



THE VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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Epiphany Sunday - January 5

The Sunday of Epiphany will be celebrated this coming January 5th. Epiphany is the observance that honors the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles as represented by the visit of Magi. Rev. Brad Stagg will be back in the pulpit with a sermon based on texts for the day including Matthew 2 and Psalm 72.

Hymns for that day will continue the observance of the Christmas season, but are sung on Epiphany Sunday — with more emphasis on star, future, and the light that comes in new beginnings. *As With Gladness, This is the Day of New Beginnings, Sing of God Made Manifest* will be sung.

Church Dine-Out
Friday, Jan. 3, 5:30 p.m.
Bob Evans Restaurant
Everyone Welcome!

Wednesday CAFÉ in the New Year

In next week's *Visitor* plans for classes on Wednesday night will be announced. The schedule will include teachers David Read, Ben Nelms, Brad Stagg and Jimmy Spear. The season will start out with a night of games - beginning with BINGO - on January 8. The Adult Education Dept. works with the ministers in creating a schedule that includes classes, fellowship, and community speakers. Have you thought about joining in the enrichment that is offered every Wednesday night? CAFÉ is a nice addition to the Sunday morning experience. If you come for dinner, a warm fresh meal is created each week by church chef, Laura Estes, at a most reasonable \$8 for adults.

Thank You from the Church Staff

As the 2013 year of serving at First Christian Church comes to a close, the staff offers a most heartfelt thank you to the congregation for the Christmas bonus gift. We continue to be blessed by not only the chance to work with good folks in the church, but also among good people on staff. Thank you for your generosity to the Staff Christmas Fund in this season.

~Brad, Jimmy, Fred, Kay, Keith, Mary, Adrienne, Drew and the nursery staff (Cheryl, Charise, Taylor and Lindsay)



Art Show

Jan. 19-25, Bethany Hall

Open House: Sunday, January 19

with light brunch after each worship service

Closing Reception: Sat., Jan. 25, 5-7 pm

with music and food



"A showcase of art by members of the congregation - past, present, and future"

Calling artists of all ages! Entry forms are now available in the church office.

The Nominating Committee Needs Your Help!

Each year, as required by our BYLAWS, the Administrative Board approves a Nominating Committee to identify individuals in our Congregation who are eligible to serve as Elders, Deacons, members of the Administrative Board, and Executive Officers.

At their November 12th Meeting, the Board approved the 2014 Nominating Committee. Members are: Jay Creasy, Jacki Davidson, Steve Evers, Dan Gieseke, Harlan Hackett, Jessica Humble, Brenda Martin, Jerry Miller, Stacia Schaefer, Carolyn Snow, Brad Stagg, and Brad Volmert. The Committee will meet on January 13th, Jan. 27th, and February 24th.

The work of this Committee is crucial in securing and maintaining committed Church leadership for the coming years. Will you please help with this important task by submitting names of persons to fill these offices? Nomination Forms are available in the Narthex, in the Church Office and one on page 3 of this newsletter. The form can be returned to the Office or to any member of the Nominating Committee. The deadline for submitting nominations is Jan. 12th.

News of Our People

Prayers of sympathy are extended to the family of **Thomas Crane**. Tom died on Sunday, Dec. 22. He was buried on Tuesday, Dec. 24th in a private service. A service was held in the church sanctuary on Thursday, Dec. 26 to offer thanksgiving and celebration for his life. **Laura and Kevin Crane** were heartened by the full sanctuary of friends gathered to honor Tom's life.

Prayers are extended in this week to **Marvlee Ridgeway** who as of Monday was a patient at Boone Hospital. **Gordon Martin** had a hospital stay last week, but is now improving in health at his daughter's in Kansas City. **Mary Richardson** is taking time the next few weeks to heal at the Bluffs.

Makali Hawkins was a part of the Hallsville Cheerleading Team performing at the Liberty Bowl in Memphis TN.

Over 40 church friends gathered to go Christmas Caroling on Sunday, Dec. 22. Seven nursing home/independent living locations as well as three homes were caroled with great song and spirit. Thanks to **Colleen Nilges and Sarah Storm** for hosting the entire group at the church for after caroling food.

Youth Groups, January 12

Chi-Rho: 4:30-6

CYF: 6-7:30 Meeting of Youth & Parents

Children's Choir: (grades k-5)

Jan. 12 & 26: 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Chi-Rho Bells

Jan. 12 & 26: 4:00-4:30 p.m.

Future Youth Meetings:

Jan 19: no meetings. (MLK wknd)

Jan 26: Chi-Rho & CYF

Feb. 2: JYF & CYF

Feb. 9: Chi-Rho & CYF

Feb 16: no meetings. (pres wknd)

JYF (grds 3-5)

Chi-Rho (grds 6-8)

CYF (grds 9-12)



Ladies Book Club



Ladies Book Club's discussion on Jan. 8 at noon in Bethany Hall is of *The Seamstress* by Frances De Pontes Peebles. February's pick is the funny novel, *Where'd You Go, Bernadette* by Maria Semple.

CAFÉ

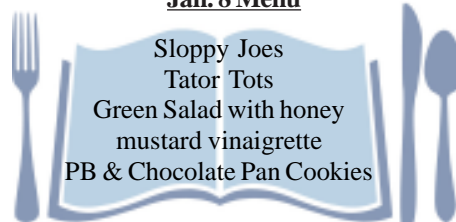
Christian Action Fellowship
Education

Wednesday Evening
January 8

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.

Jan. 8 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 Event: 6:15-7:30 pm

GAME NIGHT! Cafe is back with a raucous game night -- BINGO and more!

The Christmas Eve Bread

Each year it is the Christmas Eve tradition of FCC to take communion via intinction. This breaking of the bread and dipping it into the cup brings a sense of uniqueness to the special night service. Elder Anne Campbell makes homemade bread to be used in both services each Christmas Eve night. The special bread is called "Christopsomo," a traditional Greek Christmas bread with a Greek Cross design on top. Thanks, Anne!



The FCC Carolers brightened our evening on December 22nd as their voices filled the frosty air in song. Thanks to all who braved the cold to bring Christmas cheer to us. ~Nat & Bette Scavone

This note is to say to each of the singers from First Christian Church thank you for giving of your time and talents to bring joy to some older folks at Colony Point. You bring the Lord's message to others that they might know more about Jesus. ~A member at FCC

Your Special
Birthday!
Millie Caringer - 90
on Jan. 9



Jan. 5
Lindsey Chanc
Hiliary Nichols

Jan. 8
Bryan Garton
Sam Pine

Jan. 10
Samantha Fullington
Ava Hoenes
Darren Pine
Cindy Rose



Weekly Reports

Dec. 22, 2013

Received this week \$6,266

Received to Date \$232,747

Needed to Date \$222,674

Attendance - 155

(includes early service - 24
and total visitors - 11)

Dec. 29, 2013

Received this week \$9,304

Received to Date \$242,051

Needed to Date \$234,422

Attendance - 128

(no early service - 0
and total visitors - 21)

2014 NOMINATION FORM

ELDERS, DEACONS, and JUNIOR DEACONS

The 2014 Nominating Committee solicits your suggestions for congregational members to fill the offices of Elder, Deacon, and Junior Deacon on the Service Boards, as well as your nominees for "Honorary" Elders or Deacons (if any). Please indicate your nominee/s below, and return this form to any member of the committee or to the Church Office by January 13, 2014. Your suggestions and your prayerful concern will be greatly appreciated. According to our Church BYLAWS, qualifications and duties include:

ELDERS and DEACONS

Qualifications: Faithfulness in worship and study, leadership and service, good stewardship in proportion to income, Christian character and moral and spiritual example, and a willingness to fulfill the duties of the office. An Elder shall be at least thirty years of age and shall have been a member of the congregation for at least two years. A Deacon shall be at least eighteen years of age and shall have been a member of the congregation for at least one year."

Duties: Both Elders and Deacons are to promote the work of the Church through service as a member of Functional Departments as needed; assist in evangelistic visitation; be an example in Christian character and faithfulness; and perform such other duties as shall promote the growth and welfare of the Church. In addition, Elders preside at the Lord's Table; provide for the spiritual oversight and development of individual members of the congregation; assist in the conduct of worship, the ordinance of baptism and in the serving of communion to the homebound. Deacons prepare and serve Communion and assist the Elders in the development and care of individual members of the congregation.

JUNIOR DEACONS

Qualifications: Same as for Deacons EXCEPT members must be in grades 9-12 as of July 1, 2014.

Duties: The duties will correspond with those of the Deacons.

HONORARY ELDERS or DEACONS: "A member of the congregation whose exemplary life and service, in this or other congregations, merits special recognition..."

NAME OF NOMINEE: _____

OFFICE: *Please check the position for which your nomination is being made:*

(FOR THE SERVICE BOARD): ELDER ____ DEACON ____ JR. DEACON ____

(FOR HONORARY): ELDER ____ DEACON ____

Why are you nominating this person? *(Attach a letter of support or use the back of this form):* _____

OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE CHURCH AWARDS

The Nominating Committee also requests nominations for Outstanding Service Awards.

PERSON YOU WISH TO RECOGNIZE: _____

Why are you recognizing this person? *(Attach a letter of support or use the back of this form.):* _____

Signed _____ Date _____

Please return this form to any member of the Nominating Committee or to the Church Office by January 13, 2014.

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Return Service Requested

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

Serving Schedule - Sunday, Jan. 5

Van Driver: Russ Palmer
Office Receptionist: Betty Moon
Church School Greeter: Carol Hughey
Flower Ministry - Arranged by: Eric Seaman
Delivered by: Eric Seaman

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts.: Will and Donna Houston, Tom Hughey
Elder: Jerry Daugherty

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Susan Klockow, Brian and Heather Mottaz
Liturgist: Gene Taylor
Elders: Dan Backues, Eric Arnett, Jennifer Alexander
Deacons: The Campbell Team
Greeters: Ben Nelms (*N. Door*), Beth Nelms (*S. Door*)
Russ Palmer (*Atrium*), Janelle Patterson (*Portico*)
Ushers: The Mountjoy Team
Banner Bearers: Will Bower and Elayna Mottaz
Candlelighters: Kameron Freed & Luke Stagg
No Children's Worship: first Sunday of month

This Week (Jan. 5 - 11)

- Sun.** - DOC Mission Trip to Memphis, TN thru Jan. 10
- Mon.** - Newsletter Deadline and church staff meeting, 2:00 p.m.
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m.
- Tue.** - Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:30-11:30 a.m.,
Morris Parlor
- 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
- Thr.** - Financial Task Force Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Morris Parlor

