



Worship Sunday, May 25

With Memorial Day weekend and on the Sunday after the four week emphasis on stewardship we find ourselves continuing to talk about “fearlessness” but on this day in regard to Fearless Testimony as Rev. Stagg brings the message. Texts will be Psalm 66:1-2, 8-12 along with Acts 17:22-34. The Chancel Choir will bring a new anthem entitled *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*. Brenda Mosby will sing *Find Us Faithful* at the 8:30 service.

The congregation will share in song around the hymns of faith including the power opener: *Lead On O King Eternal*; the newer yet resurrection hopeful: *In the Bulb There Is a Flower*; at communion: *We Come as Guests Invited*; with recessional: *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*.

Worship Sunday, June 1

The last Sunday of the season of Easter finds the congregation centered around texts from 1 Peter 5 and Acts 1:6-14. The theme of the sermon by Rev. Stagg will be “Power!” The Chancel Choir will bring the anthem *This Is the Day the Lord Has Made*.

Hymns will include *All Hail, the Power of Jesus Name*; *Seek Ye First*; and *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*.

Upcoming for Worship in June:

- > Pentecost Sunday: June 8
- > Commissioning of Summer Youth Mission Teams:
 CYF - June 8, 10:30 service & Chi-Rho - June 15, 8:30 service

Heather and Jeff were honored in the 10:30 worship service, May 15. They were gifted an NRSV Study Bible and an afghan/prayer shawl made in their school colors. May these gifts go with them as reminders of their church home and family.



Heather Hunsaker was honored with a reception in the nursery on May 15. Heather has been a nursery volunteer for many years. Her love for the children of FCC has been much appreciated by the church family. Parents put on a special party for Heather AND all her kids.



2014 High School Graduates

Heather Hunsaker
 Hickman High School
 Daughter of Mark and Pam Hunsaker

Jeff Ruffolo
 Boonville High School
 Son of Cindy Ruffolo



Graduates from Higher Education

Drew Nichols
 University of Missouri
 BA in Economics, BA in Philosophy
 Headed to Fordham Law School, New York City

Ryan Hunsaker
 Columbia College
 BS in General Studies (business/computer science)

Alec Wright (former CYF member)
 University of Tulsa
 BS in Biology
 Headed to Washington University Medical School

Elizabeth Gordon
 St. Olaf College, Northfield MN, BA in History
 Headed to Mizzou, graduate school in College of Ed. Masters program, School and Counseling Psychology

We also note former college group/DOC students:
Tim Opfer, Masters, MU and **Jessica Burlison, Biology, MU**.

Bit from Brad

So after the lost and found bunny, discovered Morel mushrooms, Columbia College commencements, Scout awards, and the other host of events that must be managed when one's spouse is away, we have to add one more event. Cooper, our 17 year old shih-poo (a shih tzu/poodle mix) which was really more Trish's dog than mine, stroked and had to be put down while Trish was away. After many phone calls, pictures texted back and forth and internet searches for euthanizing one's pet, Luke, Annie, and I took Cooper down to the wonderful veterinarians at the MU Vet hospital. They were so loving and caring toward our pet. And I was quite surprised at how quickly Cooper passed after the injection; two maybe three seconds was all it took. I was also so surprised at how emotional I was. Holding him until this last breath moved me and once again reminded that all creatures, great and small, are God's.

So when Trish and Noah set foot on the tarmac at Columbia's Regional Airport Sunday night, Luke, Annie, and I were overjoyed at their return. They had been gone 20 straight days; and now we were reunited again. Hugs, kisses, laughter, and peace! All the family once again together! A true homecoming!

Our time together is short, precious, precarious, and not to be taken for granted. Emergencies taking us to ICU or vet come too quickly. God gives us time with our family and friends here on earth for only a short time. Treasure them; cherish them; for the time will come when our time together will pass and our next adventure begins. Do not begrudge the tears or the heartaches for these are the stitches that sew the patches of our lives together.

God is the giver of life. And to receive the gift of life we have to let go of one phase of life to accept the next phase. For the current life, we have the church and the Holy Spirit; for the next life, we have Christ Jesus who gives abundant life through the sacrifice of his own life. Cherish each moment with God and Christ as you would a beloved family or friend, and you will know the peace that passes all understanding and joy of life in the Spirit.

Hold on to your loved ones this week and remember that Christ holds on to you!

~Blessings, Brad

With weekly youth group meetings on summer break, many of our Youth Groupers will be busy with:
 CYF Camp: June 8-13
 Chi-Rho Mission Trip: June 15-17
 Counseling Elementary/Junior Camps
 CYF Mission Trip: June 21-29
 High School Youth will volunteer at Vacation Bible School, July 7-11

JYF (grds 3-5)

Chi-Rho (grds 6-8)

CYF (grds 9-12)



Happy Birthday!



May 18

Jean Hall

May 19

Jacob Alexander

May 21

Jim Estes

Amy Lightner

Billie Silvey

Andrew Stormer

May 22

Eden Crane

May 25

Evan Holliday

Vicki Johnson

May 26

Mary Banken

Genny Brown

Laura Micek

May 27

Bud Batterson

May 28

Isabella Arnett

Peggy Veatch

May 29

Mary Dewey

Abigail Reardon

May 30

Kameron Freed

Amanda Holman

May 31

Timothy McCarty

June 2

Paul Seigel

June 3

Michael Provenzano

Kyle Sheppard

Alan Street

June 4

Ronald Hall, Jr.

June 5

Joni Cupp

June 7

Martha Collins

Chris Creasy

Ken McCarty

Molly Read

Candace Stormer

News of Our People

Thanks to all of the ladies who brought salads and other food items for the Annual Drennan Ladies Luncheon. We have some GREAT cooks!

It was a pleasure to hear **Elayna Mottaz** offer her talent on the grand piano in worship last Sunday morning.

Betty Montgomery is in Boone Hospital undergoing an angioplasty.

Carolyn Savoy had successful brain tumor surgery on Monday, May 12 and was home by Friday, May 16. We pray her recovery continues to be at such a quick pace.

Becky Baumgartner will have an out-patient procedure this week.

Nancy Watson's carpal tunnel stitches were taken out Monday, May 19 and she is recovering speedily.

Jerry Daugherty's mother, Dorothy Daugherty, has been removed from hospice care as her cancer is no longer imminently life-threatening. Praise be to God!

Trish Stagg's father, George Gonzales, is out of the hospital, living with his son under home health care, and recovering nicely.

No newsletter next week due to holiday.

Nursery Caregivers Needed

In an effort to continue providing excellent nursery care for our children and families, FCC is currently hiring caregivers who are 18 years of age and over. Applicants should be dependable, confident, and child-focused, available to work part time, flexible hours during worship services, meetings and special events. Talk to Jimmy Spear if interested.



Thank you to my church family and the Ministry of the Flowers and to Chris Creasy for bringing me the beautiful bouquet for my 91st birthday. The flowers stayed beautiful for a full week! ~Anne Tomlin



Fearless Generosity Annual Stewardship Campaign

As of May 19, FCC has received 95 Estimate of Giving Cards totaling \$264,077. The 95 cards represent 59% of last year's 161 cards; the \$264,077 represents 67% of last year's \$396,077. For those who have turned in their family's Estimate of Giving Card, the Stewardship Campaign Committee gives their heartfelt thanks! For all who tend to return your "Estimate of Giving" Cards at the last minute, please

bring your family's card to the church office as soon as possible. The Stewardship & Finance Department meets the evening of May 28 and needs your card by then as it will draft a budget for the June 3rd Cabinet, the June 10th Administrative Board, and the June 22nd Congregational meetings. If your pledge is not received in time, then the S&F Dept. will have to make significant cuts in staff, programs, maintenance, and outreach as they are committed to bringing a balanced budget before those bodies. Please support your church and our mission to "Know God and follow Jesus Christ!"

"Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen." Ephesians 3:20-21

DOC School Season Ends

The DOC - Disciples on Campus group gathered May 7 to share a last meal as the school year comes to a close. The group has a tradition of going for mexican food to end the spring semester. In their closing they honored Drew Nichols and Ryan Hunsaker who are graduating this term. DOC will gather for a few events over the summer.



Weekly Reports

May 11, 2014
Received this week \$5,708
Received to Date \$384,686
Needed to Date \$404,496
Attendance - 236
(includes early service - 58
and visitors - 20)

May 18, 2014
Received this week \$7,238
Received to Date \$391,924
Needed to Date \$412,529
Attendance - 178
(includes early service - 43
and visitors - 16)

DOC Thanks Food People!

The DOC - Disciples on Campus group says thanks to all the great church folks who brought snack food throughout this past school year. A great variety, care and bounty were evident in the Wednesday night food offerings for our student group. Thanks to:

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| Janelle Patterson | Erin Bower |
| Brenda Martin | Diana Provenzano |
| Betty Montgomery | Kim Reardon |
| Elizabeth Mottaz | Tommy Gay Evans |
| Moray Kiehl | Pat & Sue Wright |
| Brenda Mosby | Sharon Winner |
| Hartley Rogers | |

Faith Community Assembly

A faith group of clergy recently formed in Columbia, called Columbia Faith Voices, whose opening convention was held on April 1 at Second Baptist Church, announces a community assembly:

Columbia Faith Voices: Connecting

Sunday, June 1 3:00 p.m.

Come to the table...

Join with people of faith from the Columbia Community to envision and create a more just and compassionate community.

We are Disciples of Christ,
A movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As
part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the
Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.

+ Disciples of Christ Statement of Identity



Serving Schedule - Sunday, May 25

Van Driver: Dan Gieseke
Office Receptionist: Diana Provenzano
Flower Ministry - Arranged by: Nancy Watson
Delivered by: Jim and Anne Campbell

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts.: Tom and Susan Gray, Tom Hughey
Elder: Cherry Hinderberger

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Shane, Erin and Julia Bower
Liturgist: Don Mosby
Elders: Steve Lightner, Cheryl Lightner, Fred Mottaz
Deacons: The Stanley Team
Greeters: Moray Kiehl (*N. Door*), Richard Barnard (*S. Door*)
Ed Bright (*Atrium*), Eva Bright (*Portico*)
Ushers: The Scott Team
Banner Bearers: Elayna Mottaz and Mia Gregory
Candlelighters: Max Gregory and Olivia Johnson
Children's Worship: Holly Gieseke (*ldr.*), Trish Stagg (*hlpr.*)

This Week (May 25 - 31)

- Sun.** - Lenoir Healthcare Worship, 3:30 p.m.
- Mon.** - Office Closed for Memorial Day Holiday
- Serving Loaves & Fishes
- Tue.** - Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Parlor
- Drennan Group Meeting, 1:00-3:00 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Church Staff Mtg., 2:00 p.m.
- Capital Campaign Committee Mtg., 6:30-9:00 p.m., Parlor
- Wed.** - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- Brummett Harrah Group Mtg., 1:30 p.m., Opal Stites' home
- Thr.** - Adult Education Dept. Mtg, 6:30 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Capital Campaign Committee Mtg., 6:30-9:00 p.m., 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, June 1

Van Driver: Carol Slusher
Office Receptionist: Janelle Patterson
Flower Ministry - Arranged by: Bud & Deb Batterson
Delivered by: Bud & Deb Batterson

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts.: Richard Barnard, TBA
Elder: Donna Houston

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Tom Gray, Susan Gray, Kim Leon
Liturgist: Bragg Stanley
Elders: Don Mosby, Brenda Mosby, Roy Rogers
Deacons: The Campbell Team
Greeters: Bill Carney (*N. Door*), Sonya Carney (*S. Door*)
Dan Gieseke (*Atrium*), Holly Gieseke (*Portico*)
Ushers: The Mountjoy Team
Banner Bearers: Emma Hawkins and Ava Hoenes
Candlelighters: Joseph McCormack and Liam Rose
Children's Worship: on summer break

This Week (June 1 - 7)

- Mon.** - Newsletter Deadline & Church Staff Mtg., 2:00 p.m.
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- Tue.** - Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Parlor
- Cabinet Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Morris Parlor
- Wed.** - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- Thr.** - CAOAM Board Mtg., 5:30 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Fri.** - Church Dine-Out, 5:30 p.m., Bob Evans Restaurant,
Everyone Welcome!
- Sat.** - Men's Ministry - Royals Game, Kansas City



Vacation Bible School is set for July 7-11

Mark your calendars now! Vacation Bible School is set for July 7-11 from 5:30-8:00 p.m. Get ready for the Worship of Wonders where we will Imagine & Build with God!

As you know, VBS takes a TREMENDOUS amount of volunteers to make it a great week for the kids. Please call me at 808-6394 or email me at humblejess@aol.com to volunteer. The following positions are needed:

Preschool Rotation Teachers
Preschool Crew Leaders
Elementary Rotation Teachers
Elementary Crew Leaders
Middle School Teacher
Kitchen Helpers
Dessert Bakers
Decoration Helpers

Thank you for your participation!
~Jessica Humble

Register now!

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.

Each family that registers early will receive a free CD of this year's music before VBS! Start singing the songs now!

VBS volunteer orientation has been set for June 25, 6:30 p.m. or June 29, 9:30 a.m. Every volunteer needs to attend one of the orientation meetings.

The Drennan Singers Music Up Colony Pointe

The Drennan Singers finished up their spring performance season with a special musical evening at Colony Pointe. The residents of the assisted living center were glad to see friends and hear the joyful music. Church member Kim Leon, activities director at CP, arranged the visit. It was good to see Lois Ross, FCC member and resident at CP. The Drennan Singers are directed by Gene Kirkham and accompanied by Mary Bancroft.



UPDATE ON BREAKFAST FOR BRETHREN WEEKS 2 AND 3

Thanks to everyone who has helped this month with the Breakfast for Brethren ministry...we served approximately 40 – 45 on May 10 and 50 – 55 on May 17...and we had 11 volunteers on each day as well! We still have two more weeks to serve (May 24 and May 31) so come join us! If you can:

- (1) Help serve **anytime** between 7 and 9:30, sign up at church office or contact Colleen Nilges at 825-8947
- (2) Provide food items, sign up at church office or contact Colleen Nilges at 825-8947
- (3) Provide needed personal items (see May 9 *Visitor* or bulletin board outside church office), drop off at church office or contact Sarah Storm at 289-0072
- (4) Provide monetary support, drop off at church office.

And we always gladly accept all prayers in support of this important ministry!

Church Dine-Out
Friday, June 6, 5:30 p.m.
Bob Evans Restaurant
Everyone Welcome!

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

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