



THE VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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Worship Sunday, July 6

“Put Peace into Each Other’s Hands” is a choral piece based upon the hymn tune ST.COLUMBIA. The Chancel Choir has prepared this very moving and pastoral anthem for this Sunday of Independence Day weekend. Rev. Jimmy Spear will preach in both services bringing reflections from last week’s CYF Mission experience and the text from John 13:15.

Hymns of the day will include *O Beautiful For Spacious Skies*, *Sweet Sweet Spirit*, and *God is Here!* The congregation will depart with the singing of *Let There Be Peace On Earth*.

Worship Sunday, July 13

On the Sunday after Vacation Bible School the children will bring a song to late worship from their week of learning and spirited fun. Rev. Brad Stagg will be back in the pulpit with a sermon based upon Genesis 25:19-34. With the Chancel Choir preparing for their summer hiatus, they will bring their last anthem for the season entitled “Precious Lord, Take My Hand.” This anthem is based upon the famous hymn by Thomas Dorsey and brings a soulful approach to words shared unto God. Hymns of the day will include the powerful *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* paired with the summer camp reminder *Pass It On* and at the table the congregation will be invited by *All Who Hunger Gather Gladly*.

Weekly Reports

June 22, 2014

Received this week \$10,258
Received to Date \$426,838
Needed to Date \$453,493
Attendance - 164
(includes early service - 40
and visitors - 6)

June 29, 2014

Received this week \$5,868
Received to Date \$432,706
Needed to Date \$461,769
Attendance - 202
(includes early service - 48
and visitors - 22)

Vacation Bible School

July 7-11
(Mon. - Fri.)
5:30-8 p.m.



Supper served at 5:30 p.m. in Yonker Fellowship Hall. VBS ends at 8:00 p.m. each night in the sanctuary.

Get ready for the **Workshop of Wonders** where we will **Imagine & Build with God!**

Children should all be registered by now...if you have not, please do so before Sunday!

ONLINE: Register online via the church website www.firstchristian.org and look for the VBS link. **FORMS:** There are also forms in the narthex, office, and nursery. Please return them to the church office.



Date Change!

Church Dine-Out
Friday, July 11, 5:30 p.m.
Bob Evans Restaurant
Everyone Welcome!

Chancel Flower Ministry

The Chancel Flower Ministry provides fresh flowers to grace the sanctuary each Sunday. Afterward, they are taken to those in the hospital, homebound or celebrating special birthdays.

There are 14 weeks, mostly during 2015, that are open weeks for donating flowers for the flower ministry. If you’ve missed the sign up in the narthex, call the church and arrange a week. \$30 to honor or give in memory of someone near and dear to your heart!



Kids at Camp in July

That Camp About God and Sex (TCAGS): July 14-19

Jonathan LaHue
Jadie Arnett
Kim Potthast

Elementary Camp 2: July 22-24

Jack Bower
Marcus Bledsoe

Junior Camp 2: July 22-26

Emma Hawkins
Kameron Freed
Luke Stagg
Ava Hoenes
Valerie Freed, Counselor
Jack Creasy, Jr. Counselor
Meghan Potthast, Jr. Counselor

Chi-Rho Camp: July 28-August 2

Elayna Mottaz
Cole Galbraith
Julia LaHue
Will Bower
Coleman Rogers
Hunter Rogers
Wyatt Rogers
Maddie Marrero
Wolf Schaefer
Matthew Bledsoe
Jake Nichols, Counselor
Lexie Ruffolo, Counselor
Jimmy Spear, Director

Want to send mail to the kids?
Make sure it goes out by day 1 of camp
to ensure delivery.

Rickman Conference Center
-Camper's Name-
-Camp Session (ie: Junior Camp,
CYF, etc.)-
3519 Bennett Lane
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Boone Hospital Service

Thank you so much to **Hayley, Delaney & Riley Batterson, Anne Campbell, Glenda Clark, Jacki Davidson, Nora Dietzel, Harlan Hackett, Jean Hall, Donna & Will Houston and Perry & Helen Stemmons** for sharing your special gifts at the Boone Hospital Prayer Services each Sunday during the month of June. You did a great job of representing FCC and I know the chaplains, patients and family members really appreciated your presence. Great job! ~Jessica Humble

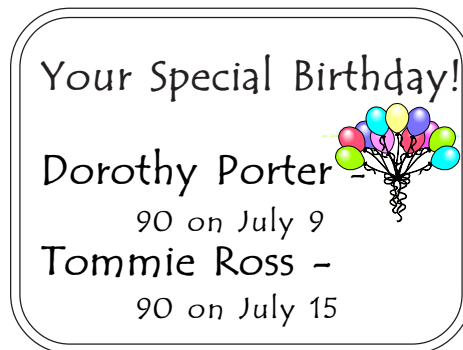
Loaves Fishes Served

144 on June 23 

Monday, June 23, 2014 found fellow workers from First Christian Church busy preparing to serve people that visit the Wilkes Methodist Church for a free hot meal. When we arrived with the meal at the Wilkes church we were informed that the attendance the night before had totaled 166.

We had fixed for 100+, and decided to take some leftovers from a luncheon held the previous Saturday in Bethany Hall just in case. Panera Bread Co. had left some very good bread that day at Wilkes and with a supply of ham slices available we pulled together a good meal and served 130 plates, plus 14 carryout orders for a total of 144 hungry people. More than a dozen were children. We were thankful to have plenty of milk, fresh fruit and ice cream!

Thanks to the following people who made it all happen so smoothly by either planning, preparing and/or serving: **Lorene Trickey, Jeff Wheeland, David Ross, Bonnie Fay, Marsha Rawlings, Beth Nelms, Bud and Debbie Batterson, Chuck Scott and Carol Slusher.** It is a worthwhile service to our community. ~Carol Slusher



News of Our People

Thank you from the Church in Society Department to all **those who served at Loaves and Fishes** and especially to **Carol Slusher** for getting it all organized.

Congratulations to **Will and Donna Houston** who celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on July 4th.

Worship thanks: It was good to have **Kate Volmert** at the grand piano June 22, sharing her talent for the Prelude. Thanks to **Dr. Ken Watson** and the host of **elders** who shared in leading worship on June 29 while both Brad and Jimmy were away.

In the next issue of the *Visitor* **Jimmy Spear** will share his sabbatical plans and the plan afoot to maintain the areas of ministry at FCC while he is gone. A sabbatical committee has met and is at work figuring out logistics and needs for the months of August, September, and October.



<u>July 6</u> Haley Evers	<u>July 13</u> Eric Seaman Bragg Stanley Chris Stormer Richard Underwood
<u>July 7</u> Jack Estes	<u>July 14</u> Anne Campbell
<u>July 8</u> J.D. Estes Roy Rogers Barb Rothenberger David Weber	<u>July 15</u> Tammy Arnett Kathy Miller Tommie Ross
<u>July 9</u> Erin Bower Dorothy Porter	<u>July 16</u> Micki Kirkham Connie Street
<u>July 10</u> Judith Creasy Shawn Von Talge	<u>July 17</u> Cullen Snow
<u>July 11</u> Erin Boster Ava Martin Teddy Nichols	<u>July 18</u> Kim Boger Ellyn Brothers Judy Cunningham Thomas Sisson
	<u>July 19</u> David Beem Sonya Carney David Ross



Summer Newsletter Schedule

**No newsletter week of
July 7-11**

Look for issues every other week:
July 18, Aug. 1, Aug. 15, Aug. 29,
Sept. 12 (weekly schedule resumes)

June 21 Ladies Garden Tour and Salad Luncheon

Those who attended agreed the garden tour was wonderful and the salad lunch delicious, plus a surprise Birthday Cake for Carol Slusher, was served for dessert. After lunch Sarah Storm installed the new DWM/CWF officers for next year, and Mary Jane Anderson won the door prize: a miniature Fairy Garden.

The weather cooperated and the Veatch, Hughey, and Daugherty gardens were lovely. A gift certificate for Helmi's Garden center was given to each of our garden hosts as a thank you for letting us tour. A big thank you goes to Mary Jane Anderson who provided tablecloths, tableware, cups and centerpieces plus helped set up Bethany Hall on Friday afternoon. Also thanks to Colleen Nilges for providing tour maps and Diana Provenzano for the fairy gardens for decoration and the door prize. The leftover food was used to serve Loaves and Fishes on Monday evening by the Drennan Group. Everyone agreed we must do this again next year. ~Tommy Gay Evans, DWM/CWF President



May Breakfast for Brethren

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to everyone who helped with our Breakfast for Brethren ministry in May (FIVE Saturdays)!!! On **EACH** of our last two Saturdays (May 24 and 31), we served approximately 52 meals AND again had 11 volunteers! We are blessed to have had so many FCC members (as well as a few friends of members) support this ministry....either by donating food, personal items, money, and/or their time....YOU made it possible!

NOTE to all who assisted in Breakfast for Brethren: Please contact Colleen Nilges as soon as possible (phone: 573/825-8947 or email: c_colleen@yahoo.com) with an estimate of the time and money spent in support of this ministry. This information is only for estimating costs associated with this ministry and is not provided to church office for inclusion on members' contribution statements. ~Sarah Storm

Many thanks go to **Brenda Mosby, Larry and Peggy Veatch** for their help weeding the church yard. ~Mary Daugherty

The CYF Mission Trip Story (see reverse for pictures)

The high school youth group arrived home Sunday night, June 29 from their 2014 mission and service trip to the Eastern Shore of Virginia. The annual CYF mission trip is a time honored tradition of FCC youth serving in far away communities and finding purpose in serving like Jesus that it might become a natural part of their faith journey. This was indeed the case on this year's trip to the Eastern Shore.

The 2,675 mile trip was a testament to the friendship and character of the team of seven high school youth and their three adult partners. The group traveled a great distance, spending two long days driving to and from Virginia bookending days of service, learning, and play.

Working with YouthWorks, our group was housed at the Market St. United Methodist Church in Onancock, VA. They spent the week living and serving alongside 50 other people from Lutheran, Presbyterian, Catholic, and Methodist youth groups from PA, VA, and CT. They worked hard painting houses and leading kids club - both part of an ongoing ministry of assistance to the Hispanic community of migrant workers on the Eastern Shore. Our kids really did work hard. They led the way with four of the boys painting two whole trailer homes and two porches with some friendly Lutherans from PA. The girls and one boy worked with other youth at the daily Kids Club ministry program at a local church.

Each evening the group took part in local learning and connecting. Worship, play, and service/learning experiences rounded out the time of mission Monday-Thursday. Friday of the week the team spent at Virginia Beach taking in the sun and waves.

It really is a wonderful thing to take a group of mostly underclassmen on a long journey and have it be such a success. Their positive attitude, Christian work ethic, friendship, and hilarious dispositions all contributed to the week's success. They came back to Columbia with a renewed sense of who they are in the world, all that God calls them to be, and with a better vision of Jesus' example.

The CYF thanks the adults leaders who took their vacation time to spend the week on this mission trip. **Amy Lightner and Josh McCarroll** drove the bus, laughed, helped, nurtured, directed, prayed, rolled along, and were great friends to our kids throughout the trip. We all cannot begin to thank them for such giving of time and spirit.

A CYF and Chi-Rho mission team presentation will be scheduled for the end of the summer to share the videos and pictures of their trips with our church family. ~Jimmy Spear

**CYF Mission Team: Eastern Shore, VA
June 21-29**



Pictured l to r: (back row) Jimmy Spear, Josh McCarroll, Megan Potthast, Tate Gardner, Jack Creasy, Josh Provenzano, Amy Lightner; (front row) Makali Hawkins, Julia Bower, Zac Ruffolo.



Serving Schedule - Sunday, July 6

Van Driver: Steve McCormack

Office Receptionist: Sue Wright

Flower Ministry - Arranged by: Gerald and Susan Ramsey

Delivered by: Gerald and Susan Ramsey

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Asst.: Opal Stites

Elder: Tommy Gay Evans

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Mike Mountjoy, Royce Palmer,
Suzy Palmer

Liturgist: Erin Bower

Elders: Ken Watson, Nancy Watson, Jennifer Alexander

Deacons: The Garton Team

Greeters: Don Mosby (*N. Door*), Brenda Mosby (*S. Door*)

Elizabeth Mottaz (*Atrium*), Doris Neidhardt (*Portico*)

Ushers: The Mountjoy Team

Banner Bearers: Joseph McCormack and Andrew Stormer

Candlelighters: Elayna Mottaz and Maddie Marrero

No Children's Worship first Sunday of the month

This Week (July 6-12)

Sun. - Rev. Jimmy Spear will be preaching at both services

Mon. - Church staff meeting, 2:00 p.m.
- Vacation Bible School begins, 5:30 p.m.

Tue. - Tuesday Morning Bible Study on break
- Vacation Bible School, 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Wed. - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- STARS Planning Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- Vacation Bible School, 5:30-8:00 p.m.

Thr. & Fri. - Vacation Bible School, 5:30-8:00 p.m.

STARS Planning for Fall 2014

The STARS fellowship group leadership team will hold a planning session on Wednesday, July 9 at 11:30 a.m. Join the group for lunch on that day at the Columbia Area Senior Center. All are welcome to come and share input into the planning for the end of summer and fall & winter season of STARS activities. Join Carol and Jimmy with your ideas at the big planning table!

STARS is the 55+ fellowship group of First Christian Church.

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

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Office Receptionist: Carole Harris-Randerson

Flower Ministry - Arranged by: Perry and Helen Stemmons

Delivered by: Perry and Helen Stemmons

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts.: Kim Reardon, Joe Reardon, Tom Hughey

Elder: Mary Daugherty

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Gerald and Susan Ramsey, Becky Baumgartner

Liturgist: Jacki Davidson

Elders: C.K. Hoenes, Paula Hoenes, Eric Arnett

Deacons: The Creasy Team

Greeters: Ben Nelms (*N. Door*), Beth Nelms (*S. Door*)

Russ Palmer (*Atrium*), Janelle Patterson (*Portico*)

Ushers: The Burnam Team

Banner Bearers: Liam Rose and Luke Stagg

Candlelighters: Will Bower and Emma Hawkins

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

This Week (July 13-19)

Sun. - New Elders and Deacons Commissioned during 10:30 worship

Mon. - Newsletter Deadline & Church Staff Mtg., 2:00 p.m.
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- Capital Campaign Committee Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Keystone Room

Tue. - Tuesday Morning Bible Study on break

Wed. - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center



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Chancel Choir in New Temporary Home

The Chancel Choir has moved to the Morris Parlor. The Choir Room located under the sanctuary has issues of bad air quality and extreme heat unsuitable for a group in robes using full lungs to sing. Thus, the north side of Morris Parlor is now choir space. Chairs have been placed in front of the windows near the piano for their rehearsals. Choir robes, folders and music are also stored in the northwest corner of the room. If you or your group uses Morris Parlor please be considerate to not disturb this set up/supply area. We are glad for the music ministry of the Chancel Choir and celebrate that they can breathe again in preparation for sharing great voices on Sunday morning.



First Time Campers

Try-It! Camp is a relatively new camp offering by our NEOLA Camp ministry. It is for kids under 2nd grade and their parents. They go to Rickman Center for a weekend mini-camp experience to get a taste for the place and idea of church camp. We sent a great crew this year. The kids are pictured above. Kids (l to r) and a parent or two from the Wheatley, Marrero, Arnett, Freed, Leon-Rudy and Rose families attended.