



THE VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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Worship Sunday, May 11

It is a Baptism Day! This Sunday we will welcome Maddie Marrero and Audrey Snyder into the baptismal waters. Worship will be centered around this theme and connected to the stewardship theme of "Fearless Generosity: Sowing." Rev. Jimmy Spear will bring the morning message entitled "Sow it right, said my Mom", based upon texts from Acts 2:43-47 and the 23rd Psalm. Hymns for the day will include: *Creating God, Creating Still*; the moving hymn *I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry*; *In Christ There Is No East or West*; and *Seed Scattered and Sown*. The Chancel Choir's anthem prepared for this baptism day, "You are Mine", is a new piece with beautiful melody and word.

This week's installment of members sharing words on stewardship will be of the younger variety. 6th grader Maddie Marrero will speak in 8:30 and with 2nd grader Laura Micek and young adult Jordan Barnes sharing in 10:30.

Worship, Sunday May 18

On the fourth and final Sunday of the annual stewardship campaign, we will give a final look at what it is to be fearless in our giving. We call it Victory Sunday! Victory in the full participation of all members and friends of FCC sharing their hopes for the next year in the returning of Estimate of Giving Cards. Members will share their perspective in worship Mike Randerson (8:30) and Stacia Schaefer (10:30). Rev. Brad Stagg will bring the sermon "Fearless Giving" based upon texts from Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 and Acts 7:51-60. High School Seniors will be honored in 10:30 worship. Hymns to continue in this season of Easter include the powerful *Lift High the Cross*, the venerable *Amazing Grace*, and the moving liltling *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*.



Spring Potluck

A room full of good food and fellowship

Stewardship Moment:

Week 3: Fearless Sowing (Mark 4: 1-9)

Each Sunday, our weekly Bulletin states the mission of First Christian Church is *To know God and follow Jesus Christ*. By knowing and following Jesus, we are reminded of the parable where Jesus describes a gardener who dutifully plants his seeds but not all the seed, for a variety of reasons, will bear fruition. Jesus' story reminds us God generously plants grace and love and hope everywhere, no matter if the soil is ready to receive them or not. If we truly follow Jesus' teachings, we will fearlessly give our love and talents so that even one seed might share Jesus' love in our community and in our world.

~Linda Hutton



**Remember to turn
in your interest
& information survey!**

Stewardship Moment: Week 4: Fearless Giving

Fearless Giving is giving with the knowledge that the essentials of life will be there for each of us when they are needed. The impoverished widow in our scripture for this

week (Luke 21: 1-4) was not worried about who would provide for her. Her faith was in Jesus Christ and her only concern was that her gift might not be considered adequate in His eyes. We know however that our gifts are truly measured according to the spirit in which we give them. Gifts made in love, generosity and sacrifice are indeed Fearless Gifts and they lead us to the exhilaration of a glorious Victory Sunday. Thank you for your Fearless Giving!

~Cliff Tompson

Thanks to Nora Dietzel, Chair of the Worship Committee, and David Nichols, Chair of World Outreach, for their committees assistance with Evangelism and Membership for the Church Potluck Luncheon on May 4th. Appreciation is expressed to Sally Robinson for her Heifer Project presentation.

Thanks to the following individuals for help in all aspects assisting with the Potluck: Carol Slusher, Genie Rogers, Jerry and Kathy Miller, Kim Leon, Colleen Nilges, Linda and Bob Hutton, Cherry Hinderberger, Susan Klockow, Sarah Storm, and Susan Ramsey.

We appreciate the Congregation for the wonderful luncheon dishes that were prepared and donated for the Potluck.

~Tom and Susan Gray

Bit from Brad

A few days before Trish left for Houston, we were talking on the phone when someone knocked on the door. She answered the door and the man at the door introduced himself as the former homeowner's lawn man. He then went on to explain that when cutting the yard, the previous owners allowed him to pick mushrooms in their yard, and was wondering if he could do so now with us as the new owners. Still with the phone to ear, Trish repeated to me what the former lawnmower man wanted. I inquired, "What kind of mushrooms?" Sheepishly, he replied, "Morels." "Tell him, we'll get back to him." I said. Last Friday evening, Luke, Annie, and I picked two pounds of morels in our backyard, sold them for \$20/pound at the Farmers' Market, and evenly divided the proceeds three ways. Sometimes, treasures are right under noses.

Saturday morning, I woke early to go look for more morels. (We still hadn't gone to the Farmer's Market yet.) Surveying the yard, I noticed Annie's rabbit hutch was open and her Blue-eyed White, named Nemo, was missing! Her mother is away, her grandfather is in ICU, and now her rabbit is gone! Oh my! Searching high and low, through the brush in our yard... but to no avail. Tears were shed, hugs shared, and words of comfort offered. But try as we might, no Nemo. I even sent an email blast to Neighborhood Association asking to keep a look out for Annie's bunny. All day long, no word; then at 8:00 that evening Trish calls from Houston saying she received an email responding to the blast inquiring saying that on the far side of the neighborhood there was a sighting of Nemo, but that had been early that morning. We hopped in the car, hoping against hope. Driving very slowly we looked left, we looked right, we looked high, we looked low, but still no Nemo. Every white rock, white drain pipe, white flower pot that we saw, we'd stop, back up and double-check, but no Nemo. Topping a hill across the street and two houses down from the morning sighting, there was Nemo! Splayed across a sea of green grass in bunny heaven was Annie's bunny. We got out, circled him, and using calm, cool voices, he didn't move a muscle; he let us pick him up and bring him home, safe and sound! Sometimes, treasures must be tenaciously sought.

What are your treasures? Morels are tasty and pets are comforting, but the kingdom of God is worth all the earthly treasures of the world combined. May your treasure be worth the search!
~Blessings, Brad

CYF in May: This week, May 11

CYF Mission Team (VA) mtg: 5:30 pm
ALL CYF meeting 6-7:30 p.m.
Dinner included. Wear shoes to move.

Chi-Rho in May: May 18

Chi-Rho note new time: 6-7:30 pm.
Dinner included. Wear shoes to move.

JYF (grds 3-5)

Chi-Rho (grds 6-8)

CYF (grds 9-12)



STARS Reservations

If you signed up and paid for the Clydesdale Trip on May 22 Here are the logistics:

Meet and park at 9:00 a.m. at the TARGET parking lot — North area by Bernadette Dr. (Tour at 10 a.m., lunch at Emmetts in Fayette, pie at the Rolling Pin in Glasgow, return by 4 p.m.)

June 18 - Maples Rep Theater

"Forever Plaid"

Lunch at AJs

Depart at 10am

Many reservations are in, but a few spots left if others want to RSVP (and pay, \$30 – ticket and transport) by May 15.

*The 55+ Fellowship Group of
First Christian Church*



News of Our People

Correction: our apologies to **Doris Neidhardt** whose name was reported in last week's *News of Our People* as **Doris Niedergerke**.

Congratulations to **Devin Klotz** for bowling his first perfect 300 bowling game, May 3, at a state youth-adult tournament in St. Louis. Devin, a 16 year old sophomore at Battle High School, is the son of **Lynn & Daryl Klotz** and grandson of **Sharon Winner**.

Our sympathy to the Palmer family on the loss of **Marilyn Palmer**. Marilyn is **Royce Palmer**'s mother and **Russ Palmer**'s grandmother. She is also **Lorene Trickey**'s sister-in-law. Services were in Salisbury on May 3.

Mark Mills is home after being in the hospital for an angioplasty. **Emmy Croll** is home from the hospital. **Mary Daugherty**'s mother, **Norma Ault**, is recovering from spinal neck surgery at Barnes' Hospital in St. Louis on Mon., May 5. **Nancy Watson** is scheduled for carpal tunnel surgery, Wed., May 7. **Trish Stagg**'s father, **George Gonzales**, is scheduled for gall bladder surgery this week. **Carolyn Savoy** is scheduled for brain tumor surgery Mon., May 12. This variety of our friends concerns are invitations for us to be in prayer for and with them in this week.

Joseph McCormack, Liam Rose, and Luke Stagg have begun a four week project working toward Scouting's *God and Family Award* with **Rev. Jimmy Spear**.

**No newsletter week of
May 12-16**



Birthdays

May 11

Mary Bancroft
Makali Hawkins

May 12

Jacy Alexander
Ben Nelms
Carole Randerson
Mike Randerson

May 13

Abigail Pine

May 14

Linda Hutton

May 15

Vaughan Dietzel

May 16

Richard Barnard

May 17

Patricia Fagan
Cindy Ruffolo



There isn't enough space in the *Visitor* to thank all who provided support and sympathy to our family after the passing of my mom, Gail Sublett. Your generous outpouring of Christian love will always be remembered. Rev. Brad Stagg's memorial service captured the essence of my mother's life. Thank you, thank you all so very much.

~Linda Hutton

CYF to Eastern Shore

The CYF group will take two mission trips this coming summer. The first trip, June 21-29, will be to the Onancock, VA – on the eastern shore of Virginia. Yes, a long way from Columbia MO, the team of 10 is ready for the drive and the work that awaits in that very different land between water. Working for the second year with *YouthWorks*, a youth mission company, the team will be engaged in several types of service. *YouthWorks* has been serving on the Eastern Shore since 2003, housing at the same church in Onancock the entire time, and in partnership with longstanding friendships in the community.

The Eastern Shore of Virginia, and the town of Onancock in particular, offers a historic setting, serene lifestyle and abundant outdoor recreation. On the Delmarva Peninsula of the Chesapeake Bay, fishing and bird-watching are popular pastimes for both residents and visitors. The economy is largely agricultural, dominated by cotton, soybean and vegetable farms and large-scale chicken farms. Farm and factory jobs have drawn a large number of Hispanic immigrants to this area, bringing a unique cultural influence and dynamic. However, some local residents experience the common rural struggle of unemployment. Another challenge has come from a large number of retirees moving to this beautiful area, causing home prices to increase and diminishing affordable housing options for those with lower incomes.

As a *YouthWorks Beyond* site, Eastern Shore has a focus on Latino Immigration. High school students are invited to grapple with the complex social and economic issue of immigration. Alongside serving through Work Projects and Kids Club, they are given added emphasis to the idea that listening carefully can also be a form of service to the community. In addition to experiencing the beauty of the Shore, students may serve in a local food bank, visit with nursing home residents, spend time with adults who have disabilities, or serve Latino children through Kids Club. They will also hear from members of the local Latino community about how immigration reforms alter day-to-day life for many. As they listen and learn, know that students may reach questions without clear answers, but we hope, in the process, they more deeply understand the complex issue of immigration and how it affects individuals. This process of understanding will help them continue to wrestle with this issue and find ways of applying what they learn back home in their own community.

YOUTH MISSION NEWS

CYF Serve Missouri

In order to ensure all the CYF get a chance to serve this summer a second shorter mission trip experience is being created for high school students for July 20-22. This opportunity will be closer to home, in Missouri, centered around food need projects.

Chi-Rho Serve Too!

The Chi-Rho Mission Trip is scheduled for June 15-17. The middle school group will be in St. Louis for two days in several inner city serving environments. Assisting the elderly in nursing care facilities, cleaning projects, and food distribution are their primary goals.

Calling All Graduates!



Whether you are graduating high school, college or a graduate program, your FCC family wants to honor you! On Sunday, May 18, we will be recognizing our high school graduates in our 10:30 service. We will also list all those who are graduating in the following week's *Visitor*.

Please email Jimmy Spear with name, degree/program, and school information by May 16. Thank you.

Drive a Van, get points

How easy it would be to just entice church folks with points. However, it is more the Spirit – the movement of God, the inner feeling of spiritual fulfillment that awards points around First Christian Church. It is/has been the practice of those who are involved in the Van Ministry to know about such spirit points. They see on a regular basis how important it is to get a ride to church. For those without transportation, a friendly van driver ensuring that others get to be an active part of the Sunday worship experience is an awe inspiring part of the day. Will you be a part of this team? Indicate your willingness on the this year's interest survey. Drive the bus, drive the van, drive your car...make a difference this next year.

Breakfast for Brethren Update

This past Saturday (May 3), we kicked off our Breakfast for Brethren ministry with generous financial and food donations from FCC members as well as 11 workers!!! By the end of our 9:30 serving time, we had served approximately 45-50 guests. In addition to volunteers and food items needed each week (sign up in church office), the following personal items can also be used:

1. White socks (men and women)
2. Men's underwear
(all sizes and styles)
3. Large, XX, & XXX T-shirts
4. Plain white T-shirts (all sizes)
5. Feminine products
6. Toilet paper
7. Deodorant
8. Tooth brushes
9. Tooth paste (smaller sizes)
10. Band aids
11. Razors
12. Q-tip Swabs

Donations can be dropped off at the church office (see basket marked "Breakfast for Brethren").

Just a reminder that there are 5 Saturdays in May so we have 4 more Saturdays to serve this month! THANK YOU!

Weekly Report

May 4, 2014

Received this week \$11,806
Received to Date \$378,977
Needed to Date \$396,463
Attendance - 250
(includes early service - 64
and visitors - 15)





DOC Serves at L & F

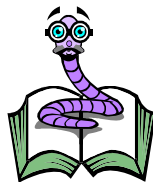
The DOC – Disciples on Campus group served at Loaves and Fishes on April 28. Guesstimating more than 80 were fed by the warm casseroles, fresh slaw and cold pudding. Pictured left to right are Jordan Barnes, Laura Shirey, Michael Tatum, Kayla Chapman, and Ryan Hunsaker.

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

Ladies' Book Club



Next Wednesday, May 14, at noon in Bethany Hall, the Ladies' Book Club concludes their discussion of good books before summer break by discussing *The Round House* by Louise Erdrich. Our discussion usually lasts about an hour. Come join us!

CAFÉ

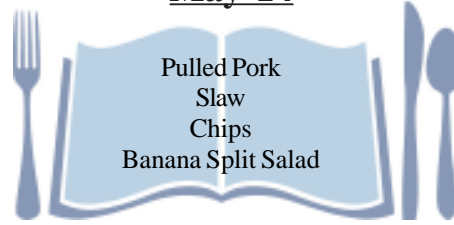
Christian Action Fellowship Education

Wed. Evenings

The Meal: 5:30-6:15 pm

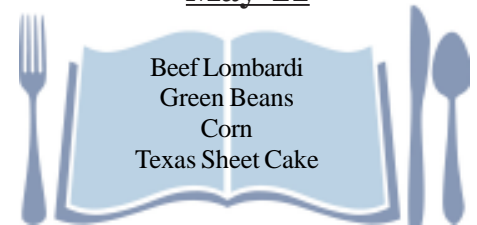
A unique menu created each week by church chef, Laura Estes is served buffet style in Yonker Fellowship Hall.

May 14



Pulled Pork
Slaw
Chips
Banana Split Salad

May 21



Beef Lombardi
Green Beans
Corn
Texas Sheet 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.

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

Funeral Planning

Seriously? Yes. Come and work together with friends through some of the questions and issues that arise – on the church/service/faith – end of the story of end of life decisions. Have a hand in creating a service that is true to your life and faith. Together we will think about the type of service, music, tone/focus, scripture, and other pieces that will make your service one that you have a hand in creating. How helpful to family and clergy it will be if you have a chance to take a lead in the service that will recall your witness, celebration of life, and the promise of life eternal. Led by Rev. Jimmy Spear.

Program 6:15-7:30 pm: Yonker Hall

And in an unconnected (yet ironic) way, join us for the CAFÉ Program, May 21.

Columbia Cemetery Tour

Back by popular demand, Cindy Mustard and friends will lead a program on the history of the Columbia Cemetery. They will then lead the gathered group to see firsthand the historic resting place just up the hill from downtown. The church bus will help move people for the field trip portion. The program will be start in Yonker Hall.

Making a Great Meal

The more than one hundred friends who gathered at noon for the spring fellowship potluck meal last Sunday seemed to be in agreement. It was a great meal. The bountiful variety in potluck food, the tables full of friends new and old, folks of all ages, the creative department posters and displays all added to enjoyment of the time. A lot of people worked to make it a great fellowship event and they succeeded. **Tom and Susan Gray** really lead the Membership/Evangelism department well in these endeavors. **Nora Dietzel** took on getting the department fair coordinated. The Heifer International themed tables raised awareness of our common cause this year for an Ark and raised over \$400. I must also give a shout out to those who accepted the challenge to have ribs at the meal – thanks **David Fox and Carol Slusher** – they were outstanding!

~Jimmy Spear

Serving Schedule - Sunday, May 11

Van Driver: Steve McCormack
Office Receptionist: Valerie Freed
Flower Ministry - Arranged by: Genie Rogers
Delivered by: Genie Rogers

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts.: Tom and Carol Hughey, Mary Daugherty
Elder: Mary Daugherty

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Chuck Scott, Mike Mountjoy,
Drew Nichols
Liturgist: Brenda Mosby
Elders: Rich Hoepfner, Pam Hoepfner, Mark Mills
Deacons: The Creasy Team
Greeters: Larry Veatch (*N. Door*), Peggy Veatch (*S. Door*)
Pat Wright (*Atrium*), Sue Wright (*Portico*)
Ushers: The Burnam Team
Banner Bearers: Joseph McCormack and Andrew Stormer
Candlelighters: Elayna Mottaz and Maddie Marrero
Children's Worship: Jessica Humble (*ldr.*), Amy Marrero (*hlpr.*)

This Week (May 11 - 16)



- Sun.** - Baptism Sunday, during 10:30 worship
- Rev. Spear will preach at both services
- Mon.** - 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., Parlor
- Wed.** - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- Ladies' Book Club, noon, Bethany Hall
- CAFÉ : dinner, 5:30 p.m.
program, 6:15 p.m., Morris Parlor
- Sat.** - Breakfast for Our Brethren, 8:00-10:00 a.m., Yonker Hall

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

Serving Schedule - Sunday, May 18

Van Driver: Russ Palmer
Office Receptionist: Betty Moon
Flower Ministry - Arranged by: Elizabeth Mottaz
Delivered by: Ben and Beth Nelms

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts.: Eric Seaman, Steve and Sharon Smith
Elder: Tommy Gay Evans

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Brianna Shepard, Louis, Jan &
Andy Janssen
Liturgist: Pat Rybolt
Elders: C.K. Hoenes, Paula Hoenes, Colleen Nilges
Deacons: The Nichols Team
Greeters: Jeff Alexander (*N. Door*), Jennifer Alexander (*S. Door*)
Eric Arnett (*Atrium*), Tammy Arnett (*Portico*)
Ushers: The Rose Team
Banner Bearers: Liam Rose and Luke Stagg
Candlelighters: Will Bower & Emma Hawkins
Children's Worship: Kim Rogers (*ldr.*), Trish Stagg (*hlpr.*)

This Week (May 18 - 24)

- Sun.** - Stewardship Victory Sunday
- CYF Mission Team (VA) Mtg., 5:30 p.m.
- CYF (grades 9-12), 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- Mon.** - Newsletter Deadline & Church Staff Meeting, 2:00 p.m.
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- Elder Dinner Mtg., 6:00-8:00 p.m., Yonker Fellowship Hall
- Tue.** - Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Parlor
- Mother's Day Out End of Year (Tue/Thr) Program,
12:30 p.m., Yonker Fellowship Hall
- Wed.** - Shawl Ministry, 10:00 a.m., Bethany Hall
- Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- Mother's Day Out End of Year (M, W, F) Program,
12:30 p.m., Yonker Fellowship Hall
- CWF Board Mtg., 4:30-5:30 p.m., Morris Parlor
- CAFÉ : dinner, 5:30 p.m.
program, 6:15 p.m., Morris Parlor
- Thr.** - STARS Clydesdales Trip (see pg. 2)
- Sat.** - Breakfast for Our Brethren, 8:00-10:00 a.m., Yonker Hall



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Monday,
July 7
thru
Friday,
July 11