



# THE VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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## Worship Sunday, May 4

The third Sunday of Easter continues the celebration of the resurrection with a focus on "Fearless Service." This, the week's theme of the annual stewardship campaign, will also be the focus of the sermon.

The Children's Choir will bring their spring music to the 10:30 worship service and the Drennan Singers will share music at several points throughout both worship services.

Hymns of the day include: *He Lives!*, *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* and *I Am Thine O Lord*.



## Stewardship Moment: Week 2: Fearless Service

Jesus demonstrated his commitment to fearless service by fulfilling his Father's plan when he sacrificed himself on the cross to forgive us of our sins and provide us with eternal life and salvation.

God does not expect us to go to such lengths of service, but would be proud of each of us for simply sacrificing some of our time and talents to fearlessly serve one another.

Whether you coach little league, participate in charity events, assist with VBS, teach a Sunday school class or simply spend time with someone in need of human compassion, you are Fearlessly Serving others.

~Steven E. Humble

## All Church Potluck

This Sunday, May 4 - Noon

**Featuring: Lunch & Fellowship  
Heifer International Themed Tables  
All Church Department Fair**



Plan to bring a dish to share in one of the following categories: 1) Entree, 2) Side dish, 3) Salad, 4) Dessert. Rolls, bread and beverages will be provided along with tableware. A Membership Dept. member will be in Yonker Hall to receive dishes from 8:00 a.m. on.

**Don't forget to check out the various department posters at the Potluck!**

## Garage Sale!

Yonker Hall was full and people came. We didn't know if the crowd was good this year -- but then, it turned out the figures were high and the excess to discard was at an all time low! The Garage Sale was a success of hard work, fellowship, and teamwork from across the church membership.



**\$5,900**

was the grand total to be used by youth and college groups in the 2014/2015 mission trip season.



Will Bower, Julia LaHue, and Jadie Arnett walked after school on Friday from Jeff. Middle Sch. to help and with instruments in tow!



Drew Nichols and Jimmy Spear found a great pair of bright yellow vinyl pants to model.

## Bit from Brad

Trish and Noah boarded a plane for Houston this morning so that she could be with her father, George, who has taken a turn for the worse. Generally speaking, George is not in great health, but Sunday was admitted to ICU when it was discovered that he had an infected gall bladder, and has probably had it for some time. The results of the infection is that his blood has become septic causing his kidneys to shut down and his heart to slow down causing him to have a serious sustained drop in blood pressure. Because his blood pressure is so low, surgery to remove the gall bladder is not an option as the anesthesia would cause an even less safe drop in blood pressure. So the doctors have "called in" the family, knowing that if George does not respond to the antibiotics, that the situation would, in all probability, deteriorate rapidly.

Sustaining us has been the prayers that we have received from you, our church family, as well as other friends and family, for which we are deeply grateful. Your thoughts of solidarity, your empathy and sympathy, and your petitions and intercessions to God on our behalf give witness to your love. Again, for which we are so grateful!

How powerful prayer is! We know it's powerful; that's why we do it. Within prayer we find God, see ourselves more clearly, receive God's graces more graciously, learn the true art of empathy, and to love our neighbor as we love ourselves.

In addition to praying for Trish and her father, I hope that you will pray for the others listed in the *News of the People* section of this newsletter. I hope you pray for our Prayer Concerns List. I hope that you pray for our congregation as a whole, our denomination, and the universal church. Pray that we will know God's mission for our congregation within our community and how we might live into our mission in this time and place. The greatest strength of this church is that it is made up of good, loving, trusting people, and nowhere is that better demonstrated than in its concern for one another. FCC, may your love for one another grow leaps and bounds as your prayer-capacity and mercy-capacity increase with each new day!

~Blessings and peace, Brad

**May 4: Children's Choir**  
will sing in 10:30 worship Sunday

**All Three Youth Groups**  
will not be meeting regularly in May. They will, however, have specific events for fellowship. Emails/texts and the Visitor will keep all informed.

**JYF** (grds 3-5)

**Chi-Rho** (grds 6-8)

**CYF** (grds 9-12)



## Boone Hospital Prayer Rm

FCC friends, it's time for our annual support of the Spiritual Care Services at Boone Hospital Prayer Room for the Sundays in June. We are looking for vocalists, pianists, and liturgists for the Sundays in June (1, 8, 15, 22 and 29). This is a great family/group/youth opportunity. The chaplains prepare the service and FCC provides the voices for music and scripture readings and music itself (piano, guitar, etc). The Prayer Room is located on the 2nd floor across from the cafeteria. Service starts at 9:00 a.m., lasting for 30-45 minutes. Chaplains ask you to arrive 30 minutes early to familiarize yourself with the service/music/readings.

If you are interested, please contact Jessica Humble at 441-8021 or [humblejess@aol.com](mailto:humblejess@aol.com)

## News of Our People

Our sympathies to **Linda Hutton** on the death of her mother, Gail Sublett, who died Saturday, April 26; services will be Wednesday, April 30, 11:00 a.m. at Memorial Funeral Home; Rev. Stagg officiating.

- **Trish Stagg's** father, George Gonzales, is in ICU in Houston, TX; he is stable but critical with an infection of the gall bladder and has become septic.
- **Mark Mills** is at Boone Hospital undergoing cardiac testing.
- **Carolyn Savoy** continues to prepare for brain tumor surgery on May 12.
- **Doris Niedergerke** is home after undergoing tests in the ER over the weekend.

**Carol Slusher** was recognized for her outstanding volunteer service in a three-page article in the Senior Center's publication, *The Talker*.

Thanks to the Elders of FCC who led worship last Sunday at Lenoir Healthcare Center. **Harlan Hackett, Jean Hall and Roy Rogers** have started a new trend among the Elders of sharing worship leadership outside the church.

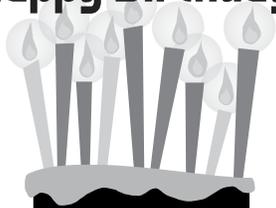
**No newsletter week of  
May 12-16  
Please turn your  
articles in early!!!**

## Ladies' Book Club



The Ladies' Book Club gathers on Wednesday, May 14, at noon in Bethany Hall to discuss the National Book Award winner, *The Round House*, by Louise Erdich. Please join us!

## Happy Birthday!



### May 4

Illa Hickey  
Aubrey Schomaker  
Drake Tevis  
Deidre Tevis

### May 9

Tori Pine  
Ann Rogers

### May 10

### May 6

Etta Bazzell  
Delaney Tevis  
Sue Underwood

Harlan Hackett  
Laura Hutton  
Wayne Meyer  
Sharon Winner



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~Welcome Home, Inc.

## Church in Society Update

With spring in the air and summer right around the corner, your thoughts might be centered on baseball, planting, or an upcoming barbeque. However, please take a moment and ask yourself, "What have I done of service in our Columbia community recently?" One of the wonderful things about being a member of FCC is that there is always another opportunity for service every month and this month Church in Society is offering two service opportunities!!

### **Breakfast for Our Brethren**

*Breakfast for Our Brethren* provides breakfast to people in need every Saturday morning, and is so beneficial to our community! FCC is hosting this breakfast in the month of May. There are many ways for you to help that will allow this event to be a success! You can choose a Saturday morning to come and serve (7:00-9:00 am), you can provide food and drink (please sign-up in the church office), donate small toiletry items, and/or provide a monetary donation to have items purchased on your behalf.

### **Loaves and Fishes**

*Loaves and Fishes* provides an evening meal to people in need every evening. FCC sponsors this meal every fourth Monday each month, and yes, in the month of May this falls on Memorial Day. However, what better way to remember a loved one than to serve a meal to people who also need someone to remember them. To help make this event a success we need people to prepare the meal (3:00-4:30 at FCC) and to serve the meal (4:30-6:30 at Wilkes Blvd Church). If you are able to help make this meal happen on May 26th please contact Paula Hoenes (424-3165 or [cph@centurytel.net](mailto:cph@centurytel.net)).

The month of May does include baseball, planting, and barbeques. However, at FCC we have added "serving" to this list!! Take a moment now and plan on how you will serve our Columbia community this month.

### **Weekly Report**

April 27, 2014

Received this week \$5,626

Received to Date \$367,171

Needed to Date \$387,345

Attendance - 187

(includes early service - 52  
and visitors - 10)

# CAFÉ

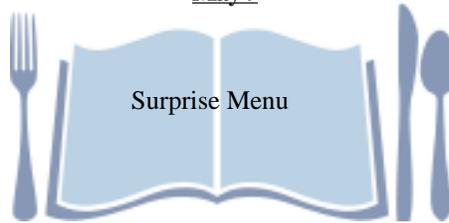
Christian Action Fellowship  
Education

**Wed. Evening - May 7**

### **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.

May 7



**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.

**Program 6:15-7:30 pm: Morris Parlor**

### **"Disciples Heritage Tour Travelogue"**

Disciples will tell how they found the sights and story of Disciples History during the recent DOC Heritage Tour, Wednesday, May 7, 6:15-7:30 p.m. We have pictures to show!

## Your 2014-2015 Interests and Information Survey

Each year we, at the time of the annual stewardship campaign, invite response from the congregation. A survey is mailed to members' homes and available in the narthex and office. This survey allows ALL to update the church office with family information like current cell phone numbers, email addresses along with birthdays and other important dates.

The survey also invites ALL to sign up to be part of the upcoming program year. How will you participate in 2014-15? Greeters, ushers, liturgists, flower ministry volunteers, van drivers, office help, cooks, laborers, etc. are all scheduled based upon response to this survey. Functional department chairpersons get lists of folks who are interested in being a part of certain ministries from this survey. Remember if you would like to be involved please let us know (even if you were involved in the same capacity in the past!). Turn surveys into the church office or in a special box in the narthex on a Sunday soon!

**Will you take on an opportunity to serve FCC this coming year? Fill out your survey!**

## Heifer Ark Update

The Church's World Outreach Dept. has set a goal of funding a Heifer Ark in Rev. Spear's honor. Contributions to date total \$2,225.97 towards the \$5,000 goal.

The potluck lunch this coming Sunday will draw your attention to this unique ministry of purchasing animals for others to help make economic progress and sustainability in places of the world where this is lacking.

## Garage Sale Thanks!

There is no way to begin to list all those who helped with the garage sale this year. You know who you are, and those who benefit from your time and energy say "Thanks!"

Here is what we noticed and why we can say it was a success and thanks:

- + Lots and lots and lots of \$.25/.50/.75 stickers were placed on hundreds of items.
- + Check-out cashiers have special gifts of addition, patience, and friendliness.
- + Students from all ages to college age helped lift and haul and move lots of big stuff from all over town. It was a small band of kids but they were mighty!
- + The clean-up crew did it this year in one hour and 15 minutes! Amazing!
- + There were a good number of parents and youth that made the garage sale project a priority for the week -- and got the job done!
- + A most blessed group of church people help each year in various ways and we couldn't do it without them!

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## Return Service Requested

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

## Serving Schedule - Sunday, May 4

*Van Driver:* Eric Seaman  
*Office Receptionist:* Richard Barnard  
*Flower Ministry - Arranged by:* Moray Kiehl  
*Delivered by:* Moray Kiehl

### Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

*Worship Assts.:* Charlie and Bettie Koelling, Jerry Daugherty  
*Elder:* Jerry Daugherty

### Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

*Communion Preparation:* Ed and Eva Bright, Nannie Lou Mallet  
*Liturgist:* Joyce Stanley  
*Elders:* C.K. Hoenes, Brenda Martin, Paula Hoenes  
*Deacons:* The Campbell Team  
*Greeters:* Joyce Stanley (*N. Door*), Sharon Winner (*S. Door*)  
Perry Stemmons (*Atrium*), Helen Stemmons (*Portico*)  
*Ushers:* The Mountjoy Team  
*Banner Bearers:* Maddie Marrero and Olivia Johnson  
*Candlelighters:* Andrew Stormer and Julia LaHue  
*No Children's Worship this week*

## This Week (May 4 - 10)

- Sun.** - All Church Potluck Dinner, after 10:30 worship,  
Yonker Fellowship Hall (see front page for info)  
- Drennan Singers at both services  
- CAOAM mtg., 1:30-4:30 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Mon.** - Newsletter Deadline & Church Staff Meeting, 2:00 p.m.  
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary  
- Coffman-Watson Group, 6:00 p.m., Babbo's Restaurant  
on Grindstone  
- Drennan Singers Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- Tue.** - Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Parlor  
- Cabinet Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Morris Parlor
- Wed.** - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center  
- World Outreach Mtg., 5:30 p.m., Keystone Room  
- CAFÉ: dinner, 5:30 p.m.  
program, 6:15 p.m., Morris Parlor-**"Disciples Heritage  
Tour Travelogue"** (see page 3)  
- DOC (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m., Bethany Hall  
(last regular gathering of the term)