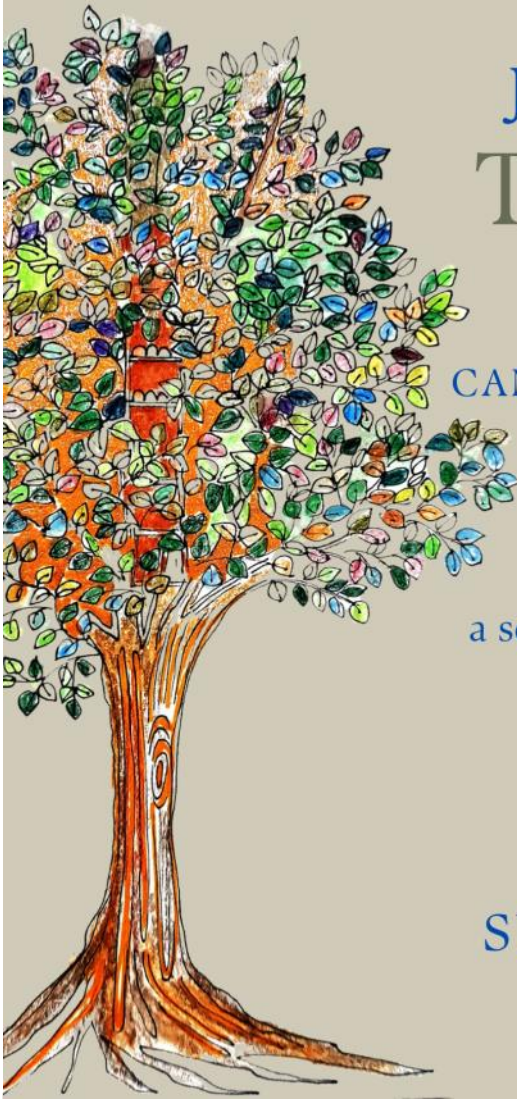


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JOHN RUTTER THE GIFT OF LIFE

CANTICLES OF CREATION

a service of music and worship
in celebration of creation

SUNDAY, APRIL 14
10:45AM

Composed as a Celebration of Life, John Rutter's *The Gift of Life*, is an extended choral reflection on the miracle of creation, with a kaleidoscope of musical styles and sacred texts. Our very own FCC Choir has been focused on learning this challenging choral work to present in worship in conjunction with our Creation Care ministry team and Earth Day 2024.

Join us on Sunday, April 14, at 10:45am for an inspirational service of worship and praise, celebrating God's good gifts of Creation.

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Outreach Committee Update

JOYCE MARIN, MEMBER

Connie Ackerman, a representative of the Concerned Citizens for Migrants, spoke to the Outreach Committee at our last meeting. She shared the various ways the group helps local migrants. The Outreach Committee members expressed interest in viewing the documentary, "Living Undocumented" to learn more about the challenges many migrants are facing. This documentary is currently showing on Netflix.



Ronetta and Jeff Brown,
Co-chairs

The committee has decided we will NOT be having a spring yard sale. We are discussing other means of raising funds for the Rowan County Schools Backpack Program.

Outreach Meeting April 3 @ 5pm in Fellowship Hall. If you would like to join the Outreach Committee, please contact Elizabeth Ash or any member of the committee. Everyone is welcome.

Extra Hotel Toiletries?

D.O.V.E.S. COLLECTING ITEMS FOR SHELTER

Do you have extra unopened hotel toiletry items taking up space in your bathroom?

We're now collecting small-sized personal toiletry bottles for guests at D.O.V.E.S., a local domestic violence shelter in Rowan County.

Bring your unopened bottles or soap bars to the church and place in our collection bin to support this local ministry.



Creation Care Team

MARK ETHERTON, CHAIR

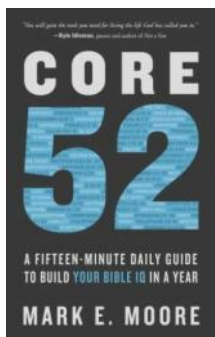
The Creation Care Committee met on March 18, 2024. Spring plans include a Boat Gunnel trail work on April 13 at Cave Run Lake and creating a pollinator garden.

If anyone is interested in helping with Creation Care projects, contact Mark Etherton or the church office.



Women's Bible Study

TUESDAYS, 7PM ON ZOOM



Each Tuesday night women in our congregation come together on Zoom for a half hour of bible study and conversation. This year our discussion guide is Mark Moore's book, *Core 52*. Please contact the church office or Sarah Chaney if you are interested.

Vespers Service Returns

THURSDAYS 7PM ON ZOOM

We will resume our vespers service on April 4, following the book, *Practicing Our Faith: a Way of Life for a Searching People*, edited by Dorothy C. Bass. The book is available in print, as an e-book, and as an audiobook. Both the audiobook and e-book are available for free from the Rowan County Public Library using either the Hoopla or Libby app.

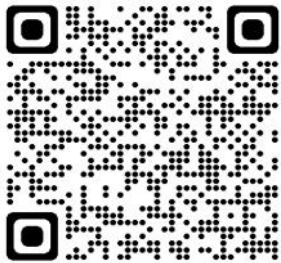
Each week folks join vespers for prayer, reflection on art and scripture, and sharing communion. Email the office for an invitation or message us for a Zoom link.

GIVING NEWS

TREASURER'S REPORT

MARCH 2024

General gifts and income	\$ 8,155.72
Expenses	\$13,019.14



WAYS TO GIVE

Visit our webpage fccmorehead.org to give online (through PayPal) or to set up direct debit from your bank account.

FCC GIVING

BIRTHDAY

April

- 1- Joshua Pack
- 12- John Gullett
- 16- Grant Alden
- 17- Phillip Swim
- 17- Lola Smith
- 18- Kenny Hall
- 22- Dan Thomas
- 24- Alex New
- 25- Joe Barrett
- 28- Maggie Alden



CHOIR SCHOLARS BENEFIT PROGRAM

May 1st

Admission \$10

BENEFIT PROGRAM

Proceeds support the FCC Choral Scholars Program.

Dinner begins at 5:30 pm.

Program begins at 7:00 pm.

Featuring 2023-24 Choral Scholar Interns:

- Mason Pack
- Logan Smalley
- Riley Stephens
- Katie Webb

Youth News

MARY CLAIRE WILLIAMS

On Sunday, March 24th, Maddox Reinhardt, Mary Claire and Ellie Williams joined the Mt. Sterling FCC Youth Group for a fun day of roller skating, laser tag, and mini golf at Champs in Lexington. Thanks to Mt Sterling FCC for including our youth.

All youth are invited to join in the activities of the youth group. Contact Mary Claire or the church office for more information.

A joint Creation Care and Youth Group lunch is planned for after worship on Sunday, April 14.



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CAMP WAKON'DA-HO 2024 DATES

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SPRING WORK WEEKEND	APRIL 12-14
MINI CAMP (2-3)	MAY 31-JUNE 2
CYF 1 (9-12)	JUNE 3-8
EIGHTER'S CAMP (8)	JUNE 9-15
JUNIOR CAMP (4-5)	JUNE 17-21
CAMP 101A (K-2*)	JUNE 21-23
CYF 2 (9-12)	JUNE 24-29
CHI RHO 1 (6-8)	JULY 1-6
CHI RHO 2 (6-8)	JULY 8-13
CAMP 101B (K-2*)	JULY 20
Y'ALL CAMP (ALL AGES*)	AUGUST 30-SEPT 1
FALL FEST (ALL AGES*)	OCTOBER (DATES TBD)

*FIND DETAILS REGARDING AGE RESTRICTIONS, CHAPERONE REQUIREMENTS, AND PRICING AT CCINKY.NET/MINISTRIES/CAMP/WAKONDA-HO

Summer Camp Information

CYF Camps 1 & 2: For youth who completed grades 9-12 in 2024. We offer housing that accommodates any camper's gender identity. These camps also feature a closing night formal banquet, so campers should pack a nice outfit.

Eighters Camp: For youth who completed grade 8 in 2024. We offer housing that accommodates any camper's gender identity. Eighters specializes in human sexuality and spirituality. The Christian Church in Kentucky partners with *Just Say Know Ministries*, justsayknowministry.com for this camp.

Chi Rho Camps 1 & 2: For youth who completed grades 6-8 in 2024. We offer housing that accommodates any camper's gender identity.

Junior Camp: For youth who completed grades 4-5 in 2024.

Mini Camp: For youth that completed grades 2*-3 in 2024.

Camps 101A & B: For youth that completed grades K-2* in 2024. These camps are designed to orient children to the camping experience. It also provides an opportunity for them to share the adventure with a trusted friend. Each camper must be accompanied by a parent, grandparent, guardian, or other adult aged 21 or older. Like the camper, the accompanying adult needs to fully register for the camp. 101A is a weekend long, sleepover camp. 101B is a single day but does include all the activities of the overnight camp.

For more information visit ccinky.net.

***Campers that have completed grade 2 can choose either Mini camp or one of the 101 camps.**

KY DISCIPLES CYF SEMINAR

REGISTRATION DEADLINE APRIL 12

The Christian Church In Kentucky is once again hosting the CYF Seminar, "Face to Face with Other Faiths", for high school students and first year college students.

Seminar participants will travel to Washington, DC and New York City. The seminar will take place from June 11 - June 18, 2024. The registration fee for this event is \$1,300.

If you are interested, a registration form and a \$500 deposit must be sent to the Regional Office no later than April 12.

For more information or to download registration forms, head over to the Christian Church in Kentucky's website: ccinky.net/ministries/ymyac/

HIGH SCHOOL AND FIRST YEAR COLLEGE STUDENTS - JOIN US THIS SUMMER IN WASHINGTON DC AND NEW YORK CITY

2024 KENTUCKY CYF SEMINAR

Face to Face with Other Faiths

JUNE 11-18, 2024
MORE INFORMATION AT WWW.CCINKY.NET/MINISTRIES/YMYAC/



Regional News and Events



Disciples Women's Ministries is a conduit for diverse connections empowering each woman to find her voice and live out her call. (Micah 6:8)

Through Kentucky Disciples Women's Ministries/Christian Women's Fellowship, the Region works with women to develop congregational leaders and provide fellowship opportunities for the women of the church to build a sense of connectedness to the larger church.

IMPORTANT 2024 DATES:

Spring Conferences

Come out and CELEBRATE 150 years of Disciples Women's Ministry!!!

There will be two spring conferences held this year. The Central Kentucky spring conference will be held April 13 at First Christian Church, Danville. The message will be delivered by Rev. Sheila L. Edwards.

The West Area spring conference will be held April 27 at First Christian Church, Owensboro. Rev. Rachel Nance Woehler will be our guest speaker.

The theme for our conferences is "Through the Looking Glass: Seeing the World through the Eyes of Faith" – Matthew 13:6-7 . Registration is \$30.00 per person.

Quilters' and Knitters' Retreat - June 24 - 27

Save the date! Look for more information coming soon.

SOLAR ECLIPSE PARTY

Come Join Us at
FCC Paducah
April 8, 2024
12:30- 3:00
Bring a Lawn Chair and
have afternoon of fun!

Lodging
Available
at Camp
Kum-Ba-
Ya.
We will
caravan
to the
Paducah
FCC

Please RSVP
at
www.CampKumBaYa.org

SOLAR ECLIPSE WATCH PARTY

Camp Kum-Ba-Ya and the First Christian Church, Paducah (415 Audubon Drive, Paducah) will be jointly hosting a **Solar Eclipse Watch Party**. Camping will be available at Camp Kum-Ba-Ya for those that would like to stay overnight in western Kentucky. We will then be caravanning to Paducah to watch the eclipse in the totality zone in the church parking lot from 12:00 pm–3:30 pm on April 8. Eclipse information, light snacks and music will be set up in tents in the lower church parking lot. Overnight camping is available Monday and Tuesday nights. Breakfast and lunch are also available.

Registration link for the Solar Eclipse Watch Party (with optional lodging and meals): <https://forms.gle/WsuSBmPfkxwCyy5a8>

APRIL 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Rowan Schools 10am Cane Ridge Opening Day Service	2 Spring Break Week 7pm Women of the Bible (Zoom)	3 5pm Outreach Committee-Fell. Hall 6pm Bells 7pm Choir	4 7pm Vespers (Zoom)	5 Office closed.	6 10am Wildflower Walk. For location, contact: critc@sheltoeweetrace.org
7 10:45am Worship	8	9 7pm Women of the Bible (Zoom)	10 6pm Bells 7pm Choir	11 7pm Vespers (Zoom)	12 Office closed.	13 Central Kentucky Women's Ministries Spring Conference, Danville 10-12pm Boat Gunnel Trail Work
14 10:45am The Gift of Life Worship Noon—Creation Care/ Youth Lunch 2pm 2nd Sunday Hike	15	16 7pm Women of the Bible (Zoom)	17 6pm Bells 7pm Choir	18 Vespers is paused this week.	19 Office closed.	20
21 10:45am Worship	22 Earth Day	23 7pm Women of the Bible (Zoom)	23 6pm Bells 7pm Choir	24 7pm Vespers (Zoom)	25 Office closed.	26
27 10:45am Worship Newsletter articles due.	28	29 7pm Women of the Bible (Zoom)	30 6pm Bells 7pm Choir			

APRIL IS NATIVE PLANT MONTH!

How will you celebrate?



- Go on a wildflower hike
- add native plants to your landscape
- lend a hand on the Boat Gunnel Trail project
- _____



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