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## RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL TO SERVE

Dear First Church family,

Fall is approaching so quickly. With Labor Day around the corner, the kickoff of the fall activities for the church is about to begin. **Two important areas needing all of our prayers are Nominations and 'Be the Church'.** These two processes are the means of invitation for each of us to faithfully serve where God has equipped and called us to serve.

I have always been intrigued with God's call of Saul on the Road to Damascus. One place we find the account of Saul's experience with God on the road is in Acts 9. **I would encourage you to read this story of conversion and call.**

Saul was traveling to Damascus with authority from the chief priest to arrest all who call themselves followers of Jesus. Saul was noted for his zeal in eliminating this 'heresy.' God had greater plans for Saul as he was to become God's messenger to the gentiles, kings, and Israelites. His conversion was completed as Ananias laid hands on Saul that healed his blindness; he was filled with the Holy Spirit and baptized. Saul became a new person even to the point of the changing of his name to Paul. With the same zeal with which Saul sought to destroy the believers in Jesus as the messiah, Paul served God by proclaiming the gospel of Jesus as the son of God.

**Each of us experiences the life changing power of God in different ways and at different times of our lives.** Just as Paul was called to a new mission when he met Jesus on the road our calling will be revealed to us by the Holy Spirit.

Beginning in early September, you will hear about our annual stewardship campaign which includes **the opportunity to respond to God's call to serve** in our many areas of ministry. I am inviting you to begin praying now, seeking God's spirit to speak to you as to where God is calling you to serve.

You may hear God direct you to continue serving where you are, or you may feel the leading of the Holy Spirit to serve in an area that is new to you. Before Saul's Damascus Road experience he would never have even considered becoming a follower of Jesus; likewise, God may guide you into an area of service which you would have never considered or pictured yourself. Just as God transformed Saul into Paul who went from arresting followers of Jesus to proclaiming the gospel of Jesus, God will provide the way for you to serve where you are called.

**You are a child of God created for a purpose to which God calls you.** Start talking with God today about your calling. When it comes time to make your commitment of service for 2012, **be confident that God will provide all that you need to serve faithfully and powerfully.**

Blessings,

*Pastor Mike*

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### Office Hours

8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday

The PIONEER Newsletter is published monthly;  
**the deadline for submission of articles is the  
15th of each month.**

The First Church website is updated  
continuously; desired updates should be  
**submitted at least one week prior to the date  
they are requested to appear** on the website.

Announcements are published weekly as  
worship bulletin inserts, and are displayed on  
the screens in the front of the Sanctuary prior to  
worship services; **the deadline for submission  
of announcements for a given Sunday is the  
preceding Tuesday.**

Newsletter, website, and/or announcement  
submissions should be emailed to:  
**[communications@firstumcnewark.org](mailto:communications@firstumcnewark.org)**  
or placed in the Office mailbox  
(just outside the Sanctuary).

When submitting website updates or announcements,  
**please indicate the dates or date range**  
for which they are to be published.  
Please include a **contact name and email address or  
phone number** with all submissions.

## Thoughts from Your Lay Leader

By Jeff Walker



As we move through summer into fall, I always anticipate the arrival of fall catalogs! We still get some, although not as many as we used to, since so much is now 'online.' In years gone by, this was the time our children would make a list of their wishes for holiday presents from the big thick catalogs. Today, I still look over the sporting goods catalogs many times trying to figure what I need for my fishing gear. This is the time to plan for those exciting events to come and figure how you were going come home with the biggest and best ever. I just got a catalog yesterday, with some great special deals for the fall season. Carol also enjoys paging through catalogs with new styles of clothing or craft ideas and supplies.

We are drawn to these catalogs from the moment we take them from the mailbox. Before long they are dog-eared and worn from use.

Well, this got me to thinking about my faith journey and what God through Christ does to grab my full attention just like those catalogs.

My attention is drawn to daily devotions, prayer time (from my prayer list and requests), listening to hear His direction, reading through the Bible in a year (which also has made me do some further background reading on the life and times of those I read about), Bible study to enlarge my knowledge and desire to know more, taking notes on the Sunday sermons, and meeting with others to discuss our concerns and successes. These steps have helped me develop a strong focus on my faith. I want my faith to be more important in my life. Daily attention to these steps has helped me greatly. Use them all if you like.

Enjoy the end of summer and the beginning of fall. Look for those gifts from Christ in the season. Make a list, and thank Him for them each day.

See you next month!



## Child of God Preschool

By Nancy Higgins, Preschool Director

### We Begin our 13<sup>th</sup> Year!

We are kicking off the 13th year of Child of God Preschool on September 6<sup>th</sup>. It is shaping up to be another great year. Look for us at Kids Fest at Gellar Park on Sunday September 18<sup>th</sup> from 1-4 pm.

Thank you so much to everyone who supported the 1998 Campaign – our first scholarship campaign! Your support has enabled several children to attend our preschool this year who would not otherwise be able to afford it. We are blessed to be a ministry of such a wonderful congregation!

### Keeping Our Kids Safe

As the Child of God Preschool students return to the classroom in early September, **everyone is reminded of the security that in place to protect the students.**

The Child of God Preschool occupies the second floor of the main church building Monday-Thursday from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Please remember **if you need to be on the second floor during the hours of operation of the preschool, you will need to have a name tag.** If you do not have a name tag you may be stopped by the preschool staff. The name tags help to identify folks who are approved to be with the children during their time in preschool. The name tags are available in the church office. **Your cooperation is appreciated!**



## Vacation Bible School was a 'Wild & Crazy' Time!

The week of August 1<sup>st</sup>, the Sanctuary and surrounding hallways and rooms transformed into 'Pandamania' as we welcomed over 87 children each night. The kids learned how 'God is Wild and Crazy' about each of them through music, games, stories, crafts, and fellowship. A HUGE thank you to the parents, grandparents, and families who brought their child(ren) each night to grow in their faith.

Our Pandamania Missions projects were well received by our Pandamania kids and their families. Throughout the week we asked them to support our very own FUMC food pantry and the Licking County Coalition for Housing. They responded by donating over 300 items of food and over 378 new and gently used children's books.

We also want to thank the parents of our 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade kids who participated in our 'Service Squad.' Over the week, we welcomed over 10 kids in this age group, who, under the leadership of Brandi Rigsby, Carey Shirin, and Megan Rader, collected items of food from a local neighborhood, volunteered at the Licking County Coalition for Housing, and helped out with numerous activities during VBS.

Please take a moment to read the 'thank you' list on the next page which includes most of if not all of the volunteers who served our Lord with their hands, feet and, most of all, their hearts!

## Coming in September!

Sunday, September 11

**Promotion Sunday & Fall Kick-Off**

Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, will be an exciting day in the life of our First Kids! We will recognize those children moving up a grade level during the Sunday School hour; have our annual Fall Fun Day; and present Bibles to those children entering the third grade. **New this year** will be the presentation of Bibles to those children ages 3-4 years old.

If you have a child who is 3-4 years old and/or one who is entering third grade, please email Anita Snow ([asnow@firstumcnewark.org](mailto:asnow@firstumcnewark.org)) or contact the church office at 349-7020 so that we can be well prepared!



## 2011 Vacation Bible School: *Pandamonia*



We are so thankful for the following volunteers and their time spent bringing children closer to Christ!

**VBS Director**  
Katie Lee

**Registration**  
Molly Campbell  
Pam Denman  
Kristy Dunbar  
Bitsi Gourley  
Karen Holland

**Sing and Play**  
Gladys Haney  
Larissa Mauller

**Dinners/Kitchen**  
Mary Bousquet  
Molly Bralley  
Bonnie Harrison  
Theresa Johnson  
Lori Love  
Jackie Montgomery  
Laurie Montgomery  
Trent Montgomery  
Aleesa Womer

**Bible Story/Drama**  
Brian Lee  
Jason Samples  
Nick Shaw

**Games**  
Austin Adams  
Mickey Gourley  
Mitch Nichols

**Crafts**  
Cara Daniels  
Megan Rader  
Kelly Thompson

**Chadder's Theatre**  
Jodi Nichols

**Rowdy Wrap Up**  
Gladys Haney  
Larissa Mauller  
Trent Montgomery  
Nick Shaw  
Anita Snow  
Kyle Snow

**Spotlight Drama/Photography**  
Kris Miller

**Nursery**  
Amanda Adams  
Sharon Adams  
Tom Carpenter  
Linda Gregg  
Beth Martin  
Barb Merriam  
Jane Williams

**Preschool**  
Lyndsay Corbett  
Wendi Corbett  
Jesse Daniels  
Linda Henry  
Elizabeth Hickman  
Natalie Hickman  
Brian Lee  
Brooke Lee  
Austin Parker  
Christy Samples  
Renee Shaw  
Melissa Shirin  
Olivia Shirin  
Lance Stachler  
Missie Stachler  
Joyce Zinsmeister

**Photography/Candid Shots**  
Eugene Haney

**Sound/Lights**  
Travis Bralley  
Mark McPeck

**Pandamonia Set Design**  
Kyle Snow

**Behind the Scenes**  
Mike Denman  
Laurel Rings

**Crew Leaders:**  
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Megan Atwell  
Mary Bousquet  
Alex Brest  
Caylisa Cannon  
Megan Kincaid  
Katie Kopp  
Sharon Koppert  
Larry Lorence  
Michelle MacDonald  
Cassie Reed  
Stacey Reed  
Brian Snow  
Chris Thompson  
Carol Walker

**Service Squad:**  
Mary Bousquet  
Megan Rader  
Brandi Rigsby  
Cary Shirin

**\*Our apologies if we have inadvertently excluded anyone who helped!**

## YOUTH NEWS!

### Sunday School Promotion Sunday – September 11

On Sunday, Sept. 11, we will be recognizing and promoting our 7th and 9th graders during the worship services, so **we hope you will plan to attend** as we recognize this next step in the faith journey of our young people. This year we will have a **combined Jr. and Sr. High Sunday school class led by Warren Adams and Gary Watson in the upper level of the youth house at 9:45am on Sundays.**

In addition we will also be offering a **new Sunday school class for our 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders.** This class will take place in the **lower level of the youth house at 9:45am on Sunday mornings and will be led by Larry Lorence and Jodi Nichols.** If you would like more information about Sunday school or would like to get involved please see Brandi or Anita.

### Going into 7th grade? Or new to the Youth Ministry?

We would like to invite you to join us on **Sunday evenings from 5:30-7:30 pm** for Youth Group. We eat dinner together (the meals are graciously provided by our volunteers and parents), play games, and do devotions all as a way of growing closer to each other and growing closer to God. Our youth group also participates in activities like concerts, campouts, 30 Hour Famine, Crop Walk, bowling, worship, community service projects and many more.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the youth ministry or would like to get involved please let Brandi know!

### CROP Walk 2011!

This year's annual Licking County CROP Walk will take place at 1 pm on Sunday, Oct. 16. The CROP (which stands for Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty) Walk not only raises money for international aid, but a portion of the proceeds are also used right here in Licking County to respond to poverty. If you are interested in getting involved please see Brandi for more information.

### Recycling = Youth Mission Trip!

That's right, by **collecting and putting your empty aluminum cans in the blue bin on the Youth House porch** you are also helping to send our youth on a mission trip each summer.

All of the pop cans that are collected from the bins on the Youth House porch are gathered up by Roger Hobson and taken to be recycled with all of the profits benefitting our annual mission trip. **So thanks for all of your support, and keep recycling!**




### September Youth Schedule ...

September 4<sup>th</sup> – no meeting (Labor Day weekend)  
September 11<sup>th</sup> – Youth Group from 5:30-7:30 pm  
September 18<sup>th</sup> – Youth Group from 5:30-7:30 pm  
September 25<sup>th</sup> – Community Block Party, 4-7 pm



# S E P T E M B E R 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
	Back To School! 	
<b>4</b> <b>One Worship Service</b> <b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Labor Day</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>6</b> 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting 9:30 a.m. Share Group 7:00 p.m. Crew 4200A Scouts 7:00 p.m. District Round Table 7:00 p.m. Mary Circle
<b>11 Promotion Sunday</b> 8:30 a.m. First Word 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Traditional 5:30 p.m. Youth Group	<b>12</b> 10:00 Candle Lighters Ex. Mtg. 5:00 p.m. Cub Scouts Pack Mtg 5:30 p.m. Share Group 6:00 p.m. Share Group 7:00 p.m. Share Group 7:00 p.m. Scouts 7:00 p.m. Visitation Team Mtg.	<b>13</b> 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting 9:30 a.m. Share Group 5:30 p.m. Den Mtgs. 6:30 p.m. Staff Parish 6:30 p.m. Emmaus Board Mtg.
<b>18</b> 8:30 a.m. First Word 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Traditional 12:00 Jaycee Parade-off site 5:30 p.m. Youth Group	<b>19</b> 5:30 p.m. Share Group 6:00 p.m. Share Group 7:00 Deborah Circle 7:00 p.m. Share Group 7:00 p.m. Scouts	<b>20</b> 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting 9:30 a.m. Share Group 9:30 a.m. Esther Circle 6:30 p.m. SLC
<b>25 Block Party 4:00 – 7:00</b> 8:30 a.m. First Word 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Traditional 5:30 p.m. Youth Group	<b>26</b> 5:30 p.m. Share Group 5:30 p.m. Den Mtgs. 6:00 p.m. Share Group 7:00 p.m. Share Group 7:00 p.m. Scouts	<b>27</b> 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting 9:30 a.m. Share Group 5:30 p.m. Den Meetings 6:00 p.m. Emmaus Gathering
		

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 7:30 a.m. Chow Share Group 11:45 a.m. Candle Lighters 5:00 p.m. COG Staff Mtg. 6:00 p.m. Emmaus Team Mtg. 6:30 p.m. Trustees 7:00 p.m. Prayer Summit	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 6:30 a.m. Share Groups 8:30 a.m. UM Men
<b>7</b> 6:00 p.m. Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Scout Sign up 7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	<b>8</b> 7:30 a.m. Chow Share Group 9:00 a.m. UMW Exec. Lunch and Program 4:30 p.m. Lay Leadership 6:00 p.m. Emmaus Team Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Prayer Summit	<b>9</b> 6:00 a.m. Licking Co. Prayer Partners Breakfast off site	<b>10</b> 6:30 a.m. Share Groups
<b>14</b> 9:00 a.m. Comfort Quilts 12:30 p.m. Kitchen in use 5:00 p.m. Community Dinner 6:00 p.m. Bible Study 7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	<b>15</b> 7:30 a.m. Chow Share Group 6:00 p.m. Emmaus Team Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Prayer Summit	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 6:30 a.m. Share Groups 8:30 a.m. UM Men
<b>21</b> 6:00 p.m. Finance 6:00 p.m. Bible Study 7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	<b>22</b> 7:30 a.m. Chow Share Group 4:30 p.m. Lay Leadership 6:00 p.m. Emmaus Team Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Prayer Summit	<b>23</b> 9:00 a.m. Church Women United Area D mtg	<b>24</b> 6:30 a.m. Share Groups
<b>28</b> 9:00 a.m. Comfort Quilts 6:00 p.m. Bible Study 6:00 p.m. EGA 7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	<b>29</b> 7:30 a.m. Chow Share Group 6:00 p.m. Emmaus Team Mtg. 7:00 p.m. Prayer Summit	<b>30</b>	
			

## CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

### Trustees say, “Thank you, Dave!”

Security has to be compared to the related concepts of safety, continuity, and reliability. All of those concepts define the First Church night lock-up employee, Dave Bibler. Dave, who resigned the night lock-up position as of August 15, has provided continuity and reliability to a daily job most may not even have known he was doing. Employed as the night lock-up employee for seven years, beginning on August 16, 2004, Dave has been a great asset to the church. He is resigning the position coincident with the sale of his home.

Living just across the parking lot has allowed him to be the “eyes” of the church noticing any issues that could be of concern and notifying the Trustees or church office. Dave has watched during snow, ice and spring storms, youth lock-in events, car shows, block parties, preschool, VBS, worship, meetings and even the occasional security alarm when he had to come face to face with police officers with guns! He has turned off lights and scorching coffee pots, noticed burned out lights, locked and closed doors, and picked up trash as he made his way through the church and across the parking lot each day. Through it all he has kept his sense of humor and common sense, and responded in a way that always reflected in a positive manner on the church and congregation.

Dave and his wife Becky will be moving soon, and the Trustees wanted to take just a moment to publicly thank Dave for his service. He has done a great job everyday – weekdays and weekends – day in and day out. It has been a great working relationship for a very small reward. But he was always a willing employee and the church truly appreciates his dedication!

### Church Purchases Home

A church conference was held on June 26<sup>th</sup> to seek purchase approval for the home of Dave and Becky Bibler at 120 N. 5th Street. The Bibler property borders the church parking lot on the north side and was offered to the church in early June.

First Church members discussed the property purchase at the church conference before voting to approve the purchase of the home. The purchase was completed on July 20<sup>th</sup>, with a purchase price of \$83,000 and the approval and review of the Capitol Area South District Property Committee. Funds to purchase the home were taken from a larger gift donated to the church from the estate of Mary Ann Casey.

The Trustees would like to thank the family and estate of Mary Ann Casey for their generous gift to First Church. The Trustees would also like to express a ‘thank you’ on behalf of the congregation to John Gard, Park National Bank, and Park Title for their assistance in completing the purchase.

At this time, a long term use for the property has not been determined. The Trustees will meet with Lead Pastor Mike Denman, staff and leadership to discuss church needs, and review the COMPASS recommendations and programming projections before making a final decision on the use of the property.



### Acolytes serving

The following acolytes served during the month of July:

Travis Bralley, Aubrey Chann, Taylor Henson, Nicholas Lee, Emily Rader, Morgan Ryan, Jillian Samples and Caleb Snow. Your leadership in worship is appreciated!

## CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS

### Harvesting Hope for Andrew: Run/Walk for PPMD

The Parlor Sunday School Class and The First Family Ministry Team invite you to help them in supporting Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy (PPMD) and Andrew Nichols by joining their team and participating in the “Harvesting Hope for Andrew” 5K Run/Walk and 1-mile ‘Fun Run’ on Saturday, October 22nd!

Please visit the team’s website:  
[www.parentprojectmd.org/hopeforandrew](http://www.parentprojectmd.org/hopeforandrew)

to register for the race and join our team, to make a donation, or to find out about corporate sponsorship. Some of us are also going to be volunteering on race day; if you are interested in helping, have questions, or would like more information, please contact Jodi Nichols ([nichols3025@roadrunner.com](mailto:nichols3025@roadrunner.com)).

### Red Cross Blood Drive Yields Results

The United Methodist Men (UMM) hosted a Blood Drive sponsored by the American Red Cross on Friday, August 12<sup>th</sup>.

The Blood Drive was successful in that there were 16 successful donors (out of 18 potential donors). As a Red Cross promotion, all potential donors during the month of August were to receive a \$10 Walmart gift card; however, thanks to a ‘challenge’ issued by the UMM, we had 17 of the gift card incentives donated to our Community Block Party and Food Pantry needs.

A special thanks to Mark Chow and John Harris for their volunteer work during the drive. For more information, please contact Gary Watson ([gwatson@firstumcnewark.org](mailto:gwatson@firstumcnewark.org)).



After a quiet summer, the United Methodist Women (UMW) are getting ready for a busy fall. Our first general meeting will be September 8<sup>th</sup>. Lunch will be served by the Elizabeth and Miriam Circles. The program is entitled “What Is In Your Basket?” Hope to see you there.

On September 29, we will be hosting Area D Church Women United (CWU), from 8:30 AM until 2:30 PM. Come spend part or all of the day. Reservations are \$10 and includes the cost of lunch. The program will include a Bible study, workshops on women and diabetes, Church World Service, and a panel discussion about ways women can be in mission. Call Kay Gutridge (644-9477) for reservations.

Baby Care Kits will also be collected for the Area D CWU meeting. You may bring entire kits or just items for the kits; or you may also contribute funds to help with the purchase of items for the kits. The kits will be distributed through Church World Service. See the UMW bulletin board in the Gathering Space for more information and a list of kit supplies. Donations of funds for the kits may be given to your Circle leaders, to our treasurer Beth Brooks, or to the church office (please note on the envelope that it is for Baby Kits).

By the time you read this, UMW will have ordered 450 pounds of chocolate, and will be preparing for our primary fundraiser. Chocolate-making sessions will be scheduled for October. Call Betty Radley with any questions (345-6354).



American  
Red Cross

# CONGREGATIONAL CONCERNS



## About our members...

### Deaths

- Barbara Emrich, August 11

### Births

- Emily Nicole Holland, August 13, to Robert Holland and Melissa DeVault; proud grandparents are Bob and Karen Holland.

## Mail Bag



Thanks for the gift card. I have lots of stuff that I need for college – it will come in handy. Thanks again!

Alex Metille

I wish to express my heartfelt thanks to my church family for their prayers, cards, visits, phone calls, flowers from the altar, Wednesday evening meals, and bringing me communion and their concern for me. These things are deeply appreciated and will always remain in my heart.

Sincerely,

Camille Terrell

[We received a 'Thank You' card from the New-Ark Area Emmaus Community's Women's Walk #46 Team, signed by the team members. Below is one of their comments.]

Thank you for being gracious hosts for our [Emmaus] walks! Lives are changed!

Dear First Church Family,

Where do I begin to share my gratitude to you for all the many ways you showed your love for Bob and me throughout our seven years!

*Our season with you in ministry will be a time I will always hold close in my heart. You helped me mature in my ministry in so many ways and I am grateful for your tenacious spirit! I am putting that maturity to good use now, and, as I've said to others, becoming a District Superintendent is a great way to 'jump start' your prayer life!*

*Thank you for your generous love offering which helped us with a down payment on a new car that already has 2,500 miles on it! Thank you, staff, for my 'Jesus window' picture which hangs on the wall in my home office reminding me of all of the wonderful folks at First Church and that Jesus still watches over me. The lovely quilt from Cathy is in our guest bedroom and I am building the color scheme of the room around the colors of the quilt! Eugene, the box you lovingly carved is in our bookcase in the family room and I've put my childhood Bible inside. From these and all of the individual expressions of love, I still feel the warmth of your friendship and will from now on.*

*I hear such wonderful things about Mike's leadership & I knew I would! You, my friends, are part of a terrific fellowship! There is nothing like visiting 126 churches (26 down-100 to go!) to give you perspective. First Church, be bold for the Lord! You have two terrific leaders as well as a great staff! Keep it going! I can't wait to visit you in the future and see all the great ways you are reaching the world with the transforming love of Jesus Christ. Bob and I thank you and I pray for First Church and its people regularly.*

In Christ,

Barb

*P.S. If you are a facebook-er, check out the CapSouth FB page: Capitol Area South District. You will be able to see lots of postings about my church visits and events in the District!*



Join us for a  
Community  
Block Party!

A chili supper & chili cook-off,  
the great music of  
the Marty Ford Experience,



and lots of fun and fellowship  
will all be a part of the free  
Community Block Party  
in the church parking lot on  
Sunday, September 25th,  
from 4-7 p.m.

Bring your family,  
neighbors and friends!

In the event of rain,  
the block party  
will be held in the  
church Social Room.



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