First Christian Church Morehead **Executive and Committee Chairs Planning Retreat** Home of Pastor Molly Smothers 5 p.m. Sunday July 26, 2009 (replaces Monday Executive Board)

Members Present: Mark Etherton, President Ingrid McKinney, Treas.

Dianna Walke, Chair of Elders Julia Hawkins, Vice President

Fran Helphinstine, Secretary Joe Barrett and Ann Rathbun Co-Chair of Deacons

Kimmie Gibson, Youth Leader

Jami Hornbuckle (also Basement Project Ways and Means)

and Sarah Chaney co-chair of Evangelism

Susan Thomas Outreach

Alana Scott Education (co-chair Kathryn Rogers absent)

Melissa Nabb, church secretary

Pastor Molly Smothers and Leon Smothers

1. Pastor Molly welcomed us and blessed the food she had prepared for us at 5 p.m.

After we ate the main course, Pastor Molly had us all take out our Annual Planning Guide Calendar.

She first had us to mark the regular monthly events and then had us to add events

August: August 23, 2009 Action Sunday

August 24, 2009 Committees meet 6 p.m. followed by Board Meeting.

Outreach chair Susan Thomas noted that backpacks begin when school starts.

September: September 28, 2009 Board Meeting, with Elders meeting following

Week of Compassion offering Sept. 27 and October 4

We are to consider a day trip to Cane Ridge

October: Maggie and Molly begin Tuesday night Book Study

October 3, 2009 Annual Pet Blessing

October 4, 2009 World Communion Sunday (and beginning of fall break week for Rowan Co, and end of week fall break for MSU students.)

October 9, 2009 Pastor Molly's son's wedding in Louisville

October 16 and 17 wedding rehearsal and wedding for Jennifer Rice and Manning.

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November Di and the Elders will organize the Birthday dinner to celebrate when Fellowship Hall is finished.

November 1, 2009 is higher education Sunday

November 23, 2009 Board Meeting

November 29, 2009 Advent begins (at end of Thanksgiving Break)

December No Board Meeting

December 13 and December 20, 2009 Special Christian Church Christmas Offering

December 24, 2009 10 p.m. Christmas Eve service

January 18, 2010 Martin Luther King Celebration—details not yet available of where January

January 25. 2010 Committees meet at 6 p.m. followed by Board Meeting

February The Nominating Committee is formed—primarily Elders and Deacons nominations--as officers are expected to serve two years

February 7, 2010 Souper Bowl Sunday

February 17, 2010 Ash Wednesday bean supper and service with Faith Presbyterian

February 21 and 28, 2010 Week of Compassion Special Offerings

February 22, 2010 Committees are asked to work on their budget requests for the following year

February 22, 2010 Board meets with Elders meeting following

March Begin Planning Vacation Bible School.

March 14-20, 2010 Rowan County and MSU spring break

March 22, 2010 before this date, committee budget requests must be submitted

March 22, 2010 Board Meeting

March 28, 2010 Palm Sunday

April 4 Easter with Christian Church Easter Offering April

April 26, 2010 Executive Committee acting as Personnel Committee does Staff Evaluation

The proposed budget is presented

Board Meeting

May May 2, 2010 Congregational Meeting

May 9, 2010 Youth Sunday for Mother's Day

May 23, 2010 Pentecost with special Pentecost offering

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June June 28, 2010 Board Meeting

We then had a dessert break.

We returned to share ideas we want to implement.

She had Kimmi Gibson share her good news. She has received a four year tuition scholarship to Lexington Theological seminary and a \$6,000 stipend.

August 23, 2009, the Deacons will host the annual church picnic to invite college students to join us. Joe Barrett and Ann Rathbun are exploring the costs for various locations as Sheltowee with new owner/manager arrangement and higher prices; the Armory; Eagle Trace. Ann Rathbun is planning games and events for children and youth, plus board games, card games, etc. for adults. She leaves the golf scramble arrangement to those who play.

President Mark Etherton will start an "Andrews Community" to assist elderly members who may need the side walk shoveled, a ride to the grocery store, or something as simple as a light bulb changed. He also wants to have two social events for these members during the year.

Ann Rathbun also wants to have health topics each month. We discussed whether this could be at Bible Study on Tuesday, on the web site, etc. She will arrange.

Di Walke noted that attendance at Bible Study was higher in years past when a meal was involved and that several members have expressed that they miss the group lunch on Tuesdays.

Sarah Chaney wants us to try a closed discussion group using Chatze—where we discuss the scripture, etc. We may announce in the *Echo* for those who feel technically challenged, as Alana Scott indicated she was, but would want to participate to learn about the ease of using the internet for this by the end of September.

Sarah Chaney suggested that we might pick a month with few other activities and renew our lunch following service on Sunday to honor public servants (Policemen, fire men, EMS, etc.).

Jami Hornbuckle shared the design she made with the labyrinth,/chalice with the bumper stickers, the cards to college students, the business cards, the folder with information about the church for visitors, etc, and told us about the canvas bags with the icon which will be distributed on Action Sunday (our cost \$1.84 for which we will accept a love offering).

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Julia Hawkins needs sign ups for worship committee. She says she is not creative and needs us to encourage people with those talents to sign up.

Susan Thomas indicated that Outreach will resume Back Pack program when school starts. Former CWF has been absorbed into serving Outreach programs.

Melissa Nabb, church secretary, indicated that she still needs Deacons for August, announcements about the Church Picnic planned tonight, etc. for the ECHO which she prepares this week.

Pastor Molly ended our meeting with prayer.

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David Perkins, assistant treasurer, asked that we have mercy and pity on our new treasurer and not create more book keeping, for we already have several of those categories covered with a category for Fellowship Hall, for Human Concerns, etc.

World Outreach/Social Action: Susan Thomas reported that Natalie Caudill is coordinating volunteers for our Backpack program. In September, we will start our Christmas outreach planning.

Worship Committee: Julia Hawkins asked for volunteers who are creative.

Ministers Report: Pastor Molly is on sabbatical in July and sent no report.

President Etherton reported that Pastor Molly hosted a planning meeting for Board Officers and chairs of committees at her home last evening.

Di Walke noted that the church planning calendar indicates that October is Minister Appreciation Month. She has an idea for something which Pastor Molly wants. She wants an Irish quilt square on her barn.

To learn about the program, she was instructed to call Priscilla Gotsick or Nancy Sartor. A grant pays for those visible on the main roads.

However, the charge is \$200 for those off the main road. Karen Slone researches patterns. The Grayson RECC paints them behind the Morehead News and puts them up. Pastor Molly probably knows the pattern and colors she desires.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- 1. Natalie Caudill announced that the Prayer Group will meet Wednesday August 5 at 9 a.m. in Fellowship Hall.
- 2. David Perkins, assistant treasurer, reminded us that a gift to the Living Memorial Fund must be a separate check; that a gift to Human Concerns must be a separate check. All other funds go in our regular bank account and can be listed on the same check.
- 3. Sarah Chaney pointed out that we will not meet again before the proposed picnic date. We need details. Ann Rathbun made a motion that it be a potluck after church on Sunday August 23 with the Deacons providing the chicken and drinks. Pat Adkins seconded the motion, which was approved. Ann Rathbun then asked for someone to volunteer to organize the golf scramble for she is doing children's games.
- 4. Mark Etherton indicated that we are going to do Andrew Ministry to help our own members who need help with things like replacing a light bulb, grocery shopping, and cleaning sidewalks. We will also have a couple of social events with those whom we serve. He asked for us to volunteer following the meeting.
- 5. Mark Etherton then gave our closing prayer.

Adjourn: At 7:45 p.m., Bill Davis made the motion seconded by David Perkins that we adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Helphinstine, Secretary of the Board

AUGUST 2009 MINISTER'S REPORT

This month we give thanks for our newest member – Toni Hobbs – and for our continued increase in visitors, many of whom are becoming regular attenders. We have had around 95-100 here the last few weeks. We are grateful for the many people who put so much time and effort into making this place a welcoming and friendly one for others: putting up the signs, handling the online and tangible correspondence, papering the area, planning and implementing the church picnic, and so many other areas of ministry.

We remember those in our midst who have been dealing with medical and family problems, who have needed our presence and our help. Most of them are on the mend, and we are looking forward to seeing some of them back with us soon. I have spent more time than usual this month (almost 45 hours in 3 weeks) dealing with those in hospital, and those who are dealing with personal issues that can benefit from a listening ear.

Action Sunday reminded us all of what is available for us as a congregation. Now we need to press ahead – with work days, with being connected and involved, with greeting new faces and inviting others, with entering into a different group and experience, with making sure there is money, time and talent enough to accomplish that which God has put in front of us to do.

I don't know about you, but I am sensing a real energy shift, a Spirit matrix happening around here. It is exciting beyond words, and I look forward each day to what God is doing here at FCC and how we can be a part of it!

Proud to be your pastor,

Gaster Mally

First Christian Church Morehead **Executive and Committee Chairs Planning Retreat** Home of Pastor Molly Smothers 5 p.m. Sunday July 26, 2009

(replaces Monday Executive Board)

Members Present: Mark Etherton, President Ingrid McKinney, Treas.

Dianna Walke, Chair of Elders Julia Hawkins, Vice President

Fran Helphinstine, Secretary Joe Barrett and Ann Rathbun Co-Chair of Deacons

Kimmie Gibson, Youth Leader

Jami Hornbuckle (also Basement Project Ways and Means)

and Sarah Chaney co-chair of Evangelism

Susan Thomas Outreach

Alana Scott Education (co-chair Kathryn Rogers absent)

Melissa Nabb, church secretary

Pastor Molly Smothers and Leon Smothers

1. Pastor Molly welcomed us and blessed the food she had prepared for us at 5 p.m.

After we ate the main course, Pastor Molly had us all take out our Annual Planning Guide Calendar.

She first had us to mark the regular monthly events and then had us to add events

August: August 23, 2009 Action Sunday

August 24, 2009 Committees meet 6 p.m. followed by Board Meeting.

Outreach chair Susan Thomas noted that backpacks begin when school starts.

September: September 28, 2009 Board Meeting, with Elders meeting following

Week of Compassion offering Sept. 27 and October 4

We are to consider a day trip to Cane Ridge

October: Maggie and Molly begin Tuesday night Book Study

October 3, 2009 Annual Pet Blessing

October 4, 2009 World Communion Sunday (and beginning of fall break week for Rowan Co, and end of week fall break for MSU students.)

October 9, 2009 Pastor Molly's son's wedding in Louisville

October 16 and 17 wedding rehearsal and wedding for Jennifer Rice and Manning.

October 26 Committees meet 6 p.m. followed by Board Meeting

November Di and the Elders will organize the Birthday dinner to celebrate when Fellowship Hall is finished.

November 1, 2009 is higher education Sunday

November 23, 2009 Board Meeting

November 29, 2009 Advent begins (at end of Thanksgiving Break)

December No Board Meeting

December 13 and December 20, 2009 Special Christian Church Christmas Offering

December 24, 2009 10 p.m. Christmas Eve service

January January 18, 2010 Martin Luther King Celebration—details not yet available of where

January 25. 2010 Committees meet at 6 p.m. followed by Board Meeting

February The Nominating Committee is formed—primarily Elders and Deacons nominations--as officers are

expected to serve two years

February 7, 2010 Souper Bowl Sunday

February 17, 2010 Ash Wednesday bean supper and service with Faith Presbyterian

February 21 and 28, 2010 Week of Compassion Special Offerings

February 22, 2010 Committees are asked to work on their budget requests for the following year

February 22, 2010 Board meets with Elders meeting following

Begin Planning Vacation Bible School. March

March 14-20, 2010 Rowan County and MSU spring break

March 22, 2010 before this date, committee budget requests must be submitted

March 22, 2010 Board Meeting

March 28, 2010 Palm Sunday

April April 4 Easter with Christian Church Easter Offering

April 26, 2010 Executive Committee acting as Personnel Committee does Staff Evaluation

The proposed budget is presented

Board Meeting

May May 2, 2010 Congregational Meeting

May 9, 2010 Youth Sunday for Mother's Day

May 23, 2010 Pentecost with special Pentecost offering May 24, 2010 Board Meeting

June

June 28, 2010 Board Meeting

We then had a dessert break.

We returned to share ideas we want to implement.

She had Kimmi Gibson share her good news. She has received a four year tuition scholarship to Lexington Theological seminary and a \$6,000 stipend.

August 23, 2009, the Deacons will host the annual church picnic to invite college students to join us. Joe Barrett and Ann Rathbun are exploring the costs for various locations as Sheltowee with new owner/manager arrangement and higher prices; the Armory; Eagle Trace. Ann Rathbun is planning games and events for children and youth, plus board games, card games, etc. for adults. She leaves the golf scramble arrangement to those who play.

President Mark Etherton will start an "Andrews Community" to assist elderly members who may need the side walk shoveled, a ride to the grocery store, or something as simple as a light bulb changed. He also wants to have two social events for these members during the year.

Ann Rathbun also wants to have health topics each month. We discussed whether this could be at Bible Study on Tuesday, on the web site, etc. She will arrange.

Di Walke noted that attendance at Bible Study was higher in years past when a meal was involved and that several members have expressed that they miss the group lunch on Tuesdays.

Sarah Chaney wants us to try a closed discussion group using Chatze—where we discuss the scripture, etc. We may announce in the *Echo* for those who feel technically challenged, as Alana Scott indicated she was, but would want to participate to learn about the ease of using the internet for this by the end of September.

Sarah Chaney suggested that we might pick a month with few other activities and renew our lunch following service on Sunday to honor public servants (Policemen, fire men, EMS, etc.).

Jami Hornbuckle shared the design she made with the labyrinth,/chalice with the bumper stickers, the cards to college students, the business cards, the folder with information about the church for visitors, etc, and told us about the canvas bags with the icon which will be distributed on Action Sunday (our cost \$1.84 for which we will accept a love offering).

Ingrid McKinney, treasurer, asked that we label bills we put in her box and identify the budget line to which they are to be charged. Di Walke said that the church office has forms for reimbursement which asks for all this information.

Julia Hawkins needs sign ups for worship committee. She says she is not creative and needs us to encourage people with those talents to sign up.

Susan Thomas indicated that Outreach will resume Back Pack program when school starts. Former CWF has been absorbed into serving Outreach programs.

Melissa Nabb, church secretary, indicated that she still needs Deacons for August, announcements about the Church Picnic planned tonight, etc. for the ECHO which she prepares this week.

Pastor Molly ended our meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted.

Fran Helphinstine, Secretary Executive Committee