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FCC Welcomes Our Newest Member



First Christian Church is pleased to welcome Marcy Holladay into the church family.

Marcy is a retired elementary school teacher.

Marcy resides in Georgetown. You can reach Marcy at marcyholladay0@gmail.com.

Marcy became a member of FCC on November 3, 2019. When you see Marcy, please welcome her and let her know how happy you are she is here.

OUR STAFF

Senior Minister
Rev. Chris Cash

Director of Music Ministry
Dr. Cully Bell

Director of Youth Ministry
Chris Prichard

Organist/Pianist
Dr. Cully Bell

Administrator/Accountant
Teresa Buta

Maintenance/Housekeeping
Scott Jarvis & Derek Jarvis

Nursery Attendant
Marcia Wallace

Webmaster
Jessi Jump

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Thursday
9:30 am – 2:00 pm
fccgeorgetown.org
502-863-2049

Please check the weekly mailchimp, the bulletins, and with the office for minister's schedules as they are subject to change weekly depending on the needs of the church. If you'd like to make an appointment please contact the church at 502-863-2049 or fccgeorgetown@bellsouth.net

Sunday Mornings

Meet and Greet
9:30 AM - 10:40 AM
Sunday School
Youth 9:30 AM
Adult 9:30 AM
Worship 10:55 AM



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

December 2019 Advent & Christmas Worship Schedule

Sunday, December 1 - 10:55 a.m.- Hanging of the Green Service

Sunday, December 8, 15, & 22 - 10:55 a.m.- Advent Sermon Series: "The Thrill of Hope: Songs of the Season"- We'll explore three familiar Advent & Christmas hymns, their scriptural basis, lyrics, and the stories behind the song (Dec. 8- "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel", Dec. 15- "O Little Town of Bethlehem", Dec. 22- "O Holy Night")

Wednesday, December 18 - Longest Night/Blue Christmas Service- 6:30 p.m. in the chapel
The holidays aren't always happy for everyone, but they are always holy. We'll hold space for hard and painful times, with candles, communion, reflection, and prayer. Whether you are struggling this holiday season or you simply want to remember those who are, join us for this reflective experience.

Tuesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve Service- 11:00 p.m. in the sanctuary- Carols, communion, and candlelight

Sunday, December 29 - 10:55 a.m.- Rev. Katherine Alexander preaching- "The End or Once Upon a Time..." - Isaiah 43:19, Matthew 2:13-23

Sunday, January 5 - 10:55 a.m.- Epiphany Sunday Worship

KIDS AND YOUTH

Upcoming Youth Schedule

Wednesday, Dec. 4th - Topic: Prayer (continued)

Wednesday, Dec. 11th - Topic: Advent Meditation/Cards

Sunday, Dec. 15th - Lunch and Visit with residents at Windsor Gardens (after morning service). *Youth will bake cookies to share with residents.

Wednesday, Dec. 18th - Topic: Longest Night Service

Wednesday, Dec. 25th - No Kids or Youth Programs

Wednesday Nights at FCC!

6:00-6:30 p.m. - Family Pizza Dinner

6:30-7:30 p.m. - Kids Group, Youth Group, Adult Class, Nursery Care

7:00-8:00 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Choir Director Update

We are pleased to announce Dr. Jolan (Cully) Bell as our new choir director. Dr. Bell has been with FCC since April 2017 as pianist/organist. Since October he has served as both pianist/organist and interim choir director. Dr. Bell has his Baccalaureate, Masters and Doctorate in Piano Performance. He has been on faculty at ECU in the Music Department since 2016. He has held previous positions at SIU and UC, received numerous awards and performed in numerous musical venues. When you see Cully, please congratulate him on his new role as we grow in this transition. A search for a new Organist/Pianist will be underway soon.

White Christmas

"White Christmas" is a joint effort with the Share the Joy program to provide Christmas gifts for children in need in our community. We are sharing our blessings with 35 children this year. If you took a tag for an item, please purchase only what is listed on the tag. Individually wrap each gift you purchase and attach your tag securely to the OUTSIDE of the gift. Bring your gifts to our worship service on December 8, or to the church office during business hours before then. If you have questions, please contact Martha Harris at marthaharris@mindspring.com. When the time comes, we would welcome your help in delivering the gifts. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Sunday School Transitions & New Opportunities

- Reggie Gentry, who has faithfully taught our Lectionary Sunday School class for a number of years, will be retiring as teacher at the end of December. We're grateful for Reggie's faithful service!
- **Starting January 5**, a new lectionary-based Sunday School class will launch in the chapel. Dr. Horace & Willow Hambrick will be teaching this discussion format class. In January & February, this will be lone adult Sunday School class as our Chapel Class will join with this new class for its launch. A second adult Sunday School class will resume in March with a Lenten study.
- Our Faith Formation opportunities for children are also in transition. We currently have 7-10 children participating in Kids Group each Wednesday evening, in addition to our Children Worship & Wonder experience each Sunday for younger children. These two programs are strong in attendance and structure and reflect the changing ways of doing faith formation with children in many congregations. As attendance has waned or ceased in Children's Sunday School over the past few years in many congregations (including our own), the Faith Formation has chosen to put our Children's Sunday School classes on hiatus for the coming year since our families are choosing Wednesday Kids Group & Children Worship & Wonder as faith formation opportunities.



Refugee Project Update

Thank you for your generous gifts of prayer, work, and donations of items and financial support! Work is underway preparing the apartment in Lexington for the Congolese refugee family (mother Zawadi and her almost 2-year old daughter, Abigaëlle) we are helping resettle through Kentucky Refugee Ministries. The family is currently scheduled to arrive at Bluegrass Airport at 2:19 p.m. on Wednesday, December 4- join our group greeting them there if you are able! Financial donations are still welcome to support their ongoing needs as they get settled in during the first few months.

PRAYER LIST

MEMBERS

Bettye Clifford
Marie Lucas Stacy
Art Oelhafen
Pauline Stanley
Betty Ann Wise
Pat Clark

FAMILY OF MEMBERS

Jan Smith Bevins (DIL of Ann Bevins)
Cheri Kincaid (daughter of Gary & Pauline Kincaid)
Dorothy Mitchell (mother of Debbie Hockensmith)
Barbara Donica (mother of Stephanie Bryan)
Tommy Gentry (brother of Reggie Gentry)
Cathy & Cora Deaton (daughter & soon to arrive granddaughter of Jean Hall)

FRIENDS OF MEMBERS

Mark Crowley (of Jean Hall)
Jane Cook Ellington (of Anne Hall)
Rachel Wilson Jewell (of Anne Hall & Cathy Culbertson)
Rory Wiley (of Jean Hall)
Samantha Downs

HOMEBOUND

Louise Price (Windsor Gardens)
Catherine Lucas (Windsor Gardens)
Paul Stringham (The Homeplace at Midway)

Georgetown Community Singers Concert

The annual holiday concert of the Georgetown Community Singers "It's A Fa-La-La Christmas" will be **Tuesday, December 3rd at 7 pm** in the sanctuary. You may purchase discounted pre-sale tickets for \$10 (\$5 for students and children) from Foley Realtors in Georgetown or one of the Georgetown Community Singers or purchase them at the door for \$12.00. Student and children's tickets cost \$6.00 at the door.



Staff Christmas Gifts

It is a tradition here at First Christian Church to honor our minister and staff with a monetary gift during Christmas as a way of saying thank you and showing your appreciation for their leadership and service to the church and congregation throughout the year. They have been busy working with committees and those in roles of leadership to develop programs and activities that enhanced the

worship experience here at First Christian Church throughout 2019. We will honor them during our annual Christmas dinner on December 8th.

You can participate by dropping your monetary gift in the offering plate marked STAFF or drop it by the church office **before December 8th**. I look forward to celebrating with you at our dinner on the 8th.

Gary Kincaid, Board Chair

Annual FCC Holiday Dinner and Advent Night Dec. 8th

Plan now to enjoy an evening of fellowship with your FCC family at the Annual Holiday Dinner and Advent Night, which will be held on **December 8th**. Advent Night craft activities for children will begin at 5:00 p.m. to be followed by the all-church potluck dinner at 6:00 p.m. The Fellowship Committee will provide turkey and ham, rolls, and drinks for the dinner. Please bring a salad, vegetable, or dessert that will serve at least 8 to share.

Poinsettias

This year, you will once again have the opportunity to purchase poinsettias for our sanctuary in honor or in memory of special people. They will be delivered to church and on display December 15 and 22 and should be taken home after services on the 22nd to be enjoyed before Christmas. Poinsettias are \$14.25 and all orders must be accompanied by payment. **Please turn in your order (with payment) to the church office no later than Monday, Dec. 9th**.

AMEN House Offering December 1st

The monthly AMEN House offering will be on the **Sunday, December 1st**. AMEN House is our local food/clothing bank and emergency needs resource. Please bring non-perishable or canned items, cash or check to be collected during worship.

Wednesday Night Adult Study in December

We'll explore some of the Advent & Christmas scriptures together on **Wednesday, Dec. 4 & 11 at 6:30 p.m.** in the conference room. We'll seek to appreciate these familiar scriptures in some new ways. New folks are welcome!

DOC Christmas Offering

We will collect the Christmas offering on **Sunday, December 15th and 22nd**. These gifts support regional ministries. Regions partner with congregations to support the work required to call a new minister, which is key to church leadership and development.

Disciples Women's Fellowship

DWF I meets on **Monday, December 16th at noon** in the Conference Room.

DWF II will meet on **December 16th at 6:00 pm** at the home of Audrey Carr, 356 E. Main St. Only those designated will bring food for the dinner. All Members are requested to bring 36 small-medium size cookies for a cookie exchange and to fill tins for the homebound and other special folks.

Scott County Schools Winter Break

Scott County Schools winter break begins Monday, December 23rd. Students will return to school on Monday, January 6th.

Holiday Schedules

The church office will be closed **December 24th & 25th** and **December 31th & January 1st** for the holidays. Office hours on Thursday, December 26 will be shortened. Chris will be on holiday and vacation leave from **Dec. 26-January 1**. Our elders will be available for pastoral care needs during this time. Rev. Katherine Alexander will be preaching and leading worship on Sunday, Dec. 29.

No Choir Rehearsal

The choir will not rehearse on **Wednesday, December 25th**.