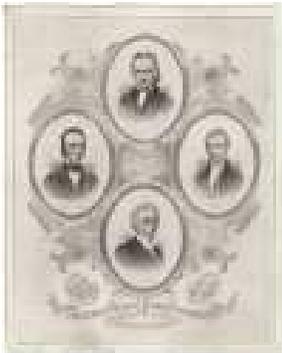




Worship Sunday, January 19

On this the Second Sunday after Epiphany, our theme in worship and sermon is "The Lamb of God" based upon scripture readings from Isaiah 49:1-7 and John 1:29-42. Rev. Stagg will be preaching.

The Chancel Choir anthem for the 10:30 service will be *O Lamb of God Most Lowly* by Gordon Young. In the 8:30 service we will hear a solo from Donna Walters as special music.



Disciples History Tour

Alexander Campbell and Barton Stone; Bethany, West Virginia and Cane Ridge, Kentucky are names and places of note for those who appreciate the history of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). 2014 could be the year for another "Disciples Heritage Tour" of these names and places.

We have been approached by another DOC church in St. Louis (Community Christian Church) to consider going together on such a trip this spring. Would you be interested? Jimmy Spear needs to know your interest and availability. Please talk with him or send him an email. We will move fast to get the trip scheduled.



Serving Dec. 23 at Loaves & Fishes

A great group came out to serve at Loaves and Fishes on Monday, December 23. This group pictured, as well as more than 5 others working the dining room, shared the spirit of giving & Christmas.

Art Show

Jan. 19-25, Bethany Hall

Open House: Sunday, January 19
 with light brunch after each worship service
Evening Opening & Reception:

Saturday, Jan. 25
5:00-7:00 pm

Meet the artists, view the diverse works and share the evening of music and food.

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



Evangelism and Membership Special Request for Artists Among Us

We could use donations of cookies, coffee cakes, or fruit for the opening of Artist Among Us Art Show in Bethany Hall between church services on January 19, 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Please bring donations to the church office on Friday, January 17 (8:00-12:00 & 1:00-5:00) or to Bethany Hall on Sunday morning, January 19.

Also, we are requesting finger food for the closing reception for Artists Among Us Art Show on Saturday, January 25. Food can be brought to the church office on Friday, January 24th (8:00-12:00 & 1:00-5:00) or to Bethany Hall during the event 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Advent Candles

Did you notice the youthful edge to those who led our Advent Wreath and Candle lighting liturgy this year? The group who led the lighting in the 10:30 service was our college students. Many of those who have grown up at FCC and continue to be involved through their college years in Columbia have recently or are closing in on graduation. Before they leave us for the big world it was great to have their leadership in the advent season. Upperclassmen included, Drew Gieseke, Lexie Ruffolo, Lindsey Chandler, Drew Nichols, Jordan and Jesse Barnes, Ryan Hunsaker, and Stephanie Mottaz.

Bit from Brad

Several folks asked me to share the Erma Bombeck illustration I used in last Sunday's sermon based on Acts 10:34-43. For those who read a first time, enjoy! And for those who asked, here's a second helping!

Here is Erma Bombeck's article, *I've Always Loved You Best*, July 20, 1971:

"To the firstborn... I've always loved you best because you were our first miracle. You were the genesis of our marriage, the fulfillment of young love, the promise of our infinity. You sustained us through the hamburger years: the first apartment furnished in Early Poverty... our first mode of transportation (1955 feet)... the 7-inch TV set we paid on for 36 months. You wore new; had unused grandparents; and more clothes than a Barbie doll. You were the original model for unsure parents trying to work the bugs out. You got the strained lamb, the open pins, and three-hour naps."

"To the middle child... I've always loved you best because you drew the dumb spot in family [order] and it made you stronger for it. You cried less, had more patience, wore faded and never in your life did anything first, but it only made you more special. You are the one we relaxed with and realized a dog could kiss you and you wouldn't get sick. You could cross a street by yourself long before you were old enough to get married, and the world wouldn't end if you went to bed with dirty feet. You were the continuance.

"To the baby... I've always loved you best because endings are generally sad and you are such a joy. You readily accepted the milk-stained bibs; the lower bunk; the cracked baseball bat; the baby-book, barren but for a recipe book for graham piecrust that someone jammed between the pages. You were the one we held on to so tightly. For, you see, you are the link with the past that gives a reason to tomorrow. You darken our hair, quicken our step, square our shoulders, restore our vision and give us humor that security and maturity can't give us. When your hairline takes the shape of Lake Erie and your children tower over you, you will still be 'the baby.' You were the culmination."

Just as Erma Bombeck loved her all her children best, so too does God loves every person best! For God shows "no partiality;" rather, God loves everyone with no favoritism! May each of us learn to love others with no partiality! ~Blessings, Brad

Nominating Committee May Soon Be Calling You!

The 2014 Nominating Committee began work on January 13th. Among other things, this group is tasked with identifying individuals to serve as Elders, Deacons and Junior Deacons and nominating current Elders and Deacons for three-year terms on the Administrative Board. Committee members will soon be calling potential nominees, so, if you are called, we hope you will give prayerful consideration to accepting a leadership role in First Christian Church.

Also, while our BYLAWS specify that Elders and Deacons serve indefinitely, they are to be called by the Nominating Committee at three-year intervals to determine their continued willingness to serve. If you are an Elder or Deacon at a three-year service interval, you should expect to receive a call, and, hopefully, you will be willing to continue your service!

Who are our Scouts?

Is your child a boy/girl scout? Jimmy Spear needs to know which boy scouts are needing their "God and _____" badge. He has been asked to lead a "God and Family" badge. Are there others that need this one? Other similar badges? Let's get them done at the same time!



I cannot begin to count the multitudes of cards and sympathy notes sent to us on the passing of my dad. Instead, I count our blessings of friendship from those of you at First Christian. Thank you ever so much. ~Mary Daugherty

STARS Plans

Potluck Lunch
with Bingo to follow
January 30, 11:30 a.m.
Morris Parlor

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



News of Our People

Sympathy is extended to **Marjorie Ellis** in the death of her husband **Maury**. Services in celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2:00 p.m. at the Lenior Woods' Epple Chapel.

David Polach has been in the ICU of University Hospital for a week battling a strong case of the flu. Prayers are welcomed!

Marvellee Ridgeway has moved to the Reach neighborhood of the Lenior Healthcare Cntr.

With the **FLU** strong in the world this season, please take special care in the shaking of hands on Sunday mornings...a gentle pat on the arm/shoulder or a tip of the hat just might keep us all a little more healthy!

If you would like to donate the **chancel flowers** for January 19th or April 27th, please call the church office.

Prayers are with the mothers of both **Bob and Linda Hutton**. (Surgery for Linda's and a move for Bob's.)

Congratulations to **Matthew Hoepfner** who was named 1st Chair Flute to the All State Band.

Weekly Reports

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)

Jan. 5, 2013

Received this week \$4,742
Received to Date \$246,793
Needed to Date \$244,887
Attendance - 64
(early service - 12
and total visitors - 2)

Jan. 12, 2013

Received this week \$12,342
Received to Date \$259,135
Needed to Date \$250,379
Attendance - 234
(early service - 53
and total visitors - 16)

Room at the Inn - 2014

The Room at the Inn Winter Shelter opened January 1 at Broadway Christian Church and will remain open through February 28. Five churches are sharing the housing responsibilities this year: Broadway Christian Church, Calvary Episcopal, Missouri United Methodist, Sacred Heart, and Community United Methodist Church. There are *many* ways in which we can help in supporting this ministry. **The need is great.** Last year FCC answered the call and provided many in-kind donations. Below is a list of needed items. If you can again share with the homeless this winter, you can (1) drop off your donations at the church office (there will be a "Room at the Inn" basket in which you can place your donations), (2) contact Sarah Storm at 573-289-0072 if you have donations but are unable to deliver to church, and/or (3) provide a cash donation (checks should be made to FCC with "Room at the Inn" noted in memo)...in addition to items listed below, cash donations can also be used to purchase perishable items which have a shorter "shelf life".

Clothing, etc.

Sturdy Sleeping bags to give to anyone turned away
Coats and Jackets
Boots and other shoes
Sweatshirts, socks, hats, gloves, scarves

Breakfast and snack foods

Bread
Cold cereal
Peanut butter and jelly
Condiments for sandwiches
Instant soup packages
Crackers-packages w/ peanut butter/ cheese

Supplies

Coffee cups (12 oz.) & cold drink cups
Plates, bowls, plastic ware
Paper towels, napkins & tissues
Feminine hygiene products
Quart & gallon size ziplock bags
Trash bags: kitchen size & 30-40 gallon size
Small toiletry items (lotion, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc.)
Bottled drinking water
Coffee, tea, cocoa & sugar/creamer
Lemonade mix
Ear plugs and eye masks
Cleaning supplies

If you have *any* questions or would like to learn about additional opportunities to help in this ministry, please contact Sarah Storm @ 573-289-0072.

Communion Connection Update

Many thanks to these Elders who volunteered to make our winter communion connection deliveries (**Carol Slusher, Barb Rothenberger, Jacki Davidson, Roy Rogers, CK & Paula Hoenes, Colleen Nilges, Ben Nelms, David & Sarah Read, Steve & Jessica Humble, Fred Mottaz, Tommy Gay Evans, Deb Batterson, Brenda Martin**). These fine folks are delivering communion to 20 friends of FCC that cannot make it to services on a regular basis. Deliveries are happening on individual's own timeframes during the winter months instead of a mass delivery like in spring and fall.

If you are interested in joining this very rewarding ministry for future deliveries please contact Brenda or Sarah. Blessings to all participants.

CAFÉ

Christian Action Fellowship
Education

Wednesday Evening
January 22

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. 22 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

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

Youth Groups, January 26

Chi-Rho: 4:30-6

CYF: 6-7:30

Children's Choir: (grades k-5)

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

Chi-Rho Bells

Jan. 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)



Your Special
Birthday!



Margie Ellis - 90

on Jan. 18

Birthdays to Celebrate

Jan. 13

Jeff Alexander
Anastasia Palmer
Louise Ward



Jan. 20

Kay Ahrens

Jan. 14

Nannie Lou Mallett

Jan. 21

Jan. 15

Susan Ballard
Charles Brown

Jan. 21

John Crane
Susan Klockow

Jan. 17

Janet Mountjoy
Carolyn Savoy

Jan. 23

Teresa Foster
Matthew Hoepfner

Jan. 17

Mason Stevens

Jennifer Micek
Ella Rose Rogers

Jan. 18

Marjorie Ellis
Mike Korman
Mike Mountjoy

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Return Service Requested

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

Serving Schedule - Sunday, Jan. 19

Van Driver: Carol Slusher
Office Receptionist: Pat Rybolt
Church School Greeters: Jerry and Kathy Miller
Flower Ministry - Arranged by: Colleen Nilges
Delivered by: Susan Klockow

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts.: Steve and Sharon Smith, Mark Mills
Elder: Tommy Gay Evans

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Ben and Jen Micek, Nancy Davis
Liturgist: Shane Bower
Elders: Harlan Hackett, Nora Dietzel and Jacki Davidson
Deacons: The Nichols Team
Greeters: Ann Rogers (*N. Door*), Genie Rogers (*S. Door*)
TBA (*Atrium*), TBA (*Portico*)
Ushers: The Rose Team
Banner Bearers: Kameron Freed and Max Gregory
Candlelighters: Olivia Johnson and Ava Hoenes
Children's Worship: Eric Arnett (*ldr.*); Kim Rogers (*hlpr.*)

This Week (Jan. 19-25)

- Sun.** - CYF Regional Retreat to Springfield
- Artists Among Us Art Show Opening, 9:30-10:30 and 12:00-1:00, Bethany Hall (art on display all week)
- Communications Dept., 4:30-6:00 p.m., Cumulus Radio Station
- Mon.** - **Office Closed - Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday**
- Mother's Day Out not in session
- 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
- Brummett-Harrah Group Mtg., 1:30 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
- Thr.** - Columbia Area Older Adult Ministry Advisory Board, 5:15 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Sat.** - Artists Among Us Art Show closing reception, 5:00-7:00 p.m., Bethany Hall