



THE VISITOR First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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Worship for the Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 28

"I came into the world to bring everything into clear light of day, making all the distinctions clear, so that those who have never seen will see, and those who have made a great pretense of seeing will be exposed as blind."
(Jesus, in John 9:39)

A word of hope for some, a word of conviction to others – welcome to the season of Lent. This week our text from John 9 will offer both to us as we uncover what it is to have sight. Living in a world that is often dark, visible light is needed. Come and hear the good news of sight and light, hope and clarity. Rev. Jimmy Spear will bring our morning message *"Take that mud from off your eyes!"*

confessing acting reconciling seeing orienting accepting raising



PREPARATION
for Resurrection

A sermon & worship emphasis for the season of Lent 2014

The Chancel Choir will bring the soulful ballad *"Go Light Your Word"* by Chris Rice. Pat Rybolt will offer special music in the 8:30 service. Join us this fourth Sunday in Lent.



**Turn Wine
to Water**

Saturday, April 12

Bethany Hall

7 - 9 pm

A Benefit Social for Week of Compassion

Wine, food, and compassion for those who need water

Sponsored by the World Outreach Department
Chilcare available, please RSVP via email to jimmy@firstchristian.org



March 30:

Spring Break - No Youth Meetings

April 6: JYF & CYF

JYF: 4:30-6:00 p.m.

CYF: 6:00-7:30 p.m.

CHURCH CAMP

Registration is happening now!

DEADLINE is APRIL 14!

Parents should have the info and forms. See Jimmy if you need more.

Also go to: www.neolacamps.org

Counselors needed across the board!

JYF (grds 3-5)

Chi-Rho (grds 6-8)

CYF (grds 9-12)



Ladies' Book Club

On April 9 at noon in Bethany Hall the Ladies' Book Club gathers to discuss 31 year old Amanda Coplin's, *The Orchardist*. Consider joining the group's reaction to this first novel. Some bring their lunch. Discussion runs about an hour. May's pick, before we break for summer, is *The Round House* by Louise Erdich.



News of Our People

David Polach continues to recuperate from recent surgery and is back at work!

A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, March 29 in the sanctuary, for **Jerry Guy**. A reception to greet the family will follow in Fellowship Hall.

Upcoming:

Palm Sunday - The Chancel Choir will present the Cantata "No Stone Left Standing."

Maundy Thursday Service of Tenebrae and Communion - April 17, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

Easter Sunday - Two (big) Worship Services with choir and brass. Have you invited someone to join you? Now is the time for invitations to be extended!



It is always fun to "run" into FCC folks. **Dan and Holly Gieseke** ran into **Eric and Jadie Arnett** at the recent St. Pat's Run.

CAFÉ

Christian Action Fellowship
Education

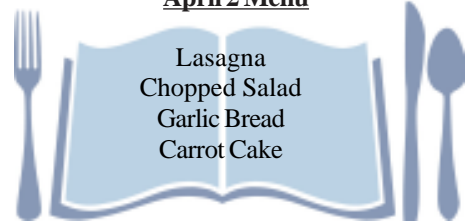
Wednesday Evening
April 2

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.

April 2 Menu

Lasagna
Chopped Salad
Garlic Bread
Carrot Cake



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

"Avatars of Character"
led by Ben Nelms in Morris Parlor

Happy Birthday!



<u>March 30</u> Russell DeVenney Sarah Storm	<u>April 3</u> Eric Arnett Callie Chance Paul Ritchie
<u>March 31</u> Chad Holliday	<u>April 4</u> Laura DeVenney Carol Thomas Christy Von Talge
<u>April 1</u> Samuel Poole Josh Provenzano	<u>April 5</u> Jennifer Gwinner
<u>April 2</u> Liz Restrepo	

Your Special Birthday!

Lois Ross-

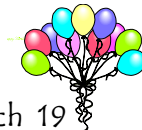
95 on March 19

Carl Miles -

96 on March 22

Mable Smith-

96 on March 23



Weekly Report

March 23, 2014

Received this week \$6,042

Received to Date \$330,686

Needed to Date \$332,043

Attendance - 217

(includes early service - 53
and visitors - 22)

Spring with STARS!

STARS is the 55+ Fellowship Group of First Christian Church

Watercolor Exhibit in
Fulton - Thurs., April 3.

8:30 a.m. departure.

See First Christian Ch., Fulton
See Churchhill Museum in Fulton
for touring 10-11:30 a.m. (\$6.50)

Lunch at BEKS in Fulton

Afternoon return to Columbia

RSVP by March 30.

Upcoming: Reserve NOW!

Daniel O'Donnell Concert in Branson

Friday-Saturday, Nov. 14-15

Overnight Trip. We will buy tickets in early April. RSVP now to church office.





Easter Lilies will be ordered through the church's Ministry of Flowers. If you would like to furnish a lily for Easter Sunday, fill out the form and return it to the church office with \$7.00 for each lily **no later than April 13.**

I (we) are giving # _____ total Easter Lilies at **\$7.00 each.**

In Memory of: _____

AND/OR

In Honor of: _____

Please list my name as donor: _____

Disciple Men's Ministry Road Trip for Baseball

Royals vs Yankees Baseball Game June 7 in Kansas City

- ◆ Cost \$45 per person (includes ticket and gas money for church bus/van)
- ◆ Meal at a Kansas City BBQ (Dutch treat)
- ◆ Advanced paid reservations required **no later than May 1st.** Make check payable to First Christian Church - memo "Royals Game"

2014 Disciples Women Quadrennial Assembly

If any of you ladies are interested in attending this year's Quadrennial, June 26-28, in Atlanta, GA, please talk to CWF President Tommy Gay Evans as soon as possible. There are CWF funds available to help with your expenses.

ANNOUNCING:

MEN'S SPRING RETREAT

APRIL 5, 2014
8 AM TO 1 PM
BETHANY HALL

RESPONDING TO HUNGER IN OUR COMMUNITY

THE DAY WILL INCLUDE:

- BREAKFAST & DEVOTIONAL
- SERVE AT THE
CENTRAL MISSOURI FOOD BANK
- LUNCH & FELLOWSHIP WITH MEN
OF THE CHURCH
- COST: \$15 PER PERSON

PLEASE SIGN-UP BY MARCH 30
BY EITHER:

"MEN'S R" ON THE SUN. PEW PAD,
OR EMAIL/CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE.

Rooms and Floors

The 3rd Floor is now (mostly) open and was used with great enthusiasm last Sunday. Four rooms, for now called "green, yellow, blue, tan," welcomed children to Sunday School classes and Children's Worship active craft/play time. The children's worship room is also cleaned and back to use.

To get the whole 3rd floor back online, there is more to be done: the cinema, storage rooms, both youth rooms, and children's library need cleaning out, scrubbing, and organizing.

With Children back on the 3rd floor the 2nd floor (Keystone Room, Library, Morris Parlor) is now ready for adult classes and meetings:

- The **Keystone** room is perfect for groups up to 15 with lots of light, a dry erase board and comfortable seating.
- The **Library** has a table for 8 and has good light.
- **Morris Parlor** has video capabilities and table seating for about 20 but light is low (and on the list for improvement).

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Return Service Requested

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

Serving Schedule - Sunday, March 30

Van Driver: Steve McCormack
Office Receptionist: Carol Slusher

Flower Ministry - Arranged by: Thomas and Cindy Rose
Delivered by: Steve and Tracy Evers

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Asssts.: Jerry and Mary Daugherty, Tommy Gay Evans
Elder: Cherry Hinderberger

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Ruth Ann Martin and Laura Crane
Liturgist: Pat Ritchie
Elders: Nancy Watson, Harlan Hackett, Marilyn Schappert
Deacons: The Stanley Team
Greeters: Ron Longaker (*N. Door*), Judy Longaker (*S. Door*)
Jerry Miller (*Atrium*), Kathy Miller (*Portico*)
Ushers: The Rose Team
Banner Bearers: Liam Rose and Luke Stagg
Candlelighters: Will Bower and Emma Hawkins
Children's Worship: TBA (*ldr.*), Jen Micek (*hlpr.*)

This Week (Mar. 30-Apr. 5)

- Sun.** - Rev. Spear will preach at both services
- Mon.** - Newsletter Deadline & Church Staff Meeting, 2:00 p.m.
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- Tue.** - Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:30-11:30 a.m.,
Morris Parlor
- Cabinet Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Morris Parlor
- Wed.** - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- Baptism and Discipleship Class, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- World Outreach Mtg., 5:30 p.m., Keystone Room
- CAFÉ: dinner, 5:30 p.m., Yonker Fellowship Hall
program, 6:15 p.m., Morris Parlor
- DOC (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Thr.** - STARS Group, Watercolor Exhibit/Churchhill Museum,
8:30 departure
- Fri.** - Church Dine-Out, 5:30 p.m., Bob Evans Restaurant
Everyone Welcome!