



THE VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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Worship Sunday, Aug. 31 All Church Picnic!

This Sunday is the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost and our worship is based upon Exodus 3:1-15. Rev. Stagg's sermon series on Exodus continues with this week's sermon, "Holy Ground," as Moses encounters God in the burning bush at Mt. Horeb. Also, our Administrative Board officers and newest members will be commissioned at the 10:30 service. Jordan Barnes will offer the Children's Message. Join us at the 8:30 service when Dave Gaffney will sing *It Is Well With My Soul*.

Fun and fellowship were enjoyed by all who attended FCC's annual church picnic. With much gratitude, we thank Natalie & Richard Barnard for their dedicated leadership and all who supported Natalie & Richard on such a successful gathering!



Farm grown tomatoes in memory of Tommy Crane.
Rest in Peace.
We love and miss you!!

Worship Sunday, Sept. 07

On the 13th Sunday after Pentecost, the Exodus sermon series continues. Our Scriptures for that day are Romans 13:8-10 and Exodus 12:1-14; Rev. Stagg's sermon is entitled "Passover" as we recall the original Passover in Egypt.



Fall Start Ups

Sunday School.....Sept. 7
9:30 a.m.

Youth Groups.....Sept. 7
JYF and Chi-Rho, 4:30-6:00 p.m.
on alternating weeks
CYF, 6:00-7:30

Prayer Requests

The Elders are working on updating our Prayer Ministry procedures and policies. Requests for prayer can be emailed to fccpastoralcare@gmail.com or called into the church office (449-7265).

Many Thanks!

Richard and Natalie Barnard appreciate the help with setting up, cleaning up, and grilling from Steve & Jessica Humble, Eric Arnett, Dan Gieseke, Susan Klockow, Jeff Wheeland, the Micek family, Tom & Susan Gray, Chris & Jay Creasy and Curt Snow.



Bit from Brad

At last week's All Church Picnic, we had a gaggle of kids down on the dock fishing. Some kids knew how to bait a hook, many did not. Some were willing to touch and hold a worm, some were not. What was fun to watch was how each one pitched in to help! Those willing to handle worms would dig through the worm carton and find a nice juicy night-crawler; then that kid would pass the worm to a kid comfortable hooking it on to a hook; in turn they would hand the rod and reel to a kid who only felt comfortable fishing. And for many of those kids it was their first time to wet a hook. Mostly our bait turned into snacks for the minnows; and turtles and more than a few riggings got snagged and lost at the bottom of Twin Lakes.

But far and away the best moment was when little Olivia Johnson hooked her first fish... ever! After several minutes of struggling with the rod and reel, Olivia landed the only catch of the day... a four-inch bluegill. Oh my, you would have thought Olivia had just won the Bass Master Championship! The kids clapped and shrieked; Olivia's grin stretched from Kansas City to St. Louis; her mom, Vicki captured the moment with the camera as Olivia proudly held up her catch! After removing the hook, I laid the bluegill in the palm of Olivia's hand, she felt that fish quietly lie peacefully in her hand and then with a smile released it back into the lake. What a moment!

Is it any wonder that sharing the gospel is often equated with fishing? A team works together using their strengths for a common purpose; one person "hooks" another with the love and grace of Jesus Christ; joy and delight are shared by all; and then we are released to share the good news with others. I hope all your fishing endeavors are as fruitful and joyous as our fishing was last Sunday!

Jesus said, "*There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine persons who need no repentance.*" (Luke 15:7) Happy fishing!

~Blessings, Brad

Events for the STARS

We have sign up sheets in the office. You can save a spot by calling the church office (449-7265). If there is a pre-registration fee needed for an activity, payment is due at the time of registration.

Sept. 18, Thurs. - Hallsville Outing
Leave church parking lot at 9:40 a.m. return by 3 p.m.

10:00 a.m. - Tour home of artist George Morgenthaler. This is the oldest home in Hallsville and has many of the artist's paintings and belongings.

11:30 a.m. - Lunch at Poppy's Cafe in Hallsville.

1:00 p.m. - Tour Around the World Trade and Gift Shop in Hallsville.

Cost \$5 for travel, lunch on your own and maybe small cost for the house tour (not yet negotiated).

Sign up by Sept. 14.

(The trip to St. Louis has been rescheduled for February.)

Oct. 23, Thurs. - Trip to the Kevin Crane Farm, Lunch and visit along the way with Amish. Departure time 9:30 a.m., Travel \$5.

*STARS is the 55+ Fellowship Group of
First Christian Church*

Thank You!

Charlie and I send a belated but sincere THANKS to our Church friends and especially to Lorene Trickey for delivering the flowers that had graced the sanctuary celebrating our 68th wedding anniversary. We missed attending that Sunday as it was also the month of the weddings of each of our two children and their spouses. They, along with various grandchildren and GREAT grandchildren were with us and the house has been bulging at the seams. HOW WONDERFUL to have almost all our family with us and to know that our Church family was celebrating with us in absentia. How fortunate we are to have such a great family that includes our Church.

~Bettie Koelling

News of Our People

Tom & Susan Gray celebrate their 53rd wedding anniversary and **Perry & Helen Stemmons** celebrate their 62nd, both on September 7. Congratulations!

Bill Niedergerke is at The Bluffs under hospice care.

Dorothy Allen is recovering from a stroke at Boone Hospital.

Shirley Park is also recovering from a stroke at Boone Hospital.

Our sympathy goes out to those who lost family and friends this past week, including:

· Jill Krouse, the niece of **Tom & Susan Gray**

· Glenn Frazier, the father of **Glenda Clark** and grandfather of **Hayley Batterson**

· Michael Tufts, former student of **Nancy Watson** and close friend of our childcare worker, Charise Garrett.

Rev. Jimmy Spear continues his Sabbatical.

Weekly schedule for
The Visitor
resumes week of
September 8th

Listen In...
Radio Spots M-W-F

KFRU-1400 AM @ 6:55 am
KBXR-102.3 FM @ 7:20 am



My recent medical issues and hospital stay remind me again of how thoughtful and caring is the congregation of First Christian Church. I appreciated so much Brad's hospital visits; the flowers delivered by Sarah Storm which had been arranged by Tom and Susan Gray; the food and the many cards which have brightened my days at home. What a treasure our church is! ~Moray Kiehl

LABOR Day

The church office will be closed on September 1st

**Church Building Tours
with Rev. Stagg
Sunday Morning
Aug. 31, 9:30 & 12:00,
Narthex**



Oasis

Coming Soon



Before



After

New Children's Wing Flooring

Four of our five MDO/Preschool/Sunday School classrooms received new vinyl flooring this month. After failing the health inspections three times for peeling up, trapping and collecting bacteria, the old vinyl was scuffed up, cracks floated, and new vinyl rolled over the old. The new vinyl looks like hardwood flooring giving the classrooms a warm, inviting feel. The nursery room did not receive new flooring as its floor passed health inspection thus not requiring replacement; the floors were paid for through Property's operating budget. Thanks to Bob Hutton for coordinating the project; and special thanks to Mike Trittler of Carpet One, who provided hospital-grade seam sealing at no extra charge, a savings of \$500-600! Thanks Mike! Above are pictures of before and after of one of the classrooms. Be sure to stop by the Children's Wing to see our new flooring for yourself!

Second Annual First Christian Church Christmas Bazaar

We had such fun last year, we decided to try it again! The different art and craft designs at each booth were of great interest to those looking for Christmas gifts. If you don't have an outlet for selling your specialty but would like to do so, maybe this is your opportunity. The booths are \$25 and the profit at your booth goes to you. There is no charge for booths that fill a mission for the Church. Money from the selling of food, the "cookie bar" and the cook-books will all go toward the new drapes for Yonker Fellowship Hall stage.

This is not the Silent Bazaar where the money received each year goes to fund outreach ministries for the Christian Women's Ministries. The Silent Bazaar is a very vital part of our mission statement. At the Christmas Bazaar, people will be buying gifts for themselves.

We are always trying new ways to be more visible in our community, working together as friends, and funding missions and Church projects. Booths for selling your quality art and hand made crafts and a "cookie bar" will be set up in Yonker Fellowship Hall. Our children will be serving a light breakfast of coffee and breads and a lunch of soup, sandwich and dessert. It will be held in Yonker Fellowship Hall on Sat., November 22nd from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

If you are interested in having a booth or helping with the food or cookies, there will be an **informational meeting Sunday, Sept. 7th**, immediately following the late service. Please give Brenda Mosby a call at 442-7507 if you have any questions.

Time to Empty Your BLESSING BOXES!

In 1874 when Disciples Women formed the Christian Women's Board of Mission to support the missionary work, the "mite" box was the means of developing the habit of systematic giving among the women to support this work. In 1957 the name was changed to "Blessing Box" to support the Disciple Mission Fund.

The Blessing Box is for anyone in the church who experiences blessings! Drop in a coin for whatever that blessing might be, a smile, good book, answered prayer, rain, sunshine, family...for whatever you are grateful.

Each September we empty our Blessing Boxes and write a check to the CWF marked Blessing Box, then the CWF treasurer takes one "large" check to the NE Area Disciples Women/CWF Fall Assembly to be dedicated and sent along with the other offerings from the Area to support the Disciples Mission Fund and ICWF.

The time is now to empty your Blessing Box, write that check to CWF and bring it to the church office by Wed., Sept. 17. Blessing Boxes are available in the alcove by the elevator for church members who would like to be a part of the grateful giving offering.

Ladies' Book Club





The Ladies' Book Club takes on Columbia's "One Read" on Wednesday, Sept 10 at noon in Bethany Hall. Why not drop in to see what all the fuss is about with the Library's selection of *Boys in the Boat*? The following is our 10th year reading list:

Sept: *Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown
Oct: *Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie* by Alan Bradley
Nov: *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd
Jan: *The Mockingbird Next Door* by Marja Mills
Feb: *The Weight of Blood* by Laura McHugh
March: *Girls of Atomic City* by Denise Kiernan
April: *Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline
May: *The Goldfinch* by Donna Tartt.

If you have questions, call (442-5423) or email Linda Hutton (lhutton60@gmail.com).

Are you interested in an evening women's group?

The Coffman-Watson CWF Group meets evenings at 7:00 on the first Monday of the month from September to May. If you are a student or working during the daytime and are looking for a group of fun and supportive women of varied ages, you are invited to come to this group and try it out. We meet in members' homes to have refreshments, a business meeting to discuss projects we support and a spiritual presentation. Our first meeting this fall will be September 8th at Anne Campbell's home. If you would like to find out more about this group, please call either Anne Campbell at 445-1927 or Susan Gray at 442-4736. Our group would love to have you join us.



**Church Women United
Invites You to the
70th Anniversary Birthday Party**

**Friday, September 5, 5:15 pm
Columbia United Church of Christ
3201 I-70 NW**

**This is a carry in supper. Cake and Ice Cream will
be furnished. The speaker will be Missouri CWU
President, Rev. Shirley Winkler Scott.**

**Bring a dish! Bring your Festival of Sharing Kit!!
Bring Donations for the Food Bank!!!
Bring a FRIEND!!!!**

Serving Schedule - Sunday, Aug. 31

Van Driver: Dan Gieseke
Office Receptionist: Carole Harris-Randerson
Flower Ministry - Arranged by: Cherry Hinderberger
Delivered by: Cherry Hinderberger

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts.: Will and Donna Houston, Carol Hughey
Elder: Larry Burnam

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Jennifer Gwinner, Chris & Candace Stormer
Liturgist: Tommy Tomlin
Elders: Larry Veatch, Tommy Tomlin, Marilyn Schappert
Deacons: The Garton Team
Greeters: Perry Stemmons (N. Door), Helen Stemmons (S. Door)
 Chuck Scott (Atrium), Colleen Nilges (Portico)
Ushers: The Mountjoy Team
Banner Bearers: Joseph McCormack and Ava Hoenes
Candlelighters: Mia Gregory and Jack Bower
Children's Worship: Holly Gieseke (ldr.)

Serving Schedule - Sunday, Sept. 07

Van Driver: Royce Palmer
Office Receptionist: Jennifer Gwinner
Flower Ministry - Arranged by: Mary Tompson
Delivered by: Cliff and Mary Tompson

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts.: Rich and Natalie Barnard
Elder: Carol Hughey

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Jordan Barnes, Roy, Rachel and Quinn Fullington
Liturgist: Brenda Martin
Elders: Fred Mottaz, Brenda Martin, Eric Seaman
Deacons: The Garton Team
Greeters: Russ Palmer (N. Door), Ken Watson (S. Door)
 Beth Nelms (Atrium), TBA (Portico)
Ushers: The Mountjoy Team
Banner Bearers: Luke Stagg and Emma Hawkins
Candlelighters: Olivia Johnson and Max Gregory
No Children's Worship this week

This Week (Aug. 31-Sept. 06)

- Sun.** - Building Tours with the Sr. Minister, 9:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., Narthex
 - Commissioning of Officers and new Administrative Board, 10:30 worship service
- Mon.** - Labor Day, church office closed
 - No newsletter this week
- Tue.** - Mothers Day Out Resumes
 - Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Parlor
 - Capital Campaign Training Session, 5:30 p.m., Keystone
 - Cabinet Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Morris Parlor
- Wed.** - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
 - World Outreach Mtg., 5:30 p.m., Keystone Room
 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Morris Parlor
 - DOC (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Fri.** - Church Dine-Out, 5:30 p.m., Bob Evans Restaurant - Everyone Welcome!

This Week (Sept. 07-13)

- Sun.** - Sunday School Begins Again
 - Chi-Rho Youth Group (grades 6-8), 4:30-6:00 p.m.
 - CYF Youth Group (grades 9-12), 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- Mon.** - Newsletter Deadline & Church Staff Mtg., 2:00 p.m.
 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Morris Parlor
- Tue.** - Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Parlor
 - Capital Campaign Training Session, 5:30 p.m., Keystone
 - Administrative Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Morris Parlor
- Wed.** - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
 - Ladies' Book Club, Noon, Bethany Hall
 - DOC (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m., Bethany Hall



**Happy
 Birthday**

Aug. 31

Jessica Humble

Sept. 1

Ortabel Stevens

Sept. 4

Noah Stagg

Mary Tompson

Ashley Williams

Sept. 6

Carol Hyde

Marsha Rawlings

Perry Stemmons

Sept. 7

Larry Burnam

Richard Martin

Sept. 8

Jeffrey LaHue

Luanne Langley

Joseph McCormack

Sept. 9

Bonnie Fay

Ben Micek

Sept. 10

Walker Embry

Sept. 11

Tommy Gay Evans

Sept. 12

Deb Batterson

Aiden Fullington

Sept. 13

Bryan Grieme-Verslues

Colleen Nilges

Weekly Reports

Aug. 17, 2014

Received this week \$7,975

Received to Date \$59,840

Needed to Date \$56,557

Attendance - 204

(includes early service - 48
 and visitors - 13)

Aug. 24, 2014

Received this week \$6,377

Received to Date \$66,217

Needed to Date \$63,648

Attendance - 207

(includes early service - 46
 and visitors - 26)

The Visitor

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