



Worship Sunday, Feb. 9

On the fifth Sunday after the Epiphany, we continue to seek the light of God in our worship and living. With the season's theme of light this Sunday we will bring a little salt to the table.

"The Saltiness of Winter" is the title for Rev. Jimmy Spear's sermon based upon the lectionary text from Matthew 5:13-20. When it comes to the kingdom of heaven, how does your salt and light add up? We will together dip into the topic this Sunday.

The congregation will join in song around the hymns *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*, *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations*, and *For the Bread, Which You Have Broken*. The Chancel Choir will bring the anthem *Amazing Grace* to the 10:30 service.

Join us and invite a guest too!

Church Dine-Out
Friday, Feb. 7, 5:30 p.m.
Bob Evans Restaurant
Everyone Welcome!

Souper Bowl Enthusiasm

The Souper Bowl offering envelopes were enthusiastically opened on Feb. 2 and unfortunately the envelopes were separated from the cash donations. Therefore, please contact Fred if you want your giving statement to reflect your Food Bank cash donation. The good news is \$468 was donated.

Weekly Report
Feb. 02, 2014
Received this week \$7,937
Received to Date \$278,283
Needed to Date \$273,849
Attendance - 145
(early service-17/11 total visitors-)
Souper Bowl of Caring - \$468

Spiritual Disciplines

Rev. Brad Stagg will lead an adult class on Wednesday nights as a part of CAFE. The 3 week series is on spiritual disciplines and will meet in Morris Parlor at 6:15 p.m.

Week 1, Feb. 19 - Discover Your Spiritual Type
(based on work by Corinne Ware)

Week 2, Feb. 26 - Inward Disciplines
(based upon the works by Richard Foster)

Also note: March 5 - **Ash Wednesday Service**

2013 First Christian Church Scholarships Announced

There was a delay in getting the 2013 scholarships distributed but the checks are in the mail and the following thirteen people are recipients of scholarship money totaling \$5,350. Congratulations!

175th Anniversary Scholarship – Steve Gieseke, Brian McCarty, Alexis Ruffolo, Jenny McCarty, Sally Kessell

The Tommy L. Kubach Scholarship – Haley Evers

The Anne and Jim Linn Jr. Scholarship – Azure Stevens, Taylor Humble, Samantha Fullington, Jacob Alexander

The Raymond E. and Helen I. Miller Scholarship - Jacob Alexander

The Vera M. Purdy and H. Glenn Purdy Scholarship – This scholarship was not awarded in 2013. It will return in for 2014.

The John Ridgeway Scholarship – Drew Nichols, Drew Gieseke, Matthew Taylor

The Marvin Shamberger Education Scholarship – Taylor Humble

The Mildred Ray Shrou Memorial Scholarship – Samantha Fullington

The Larry Brooker Memorial Ministry Scholarship – Not awarded in 2013.

The Norma Miller/Drennan Singers Music Scholarship – No applicants in 2013.

Bit from Brad

As I'm looking out my office window, the ground is blanketed in snow, the sky is deep blue, and the temperature hovers at 3 degrees with a wind chill around minus 10! I hope this week's winter storm did not cause you any harm. I certainly prayed that God surrounded you with protection and safety and guided you in making wise choices during the storm.

With the weather storm we realized we needed to modify how we handle inclement weather situations. Last year I initiated a procedure that if Columbia Public Schools closed the church would shut down – office, programs, everything except Sunday Worship. It was understood that if folks needed to reach the clergy they could reach us at home in the event of any pastoral emergencies or crises. It was efficient.

Since then, I received more input from our leaders who rightly questioned if the church office should be closed. I'm concerned about folks risking their lives and property just to show up for programs and events. So we've settled on an Interim Inclement Weather Procedure until a formal Inclement Weather Policy can be determined.

So until then, here's what we've settled on:

- When Columbia Public Schools are cancelled Monday through Saturday, First Christian Church will cancel all scheduled programs, events, and meetings.

- Sunday Worship will take place!

- The clergy and office staff will keep the church office open, unless it becomes too dangerous to do so. For example, Monday of this week CPS was closed, but the church office was open. On Tuesday, the office closed at noon when the roads became too dangerous to travel. On Wednesday, the office and clergy staff returned to work as their individual commute allowed. On Thursday, the office was opened back to regular hours, even though CPS remained closed.

The Administrative Department along with other leaders will help us finalize a formal Inclement Weather Policy. In the meantime, please stay safe and know that your church staff very much cares about your safety and protection during these wintry days!

~Blessings, Brad

News of Our People

Mike Randerson celebrated his retirement from Columbia College last Friday, Jan. 31.

It was great to have guests with us in worship on Feb. 2. **Cub Scouts and their families from Pack 733** (Shepard Blvd. Elementary) were with us in observance of Boy Scout Sunday. Pack 733 has used the FCC Fellowship Hall for big events in recent years. The scouts were greeters and liturgists.

The Chi-Rho Youth Group was helpful on Sunday, Feb. 2 in the moment of stewardship, inviting gifts totaling \$468 for **SouperBowl Sunday** -- a nationwide effort to raise awareness and funds for food banks.

David Polach is now home and looking forward to getting back to work in a few weeks.

CAFÉ

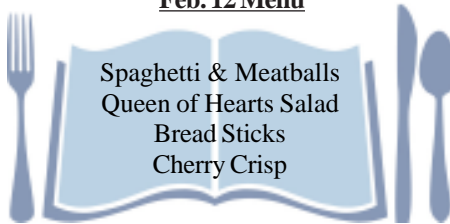
Christian Action Fellowship
Education

Wednesday Evening
February 12

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.

Feb. 12 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

Week 4 of 4: Milton's Paradise Lost, reading and conversation on this classic led by Dr. David Read. The class will meet in the parlor.

Save the Date

**Week of Compassion:
Celebrated, Feb 16**

**Wine to Water Event
Announced: April 12
Bethany Hall**

**Garage Sale
Supporting Youth Mission
Trips: April 26-28
(Set up April 21-25)**

**Hear the Lecture Series -
Hosted by 1st Presbyterian**

You are invited to join in as First Presbyterian Church hosts a lecture series February 15-16 with Dr. Steven Tuell, Professor of Hebrew and Old Testament at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary as presenter. Dr. Tuell will present three lectures during the weekend and preach both services on Sunday the 16th. The theme is "How to Read the Old Testament...and All Scripture."

The Schedule:

9:00 a.m., Sat. 15th – Lecture "Bible 101: What the Bible Is (And Isn't)". Dr. Tuell writes, "Rediscover Scripture, not as a textbook about God, but as an invitation to a relationship with God."

5:30 p.m., Sat. 15th – Dinner in the Social Hall (call the church at 442-1164 for reservations).

6:15 p.m., Sat. 15th – Lecture "True Metaphor". Dr. Tuell discusses embracing Scripture as true metaphor.

Worship Services at 9:00 & 11:00 a.m., Sun. 16th – Sermon title "H.W.J.R.? (How Would Jesus Read)"

4:00 p.m. Sun. 16th – Lecture "Inspired By Scripture". Lecture examines several key passages in the Old and New Testaments to consider what it means to affirm, with II Timothy 3:16, that "All scripture is inspired by God."

For more information call: First Presbyterian Church office (442-1164).

Youth Groups, February 9

Chi-Rho: 4:30-6
CYF: 6-7:30 p.m.

Children's Choir: (grades k-5)

Feb 9: 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Chi-Rho Bells

Feb. 9: 4:00-4:30 p.m.

Future Youth Meetings:

Feb 16: no meetings (pres wknd)

Feb. 23: JYF & CYF

Mar. 2: Chi-Rho & CYF

JYF (grds 3-5)

Chi-Rho (grds 6-8)

CYF (grds 9-12)



2014 NEOLA Disciples Summer Church Camps

2014 Events

Camps at Rickman Center, Jefferson City

	Dates	Grade Completed
CYF Conference	June 8-13	9-12
Elementary/Junior Combo Camp		
Elementary 1 Camp	June 16-18	2-3
Junior 1 Camp	June 16-20	4-5
Try-It Camp	June 20-22	Adults & Children (4 yrs.-Gr 2)
<i>A taste of camp for parents or grandparents and younger children</i>		
Elementary 2 Camp	June 30-July 2	2-3
MAD (Music, Art & Drama)	July 7-12	6-9
That Camp About God & Sex	July 14-19	8
Junior 2 Camp	July 22-26	4-5
Chi Rho Camp (directed by Jimmy Spear)	July 28-Aug. 2	6-7

Canoe & Backpacking Trips

Chi Rho Current River Canoe Trip	June 15-19/22-26	6-8
Chi Rho Smoky Mountain Trek	June 13-20/20-27	6-8
CYF Wilderness Backpack	June 25-July 2 or July 3-10/7-14	9-12

*First Christian Church pays half of the registration and helps with transportation.

Disciples History Tour Date Set! Join Us!

The date is set...April 7-11!

We will look forward to encountering the story of our Alexander Campbell and Barton Stone; Bethany, West Virginia and Cane Ridge, Kentucky. These names and places will come to life for those who appreciate the history of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). We have a group beginning to form for the historical tour. There are a few seats left in the bus. Will you go with us? The trip is being planned in conjunction with Community Christian Church in Manchester, MO. If you are interested, please speak with Jimmy Spear soon.

3rd Floor Painting

Thanks to those who were going to volunteer to paint the rooms on the 3rd floor. We have had one volunteer that would like to paint the whole thing. To this we say YES! and thanks, Hartley Rogers.

Don't go too far, for there IS more work to be done. Parents and others are reminded that the rooms will have to be repurposed and filled with supplies and furniture. So, when moving day comes we hope a good number are ready to say YES! In total there are 7 rooms that will need to be reorganized when the time comes.

Make a plan to join the STARS!

February 13: Civil War & Capital

(Thursday)

8:30 a.m. departure; \$5 travel fee
Visit the Missouri State Capital including the current Civil War exhibit and tour.

Lunch in Jefferson City
RSVP put "STARS-JC" on pew pad or call the church office.



March 6: Orchids & St. Louis

8:30 a.m. departure. \$10 travel fee
Missouri Botanical Garden: Orchid Show
Lunch in St. Louis TBA
RSVP put "STARS-STL" on pew pad or call the church office.

April: Watercolor Exhibit

Possible Fulton to Curchhill Museum for Watercolor Exhibit

End of May: Clydesdales & Food

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

June 18: Lunch & Musical

Headed back to Macon for Lunch at AJs, and "Forever Plaid" at Maples Theater

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

Ladies' Book Club



At noon next Wed., Feb. 12, in Bethany Hall the Ladies' Book Club will gather to discuss the hilarious novel, *Where'd You Go, Bernadette*. Please join us. In March, the women will discuss *Spoken from the Heart* by Laura Bush.



Feb. 10

Jennifer Alexander
David Chrisman
Steve Humble

Feb. 14

Russ Chandler

Nancy Sandford
Steven Smith

Feb. 15

Royce Palmer
Sally Robinson
Sarah Yonker

Feb. 13

David Fox
Olivia Johnson

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Return Service Requested

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

Serving Schedule - Sunday, Feb. 9

Van Driver: Steve McCormack
Office Receptionist: Gene Taylor
Church School Greeter: Colleen Nilges
Flower Ministry - Arranged by: Donna and Will Houston
Delivered by: Donna and Will Houston

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts.: Joy and Roy Overacre, Carol Hughey
Elder: Will Houston

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Dave, Julie and Jake Nichols
Liturgist: Kameron Freed
Elders: Pam Hoepfner, Mark Mills, Rich Hoepfner
Deacons: The Creasy Team
Greeters: Jeff Alexander (*N. Door*), Jennifer Alexander (*S. Door*)
Eric Arnett (*Atrium*), Tammy Arnett (*Portico*)
Ushers: The Burnam Team
Banner Bearers: Elayna Mottaz and Mia Gregory
Candlelighters: Max Gregory and Olivia Johnson
Children's Worship: Kim Boger (*ldr.*),
Brad and Khons Volmert (*hlprs.*)

This Week (Feb. 9 - 15)

- Sun.** - Chi-Rho Bells, 4:00 p.m.
- Children's Choir, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
- Chi-Rho Youth Group, (grades 6-8), 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- CYF (grades 9-12), 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- Mon.** - Newsletter Deadline & Church Staff Meeting, 2:00 p.m.
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m.
- Elder Dinner Mtg., 6:00-8:00 p.m., Yonker Hall
- Tue.** - Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:30-11:30 a.m.,
Morris Parlor
- Cabinet Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Morris Parlor (Date changed
due to snow on Feb. 4)
- Wed.** - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- Ladies' Book Club, 12:00 p.m., Bethany Hall
- CAFÉ: dinner, 5:30 p.m., Yonker Fellowship Hall
programs, 6:15 p.m., various classrooms
- DOC (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m., Bethany Hall

Fri. -

