



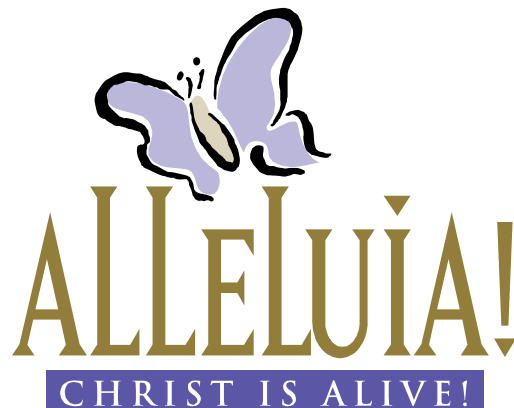
THE VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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Maundy Thursday Worship, April 17, 7 pm Communion & Tenebrae

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 8:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. Both services will feature music by the Chancel Choir and all our hymns will be accompanied by a brass quartet. Hymns of the day include the triumphant processional *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today*, *Christ Arose*, and *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*. Rev. Brad Stagg will bring the message "Raised and Not Afraid" based upon the gospel reading Matthew 28:1-10. Children are encouraged to stay through worship as there will be no Children's Worship that morning, though nursery childcare will be made available.

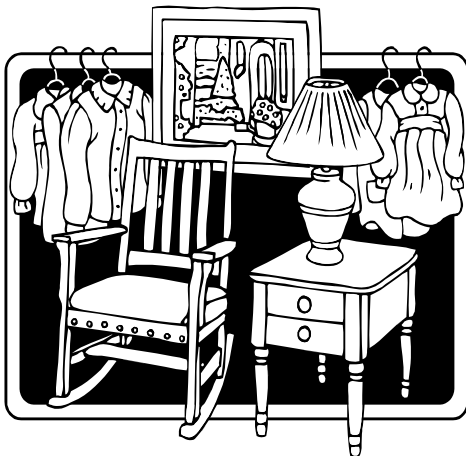
**Note: There will not be children's or youth Sunday School on Easter.

All-Church Garage Sale April 25 - 27 Yonker Fellowship Hall

Sale Times:

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

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



Set Up Volunteers:

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:

During & after CAFÉ 6-10 p.m.

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

Sale Volunteers:

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

Bit from Brad

This is the holiest of weeks in the Christian faith. From Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday, the whole church of God gathers to pray, sing, reflect, and celebrate upon the passion and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. To receive the most from this time, I recommend several things.

First, come to our Holy Week Services. First, we have our 7pm Maundy Thursday Service which will remember our Lord's Last Supper as well as his crucifixion. The word "Maundy" comes from Latin meaning "mandate," since Jesus commanded his followers to remember him through the bread and cup. The second half of the service will focus on Jesus' final words on the cross and we depart in silence. The second service is our 8:30 & 10:30 Easter Sunday Services. With the brass combo, we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord; a joyous celebration!

Second, I highly recommend that you make time to read the last three chapters of Matthew; chapters 26, 27, 28. I just finished reading them with the Tuesday Bible Study group and hearing them again, brings us back to the power of passion and glory of the gospel in Jesus Christ. There is simply no substitute for slowly reading and meditating on this amazing passage. For bonus material, read Psalm 22 and consider how Jesus quoted Ps. 22:1 upon the cross, as he alluded to his death as the fulfillment of King David's prophecy.

And, third, pray! Pray each day; pray silently; pray with your family; pray aloud; pray in worship! Make time each day of Holy Week to pray to God, asking the Holy Spirit what it is that you need to hear this Holy Week. Ask: "God, what would you have me know or do for you this week?" And then, listen.

May this Holy Week be your deepest yet!
Amen! ~Blessings, Brad

Ladies' Book Club

The Ladies' Book Club concludes its 9th year on May 14 at noon in Bethany Hall by discussing *The Round House* by Louise Erdrich. Please consider joining the discussion of this National Book Award Winner.



All Church Potluck

Sunday, May 4 - Noon

Featuring: Potluck Lunch on Heifer International Tables & All Church Department Fair

Plan to bring a dish to share in one of the following categories: 1) Entree, 2) Side dish, 3) Salad, 4) Dessert. Rolls, bread and beverages will be provided along with tableware.

A Membership Dept. member will be in Yonker Hall to receive dishes from 8:00 a.m. on.

Vacation Bible School

July 7 - 11 (Mon.-Fri.)

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

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 \$54 by May 1. Do so now in the church office or Carol Slusher. Rooms to be reserved later.

May 22: Clydesdales & Food

Trip is now full.
If you reserved please pay for your spot (\$15) by May 1. Do so in the church office or to Carol Slusher.



Well, if one has to turn 40, doing so among friends at First Christian is the way to go. I was absolutely surprised with the birthday celebration at the conclusion of the *Wine to Water* event Saturday night. You got me! In the past few days I have been most humbled by your greetings and well wishes. The many cards hit all the "h's" — homemade, heartfelt, harassing, hilarious, not to mention car themed! I hope you know how much the whole thing means to me. And remember, if a guest asks "How old is your associate minister?" — "36" is still okay to say. ☺

Graciously, Jimmy Spear

Weekly Report

April 13, 2014

Received this week \$6,629
Received to Date \$354,002
Needed to Date \$363,685
Attendance - 247
(includes early service - 56
and visitors - 16)

April 21
Elizabeth Flanders
Kristin McFarland

April 22
Bobbi McCormack
Annie Stagg

April 23
Joshua Garton
Abby Holman
Ron Longaker

April 25
Betty Moon
Millard Thomas





Wine Was Turned Into Water

It was the social event of early spring as over 100 members and friends of First Christian gathered in Bethany Hall to share in a celebration of water. The celebration came in the

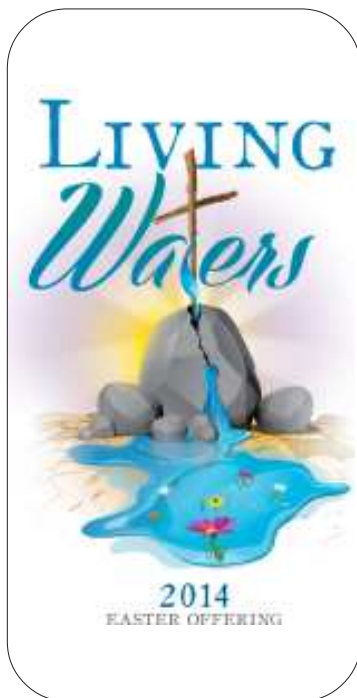
chance to share good wine with one another. The celebration came in the delicious food that sparked taste buds. The celebration came in the cause of Week of Compassion. The celebration came in gathering a wide variety of people at the event – aged from 21 to 91, single, married, 8:30/10:30 crowds, long time, newer, guests. The celebration came with the **\$2,500** raised for water projects throughout the world. With this amount being twice as much as last year the celebration came with an outpouring of compassion for those who long for and deserve access to clean water.

The fair trade store was refreshed and open for business and Bethany Hall was rearranged especially for the comfort of a large crowd. Childcare was provided for 15 children so parents could easily have a night out with friends.

We offer thanks to the World Outreach Department for their creative leadership and preparation for this event. The department includes: *Erin Bower, Sally Robinson, Pam Hunsaker, Cindy Rose, Kim Rogers, Tommy Tomlin, Dave Nichols*, chairperson. They offer thanks to *Jeff and Amy LaHue* for the wine offering; the Bethany Hall furniture moving team of *Jesse & Jordan Barnes, Ryan Hunsaker, Drew Nichols; Rob Martin* for perfect music; the hand selected amazing cooks; *Heather Hunsaker* for volunteering to partner with the childcare staff.



Until we uncork next year, thank you church for leading the way in a sharing of wine that with compassion turned to water.



FCC Scholarships Apply Now

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.**

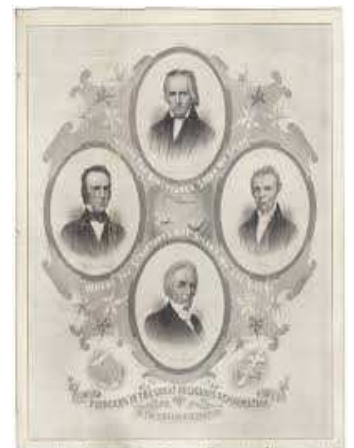


Disciples Heritage Tour

Alexander Campbell and Barton Stone, Disciples from West Virginia and Christians from Kentucky - 26 members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) from Missouri endeavored to find the story of our people and church heritage April 7-11, 2014.

The clergy and members from First Christian Church in Columbia joined forces with clergy and members of Community Christian Church in Manchester, MO for a five day-sixteen hundred mile tour of denominational heritage. The pictures on the reverse of this page show some highlights of the places and folks. In Kentucky: historic Central Christian Church, Lexington KY, The Cane Ridge Meeting House (Barton W. Stone's log church) in Bourbon County, Kentucky. In Bethany, West Virginia: Bethany College, The Old Meeting House, Historic Bethany-home of Alexander Campbell, and Memorial Christian Church. In Indiana: Disciples Center - the national offices of The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) where church leaders from across the spectrum of national ministry spoke to the group. We also found other churches along the way including First Christian Church in Wheeling, WV, Paris, KY, and Frankfort, KY.

The story of Christian unity, communion, believer's baptism, the freedom of Christian thought and discourse were so evident in the history uncovered. The group also found just joy in making the journey with new disciple friends from St. Louis (including Mary Rogers Gordon) and within the group from Columbia. It was a great trip! Tommy Gay Evans, Colleen Nilges, Genie Rogers, Barb Rothenberger, Carol Slusher, Jimmy Spear, Brad Stagg, Opal Stites, and Sarah & Marion Storm – will love to tell the story. Ask them!



Disciples Heritage Tour 2014



Central CC, Lexington (above), God's Acre, Bethany (below)



Cane Ridge Meeting House, Kentucky



Alexander Campbell Mansion & Study

Bethany College



A toast to being almost home!



Old Meeting House, Bethany



News of Our People

In our prayers of the week we include the following friends concerns for health: **Lois Ross** is under hospice care at Colony Point. **Mary Richardson** is at home after being in the hospital. **Mary Swanson** remains in The Neighborhood for pneumonia. **Barb Rothenberger** took a tumble requiring stitches while on our Disciples Heritage Tour. **Ron Longaker** has returned home after kidney stone surgery.

Sympathy goes to the family of **Marjorie Ellis** who died Thursday, April 10; services pending.

Sympathy goes to **Holly Wheatley** and her family for the loss of her grandmother, Wilma Berry who died April 10; services were Monday, April 14.

Sympathy to our General Church Staff member for Church Foundation, **Kirby Gould**, whose first cousin and grandson were two of the victims killed by the gunman at the synagogue in Kansas City this past week.

Birthday blessings to **Rev. Jimmy Spear** on his 40th birthday, Monday, April 14.

The annual **Ecumenical Blessing of the Palms** took place at 9th & Broadway this past Sunday, including 1st Presbyterian, 2nd Missionary Baptist, Missouri UMC, 1st Baptist, Calvary Episcopal, and FCC.

A big thanks goes to our **Chancel Choir**, our Choir Director **Adriene Price**, and our Music Coordinator and Organist **Mary Bancroft** on delivering such an outstanding Easter Cantata this past Sunday! The music was glorious!

The CYF Youth Group has announced their plans for the summer mission trip, June 21-28. They will be headed to serve on the eastern shore of Virginia at Onacock.



A big thank you to my church family for your support after my knee surgery. Visits by Brad with a lovely prayer shawl, Fred with altar flowers, numerous cards and calls have lifted my spirits and made me work harder so I can see you on Easter.
~Donna Houston

Men's Baseball 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



Thank you so much to our church family for all your prayers, calls, and cards during Ron's recent hospital stay for kidney stone removal.

Thanks to Lorene for sitting with me during the long surgery, bringing me magazines to pass the time, popping in to check on us after the surgery, and bringing Ron Tommy Ross's beautiful shawl from the Shawl Ministry. He loved snuggling in it after surgery and now at home.

Thank you to Doug and Cindy Smith for bringing beautiful flowers to cheer up the hospital room and continue to brighten our home now. Thanks to Jimmy for his phone calls of encouragement and thanks to Brad and Luke for their welcome visit and support. We just can't express how much it meant and continues to mean to be loved and cared about by such wonderful friends....friends who have become family. Blessings on you all.
~Ron and Judy Longaker

CAFÉ

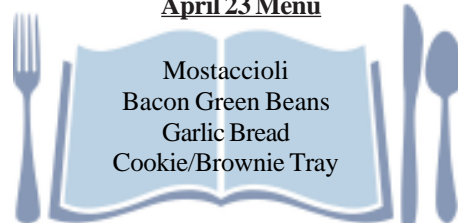
Christian Action Fellowship
Education

Wednesday Evening
April 23

The Meal: 5:30-6:15 pm

A unique menu created each week by church chef, Laura Estes is served buffet style tonight in **Morris Parlor**.

April 23 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.

6:15-7:30 pm:

Service Project Night! Work the Garage Sale: come help with sorting and pricing. Jobs for all ages/abilities.

April 20: Easter - No Reg. Mtgs.

Set up of GSale tables 7:00 p.m.

April 27: Garage Sale

All Chi-Rho & CYF Youth and Parents: Garage Sale Clean Up after worship: boxing & clearing out of extra items, taking down of tables, cleaning hall. Lunch Served. No evening meetings.

Church Camp

If you haven't signed up the early deadline is passed, however you can still register -- 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 Mission of First Christian Church: to know God and follow Jesus Christ

Serving Schedule - Sunday, April 20

Van Driver: Kim Leon

Office Receptionist: Carole Harris-Randerson
Church School Greeters: Jerry and Kathy Miller
Flower Ministry - Easter Lily Sunday
Delivered by: Jerry and Mary Daugherty

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Tom Hughey and Eric Seaman
Liturgist: Jessica Humble
Elders: Will Houston and Mary Daugherty
Deacons: The Nichols Team
Greeters: Bob Hutton (*N. Door*), Linda Hutton (*S. Door*)
Brice Moeller (*Atrium*), Mary Moeller (*Portico*)
Ushers: The Scott and Rose Teams
Banner Bearers: Emma Hawkins and Ava Hoenes
Candlelighters: Joseph McCormack and Liam Rose

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Bob and Linda Hutton, David Heise
Liturgist: Monica Palmer
Elders: Brenda Mosby, Roy Rogers, Don Mosby
Deacons: The Campbell Team
Greeters: Ann Rogers (*N. Door*), Genie Rogers (*S. Door*)
Deb Batterson (*Atrium*), Bud Batterson (*Portico*)
Ushers: The Scott and Rose Teams
Banner Bearers: Will Bower and Elayna Mottaz
Candlelighters: Kameron Freed and Luke Stagg

This Week (April 20 - 26)

- Sun.** - Easter Sunday
- Easter Brunch for Choir,
8:30-9:30 a.m., Yonker Hall
- Garage Sale Setup, 7:00 p.m.
- Mon.** - 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
- Garage Sale Setup
- Tue.** - Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Parlor
- Drennan Group Meeting, 12:00 noon, Morris Parlor
- Garage Sale Setup
- Wed.** - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- Brummett-Harrah Group, 1:30 p.m., Donna Houston's home
- CAFÉ: dinner, 5:30 p.m.
program, 6:15 p.m., Garage Sale Setup
- DOC (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Fri** - Garage Sale, 3:00-6:00 p.m., Yonker Fellowship Hall
- Sat.** - Garage Sale, 8:00-12:00, Yonker Fellowship Hall
(and Sunday 8:00-1:00)

