



WE ARE ONE



**Week of Compassion
 Special Offering
 is February 16**

Worship Sunday, Feb. 16

Rev. Brad Stagg is back in the pulpit this Sunday with a sermon entitled “The Field” based upon texts from Deuteronomy 30:15-20 and 1 Corinthians 3:1-9. The choir anthem for the 10:30 service is a pastoral piece that weaves two faith songs into the anthem entitled *Bread and Wine of Life (with As the Deer)*. The hymn *They’ll Know We Are Christians* will be a familiar reminder of warm summer camp and our call to be disciples. *O Jesus, I Have Promised* and *I’m Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table* will continue our singing.



Dear Friends,

In this age of discord and division, the earnest words of Jesus’ farewell prayer on behalf of his followers could not feel more relevant or more urgent. *“The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me”* (John 17:22-23). With his beloved disciples during the Last Supper, Jesus prays for connection and unity. Perhaps he knew that understanding our oneness would be one of our greatest challenges as human beings, and that is why one of his very last acts was to pray for unity. When we understand that we are of God, created by none other than the Creator of all creation, and that we are thus beloved, we reconnect to ourselves, to one another, and to our Divine Parent.

Week of Compassion: For 70 years now, nine denominations in the U.S., united as one, have been connecting people through the Ecumenical One Great Hour of Sharing of which Week of Compassion is a part.

The woman who has been a victim of war, attempting on her own to raise her family without any access to long-term food security, education, or health care, is now self-sufficient because of assistance from Week of Compassion. Families across North America, still struggling to survive after a devastating storm took everything in its path, are accompanied for the long haul, thanks to funds from Week of Compassion. Each time a gift is given, a connection is made. Every single offering builds another bridge and tears down another wall. Each donation to Week of Compassion, no matter how large or small, reveals our unity, that in Christ Jesus we are one family. When one of us — anywhere on earth — hurts, we all hurt. As long as there is need, we are all in need. Week of Compassion enables us to fulfill those needs, for they are our needs. This coming Sunday, come and hear more...

And, be ready to give.
 ~World Outreach Department

Spiritual Disciplines

Rev. Brad Stagg will lead an adult class on Wed. nights as a part of CAFÉ.
 The 2 week series 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**

Bit from Brad

Ever since Hippocrates (400 B.C.) to the 20th century work of Carl Jung, social scientists have studied the human mind and examined the differences between human personalities. One of the later 20th century models for studying personality types is the MBTI (Myers-Briggs Temperament Indicator) an inventory diagnostic tool used to help differentiate individuals. I'll never forget the day in seminary when my Pastoral Care & Counseling professor sat down with me and shared that I was an ENTP/J, which means that I'm an Extravert, intuitive, Thinking, and borderline between Perceiving/Judging.

While at the time I may not have fully appreciated my professor's insight into my personality, I've since discovered many advantages as well as gained my own insights from his wisdom. While the MBTI neither claims nor tries to explain all differences between the 7 billion people currently walking the earth, it does provide insight into our personalities. The MBTI works on four major continuums: Extrovert/Introvert; Sensing/Intuitive; Feeling/Thinking; and Perceiving/Judging.

Extroverts and Introverts are not about who is gregarious and who's shy. Rather it's about where we get our energy; Extroverts are energized by being with people, Introverts recharge when they are alone. Sensing and Intuitive refers to how individuals gather information. Sensing individuals gather & process information from their five senses, whereas Intuitive types rely more theory, "their gut," and are usually future-oriented. Feeling and Thinking refers to how people make decisions. While both are very rational types, Feeling people tend to be more empathetic whereas Thinking people tend to be more detached and rely on logic. Perceiving and Judging refers to how one lives one's outer life. Judging types, are not judgmental, instead they prefer a more structured and decided lifestyle, whereas Perceiving types favor a more flexible, adaptable lifestyle.

Spiritual-development Protestant thinkers, Urban Holmes and Corinne Ware, and Spiritual-development Catholic thinkers, Chester Michael and Marie Norrisey, have adapted the MBTI personality types and applied them to the spiritual life, particularly as it relates to Prayer Forms and Spiritual Development. In other words, just as personality types relate with others at work and home

differently, so too do we relate to God and others of the faith differently based upon on our personality types.

If you would like to know more about personality types, prayer patterns, and spiritual development, I invite you come check out my class, "Discover Your Spiritual Type", based on Corinne Ware's book on Wednesday, February 19 at 6:15 in Morris Parlor. It's fun and enlightening! ~Blessings, Brad

News of Our People

Mary Richardson was admitted to the hospital on Monday with heart issues.

Tom Hughey is having trouble with knees and walking.

The **Gaffney** family requests prayers for an anonymous friend.

A friend of the **Hughey & Hinderberger** families died of the flu while in a hospital waiting room filling out forms to see the doctor.

Our MDO Director **Tracy Westhoff's** son, Dylan, departs for Air Force Basic Training next week.

We celebrate **David Polach's** return to worship after a long absence due to illness.

Pastoral Care Training

On Sunday, March 2nd from 2:00-3:30 p.m., Rev. Brad Stagg invites all Elders, Deacons, and interested members to attend a Pastoral Care Training Event for Laity in Morris Parlor. This event will provide instruction and guidance in the area of calling on people in hospitals, nursing homes, and other settings. Topics will include: a typical visit, boundaries, listening skills, referrals, common & potential difficult situations; this interactive training will include lecture, discussion, and participant role-playing.

Alex. Barton. 12 Disciples in a Bus.

Join church friends for a tour of a lifetime! The Disciples History Tour to Bethany and Cane Ridge is April 7-11, 2014. There are up to 6 spots left in the bus. Talk to Jimmy Spear to claim one!

Volunteer Opportunity: Sunday Night Door Keeper

Sunday afternoon/evenings are a busy time at the church. Children's Choir, Youth Bells, and Youth Groups gather at different points from 4:15-6:30 p.m. It becomes difficult to manage an open door for people to enter and maintain the safety of those inside with an unlocked, unwatched door at the Fellowship Hall/Portico entrance.

We are in need of a church member to be present at this door -- welcoming kids and monitoring the door when kids/groups go upstairs.

Talk to Jimmy Spear if you would like to volunteer a Sunday a month. Bring your nook/ipad and read/use the church wifi!

A Special
THANK YOU

To the Campbell Deacon Team:
Thank you so much for the flowers and support on the passing of my father. I really appreciate your thoughtfulness.
~Mike Mountjoy

The family of **Bonnie Jean Backues**

cordially invites you to join us as we joyfully celebrate her 90th birthday on Sunday February 16 from 2-4p pm. Enjoy music, light refreshments, and warm fellowship at the Kemper Arena, 1270 Boone Industrial Blvd. For addition information: Vivian 803 206-3151 viviano600@att.net or Dan 573 489-1242.

Bonnie requests only the gift of your presence.

No Youth Groups Feb. 16

(due to Pres. Wknd)

Youth Groups, Feb.23

JYF: 4:30-6 p.m.

CYF: 6-7:30 p.m.

Children's Choir: (grades k-5)

March 2: 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Chi-Rho Bells Mar. 2: 4-4:30 p.m.

Future Youth Meetings:

Mar. 2: Chi-Rho, CYF Mar. 9: JYF, CYF

JYF (grds 3-5)

Chi-Rho (grds 6-8)

CYF (grds 9-12)



Make a plan to join the STARS!

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 Churchhill
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



Raising a Heifer Ark

This year the World Outreach Department has decided to raise \$5,000 for a Heifer Ark in honor of Rev. Jimmy Spear. Jimmy takes care of us in so many amazing ways we want to honor him in this way. Our goal is to raise this money by the end of December 2014 so we give him a plaque to hang on his wall to celebrate the ways we will help many people around the world. A flock of geese or a trio of rabbits will make a great Valentine's Day gift or birthday gift for a friend or family member. This will be the gift that keeps on giving. Make your check to First Christian Church and in the memo section write "Gift Ark." The children will be learning more about Heifer in the months to come. If you want to do some activities at home with your family, check out the Heifer International website for more details at www.heifer.org. You will also see how your gift will make a difference in people's lives. ~World Outreach Department

Ladies' Book Club

Many Americans, regardless of political background, admired and respected former First Lady, Laura Bush. The Ladies' Book Club meets on March 12 at noon in Bethany Hall to discuss her autobiography, *Spoken from the Heart*. Why not join the discussion?

Your Special Birthday!
Bonnie Backues- 90
on Feb. 16



<u>Feb. 16</u>	<u>Feb. 18</u>
Bonnie Backues	Mark Mills
Charles Dysart	Karen Rogers
Sally Kessell	
Kimberly Potthast	<u>Feb. 19</u>
	Sue Fink
<u>Feb. 17</u>	Audrey Koch
Patti Freeman	Cullen Rose
Brian McCarty	
Jenny McCarty	<u>Feb. 20</u>
Dan Tevis	Heather Mottaz

STARS is the 55+ Fellowship Group of First Christian Church

Room At The Inn Update:

Thank you, thank you, FCC worshipers for your many donations to the Room at the Inn Winter Shelter!! As Jimmy and Brad so eloquently stated yesterday, "Y'all are the salt of the earth!" We have received a wonderful assortment of staples, food, toiletries, and clothing....as well as generous cash donations! The winter shelter has been at full capacity most nights due to the winter weather and all donations have been much appreciated and put to good use! I will still be accepting donations through the end of February...it is possible the shelter will stay open into March due to the severity of the winter weather. If you have any questions regarding the Room at the Inn Winter Shelter, please contact me at 573-289-0072. Blessings to each of you! ~Sarah Storm

Weekly Report

Feb. 09, 2014

Received this week \$8,916
Received to Date \$287,199
Needed to Date \$282,480
Attendance - 221
(includes early service - 43
and total visitors - 12)

CAFÉ

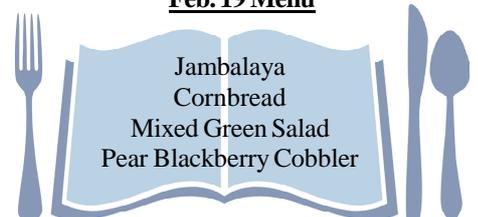
Christian Action Fellowship
Education

Wednesday Evening February 19

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. 19 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

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Return Service Requested

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

Serving Schedule - Sunday, Feb. 16

Van Driver: Russ Palmer

Office Receptionist: Sue Wright

Church School Greeter: Jerry and Kathy Miller

Flower Ministry - Arranged by: Nannie Lou Mallett

Delivered by: Sarah Read

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts.: Mary and Brice Moeller, Tom Hughey

Elder: Carol Hughey

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Dan, Deidre and Drake Tevis

Liturgist: Dan Gieseke

Elders: Steve Humble, Colleen Nilges, Jessica Humble

Deacons: The Nichols Team

Greeters: Moray Kiehl (*N. Door*), Richard Barnard (*S. Door*)

Deb Batterson (*Atrium*), Bud Batterson (*Portico*)

Ushers: The Rose Team

Banner Bearers: Emma Hawkins and Ava Hoenes

Candlelighters: Joseph McCormack and Liam Rose

Children's Worship: Julie Nichols (*ldr.*),

Carolyn Snow (*hlprs.*)

This Week (Feb. 16 - 22)

Sun. - No youth groups this week

Mon. - Newsletter Deadline & Church Staff Meeting, 2:00 p.m.
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m.
- Evangelism and Membership Dept. Mtg., 6:30-8:00 p.m.,
Bethany Hall



Tue. - Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:30-11:30 a.m.,
Morris Parlor
- Administrative Board Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Morris Parlor
(**Note date change**)

Wed. - Shawl Ministry, 10:00 a.m., Bethany Hall
- Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- CWM/CWF Board Meeting, 4:30-5:30 p.m., Parlor
- 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