



The Chalice

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Heart Shapes – October, 2018 The Shape of Leaders and Followers

When I was a child, my brothers and sisters and friends would play a game called “Follow the Leader.” Each player was to follow and mimic the actions of the one who was “it.” We followed the leader as best we were able with the hope to be chosen to be the leader and have our turn to show the way. To play the game, it took both the leader who stepped up to lead and the participants would follow performing the various actions. Both were key roles

Our biblical scriptures tell stories of both leadership and followers and what it takes to be both. Old Testament prophets followed the leading of God, knowing full well that they would pay the price of becoming unpopular with most of the people that they would proclaim God’s word. The prophets were loyal to follow God’s calling despite their own comfort and demands that they might encounter.

We hear the stories of the men and women who left their homes when they heard Jesus say “Follow me”. Ordinary people stepped out of routine life and trusted the One who called. Each step they took to follow Jesus, they were open to learn and grow into their own leadership to continue sharing and living as Jesus showed them. to remind ourselves at this time that leadership is not given lightly nor should it be accepted without a sense of dedication to the task.

All of us have been called to be leaders when we accepted the name of “Christian”. But today, the risks are not nearly so great as they were before, at least not in the United States. It is good to remind ourselves at this time that leadership is not given lightly nor should it be accepted without a sense of dedication to the task.

Within our own community of faith, we recognize the potential for leadership that exists among young and old in age, as well as, those who those who are new to our church family and those that have been around for a while. So often we tap the leader resources of our “old” and ignore our “young”.

As we live into being “dynamic faith community”, may we recognize, identify and nurture our youth to be leaders “in prophetic, redemptive and reconciling ministries to the whole world.” © Disciples Home Mission.

God is expecting great things of us all. Those of us called to lead have the responsibility of leading. Those of us called to follow have the responsibility to “follow the leader”. But more than that, we all need to acknowledge our need to follow the leader who is Christ, who came that we might have life and have it abundantly. (Adapted from “Follow the Leader” from Youth Plan Worship by Betty Jane



Sheila was given a standing ovation for her 33 years of ministry on Sunday, September 23, 2018.

Disciple Women

Six members attended the Fall Retreat in Toccoa and had a great trip. DW members took \$500 in member donations to the retreat. These members will have the program for upcoming meeting on 29th.



Project for October is the donations for little Lucas, newborn of Rachel Moorehead and Christian Cummings. Lucas is now home from hospital and doing well!

Upcoming Project will be the annual Chili Supper and Silent Auction to be held on November 4th, Sunday at 6:00! This is our annual fundraiser to provide income for our many projects.

DW will fill 25 Christmas stockings for ACTS clients for November project.

Next meeting will be October 29th at 6:30 in fellowship hall!



"They are also filled with abundant joy, which has overflowed in rich generosity."
2 Corinthians 8:2

Blanket project total was \$650! Thank you all who donated. This will provide 65 warm blankets. Nominating committee was appointed: Rosa, Maria and Fay Beth.

ACTS

Elizabeth and Ella had a lemonade stand several weeks ago and decided to give back to their community by donating fifteen boxes of cereal and bags of personal care items to ACTS! It's important for us adults to let our children and grandchildren know that there are needs in our community!
Thank you Tyre girls



Eleven church members worked ACTS on October 2nd and served 35 families. Let's just say we have a great system worked out and it's always a joy to volunteer!

Outreach

Outreach met Sept 27- discussed budget needs for 2019 and volunteer needs for Interfaith Hospitality Network.

1) First Saturday - September, donations of about \$29 for Oconee Food for Kids. New volunteers, thank you to Marsha Burgess, Steve and Gina Hansford and Jenny Owens and the ever-present Cathy & Joan.

2) Reconciliation Offerings were \$501, our goal was \$500.

3) Interfaith Hospitality - September, we had new volunteers. Thank you to all who helped with this.

Upcoming opportunities to serve.

Last First Saturday 11/3 - who wants to help close out the year with a bang! Train will be running. Need volunteer drivers.

Coffee and Conversation

Sunday mornings is a time of sharing conversation and a cup of coffee before Sunday School starts. Eddie Cobb and Grace Gilroy get to know each other. Eddie shared with Grace the ribbon he won from a recent fall celebration parade. He is looking forward to Watkinsville Christmas parade on the first Saturday in December.



A New Baby in the Family!

Lucas Griffin Agrippa was born on September 26, 2018. This beautiful baby boy is the son of Christian Cummings and Rachel Moorehead. Lucas is the grandson of Cathy and Leroy Moorehead. Lucas is home from the NICU, Birmingham, AL. FCCW proud for this family and celebrating Lucas!



Church Calendar

Monday, October 22

2:00 pm - Bible Study

5:00 pm - TOPS

Tuesday, October 23

2:00 pm Support Group

6:00 pm Outreach Committee

Wednesday, October 24

5:45 pm - Wednesday night dinner (Irish Stew) and program

7:00 pm - Choir Practice

Sunday, October 28

8:30 am - Elders Meeting

10:00 am - Sunday School

11:00 am - Worship

12:00 pm - Diaconate Meeting

5:30 - 7:00 pm - Youth Group

Monday, October 29

2:00 pm - Bible Study

5:00 pm - TOPS

6:30 pm - Disciple Women

Wednesday, October 31

3:30 pm - "Trunk or Treat"

6:00 pm - Octoberfest Meal - Brats & Hot Dogs

Saturday, November 3

9:00 am - Wood Splitting for Chicken Mull

10:00 am - 12:00 pm - First Saturday

Sunday, November 4

8:00 am - CMF Breakfast & Meeting

10:00 am - Sunday School

11:00 am - Worship (All Saints Day)

5:30 - 7:00 pm - Youth Group

6:00 pm - DW Chili Supper/Auction

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Monday, November 5

2:00 pm - Bible Study
 5:00 pm - TOPS
 5:30 pm - Worship Committee

Tuesday, November 6

5:00 pm - Pilot Club

Wednesday, November 7

5:45 pm - Thanksgiving Dinner
 7:00 pm - Choir Practice

Thursday, November 8

6:00 pm - WWW Dinner Group

Friday, November 9

4:30 - 7:00 pm - Friends Forever

Sunday, November 11

10:00 am - Sunday School
 11:00 am - Worship
 5:30 - 7:00 pm Youth
 6:00 pm - Board Meeting

Monday, November 12

Office Closed

Tuesday, November 13

2:00 pm - Support Group
 5:00 pm - Property Meeting
 6:00 pm - Stewardship/Finance Committee

Wednesday, November 14

4:45 pm Personnel Meeting
 7:00 pm Choir Practice

Friday, November 16

Youth Lock-In (6th - 12 grades)

Sunday, November 18

8:30 am - Elders Meeting
 10:00 am - Sunday School
 11:00 am - Worship
 12:00 pm - Annual Congregational Meeting
 5:30 - 7:00 pm - Youth

Monday, November 19

School is Out

Tuesday, November 20

7:00 pm - Choir

Thursday, November 22

Thanksgiving - Office Closed

Friday, November 23

Office Closed

Sunday, November 25

10:00 am - Sunday School
 11:00 am - Worship
 5:30 - 7:00 pm - Youth

Monday, November 26

2:00 pm - Bible Study
 6:30 pm - Disciple Women

Tuesday, November 27

6:00 pm - Outreach Committee

Wednesday, November 28

7:00 pm - Choir

All Saints Day: November 4, 2018

A Word of Memory and Healing

All Saints Day is a tradition in the Christian community of acknowledging the loss of loved ones, remembering their relationship with us and releasing to God their presence from earth but not from our hearts. Although we remember all of our loved ones, we name out loud those who have died since our last All Saints Day. This year our service will include the dedication of a wooden and iron bench made by one of our youth members, Kinsey Patrick. This bench will be dedicated as a place of welcome in our gardens to the memory of Teresa Harris Guthrie. We will also include the dedication of the upstairs room that has been renovated by Property Committee. This room will be dedicated as a place of gathering and welcome and learning in our building to the memory of Mrytice Kilpatrick. Our blessings are many because of these women and others who led us and followed the calling of Christ.

Our hearts remain tender with the loss of our loved ones. Our minds are full with memory. My hope is that we will always have tender hearts, willing to love and be kind and do courageous acts that inspire us and others to be loving people. This past year has been demanding following the loss of too many of our loved ones. Individually and together, we keep going as we heal from the woundedness of loss. Each one of us are on individual journeys of grief, while at the same time connected and together in our loss. Each one of us handles the journey in our own way. And each loved one is important to our being and significant to our shaping. We look for ways to remember and to express ourselves and our love.

Some of us write about our journey. Some of us take solitary walks and reflect. Some stay busy with tasks and 'to-do' list to accomplish. Some shed tears at the most inconvenient times. Some go to the beach and hear the ocean or the river to follow the flow. Some sit in silence. Some move

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on quickly, others more slowly. Some play softball inspired by those that have gone before. Some write poetry. Some build with their hands and create new images. Some run and run and run. All of us grieve.

As your minister, I have marveled with appreciation for this journey we are on. I look for signs that healing is taking place. I hope that the wounds are not too deep nor too devastating for us. I think we have conquered the beast of anger and then it arises again. I watch for complacency when the pain seems too much. I listen for God's still small voice to comfort and guide. I pray that we move forward through to where God might lead us in ways not yet imagined. Every day holds both the chaos and the orderliness of something new being created. I look forward to next year and where we might find ourselves. But, today is the day to live and be. I share the following two photos to give comfort and to give inspiration as we live into each day connecting with each other and loving all we encounter.

The photos are from two places of memory for Teresa. The metal bench is located at UGA outside the building where she worked. The community of UGA honored her memory with a bench of welcome and a scholarship fund for investing in future leaders such as Teresa. UGA has a public express of the respect and inspiration of Teresa. FCCW will have our own bench of welcome and rest. The flowers were left on the day of the half marathon in Athens by loved ones who ran the race inspired by her memory.



The second photo is more individual and quieter in response. Lucy Hunt remembers Teresa with the initials – THG on her cleats and on her glove. She holds these two pieces of equipment near to her as she plays a game that Teresa played. Lucy grabs hold of her glove, practices with gusto and plays with passion. She is determined to play college ball. Teresa is still part of Lucy's journey of playing and becoming a young woman. I admire Lucy for acting to quietly proclaim the importance of relationship and determination to be in the present and still remember with love.



We will find additional ways to remember and to honor all of our loved ones who have passed from our presence into God's hands. Each person is important. Together, we will move forward through this hard time. I have taken comfort in the song that Willie Nelson has recently released – it goes like this:

*When you lose the one you love, you think your world has ended, you think your world will be a waste of life without them in it.
You feel there's no way to go on, Life is just a sad, sad song, but love is bigger than us all, the end is not the end at all.
It is not something you get over, but it's something you get through.
It's not ours to be taken, it's just a thing we get to do.
Life goes on and on, and when it's gone, it lives in someone new.
It's not something you get over but its something you get through.*

Financial Report August 2018

By Kathy Reising for David Conine, Treasurer

AUGUST CONTRIBUTIONS	YTD BUDGETED INCOME	YTD ACTUAL CONTRIBUTIONS
\$ 12,539	\$120,802	\$104,727

AUGUST EXPENSES	YTD BUDGETED EXPENSE	YTD ACTUAL EXPENSES
\$13,834	\$122,296	\$103,172

YTD CONTRIBUTIONS VS BUDGET	\$ (16,075)
YTD EXPENSES VS BUDGET	\$ (19,123)
YTD CONTRIBUTIONS MINUS EXPENSES	\$1,555

GENERAL FUNDS	\$ 27,667
DESIGNATED FUNDS	\$ 46,675
SAVINGS GENERAL FUNDS	\$139,312
ENDOWMENT FUNDS	\$108,408



Financial Report September 2018

By Kathy Reising for David Conine, Treasurer

SEPTEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS	YTD CONTRIBUTIONS	YTD BUDGETED CONTRIBUTIONS
\$ 11,845	\$116,572	\$138,567

SEPTEMBER EXPENSES	YTD EXPENSES	YTD BUDGETED EXPENSES
\$18,924	\$122,223	\$141,019

YTD CONTRIBUTIONS VS BUDGET	\$ (21,995)
YTD EXPENSES VS BUDGET	\$ (18,796)
YTD CONTRIBUTIONS MINUS EXPENSES	\$ (5,651)

GENERAL FUNDS	\$ 18,952
DESIGNATED FUNDS	\$ 47,252
SAVINGS GENERAL FUNDS	\$149,194
ENDOWMENT FUNDS	\$116,020



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FRIDAY 2019 SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 22 FEBRUARY 24

REGIONAL YOUTH ASSEMBLY



A DROP IN THE OCEAN

FCCW Kitchen Renovation Project

Update as of October 14, 2018

Donations from Congregation:	\$36,971.00
Memorial Funds Designated for Kitchen:	\$8,546.00
Total Available for Project:	\$45,517.00

Expenditures:

Cabinets:	\$14,483.00
Countertops:	\$3,924.00
Warming Oven:	\$1,968.00
Lights, Tile, Vent hood, misc:	\$1,592.00
6 Burner Dual Fuel Range, Grill & Stainless Table & Stainless for Backsplash	\$3,368.00
Total Expenditures to date:	\$25,335.00

Remainder of Funds:	\$20,182.00
Estimate to Complete Stove Install (Electrical & Gas Hookup)	\$750.00
Additional Lighting for Fellowship Hall	\$1,000.00
Basement Window Replacement Estimate (18)	\$7,200.00
Estimated Remainder	\$11,232.00

We would also like to thank our In-Kind Donors:

Mark Thomas – Electrical - \$5,000

Paul Foles – Tile work - \$750

James Hunter – Sheetrock - \$500

Randy Peterman-Painting - \$400

None of this would have been possible without the countless hours of labor by the property committee, the church members, both men and women, who planned, organized, packed up, tore out, demolished, rebuilt, cleaned, painted and restocked our beautiful kitchen. Thank you to all!

Any suggestions: please convey in writing, to Elaine McTyre, to forward to Property Committee.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31
A Community Connection Project of FCCW!

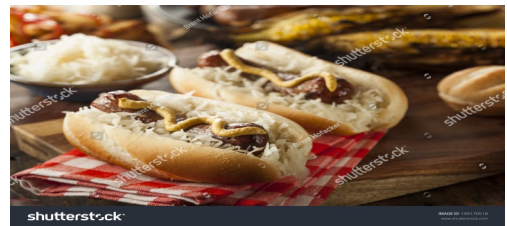
TWO FUN EVENTS FOR NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 4:00 – 7:00 pm
EVERYONE IS INVITED! BRING FRIENDS AND
FAMILY!

WEAR COSTUMES FOR FUN!
FOOD AND TREATS FOR ALL!
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH 4 North Main Street
Watkinsville

For more information: office 706-769-5966
(Tues-Thurs. 9:00-2:00)



TRUNK 'N TREAT – an annual tradition for FCCW and Watkinsville Main Street businesses - come together for our kids and families.
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM – come and ‘parade’ your creative kids through a maze of candy-filled trunks!



GERMAN DINNER – new!
6:15 – 7:30 PM – fellowship hall.
Following Trunk 'n Treat!
German sausages (hot dogs too!),
sauerkraut, pretzels/mustard,
German potato salad, baked Georgia
apples, hot cider available for all.
Bring your friends and enjoy a meal
together!

GIVE BACK OPPORTUNITY – Donate jars of peanut butter, jellies, canned tuna, canned chicken for the A.C.T.S. Food Shelf. Collection in the FCCW parking lot at the Great Pumpkin OR Fellowship Hall.

Dear Fellow WFCC Worshipers,

When the Stewardship & Finance Committee last wrote to you in the Chalice it was to announce this year's giving campaign, Growing In Grace. Now, as the annual congregational meeting approaches, we want to give you an update and assist you with information as you think about your personal giving to the church for the coming year.

The committees and other budget entities all submitted their budget requests to us in September. We are grateful for their timely responses and for the thoughtful and thorough efforts reflected in the requests. As our committee reviewed the submissions we knew our task was more than "number crunching". We viewed our mission as the first step in converting the gifts from you into actions by WFCC to do God's work in the world.

When our committee worked to develop a budget recommendation for Board approval we confronted financial restraints that required adjustments. Each of our change recommendations was an attempt to create a budget that was financially realistic and responsible while not lessening the good our church's expenditures would accomplish.

The Board received and reviewed the recommended budget and approved it at their October meeting. This budget is attached for your consideration and understanding. It will be presented for a vote at the congregational meeting on November 18. When we meet as a congregation we will describe the "before and after" regarding changes made by the Stewardship & Finance Committee. You will see that the 2019 budget amount is virtually the same as our current budget. But you will also see that additional effort and generosity will be needed if we are to meet our giving and budget goals in the future.

The budget submitters, our committee, and the Board, are presenting the product of the budget development to you, the congregation. It is now in all of our hands. May we all prayerfully consider the budget and our individual contributions as we attempt to Grow In Grace.

Respectfully,

The Stewardship & Finance Committee

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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Watkinsville

2019 Proposed Budget

Growing in Grace

	12 Months 09/17-08/18	Budget 2018	Proposed Budget 2019
ANNUAL SUPPORT/GIVING	<u>168,398</u>	<u>184,758</u>	<u>184,030</u>
ANNUAL PROGRAM, PERSONNEL & ADMIN EXPENSE			
PROGRAM MINISTRIES			
Outreach Giving & Programs	12,290	12,300	11,970
Education	3,191	2,800	3,400
Evangelism/Membership	1,967	2,075	1,195
Worship & Music	3,183	3,700	3,700
Youth	9,838	9,500	9,500
Total Program Ministries	30,468	30,375	29,765
PAYROLL & PERSONNEL	93,172	112,858	111,440
OFFICE & ADMIN	23,363	28,525	29,825
PROPERTY	9,721	11,000	11,000
CONTINGENCY	<u>295</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
ANNUAL EXPENSE BUDGET	<u>157,020</u>	<u>184,758</u>	<u>184,030</u>
ANNUAL SUPPORT LESS EXPENSE	<u>11,379</u>		
WEEKLY SUPPORT/GIVING	<u>3,238</u>	<u>3,553</u> **	<u>3,539</u>

**** Reduces Average Weekly support/giving to: 3,539**

As approved by the Board of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Watkinsville – October 15, 2018