



From the Pastor's Pencil

Our *Wednesdays on Madison* class is studying Celtic Christianity—the beliefs and practices of the ancient Christians in Britain, Ireland, Scotland, and Wales. We're reading and discussing the book *Water from an Ancient Well: Celtic Spirituality for Modern Life* by Kenneth McIntosh. (I have a few extra copies of the book available for \$20 if you'd like to get one.)

We also listen to Celtic music and pray and write Celtic prayers. Two of the prayers written by the class are printed below. Each class member contributed a few lines for each prayer, and I put them together into the prayers you'll see below. I hope you will enjoy and be blessed by the class's efforts. I'm very proud of the work they're doing!

Members of the class (so far) include Joyce Bell, Lynn Hulan, Benji Philpott, Elaine Philpott, Eric Richardson, Ray & JoAnn Smith, Mattie Ray Weiser, and Dennis & Kay Young. Please join us on Feb. 5, 12 and 19 at 6 pm in the Cross and Chalice Room. We'd love to see you there!

A Celtic Blessing to You

Deep peace of the rising sun to you
 Deep peace of sunshine on green pastures to you
 Deep peace of the lush forest to you
 Deep peace of the majestic Smoky Mountains to you
 Deep peace of gentle breezes to you
 Deep peace of cooing doves to you
 Deep peace of the soaring hawk to you
 Deep peace of the swirling clouds to you
 Deep peace of the rumbling thunder to you
 Deep peace of the falling rain to you
 Deep peace of the rising tide to you
 Deep peace of the rolling waves to you
 Deep peace of the still pond to you
 Deep peace of rising embers to you
 Deep peace of the sleeping child to you
 Deep peace of the deep, slow breath to you
 Deep peace of each new day to worship you
 Deep peace of the Prince of Peace to you

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My Soul Longs for You

As a budding flower longs for soft sunlight,
so my soul longs for you
As a bear longs for berries,
so my soul longs for you
As an eagle longs for open skies,
so my soul longs for you
As a salmon longs for a swift current,
so my soul longs for you
As a sparrow longs for a nesting branch,
so my soul longs for you
As an abused child longs for justice,
so my soul longs for you
As a hurt child longs for its mother,
so my soul longs for you
As a mother longs for her wayward child,
so my soul longs for you
As a batter longs for the perfect pitch,
so my soul longs for you
As a farmer longs for rain,
so my soul longs for you
As a man longs for the problem's Godly answer,
so my soul longs for you
As a prisoner longs for freedom,
so my soul longs for you
As a soldier longs for his bride,
so my soul longs for you
As a weak and weary traveler longs for home,
so my soul longs for you
As a winter-weary woman longs for sunshine,
so my soul longs for you
As a hand longs for touch,
so my soul longs for you
As a parched tongue longs for cool water,
so my soul longs for you
As a journey longs for a destination,
so my soul longs for you

Glad to be your pastor, FCC—

Rev. Tom

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WORSHIP AND WONDER



Worship and Wonder will meet the second and fourth Sundays this month. Worship and Wonder is for children ages 3 years old through fifth grade. Children will be hearing and experiencing sacred stories of the Bible and a time of worship. They will then follow Mary Jane to our worship room off the Fellowship Hall where parents can pick them up following the Worship service.

“On our way to Jerusalem” - Our two stories this month will focus on Jesus as He prepares to go to Jerusalem.

Nursery Volunteers

Nursery is provided during the Worship Service for our infants through four year olds.

February 2	Ashton Crick
February 9	Amy Philpott
February 16	Rachel Simmons
February 23	Theresa & Buie Williams

KIDS NIGHT OUT: Tacos, Burritos, Piñatas and more Friday, February 21, 5:30-8:00 pm

At the children's request, our meal will be tacos and burritos. Games will focus around a Mexican theme including breaking open the candy-filled piñata. Activities for preschoolers will be separate, and they will join the rest of us for the meal and piñata time. God has blessed us and those individuals who are a part of the Relative Caregiver Program of our community. In addition to the elementary children, we have preschoolers, teens and adults coming. Come join us in this amazing ministry that is involving.

WORSHIP in MOTION

“Worship in Motion” practices from 6:00-7:30 pm every Wednesday in the sanctuary. We welcome new members. No dance skills are required. Since there is a lot of choreography, we ask that when you sign up you will make the commitment to come every Wednesday night during the winter and spring sessions of Wednesday on Madison. We are asking parents to please make the judgment call to determine if they feel their children will be able to approach this offering with the maturity needed.

“Worship in Motion” would like to borrow a coat/hat rack for one of their offerings. There is also a need to have some costumes altered. We are looking for 6-8 adult volunteers to be flag bearers for our March offering. Flag bearers are welcome to attend all practices but would only be required to attend the last two before the Sunday of the offering. For more information, please contact Shana Pitts or Amy Philpott.

WEDNESDAY ON MADISON winter session continues through February 19. Rev. Tom is lead a co-ed class on the book, *Water from an Ancient Well*, by Kenneth McIntosh. This book shows how we can apply the lessons of Celtic Christian Spirituality to our daily Christian devotions and other practices. It's a beautiful and inspiring book that can enrich and deepen our relationships with the natural world, other people, and God. Choir rehearsal is at 7:15 pm.

Spring WOM will begin on March 12 and continue through April 9. Rev. Tom will again lead a Co-ed Study.

Laurie Bierovic will be facilitating a Women's Study: "A Taste of Freedom." This study will "help women explore the difference between self- led and spiritual-led control and discover what God's Word has to say about temper, our appetites, temptation and more. Women will experience how staying connected to the love of God helps them grow in self-control. And, women will rejoice for the freedom self-control produces in their lives."

Mary Jane Heuer will facilitate a Children's Ministry: SEEING GOD THROUGH SCIENCE. Brandon Byrd will assist with Handbells. Wednesday nights are an opportunity for children 4 years old-5th grade to learn more about God and to live out their faith through worship by playing handbells, studying and games.

THE SIGNS OF WORSHIP

"The Signs of Worship" meet each Monday from 6:00-7:00 pm. Any girl interested in participating should attend. We have a good time!

FIREPROOF

FCC's Youth Band, "Fireproof," practices on Tuesday from 4:15-5:15 pm. If you have a special song you want the band to learn or if you want to sing a special song with the band, just let a band member know.

Disciples Women (CWF)

The Women's Group will meet February 11, 2014. Helping Hands will meet at 9:30 am, and CWF at 11:30 am. We will have a program by Tracey O'Kelly, who is the new Administrator at Christian Care of Bedford County. Lunch will be provided.

Men's Group (CMF)

The Men's Group will host a Valentine's Breakfast for the congregation on February 9 at 8:00 am. Please join us for a great meal and fellowship before you head off to Sunday School and Worship.

Elders Meet

The Elders meeting this month will be February 16 at 8:00 am.

Cabinet Meets

The Cabinet will meet Sunday, February 16, at 11:15 am following Worship. A light luncheon will be provided.

Circles Meet

Circle I - Tuesday, February 18, at 2:00 pm at the church.
 Circle III - Tuesday, February 18, at 6:00 pm at the church.
 Circle IV - February 24, at 7:00 pm, at the church.

WEEK OF COMPASSION



For 70 years, Week of Compassion has made a difference in the lives of people and communities around the world by pooling resources, leveraging funds and serving through partnerships.

Gifts given through this special offering empower the people in poverty to learn a trade, raise their own food, and grow in faith. United in Christ, we help to provide access to healthy food, good education, excellent health care, and shelter after devastating storms. Each time a gift is given a connection is made that builds a bridge or tears down walls. Each resource shared answers God’s call to love our neighbor, because in Jesus Christ, we are one family.

Christ’s work in the world healed the sick, fed the hungry and brought hope to communities burdened by challenges. As the Church, one body in Christ, our call is to carry on in Jesus’ name. For as long as one sister or brother is in need, we are all in need. **We Are One.** Please give generously. The Week of Compassion offerings will be collected on February 16 and 23.

VALENTINE’S DAY BREAKFAST

This month, the Men’s Group will be hosting a Valentine’s Day Breakfast for the congregation on February 9. The breakfast will be a fundraiser with proceeds going to have our parking lot sealed and striped. Please join us for a wonderful time of fellowship and good food! Donations appreciated! Please sign up by February 5. A sign up sheet is on the Communication table.



LADIES DAY OUT

The Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF) will be sponsoring a ladies day out on Saturday, February 22, at 1 o’clock in the Fellowship Hall. Whitney Danhof, from the Bedford County Extension Agency, will be putting on a delightful program for us. She will demonstrate “Table Scapes,” which is the art of setting decorative tables for dinner parties. Her theme will be the four seasons. The goal of this “Ladies Day Out” is to bring all the women in the church together for a day of fellowship since not everyone is able to attend CWF’s monthly meetings. Bring your friends! Refreshments will be served.

Prayer Concerns of the Church



In Hospital, Nursing Homes or Assisted Living

Celebration Way
Alpha Philpott

Carriage House Inn
Milbrey Eakin

Christian Care Center
Mildred Bobo

NHC-Murfreesboro
Melba Henry

At Home

Sandy Craig
Terry Craig
Rhoda Gunter
Brenda Hancock
Buddy & Virginia Ann Haynes
Bucker Huffman
Miles McCullough
Bo Melson
Curtis Morton
Annette Palmer
Susan Price
Albert Smithson
Earlene Stallings
Ted York

We mourn the loss of Jim Adcock and Leo Reed.

In Memory of Jim Adcock

Charlie & Mai Coffey
Doris McNamee

January Budget

General Budget needed per month	\$23,860.25
General Budget received in January	\$21,135.00
Building Accounts received in January	\$2,040.00



February 2014



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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2	3	4	5 WOM 5:30 pm Potluck 6:00 pm classes 7:15 pm Choir	6	7	8
9 8:00 am Valentine's Congregational Breakfast	10	11 9:30 am Helping Hands 11:30 am DWM	12 WOM 5:30 pm Potluck 6:00 pm classes 7:15 pm Choir	13 9:30 am CBS	14	15
16 8:00 am Elders meet 11:15 am Cabinet- meets Week of Compas- sion Offering	17	18 2:00 pm Circle I 6:00 pm Circle III	19 WOM 5:30 pm Potluck 6:00 pm classes 7:15 pm Choir	20 9:30 am CBS 9:30 am Staff Meets	21 5:30 pm Kids Night Out	22 1:00 pm Ladies Day Out Fellowship Hall
23 Youth Trip Week of Compas- sion Offering	24 7:00 pm Circle I	25	26	27 9:30 am CBS	28	

February Birthdays, Elders, and Deacons



February Birthdays

2 nd	Bethany Morton
3 rd	Carol Price
5 th	Cade Caldwell Leighton Reed
8 th	Henry Hulan
12 th	Cheryl McBee
16 th	Tim Harwell
18 th	Mark Cannon

20 th	Bob Burke Rita Ann Huffman
21 st	Joyce Bell
22 nd	Daniel Farrar Amy Mitchell
27 th	Evelyn Coffey Sandy Craig Susan Price

February Elders

Frank Douglas
Tim Harwell

February Deacons

Sarah Caperton
Lynn Riddle
Shana Pitts
JoAnn Smith