

The Worship of God

September 4, 2016

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



The Gathering

“The things, good Lord that we pray for, give us the grace to labor for.”

Thomas Moore, 16th Century

Announcements of the Church

Prelude *The King of Love* C.S. Lang

Choral Introit *I Need Thee Every Hour* arr. Freeman
Opening the Bible Jazmine Bishop

Call To Worship Grace Myers

Leader: Sing praise to the Father, sing praises!

People: God replaces our tears with shouts of joy!

Leader: Sing praise to the Creator, sing praises!

People: God turns our mourning into dancing!

Leader: Sing praise to the King, sing praises!

People: Sing praise to the Father, Creator, and King!

Hymn No. 9 *Sing Praise to the Father* TO GOD BE THE GLORY
Lighting the Christ Candle

The Children's Time

Passing the Peace of Christ

Just as Jesus sent his disciples into the world to share words of peace, let us greet one another with words of peace this day.

Christian Greetings Mark Hamrick

Gospel Lesson Luke 10: 1-9, 17-20

Anthem *Lead Me Lord* Edmundson

Call to Prayer

Minister: O God, you love us like a good parent, and are present in every aspect of our existence.

People: May your nature become known and respected by all. May your joy, peace, wholeness and justice be the reality for everyone as we live by the Jesus way.

Minister: Give us all that we really need to live every day for you and forgive us our failures as we forgive others for their failures.

People: Keep us from doing those things which are not of you and prevent us from being centered on your love.

Minister: For you are the true reality in this our now, and in all our future as we follow the Jesus way.

Morning Prayer

Hymn No. 534 *Draw Me Nearer* I AM THINE

Sermon “A B C” Dr. Ray Howell III

Hymn No. 731 *O Christians, Haste* TIDINGS

Offertory Prayer Kim Lingerfelt

Offertory *What Wondrous Love Is This* arr. Don Phillips

Doxology No. 809 OLD HUNDREDTH

Choral Benediction *Grant Us the Joy* arr. Freeman

Postlude *Petit Chorale* Robert Fielding

The church has individual hearing assistance devices for anyone to use during services; just ask an usher.

Today's Lay Reader is Jim Skotthy

Musicians for today's service

Beverly Khemlani - Organ

Sanctuary Choir

FBC Office and MBCC will be closed September 5 for the Labor Day Holiday

September 11 Memorial Service Next Sunday

Next Sunday marks the 15th Anniversary of the 9/11 attacks on our nation. We will observe this anniversary through a special time of worship and remembrance. Our worship service will end early and we will join the community at the Courthouse Square for a service that will honor the Lexington Firefighters. The service will begin precisely at 12:11 p.m. Following the ceremony, the YMCA will serve their famous Chicken Pie with all the trimmings. Tickets are available today: \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

Next Sunday is Budget Catch-Up

We have fallen behind in our financial commitments during the summer months, so we need to begin the fall on a positive note! We ask you to prayerfully consider a special gift for our church budget next Sunday, September 11.

Wednesday Night Family Night Begins September 14

We have an exciting night of great entertainment to kick off our Wednesday Night Family Night fall season. "The Wildcat Mountain Boys" will present a fast paced, Bluegrass performance that you will not want to miss! Now is the time to make reservations! This will be a catered meal, so exact numbers will be important. Reservations must be made by next Sunday, September 11.

Associate Minister Congregational Meetings

We have scheduled two congregational meetings for Sundays, September 18 and October 2, at 6:00 p.m. to hear your hopes and wishes for a new Associate Minister.

Extended Sessions:

September 4: Bed Babies: M/M Jon Myers Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: M/M Josh Boyle
3 & 4 Year Olds: Donna Sink & Ann Bishop

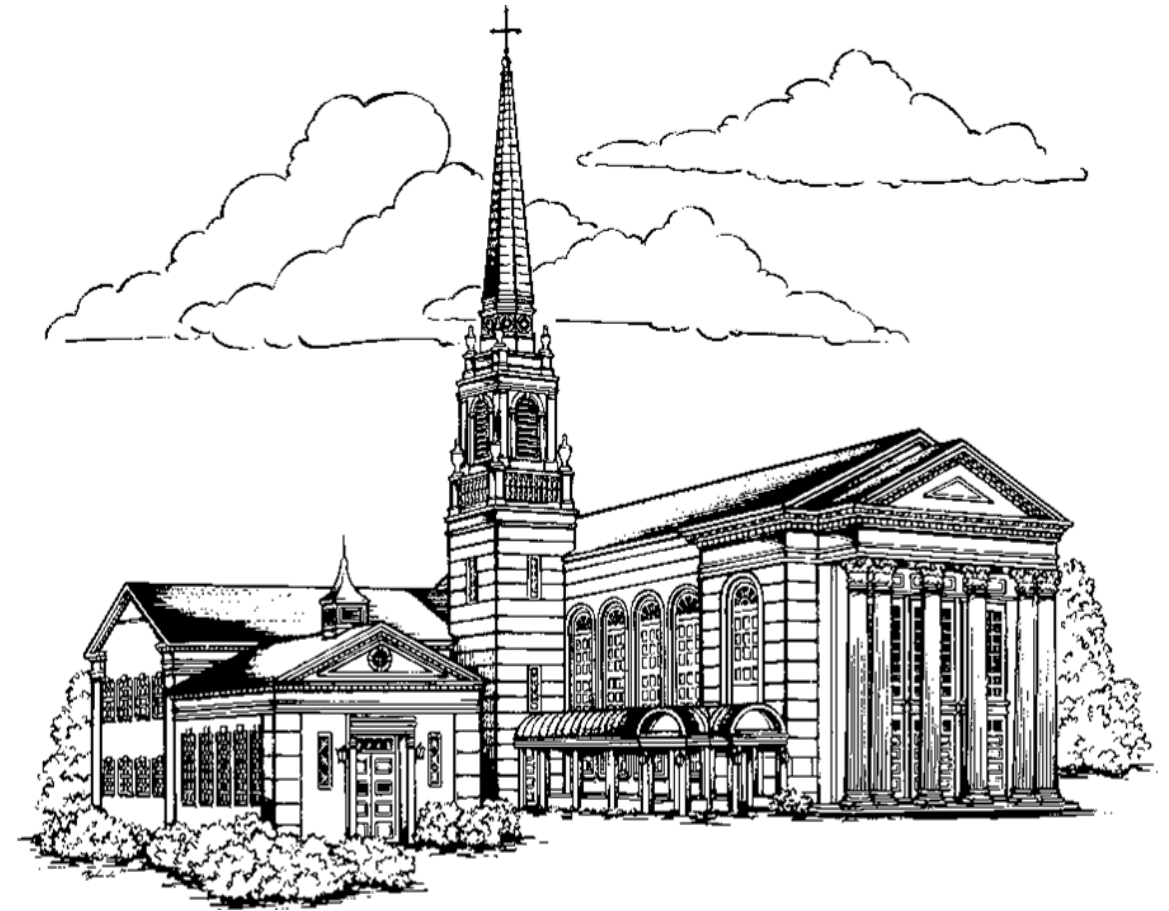
September 11: Bed Babies: M/M Thomas Jolly Toddlers & 2 Year Olds: M/M Kyle Kepley
3 & 4 Year Olds: Beverly Fulbright & Brenda Hipp

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Annual Church Meeting Re-cap

During the annual church meeting on August 24, we heard a financial report, a report on the Dream Night results and plans for the future ministry of the church as well as a report from the Associate Pastor Search Committee. The Nominating Committee Report with new church leadership for 2016-2017 was presented and approved. The following changes were made to the report that had been mailed to the congregation.

Food Service Committee

Add *Beryl Phillips* as Food Service Director

Add *Diane White* as Chair of Group I Servers

Missions Committee

Add *Bruce Hill* to term ending in 2019

Children/Youth Safety Committee

Change Name *Wendy Walker* to *Wendy Skotthy*

Rochella Baker Class

Add Name – *Kaye Albright* as a substitute teacher

Fellowship/Philpott Class

Add name – *Bob Tate* as a substitute teacher

Ushers

Remove *Raye Leonard* from Group II Ushers

Joyful Singers

Remove name *Phil Ryalls*

The printed Nominating Committee Report for 2016 – 2017 that was mailed to the congregation and distributed during the Annual Church Business Meeting contained several typographical errors, incorrect listings and incorrect date listings. This printing was a first draft proof from our printing company vendor.

The Church Staff and I had proofread the original draft and made 99% of the corrections that were needed, which were then submitted to our printing company vendor. The printing company wrongly printed the original draft and not the corrected copy that we requested. The mistake in printing was not discovered until the report's presentation during the Annual Church Business Meeting. We are working with the printing company vendor to get the corrected copies of this report printed and made available to the congregation.

We apologize for this mistake. The report should not detract from the hard work of the members of the Nominating Committee and from the willingness of our membership to serve in the leadership positions of our church.

Jim Tate

South Lexington BackPack Program

Julia Dunn challenged our congregation last Sunday to respond to the heartbreaking need of hungry children in our community. Listed below are the weekly needs and the specific food items that each student will need. Please help us provide for these children.

A collection box will be located in the entry to the Fellowship Hall. All donations are tax deductible.

You may contact Julia Dunn School Counselor, South Lexington and South Lexington Developmental Center at 336-242-1244 or jdunn@lexcs.org

Weekly needs for BackPack Program (50 students)

13 boxes of crackers (Lance or other brand 8 pkgs per box)

50 cans of SpaghettiOs or ravioli or beef & mac, or beans & franks, etc.

50 can of chicken noodle soup

9 boxes of Ramen Noodles (12 in a box)

25 packs of fruit cups (4 in each pack)

10 boxes of oatmeal (10 per box)

10 boxes of poparts (5 per box packaged by 2)

Each student will receive each week:

2 packs of peanut butter crackers

1 can of SpaghettiO's etc.

1 can of chicken noodle soup

2 pks of Ramen Noodles

2 pudding cups

1 pkg of pot tarts

2 packs of oatmeal