

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
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Our Temporary, Modified Newsletter for June 2020

GREETINGS AND BEST HEALTH WISHES FROM YOUR STEWARDSHIP FOLKS!

We are in the business of encouraging sharing God's blessings to all. In these challenging days of isolation and concern about others, it's great to see the people of FCC blossoming in that regard. Sunny and Amanda lead the way in words, music, and creative presentations to reconnect us even from afar. Such positive comments on line and in person reflect the joy and smiles we fondly recall from the pews to Fellowship Hall and to the community FCC serves so cheerfully well.

In these slower times, we hear warm and appreciative tales of family and friends enjoying games, cooking, and Bible Study. These times remind us of similar historical times. During times like this, songs, music, calls and offers to help, and prayers shared with each other help us all feel connected. Please keep it up—to uplift them and yourself! What a Win-Win! We can come through these times stronger, happier, in better health, and more appreciative of our FCC family.

And we are very grateful for your continuing financial support as our expenses help keep us running. Thank you for the help you are able to share as, to me, it is one of the best investments in our future. No offering plates are likely in your neighborhood anytime soon. But checks to FCC are still very welcome at P.O. Box 45 in Rockwood. And for our hip techie folks, it is very easy to schedule current and future contributions electronically by using our online giving platform, Givelify. Please visit: <https://giv.li/vdhw2a>

Thank You. Be Well. Interact (remotely!) We look forward to seeing you back in church soon.

Sincerely, Dick Whiteman, Stewardship and Finance Chairman

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JUNE 2020

Sunday School: 10:00am

Canceled until further notice

Worship: 11:00am

On Facebook Live

www.facebook.com/fccrockwood



June Birthdays

Joan Woodall - June 4

Kim Bullington - June 5

Matt Thurman - June 6

Sumer Reid - June 7

Nick Nabors - June 8

Marsha Berry - June 18

Savannah Jones - June 20

Laura Conner - June 21

Heather Albertson - June 22

Carroll Sharp - June 23

Pete Tagliere - June 25

Katelyn Overton - June 30

Anne Powers - June 30



Attendance for May 2020

May 3 - no service (COVID-19)

May 10 - no service (COVID-19)

May 17 - no service (COVID-19)

May 24 - no service (COVID-19)

May 31 - no service (COVID-19)



Dear Church Family,

How long, O Lord? The psalmist asks God how much longer he needs to wait until God intervenes. While we are not under the same duress as the one who wrote the song, we can identify with the sentiment. How long, O Lord, do we need to wait to open our church for worship?

The answer is, still, we aren't sure yet. Again, the Elders and Executive Committee are meeting every two weeks to evaluate the situation of reopening. Cases of COVID19 are on the rise in Roane County, although we are fortunate not to have a large number. The availability of the necessary cleaning and sanitizing supplies remains questionable.

While we don't think it will be a long time before we open our doors for worship, we will continue to be led by "data" and not "date" for reopening.

Again, I want to thank the church leaders for their wisdom and discernment to protect the most vulnerable among us.

Thank you to all of you who have continued to give! You have given us the freedom to make safe decisions without having to stress so much about the financial consequences. Thank you for engaging in our online worship services. I invite you to either attend or to watch the replay of our class on Contemplative Prayer.

The course is on Zoom, Tuesdays, at 10:00 am.

Hang in there, my friends. God is good and will lead us and guide us as we make our decision on holding in-person worship again. Please reach out to one of the church elders or me if we can help you with anything.

Many Blessings,
Rev. Sunny Ridings

Ways to connect at FCC right now:

Worship: Sunday at 11:00 on Facebook. You do not have to have a Facebook account to view the service.

Go to: www.facebook.com/fccrockwood/live

There is also a call-in option if you want to listen to the worship service over the phone. This is an audio-only option through Zoom. Zoom now requires a password that is different each week. Please watch your email.

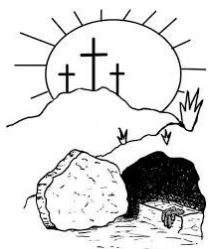
Mail: If you would like paper copies of the Sunday sermons mailed to you, please let the church office know. We are happy to send!

Tuesdays at 10:00am: Contemplative Prayer Class via Zoom (SEE BACK PAGE)

To receive text messages from our One Call Now service, please text the word "Alert" to 22300.

First Christian Church - Vacation Bible School 2020

Hello all. I hope you all are doing well. After doing a lot of talking it has been decided that we will not do a VBS this summer. But do not fear, that means we have a year to prepare and have the best VBS of 2021. The theme will still be Knights of the North...think knights, castles, winter.etc. I thank everyone that signed up to be leaders and hope you all will still be on board for 2021. Also knowing the theme if you have anything to donate or see or want to buy I would gladly accept it! Decorations, costumes, crafts, etc! Thank you all and stay well! Thank you, Sara Tagliere



Uplifting Scriptures of Affirmation and Faith

Lamentations 3:22-23

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen.

John 15:13

Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.

Ephesians 3:20

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.

Deuteronomy 31:6

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, or the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you.

Psalms 27:12

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

John 4:18

There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

The RMA Needs YOU!

The Rockwood Ministerial Association is looking for men or women who can help unload the trucks from 2nd Harvest every Monday and Wednesday. For More Information please contact Richard Montgomery or Pastor Sunny

First Christian Church New Era

We are now signed up with Givelify, the mobile giving app for places of worship and charities. To make your first and future mobile donations with the best experience possible, we recommend that you download the Givelify app for [Android](#) or [iPhone](#) ahead of service time @ 11:00am. Givelify gives you a beautiful, easy giving experience using your smartphone. There are no frustrating web forms or text-to-give codes to memorize. Even better, it's free to download and use. It's totally safe and secure, and for tax time you have one-tap access to your complete donation records. Make your offerings, tithes, and gifts to special envelopes right from the palm of your hand. You can give to First Christian Church wherever you are. Make us your home place of worship for quick one-tap access. Want to see how it works? [Watch the demonstration video \(https://youtu.be/VCbR3ZOBs0\)](https://youtu.be/VCbR3ZOBs0) that shows you all about how to make and track donations.

Elders and Deacons June 2020:

Elders

Bread: Ron Berry
Wine: Sam Kirkham

Deacons

Table: Sandy Roberts,
Thackery Porter
Narthex: Mary King,
Dana Pemberton

Contemplative Prayer

Pastor Sunny will be having an ONLINE (via Zoom) Prayer Meeting every Tuesday @ 10:00am. She will email the Zoom link before each class. We hope to see EVERYONE!!

June 2: Silence & Solitude	June 23: Examen
June 9: Lectio Divina	June 30: Creativity
June 16: Jesus Prayer	July 7: Walking

Memorials & Honors

In Memory of
Luther B. True
J. B. & Thressa Anderson

Words to Ponder

"Faith does not make things easy - it makes them possible."

~Bianca Olthoff

Proposed Summer Camp 2020

Friday August 7 at 3pm – Sunday August 9

The Camp and Conference Commission (programming) met on Monday, May 18, to begin the process of imagining what our summer camp program will look like on a virtual platform. Since we cannot safely meet at Bethany Hills Camp due to COVID-19, we will take this opportunity to approach camp and conference in a new way -- and hopefully engage not only our regular attendees but reach out to new "campers" as well.

Scheduling is still in the works but we hope to have registration forms available within the next 10 days to two weeks. Watch the weekly news from the Regional Office for developments. We are working closely with a group called the Association of Disciples in Outdoor Ministries (ADIOM) to prepare our virtual camping experience. We are also delighted to announce that Courtney Sells will be our camp Program Director.

We ask for your prayers as we work feverishly to put the pieces together so that we can have a camp experience even in this very strange and different time. We want you to be part of that experience.

Ron Buck

Dr. Ron M. Buck, Senior Minister

Collierville Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Cost -\$210

T-shirts are included in the cost.



To Our "Class of 2020"

Graduates

As soon as we possibly can, we want to celebrate your hard work! You did it!! This is a moment in time that most have looked forward to since kindergarten! We want to acknowledge your amazing accomplishments with a special luncheon honoring each of you! Until then... Hang in There!!

CHURCH FINANCES

May 1, 2020 – May 31, 2020

GENERAL FUND INCOME

May 4 Deposit	1,170.00
May 7 Deposit	1,940.00
May 13 Deposit	1,100.00
May 19 Deposit	1,130.00
May 26 Deposit	620.00
May 27 Deposit	2,370.00
May 29 Deposit	700.00

Total Office	9,030.00
Electronic Dep	1,211.35
Total G/F	10,241.35

Needed Monthy \$15,708.25

NEEDED WEEKLY 3,624.98

Special Funds G/F **In/Out

ELC**

Van Fund	500.00
PPP Cares	16,200.00

Total	16,700.00
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DEPOSTIED INTO FAIR ACCOUNT

TBD

(DESIGNATED)

PERMANENT FUND	
SUSTAINABILITY	
MUSIC MINISTRY	100.00

(UN-DESIGNATED)

MEMORIALS

TOTAL

100.00