



Experience Holy Week

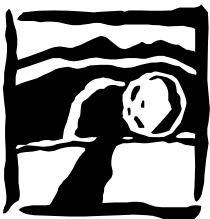
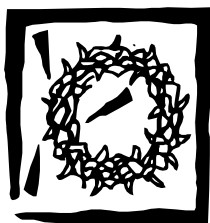
Palm Sunday Worship April 13

Join us this Palm Sunday for the triumphant joy shared in the news of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Hymns of the day: *All Glory Laud and Honor*, *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus* and *An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare*. The Chancel Choir will present the story of the passion in a unique and moving cantata entitled "No Stone Could Hold Him" by Lloyd Larson in both worship services.

If you don't join the Ecumenical Blessing of Palms downtown (see below) join us in the Sanctuary at 10:30 for a hymn sing prior to a late start of worship.

Ecumenical Blessing of the Palms: Downtown!

Members of our congregation are invited to join the other downtown congregations in the Ecumenical Blessing of the Palms Service on Palm Sunday morning. We will gather in the Narthex to get orders of worship and palm branches at 10:15 and then process together out through the Bell Tower entrance, west on Walnut and down 9th street to Broadway for the 10:30 service. Bring a friend and join us for this event which witnesses to the unity in Christ shared with our brothers and sisters in other churches!



Maundy Thursday Worship, 7 p.m. Communion & Tennebrae

Join us in the Sanctuary Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. for a worship service focused on Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples and the events that followed. A series of scriptures, hymns, special music, the extinguishing of lights and communion will help us journey through the stories that tell of the end of Jesus' life. Childcare for infants - pre-school will be provided in the nursery.

Easter Sunday Worship April 20

Come celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at one of our two services at either 8:30am or 10:30am. Both services will feature music by the Chancel Choir and all our hymns will be accompanied by a brass quartet.

Children are encouraged to stay through worship as there will be no Children's Worship that morning, though nursery childcare will be made available.

*Note: There will not be children's or youth Sunday School.

Baptism Waters Flowed!

The 2014 Baptism and Discipleship Class concluded with the first of two days of Baptism. William Bower, Aiden Fullington, Julia LaHue, and Elayna Mottaz were baptized at the 10:30 worship service April 6. It was a joyous day for the church family and welcomed many family members of those baptized.

A second day of baptism is scheduled for May when we will invite Madeline Marrero and Audrey Snyder into the water.

Adult faith mentors included Barb Rothenberger (Aiden's grandmother), Jennifer Gwinner, Pat Wright, and Colleen Nilges.



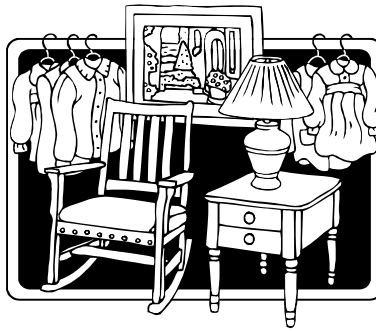
FCC Scholarships Call for Applications

Pursuing a degree in higher education? Now is the time to apply for FCC scholarships. First Christian Church has a long history of supporting higher education. Each year we offer a number of scholarships to graduating high school seniors and individuals already in degree programs. Preference is given to active members and based upon each scholarship's criteria. More detailed information and applications are available in the church office, or by emailing the office staff.

Application materials are due May 4.

Available scholarships include:

- 175th Anniversary Scholarship—graduating high school seniors or undergraduate college students in any major field of study.
- The Tommy L. Kubach Scholarship—those planning to enter the field of social work or nursing.
- The Anne and Jim Linn Jr. Scholarship—members of First Christian Church.
- The Norma Miller / Drennan Singers Music Scholarship—for those pursuing a degree in music (education or performance), including those in graduate school as well as undergraduate.
- The Raymond E. and Helen I. Miller Scholarship—graduating high school seniors or freshman/sophomore in college.
- The Vera M. Purdy and H. Glenn Purdy Scholarship—those planning to enter social services or education.
- The John Ridgeway Scholarship—members of first Christian Church.
- The Marvin Shamberger Education Scholarship—those planning to enter education, either in teaching or administration.
- The Mildred Ray Shrou Memorial Scholarship—those studying education, with a preference given to students seeking teacher certification in social studies or U.S. history.
- The Larry Brooker Memorial Ministry Scholarship—for seminary students preparing for careers in ministry in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). For members of FCC or other Christian Church (DOC) in the NE Area or Region of Mid-America.



Sale Times:

Friday - 3-6pm
Sat. - 8am-12pm
Sun. - 8am-1pm

Sale Volunteers:

Welcome at any of the above times, sign up in the Narthex this Sunday or see Jimmy Spear

**The Garage Sale fully funds all summer youth mission trips. This sale is a serving opportunity for the whole church family.*

All-Church Garage Sale

April 25-27

Yonker Fellowship Hall

Volunteers Needed:

Table set up: Sun. April 20, 7 p.m.

Drop off donations:

Sunday night 7-9 p.m.

Youth will unload cars

or any other time we are open

Mon. - Wed.

Monday - Thursday:

Day Workers 8-5 p.m.

Evening Workers 6-8 p.m.

Wednesday Night:

After CAFE 6-10 p.m.

All Home Pick Ups: Mon-Wed by reservation to Jimmy Spear

STARS Reservations

STARS is the 55+ Fellowship Group of First Christian Church

Upcoming: Reserve NOW!
Daniel O'Donnell Concert in Branson

Friday-Saturday, Nov. 14-15
Overnight Trip. RSVP and musical ticket payment of \$52 by May 1. Do so now in the church office or Carol Slusher. Rooms to be reserved later.

May 22: Clydesdales & Food

Tour of Clydesdales at the Warm Springs Farm in Boonville, Fayette for lunch, Glasgow for pie and home.

Reserve and pay for your spot (\$15) by May 1. Do so in the church office or to Carol Slusher.

Weekly Report

April 6, 2014

Received this week \$11,259

Received to Date \$347,373

Needed to Date \$351,855

Attendance - 233

(includes early service - 46

and visitors - 20)



Happy Birthday!

April 14

James Spear

April 17

Joshua Humble

April 15

Kate Volmert

Deborah Scott

April 16

Brock Mottaz

Emily Scott

April 18

Betty Montgomery

Disciple Men's Fellowship Packs 980

Bit from Brad



Last Saturday twelve Disciple Men gathered in retreat to worship, serve and enjoy fellowship with each other. Brad Stagg led the group in a brief bible study about serving those who are poor. Then the group went to the Central Missouri Food Bank where they packed 980 pounds of frozen onions into small bags (see above – Brad Stagg, Fred Mottaz, Jerry Miller, Dan Gieseke, and Hartley Rogers)

12 Disciple men gathered last Saturday for our first Service Retreat. In addition to a wonderful breakfast prepared by Kim & Hartley Rogers and lunch by Laura Estes, the majority of our time was spent volunteering at the Missouri Food Bank. We packaged 980 pounds of frozen, chopped, grilled onions which will be distributed to deserving families and/or deserving families which will use the onions to supplement soups, stews, or any other dish needing grilled onions.

We learned that the MO Food Bank, through their network of corporate connections, volunteer labor, and other resources can turn \$1 into twelve meals. Talk about making a dollar stretch! Fred Mottaz, our Church Business Manager who also attended the retreat, looked up FCC's giving to the MO Food Bank; Fred reported that since 2004 FCC has given \$35,007 to the Food Bank – that translates into 437,500 meals over the last decade!

On average, FCC gave \$3,500 per year over the last decade. If we increased our giving to the Missouri Food Bank from \$3,500 to \$8,500, just \$5,000 per year from the entire congregation, we could provide one million meals in the decade to come. That sounds like a mission challenge worth striving for to me!

Special thanks go to Larry Veatch and Hartley Rogers for all of their planning and preparation for such a successful retreat. Thank you, gentlemen!

Bluegrass Gospel Service

The Millersburg Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will hold their first ever Holy Saturday Bluegrass Gospel Worship Service featuring the Sunny Side Band, Saturday, April 19th beginning at 5:00 p.m. Come and hear the Word on the 3rd Saturday night of every other month.

Childcare is provided. Refreshments and fellowship will follow the worship service. The church is located at 4527 State Road J, Fulton, MO at the junction of Routes F and J. For more information, please contact Rev. Barbara Gulick at 573-353-9210.

The next Disciples' Men Ministry sponsored event is a trip to Kansas City to watch the Royals take on the NY Yankees. This event is open to anyone – men, women, & children – who would like to join the Men's Group on this excursion. Details are in this issue of *The Visitor*. FYI: a trip to St. Louis to watch the Cardinals in September is in the works. So, don't worry Card fans!

I write this article from a hotel room in Lexington, KY as Jimmy and I are on a five-day/four night Disciples Heritage Tour. Today we'll see the place where Alexander Campbell and Barton Stone shook hands and thus joining together the Christians and the Disciples to form the brotherhood that is now the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) denomination. We'll also travel to Cane Ridge, Barton Stone's congregation, which was the location for the Cane Ridge Revival where it is estimated that between 10,000 and 30,000 Christians from various denominations set aside their creedal differences and were united by the Holy Spirit for worship and communion.

I'm sure I'll have more to report on our return; in the meantime, love God and one another!
~Blessings, Brad

News of Our People

Congratulations to **Jacob Walsh** on his Covenant of Minister Installation to be held April 12th at Community Christian Church (DoC) in Aledo, TX. We remember Jacob as an intern and member of our church.

Donna Houston is home recovering faster than anticipated from her knee replacement surgery. **Mary Swanson** is no longer in the hospital, but is recovering at The Neighborhood from pneumonia.



VBS

July 7 - 11

(Monday-Friday)

2014

***note the change in
days of the week from the past**

A ROAD TRIP

for all interested

Sponsored by Men's Ministry



**Royals vs Yankees
June 7, 2014 (evening)**

**\$45.00 per person
Includes ticket and gas
money for church bus
We will stop at a KC BBQ
to eat (dutch treat)**

**Reservations must be made by
sending a check to**

First Christian Church by May 1st



All Church Potluck

Sunday, May 4 - Noon

Potluck Lunch - Heifer International Tables
All Church Department Fair

Put it on the calendar - more information
will come next week!



Thank you to everyone for
your cards and prayers dur-
ing Russ's recovery. We are
very blessed to have such
wonderful friends. Thank you again,
~Russ, Linda, Ashley & Lindsey Chandler

The Guy family would like to thank all the
church friends for the many cards, expres-
sions of sympathy, flowers, food and dona-
tions to the church in Jerry's memory. Our
church family remains a constant source of
strength.
~The Guy Family

CAFÉ

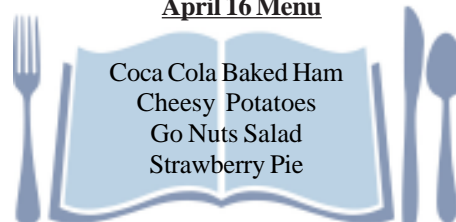
Christian Action Fellowship
Education

**Wednesday Evening
April 16**

The Meal: 5:30-6:15 pm

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

April 16 Menu



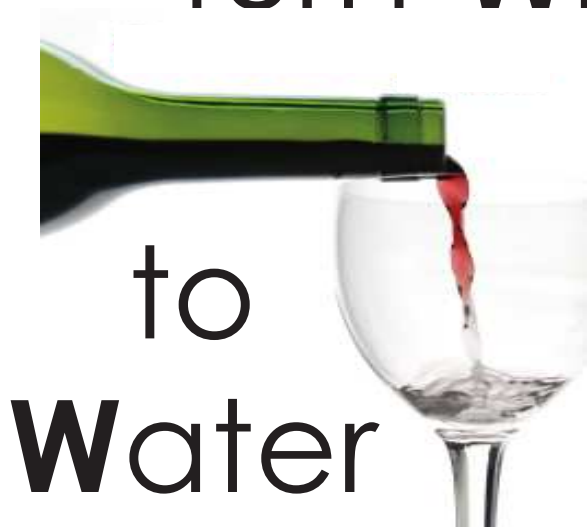
Cost: Adults - \$8, Teens (ages 13 thru
college) - \$5, Children (ages 5-12) - \$3,
Children (under age 5) - free, Family Spe-
cial Rate - \$18.

**Reserve your spot in the church of-
fice or by putting "CAFÉ" on the Sun-
day pew pad.

The Class: 6:15-7:30 pm

"Avatars of Character"
led by Ben Nelms in Keystone Room

turn Wine



to Water

**Saturday
April 12**

**Bethany Hall
7 - 9 pm**

The yearly celebration in support of
Week of Compassion water projects. Bring a friend!
Come ready to eat, drink, share in fellowship and donate!
Wine, other beverages, great food await!

April 13: Chi-Rho & CYF

Children's Choir: 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Chi-Rho: 4:30-6 p.m. CYF: 6-7:30 p.m.
Future: April 20, Easter - no mtgs.
April 27: Garage Sale Clean Up
after worship. No evening meetings.

CHURCH CAMP

Register Now!

DEADLINE is APRIL 14!

Forms found at: 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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The Visitor

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

Serving Schedule - Sunday, April 13

Van Driver: Carol Slusher
Office Receptionist: Sue Wright
Church School Greeter: Colleen Nilges
Flower Ministry - Arranged by: Ruth Ann Martin
Delivered by: Cindy and Doug Smith

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts.: Tommy Gay Evans, Carol Hughey, and
Cherry Hinderberger
Elder: Charlie Koelling

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Dan, Holly and Drew Gieseke
Liturgist: Joe Reardon
Elders: Debbie Batterson, Brenda Martin, Hayley Batterson
Deacons: The Creasy Team
Greeters: Gerald Ramsey (*N. Door*), Susan Ramsey (*S. Door*)
Pat Ritchie (*Atrium*), Carol Slusher (*Portico*)
Ushers: The Burnam Team
Banner Bearers: Max Gregory and Julia LaHue
Candlelighters: Mia Gregory and Andrew Stormer
Children's Worship: Julie Nichols (*ldr.*), Ruth Ann Martin (*hlpr.*)

This Week (April 13 - 19)

- Sun.** - Palm Sunday (see details on front page)
- Children's Choir, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
- Chi-Rho (grades 6-8), 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- CYF (grades 9-12), 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- Mon.** - Administrative Dept. Mtg., 9:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Newsletter Deadline & Church Staff Meeting, 2:00 p.m.
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- Drennan Singer Rehearsal, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- Financial Task Force Mtg., 6:30-8:00 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Tue.** - Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Parlor
- Wed.** - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- Shawl Ministry, 10:00 a.m., Bethany Hall
- CWM/CWF Board mtg., 4:30-5:30 p.m., Morris Parlor
- 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.** - Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

