



# turn Wine to Water



**Saturday, April 12**  
**Bethany Hall 7 – 9 pm**  
 The yearly celebration in support of  
 Week of Compassion water projects

**Join us for  
 good wine, delicious food,  
 live music, and bring your money!**  
**We will turn our wine sharing  
 into water as we give  
 offerings to WoC for water projects  
 around the world**

**No reservation necessary.**

**If you would like childcare,  
 please email Jimmy Spear  
 with number and age(s) of  
 children.**



## **Baptism & the Fifth Sunday in Lent, Join us for Worship this Sunday, April 6**

We will celebrate the sacrament of baptism with **Will Bower, Aiden Fullington, Julia LaHue, and Elayna Mottaz** being baptized at the 10:30 worship service. The lenten theme of “orienting” and a text from John 11:1-45 will be the basis of Rev. Stagg’s sermon “Seeing Beyond the Tomb.” The Chancel Choir will present the anthem “Come to the Water.”

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**PREPARATION  
 for Resurrection**

*A sermon & worship emphasis for the season of Lent 2014*

## **What is Wine to Water?**

There are places in the world, and in the U.S., in which clean drinking water is not easily accessible. The World Outreach Department of FCC has been thinking about the connection of our church to the water needs of others. They have created a way to raise awareness and money for projects sponsored by Week of Compassion and its partner organization Church World Service. “Wine to Share, Water for All” is such a project.

In the gospel stories Jesus turned water to wine which got us thinking about how the two could be related again. If church friends got together to share the joy of fellowship over good wine and food could they be called upon to extend gifts to others in the world? We think they would.

Each year the W.O. Department sponsors a Wine to Water event in Bethany Hall. We hope the event will provide a wonderful opportunity for fellowship; bring awareness of the world wide water needs to mind; raise generous money for Week of Compassion.

Will you join us? Come for a fun evening with friends. Wine and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided. A plentiful array of delicious finger foods will be offered featuring some of FCC’s greatest cooks. Bethany Hall will be elegantly appointed and the dress is a little more upscale. It proves to be the social event for spring!

Come share in wine and food, fellowship and story. Bring your money to support a great cause. Invite friends!

This event can be a great way to acquaint new people to the mission and fellowship that is FCC.

## Bit from Brad

Trish, the kids, and I returned from a whirlwind trip back to Houston for Spring Break. We needed to see George, Trish's dad, whose health is declining. Two days down, three days there, and two days back went by too fast but well worth the energy and time. He was in good spirits, but given that our opportunities to see him are fewer and fewer, we knew we needed to take advantage. We were grateful that we could visit him.

Of course, being in Houston meant seeing other family, sitting in traffic (real traffic), and eating good Tex-Mex! (Sorry, but MO-Mex is less-Mex!) It was my first time to return to Houston in the 20 months since leaving and coming to Columbia and I found it comforting to return to the familiar. Getting back to family, roots, and even old memories jogged familiar thoughts and feelings; reconnecting me to relationships.

Next week, I leave with Jimmy and the members of our congregation traveling on the Disciples Heritage Tour to Cane Ridge, Kentucky and to Bethany College, West Virginia where our denomination and the Campbellites had their beginning. I look forward with eager anticipation to seeing for the first time with my own eyes the sites where our "brotherhood" the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) originated.

There's something about reconnecting with our roots, be they family or faith, which strengthens and fortifies one's soul. Family and denominational histories are fine, even good. But there is a connection which out lasts and out shines, even those, and that is our connection with Jesus. Sometimes traditions provide strength, other times they stymie and stagnate growth.

But Jesus, he's just different.

Jesus is the resurrection and the life, the one who rises up and sustains. This Lenten season make a point to reconnect with Jesus through prayer, Bible reading, and worship. Make communing with Jesus your highest priority – higher than vacation, religious traditions, or even family.

See you in church this Sunday!

~Blessings, Brad

## FCC Approves Slate

At the March 23, Congregational Meeting, the congregation voted unanimously and with no discussion to accept the slate of elders, deacons, youth deacons, on coming Board members, Board officers, department and ministry chairs, and a trustee as presented by the Nominating Committee. Moderator Dan Gieseke thanked the Nom. Com. Chair, Jessica Humble and her committee members. Of special note, the Chair for the Deacons remains unfilled and work continues so as to fill that position by the June 22 Congregational Meeting for approval.

## News of Our People

Congratulations to **Bob and Muriel Leach** on their 59th wedding anniversary, April 8.

**Mary Swanson** is a patient at University Hospital. **Mary Richardson** has returned to her home after an extended stay at The Bluffs. **Marjorie Ellis** has returned to her home at Lenoir's Bradford Manor after a stay at the Lenoir Healthcare Center.

Columbia College has announced that **Col. Mike Randerson** was awarded the Citizen of the Year award from the mid-Missouri chapter of the Military Officers Assoc. of America. Mike was the vice-president for adult higher education. The award recognizes an individual who has made significant military-related contributions to the community.

## Holy Week Observances

### Palm Sunday

10:30 a.m. Annual downtown church service at intersection of 9th and Broadway (10:30 a.m. Hymn Sing at FCC)

8:30 & 10:45 Worship will feature the Chancel Choir's Cantata "No Stone Left Standing"

### Maundy Thursday

7:00 p.m. - Sanctuary  
A Service of Tenebrae and Communion.

### Easter Sunday

Identical Services for 8:30 & 10:30 featuring brass and chancel choir.

Now is the time of invitation to be extended for someone to join you for these special services. Have you extended it?

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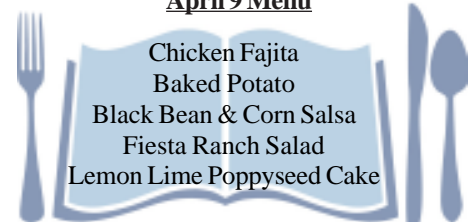
Christian Action Fellowship  
Education

Wednesday Evening  
April 9

### The Meal: 5:30-6:15 pm

A unique menu created each week by church chef, Laura Estes is served buffet style in Yonker Fellowship Hall.

#### April 9 Menu



**Cost:** Adults - \$8, Teens (ages 13 thru college) - \$5, Children (ages 5-12) - \$3, Children (under age 5) - free, Family Special Rate - \$18.

\*\*Reserve your spot in the church office or by putting "CAFÉ" on the Sunday pew pad.

### The Class: 6:15-7:30 pm

*"Avatars of Character"*  
led by Ben Nelms in Morris Parlor

### Birthdays to Celebrate



#### April 8

Bill Carney  
Chuck Scott

#### April 10

April 9  
Yvonne Clark  
David Heise

Laura Daugherty  
Erich Unterschutz

**Church Dine-Out**  
**Friday, Apr. 4, 5:30 p.m.**

Bob Evans Restaurant  
Everyone Welcome!

### April 6: JYF & CYF

JYF: 4:30-6 p.m. CYF: 6-7:30 p.m.

Future Mtgs: April 13: ChiRho & CYF

April 20: Easter - no mtgs.

April 27: Garage Sale Clean Up after worship. No evening meetings.

### CHURCH CAMP

Registration is happening now!

**DEADLINE is APRIL 14!**

Parents should have the info and forms. See Jimmy if you need more.

Also go to: [www.neolacamps.org](http://www.neolacamps.org)

**Counselors needed across the board!**

JYF (grds 3-5)

Chi-Rho (grds 6-8)

CYF (grds 9-12)

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## All-Church Garage Sale

### April 25-27

### Yonker Fellowship Hall

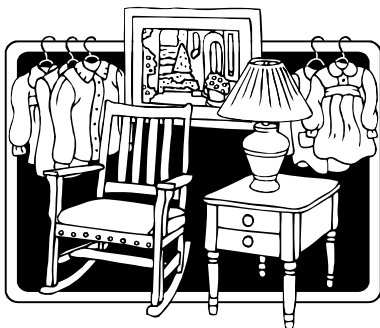
Set Up: Monday, April 21

Receiving Donations: April 21-23

Volunteer day & night hours avail.

Home pick up available only by reservation to Jimmy Spear.

Sale Supports Youth Mission Trips



### Weekly Report

March 30, 2014

Received this week \$5,428

Received to Date \$336,114

Needed to Date \$340,025

Attendance - 198

(includes early service - 42  
and visitors - 20)

## Ladies' Book Club



The Ladies' Book Club gathers at noon next Wednesday, April 9, in Bethany Hall for their discussion of The Orchardist by Amanda Coplin. Please drop in to add to our discussion or just to ask questions. On May 14 we'll gather to discuss our last pick before summer break, Louise Erdich's The Round House.

WITH  
*Gratitude*

Thank you to Coffman-Watson CWM members for preparing and/or serving the reception held on March 29 following the memorial service which celebrated the life of long-time FCC member, Jerry Guy: Susan Klockow, Susan Gray, Anne Campbell, Sally Robinson, Nancy Watson, Pam Hunsaker, Sarah Read, Moray Kiehl, and Sarah Storm.

On March 24, the Deacons took their turn at preparing and serving the evening meal at Loaves & Fishes...approximately 75 meals were served. Many, many thanks to: Paula Hoenes (Super Chef!), Kim Reardon, Sarah Storm, Drew Nichols, Chuck Scott, Elizabeth Mottaz, Janelle Patterson, Kim Leon and the Micek family (Jen, Ben, Madelyne, Laura, and Abigail) for assisting with this very important ministry!

Thank you for awarding me the 175th Scholarship for higher education. I greatly appreciate the money and the affirmation in your confidence in me. I intend to use the money for books and tuition. ~Sally Kessell

Thank you so much for the scholarship! College is going great and I love it. Thanks!!! ~Jenny McCarty

Thanks so much for the altar flowers and visits from Lorene Trickey and Sarah Storm. Your caring and support mean so much. I am recovering well and appreciate your calls and cards. Time and patience are the tests now. Thanks to all. ~Paula Kurtz

**DON'T FORGET**

## MEN'S SPRING RETREAT

APRIL 5, 2014

8 AM TO 1 PM

BETHANY HALL

### RESPONDING TO HUNGER IN OUR COMMUNITY

THE DAY WILL INCLUDE:

- ▷ BREAKFAST & DEVOTIONAL
- ▷ SERVE AT THE  
CENTRAL MISSOURI FOOD BANK
- ▷ LUNCH & FELLOWSHIP WITH MEN  
OF THE CHURCH
- ▷ COST: \$15 PER PERSON

### Disciple Men's Ministry Road Trip for Baseball

#### Royals vs Yankees Baseball Game June 7 in Kansas City

- ◆ Cost \$45 per person (includes ticket and gas money for church bus/van)
- ◆ Meal at a Kansas City BBQ (Dutch treat)
- ◆ Advanced paid reservations required **no later than May 1st**. Make check payable to First Christian Church - memo "Royals Game"

### 2014 Disciples Women Quadrennial Assembly

If any of you ladies are interested in attending this year's Quadrennial, June 26-28, in Atlanta, GA, please talk to CWF President Tommy Gay Evans as soon as possible. There are CWF funds available to help with your expenses.

# The Visitor

## First Christian Church

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### Minister Emeritus:

Dr. John J. Yonker

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## The Mission of First Christian Church: to know God and follow Jesus Christ

### Serving Schedule - Sunday, April 6

*Van Driver:* Dan Gieseke  
*Office Receptionist:* Gene Taylor  
*Church School Greeter:* Carol Hughey  
*Flower Ministry - Arranged by:* Joyce Stanley  
*Delivered by:* C.K. and Paula Hoenes

#### Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

*Worship Assts.:* Jerry and Mary Daugherty, Tom Hughey  
*Elder:* Jerry Daugherty

#### Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

*Communion Preparation:* Bud Batterson, Paula Slusher, and Jordan Barnes  
*Liturgist:* David Read  
*Elders:* Jennifer Alexander, Tom Sisson, Marsha Sisson  
*Deacons:* The Campbell Team  
*Greeters:* Ben Nelms (N. Door), Beth Nelms (S. Door)  
Russ Palmer (Atrium), Janelle Patterson (Portico)  
*Ushers:* The Mountjoy Team  
*Banner Bearers:* Elayna Mottaz and Mia Gregory  
*Candlelighters:* Max Gregory and Olivia Johnson  
*Children's Worship:* Holly Gieseke (ldr.), Tammy Arnett (hlpr.)

### This Week (April 6 - 12)

**Sun.** - Baptism Sunday, 10:30 worship service  
- JYF (grades 3-5), 4:30-6:00 p.m.  
- CYF (grades 9-12), 6:00-7:30 p.m.

**Mon.** - Disciples Historical Tour/Trip (Monday-Friday)  
- Newsletter Deadline & Church Staff Meeting, 2:00 p.m.  
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary  
- Coffman-Watson Group, 7:00 p.m., Susan Gray's home

**Tue.** - No Tuesday Morning Bible Study this week

**Wed.** - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center  
- Ladies' Book Club, noon, Bethany Hall  
- CAFÉ : dinner, 5:30 p.m., Yonker Fellowship Hall  
program, 6:15 p.m., Morris Parlor  
- DOC (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m.,  
Bethany Hall

**Thr.** - Stewardship Campaign Mtg., 6:30-  
7:30 p.m., Parlor

**Sat.** - Wine to Water Event, 7:00-9:00 p.m.,  
Bethany Hall

