



FIRST CHRISTIAN disciples of christ HIGHLIGHTS

Making disciples who make a difference!

October 2024

The Price of Eggs”

NerdWallet on Sept. 11 reported the average cost of a dozen Grade A large eggs was \$3.20 in August, according to data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, retrieved from the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis' FRED site. The latest Consumer Price Index shows the price of eggs rose 4.8% from July to August. Eggs are up 28.1% from where they were a year ago. In these days where the price of eggs are making headlines, I am reminded of the words of a character in George Santayana's novel, *The Last Puritan*:

“Ah, the little troubles, Mr. Oliver, they ruin a woman's life. It's the devil, I do believe, as sends us the toothache and the east wind. As for your grand sorrows, they are a parcel of our common humanity, like funerals; and the Lord designs them for our good, to wean our hearts from this sad world. There's where your vicar can comfort me, where I don't need comforting; and it's almost a pleasure to grieve, all hung in the weeds, like a weeping willow. But the price of eggs, Mr. Oliver, the price of eggs!”

Yes, the price of eggs! Or a popped button. Or a lost shopping list. It's the little annoyances that do so much to take the zest out of living. It is as true in the home.

The average household can weather its major crises. Everyone rallies to meet them. But the day-to-day little inconveniences – these are what land too many relationships into troubled waters.

It is true in the church. Major challenges are met with a spirit of joy and sacrifice. “But the little irritations that creep in due to simple differences due to an individual, personal preference are what destroy the beautiful spirit of happy churches.” -Dr. Warren Grafton, former Sr. Min., Country Club Christian Church, Kansas City.

It is also true of an even larger family, those living with their neighbors in the same country.

“It was on 9/11 that the article was written about eggs.

Articles published on the anniversary of 9/11, 2001, once held greater import. This is not a dynamic in America alone. *Their Glorious Hour* – that was how Winston Churchill described the spirit of Britain when its back was up against the wall. But once the crisis passed, it was only a short time afterwards the price of eggs got on the nerve of those in England.

Christian counsel from widely divergent eras often arrive at a similar conclusion. God, when creating us, gave us natures that are intended to live under tension striving for a purpose. When the tension of purpose arises due to major joys, major sorrows, major dangers and major opportunities – we are at our best. Where life has no major tension, then the countless minor annoyances our natures do focus upon in compensation.

When a major project at work is due with an impossibly short deadline is successfully completed, there is a tremendous feeling of accomplishment. When a family rallies around one of their own who lost everything in a housefire, all the hard work and support leaves satisfaction when their loved one gets back on their feet. The major tension of purpose in life are so great that one forgets themselves in the process of meeting them. In so doing, minor irritations do not take root.

After the children are raised, when work slows down following the busy season rolling past, following the family birth /death/marriage/divorce/graduation/troubling diagnosis – how enviable when there is no tension of purpose.

Enviably? Not at all. Where natural tensions of purpose are lacking, human nature creates tension. The electrician was discourteous. The cuts of meat wanted at the grocery had too much fat on it. Soon one is going around in a circle of minor tensions, worrying more and more about less and less.

God has given you a job in the world. It's not an easy job, for God knows you are not going to grow by following the path of least resistance. (Article continues on page 4)

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Rev Colby Smith

FCC KIDS CORNER

October is a busy month at FCC! This month includes Fall Break in area schools and our FCC Trunk or Treat so our schedule will be a little different this month.



October 6th

NO Kid's Club
Fall Break



October 13th

Amazing Animals:
Quail



October 20th

Devine Pumpkin
Patch



October 27th

NO Kid's Club
FCC Trunk or Treat



Save the Date-December 15th!



Please put Sunday, December 15th in your calendar for the Children and Youth Christmas Program!

We will share a congregational lunch right after worship and then celebrate the birth of Jesus with our talented children and youth!

Kid's Club Sign-In

Please don't forget to pick up your child from Worship & Wonder or Children's Church after worship and take them to the gym for Kid's Club. Our FCC Safe Sanctuary Policy requires that all children be signed in for Kid's Club by a parent or guardian. Thank you for helping us keep everyone safe AND for helping us get started with lunch on time!

Amazing Animals and How God Used Them

We are having fun with our theme we started in September which continues this month. So far we have heard a bible story about a fish with a coin in its mouth, a talking donkey, and visited Buttercup the donkey (that didn't talk) at the Taylor's home.

See photos from our trip below.



For questions about Children's programs, contact Patti Wright

Email patti@firstchristiandanville.com or text (812) 483-9004

Please Keep the following in your Prayers

John Caywood	Mary Sebring
Lesa Cooper	Ellie Pennington
Gary Gibson	Howard Wilson
John Taylor Ross	Mike Swain
Jan Sheffield	Mary Lou Withers
Bill Morgan	Jenny Wilson
Trevor & Lucy Graham	Steve Cline
Darell Rickmers	Darrell Ensor
Rodger Morris	Jim Routin
Lavern Stephens	
Lauren Newman	
Wanda Huffman	

Remember our Shut-ins

Martha Akin	Lucille Lemon
Pat & Steve	Margaret Milburn
Bruce	Bonnie Wilson
Mindy Carter	
Hugh & Mary Jo	
Coomer	



October Worship Roster

October 6

Worship Leader– Julie Jones

Elder– Nancy McMurry

Elder & Counter– Doug Mc Murry

Children’s Chat– Reverend Colby

Worship & Wonder– Jay & Alice Reynolds

Children’s Church– Martha Bryant & Sherrie Horn

Nursery Volunteer– Jessica Maynard & Mary McKitric

NO Kid’s Club

Elder For Morning Pointe– Margaret Clark

Acolytes-Bari Bowman & Kipton Walker

October 13

Worship Leader– Jane Boyd

Elder– Mary Ann McGlothlin

Elder & Counter– Lyle McGlothlin

Children’s Chat– Carter Northcutt

Worship & Wonder– Jay & Alice Reynolds

Children’s Church– Penny Vaught & Kasey Wilson

Nursery Volunteer– Jessica Maynard & Edna Prall

Kid’s Club Assist– Penny Vaught; Lunch-Walkers

Acolytes-Keagan Walker & Meryk Hinkle

October 20

Worship Leader– Lyle McGlothlin

Elder– Tom Huckleberry

Elder & Counter– Martha Caywood

Children’s Chat– Jacob Cooper

W&W-Connie McVicker & Jackie Fowler

Children’s Church– Molly & Jacob Cooper

Nursery Volunteer– Jessica Maynard & Kris Hamlin

Kid’s Club Assist– Mary McKitric, Lunch Patti

October 27

Worship Leader– Margaret Clark

Elder– Jan Scott

Elder & Counter– Ruth Sigler

Children’s Chat– Martha Bryant

Worship & Wonder– Patti Wright & Maragaret Jones

Children’s Church– Linda Dachenhaus

Nursery Volunteer– Jessica Maynard & Trista Hinkle

No Kid’s Club-Trunk or Treat

Four Cans for Others

143 cans were donated during September bringing our total for 2024 to **1019** cans. Keep bringing in those cans so we can beat our total for 2023 of **1,421** cans!



News & Announcements

FCC Family,

I would like to say thank you for the many prayers, the heart felt cards, calls and text, all was very uplifting. Most of all I would like to thank God for having his hands on me through my surgeries. He has always had me in his hands throughout my life and I didn't realize. With the many prayers prior to surgery I was very much at ease. I knew everything would be ok. I still have a couple months of rehab but I have faith that the Lord will guide me through my recovery.

Love and many thanks– Steve Cline

Thanks to everyone for the cards, calls and prayers after our recent loss. Maybe there are no perfect words of comfort but just knowing so many of you cared and took time to reach out meant a lot.

Larry Vaught

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to the FCC Elders for recognizing me as an Elder Emeritus in Worship Sunday!

What a very special honor. Undeserving as I feel I am, I will cherish the gift for the rest of my life! Serving as an Elder at FCC has truly been a joy and a blessing. I also want to thank my church family for all their support, prayers, cards, calls and food during these past many months. The death of Jerry and the decline in my health have been difficult.

YOU are an amazing congregation who looks after each other. I thank God when I remember YOU for I hold YOU in my heart with every prayer of mine for YOU, I am filled with joy for I hold you in my heart.

Jane Boyd

SAVE THE DATES

November 24th– Thanksgiving Luncheon and “Youth Takeover” where they will be doing many of the function during worship. Congregation are ask to bring sides or a dessert. Mary Emily will donate turkeys and the Church provide the ham.

December 15th– Christmas Luncheon, Children and Youth Presentation and The Choir Cantata. We will be serving Lasagna, salad and bread. Congregation will be ask to provide desserts.

Office & Walking Track Hours

Monday– Thursday

8:00 a.m.– Noon & 1:00 p.m.– 3:00p.m.

Friday 8:00 a.m.– Noon

Book Connection

Anyone who is interested is welcome to join Book Connections.

We will be discussing the next 3 sections (4, 5, and 6) of “The Covenant of Water” by Abraham Verghese on October 6th immediately following Worship in the Fellowship Hall.

Thanks to Jan Bradshaw and Judy Morgan for their leadership.

Interesting Facts About Our New Organ

Several of you have asked about the “BELLS” you can hear from time to time when the organ is played. Those bells are an organ stop named the Zimbelstern (also with several other spellings).



It is a stop composed of (usually) a wooden or metal star with tiny bells attached to the various tines of the star.

When that particular stop is engaged, the star turns continuously and the bells ring at a varied pitch and speed. This constant turning allows for a high pitched and delightful production of sound in various settings of registrations selected by the organist.

So, “Yes!” You do hear bells—delightful bells!

Harry Mercer

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Indeed, God knows that your created nature is such that, unless you take the job God offers and do the work Christ charged his disciples to do, you're going to spend twice the energy and be twice as tired trying to satisfy and please yourself.

All of which was summarized so simply by Jesus when he said: “Come unto me, all you that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.” Jesus goes on to give the formula whereby we can find this rest, and it is not in retreat from the realities of life. Rather, this peace lies in facing head-on, the stern challenges of a world where life is real and life is earnest. You may not like these days before us. The continuing crisis may never pass until called to rest from all labors in God's kingdom. But out of the world's agony may come our salvation if we can learn the art of forgetting the price of eggs – and of forgetting ourselves.

-Rev. Colby

News & Announcements

Greetings from the Personnel Committee and Music Director Search Team.

From Matthew 19: 26. But with God all things are possible.

The Lord works in mysterious ways.

FCC, we are excited to make the announcement that Dr. Timothy Glasscock, aka, "TIM", will be joining us at First Christian Church starting in early October.

Tim is a Boyle County native and graduated from BCHS. He currently serves as Music Department Chair at Bellarmine University in Louisville. His resume' is impressive to say he least. Tim has had a love for music his entire life and accepted his first Music Ministry Director job at the age of 14!

We will be in for a real treat with Tim's talents and look forward to seeing to what heights Tim takes our Music program.

Just a little plug. Do you enjoy singing? I know that Tim is going to be on the lookout for new talent to add to our Choir.

Respectfully submitted

John A Funkhouser



Connections Committee Update

Our theme for the year is "First Impressions" and the Connections Committee is hard at work!

Some new ways we plan to connect with members and visitors:

We have a new mahogany stand to the left of the center aisle entrance to the sanctuary! On it you can find the printed order of Sunday Morning Worship, Church Calendar for the month, Birthday and Anniversary Calendar for the month, fliers for upcoming events and a Church Directory.

We believe this will help keep members aware of events within the life of the church.

We plan to create a banner or wall lettering for the Welcome Table, and hope to have people available each Sunday to greet visitors, answer questions and to help them find restrooms, location for Worship & Wonder, Children's Church, Seekers and more!

We are excited about these changes and hope that it will help our members keep up with things happening in the life of the church AND make visitors feel warmly welcomed.

This initiative is a LARGE one that can't be done without encouragement from the rest of the church committees and members. Thank you for your help as we implement new and fresh ideas for connecting with members and visitors!

Margaret Clark

It's time once again to get ready for the FCC Trunk or Treat Event!

Sunday, October 27th

2:00-4:00pm

There are three ways you can be part of the fun!

1

Provide a Trunk or Table Display

Decorate your car trunk or a table, dress-up and distribute candy. You can be as elaborate or as simple as you choose! You can plan to be inside with a table display or outside weather permitting using your trunk.

Sign-up at the Welcome Table or contact Patti Wright.

2

Provide Candy!!

Take some of the \$\$ burden off those providing their trunks for the event by donating bags of candy!

Put bags of candy in the donation tubs near the Welcome Table or Church Office.

3

Spread the Word!!!

Invite your family, friends and neighbors!

Share the FCC Facebook posts or create your own!

Take a flier to places you frequent and ask them to display it.

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