,856.59	21,865.59	350.00	4,195.00
January 27	42	114	156	6,831.00	28,696.59	640.00	4,835.00

McCready Manor and Telford Terrace Need Your Help!

Have you ever thought how neat it would be if you and all your friends were to save plastic tops and lids and soon could be part of a beautiful, practical, outside bench made of your recycled plastic?

The primary need on our campus now is to provide outdoor seating for McCready Manor and Telford Terrace for those who are spending time outside or even for an emergency evacuation and fire drills.

This is now possible with our "Promise Partnership" with Green Tree Plastics in Evansville, Indiana and our community. Our community includes all residents, staff, board members, employees, and friends of our community. You may drop off your plastic tops and lids here at First Christian in the bin below or at McCready and Telford. We need everyone in our community to participate in this ongoing project!

Acceptable Caps

medicine bottle caps
milk jug caps
detergent caps
hair spray caps
toothpaste tube caps
deodorant caps
drink bottle caps
flip-top caps (ex. ketchup, mustard)
spout caps (ex. mustard)
spray paint caps
ointment tube caps
caps w/ recycle numbers (2) (4) (5)

Acceptable Lids

cottage cheese container lids
mayonnaise jar lids
yogurt lids
peanut butter jar lids
ice cream bucket lids (under 8")
cool whip container lids
coffee can lids
cream cheese container lids
butter container lids
prescription bottles (with labels removed)

Yoga Class Begins Feb 6

A new yoga class is starting at First Christian Church. It is being offered for anyone in the church and community. Judy Ridings will be our yoga instructor. Her classes are designed to accommodate all ability levels to make it an enjoyable practice for all who are interested. We hope you will make plans to join the group whether you are a beginner or an experienced yogi! The class will meet in the Banquet Hall. Mats and blocks are provided.

The class and pricing information are as follows:

Weekly all-levels yoga classes offered on **Wednesday mornings from 8:30-9:45 beginning Wednesday, February 6th - This includes those who are brand new to yoga as well as to experienced practitioners.**

Pricing:

- **FIRST CLASS FREE** - This includes EVERYONE, regardless of whether that individual has taken a class with me previously or at First Christian previously.

- **WALK-IN: \$8.00**

- **5-CLASS CONVENIENCE CARD: \$40.00** (This is simply for the convenience of those who'd prefer not to have to pay each week.)

- **10-CLASS DISCOUNT CARD: \$70.00** (This, of course, is intended for convenience and includes the additional benefit of the discounted rate per class.)

Class cards have a 6 month expiration. If, for any reason, Judy Ridings should have to discontinue teaching, any remaining classes on an active class card will be fully refundable by Judy based on the class rate on the card.

Payment options: cash, check, or Venmo

Youth Calendar

Friday, Feb 1 – Saturday, Feb 2 – Ski Trip to Paoli Peaks in French Lick, Indiana

Sunday, Feb 3 – Super Bowl Party – 6-8 PM
(or until the beginning of the 2nd half)

Sunday, Feb 10 – Youth Group, 4:30 – 7 PM

Friday, Feb 15 – Valentine's Day Dinner Youth Fundraiser at 6 PM (youth arrive at 4 PM)

Sunday, Feb 17 – Youth Group, 4:30 – 7 PM

Sunday, Feb 24 – Youth Group, 4:30 – 7 PM

Valentine's Dinner Info

The Youth will be hosting our 2nd annual Valentine's Dinner on Friday, February 15 at 6 PM. Youth need to arrive by 4 PM. Rehearsal and set up will be held on Thursday, February 14 at 5 PM (dinner will be provided).

Spring Work Weekend

Our spring work weekend at Camp Wakon'Da-Ho will be Friday, March 22 - Sunday, March 24. I am planning on leaving on Friday at 6 PM. However, let Katie know if there are sports or other extracurricular activities Friday evening and we can leave Saturday morning instead. The cost for the weekend will be \$10. Please RSVP by Sunday, March 3 so Katie can let the region know.

As with these and all youth events, friends are always more than welcome. Please let Katie Griffin know if you have any questions at all.

Many thanks to you all!

katie@fccrichmond.com or 623-4383

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Event



Our First Christian Church Youth gathered in Lexington with local Disciples Youth at Transylvania University and Central Christian Church. They attended the annual "Disciples for a Dream" service at CCC in celebration of the life and ministry of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



OUR 175th ANNIVERSARY

1844

DECEMBER 7

2019

MEET OUR FORMER
MINISTERS

WILLIAM DARNELL MacCLINTOCK

(July 1858-April 9, 1936)

He Served Our Congregation from 1885-1887
"We Were His Only Pastorate"

Dr. MacClintock was the child of Alexander MacClintock and Cornelia *Darnell* MacClintock. He was born in Millersburg (Elizaville), Kentucky. By the way, all our congregational records spell his name "McClintock", but it always was "MacClintock."

He married in 1886 Lucia "Lucy" Porter *Lander* (1861-1939), usually known as Porter L. MacClintock.

He received an A. B. degree from Kentucky Wesleyan College in 1878 and an A. M. from Kentucky Wesleyan in 1882. *The Bourbon News*, Paris, Kentucky, on September 5, 1882, had an ad seeking three more students for a "select school for boys" at Mt. Airy, that W. D. MacClintock was beginning.

While he served as our pastor, he was known as "Professor W. D. MacClintock." Though some biographies and obituaries state that he served "several" or "a couple" of churches as pastor. In a letter from him to a friend, dated November 23, 1925, he wrote,

"You may remember that I am a decidedly 'irregular' minister.... We had only two years in the pastorate. That was in 1885-7 at Richmond,

Ky. Then I went back to teaching at Wells College in New York."

"In 1892, through the efforts of William Rainey Harper, first president of the University of Chicago, Professor MacClintock became one of the first 12 members of that institution. He served there as professor of English literature, and for some years as Dean of the College, until his retirement in 1923. [Herbert L. Willett, "*House News*," *The Disciples Divinity House of the University of Chicago*, Volume VII, Number 5, p. 1.]

He was instrumental in the founding of the progressive and pragmatic theological Chicago congregation, first known as Hyde Park Christian Church, but later was renamed University Christian Church.

According to the 1910 Census, W. D. is 51 and he and Porter are listed as having four children: Lander (October 31, 1889-February 16, 1980), 20; Paul (February 2, 1891-March 23, 1970, age 19; Hilda, age 17; and Elizabeth age 13. W. D. is listed as a teacher at the University.

"His work in the classroom was inspiring. He was one of the most popular teachers in the institution and was called to many schools and institutes and assemblies for lectures and instructional work. Wherever he went he was held in the highest regard not only for his scholarly and engaging discussions of literature, particularly the writings of Shakespeare and Wordsworth, but as well for his stimulating and informing conversation.

"As a preacher he was original and suggestive in his wide range of acquaintance with the Bible and with literature. One listened to him with a sense of constantly fresh disclosure of the values of the moral life and the truths of the Christian faith." [Herbert L. Willett, op. cit.]

Professor MacClintock died on April 9, 1936 in Bloomington, Indiana. His wife died three years later.



February 2020

Sunday Worship Schedule

8:30 Early Worship Service

9:30 Sunday School

10:40 Worship Service

Wednesday Evenings

5:30 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

6:30 Bethany Ringers Rehearsal

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 4:30-7 Youth Group	3 4:30 DWM Board Meeting	4 10 Staff Mtg	5 830-9:45 am Yoga	6 10:00 Courier Workers 6:15 Book	7	8 8:30 Men's Breakfast at Golden Corral
9 Home Communion 4:30-7 Youth Group	10	11 10 Staff Mtg	12 830-9:45 am Yoga 7:00 Elders' Meeting	13	14 Happy Valentine's Day! 6 Valentine's Dinner	15
16 9:30 Women's Fellowship Group 2 McCready Service 4:30-7 Youth Group	17 10 DWM 4 4:30 DWM 3	18 10 Staff Mtg	19 830-9:45 am Yoga	20	21 Deadline for March Courier	22
23 4:30-7 Youth Group	24	25 10:00 Staff Meeting	26 8:30-9:45 am Yoga Ash Wednesday 6:30 Dinner 7:00 Service	27 10:00 Courier Workers	28	29



First Christian's new class of Elders and Deacons for 2019-2021 were installed at worship services in January.



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