



# THE VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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## Worship This Sunday: Highlights for Nov. 16

Prayer Hymn Sing from 9:45-10:15 a.m.  
(donuts/coffee at 9:30 a.m. - narthex)  
Children's Choir to sing in 10:30  
Children's Pennies collected for Campaign  
Handbell Choir in 10:30 as Prelude music  
Denomination's Thanksgiving Offering  
Texts of Day: Psalm 123 & Matthew 25:14-30  
Sermon: "Put that Shovel Away!"  
by Rev. Jimmy Spear  
Hymns: *Marching to Zion*  
*Lead On, O Cloud of Presence*  
*Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*  
A seat is saved for all this Sunday!

## "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

Well, it should be "Sweet Half-Hour of Prayer," but somehow that just doesn't sound the same... With just a week left before Commitment Sunday, we know the importance of being in continual prayer for God's guidance and blessings in this important season of our congregation's life and ministry. Next Sunday (16th), between the morning services, the Capital Campaign Prayer Team will offer an opportunity for us to join our hearts and voices in singing some of the great old prayer hymns of the Church. After the 8:30 service, there will be donuts and coffee in the Narthex and a hymn sing from 9:45 to 10:15 in the Sanctuary. Nancy and Ken Watson, Co-Chairs of the Prayer Team, will be leading the service along with song leader Pat Rybolt. Join us as we share some wonderful old (and new) prayer hymns and "Find the Quiet Center" for the exciting challenges that are ahead.

## Pennies and Potluck Luncheon

Come One, Come All!! Join us this Sunday, Nov. 16, for the All Church Potluck Luncheon following the 10:30 Service in Yonker Hall for the seventh and final Capital Campaign Event.

Even if you've come to one of the previous events, you're encouraged to attend this one last hurrah as we press forward for Commitment Sunday on Nov. 23.

So bring your favorite dish – whether it's an entrée, casserole, salad, side, or dessert and let's gather together in the house of the LORD for fun, fellowship, and encouragement!



**Don't forget!!!  
All Children bring your  
PENNIES this Sunday,  
Nov. 16 to 10:30 Service!**



## Men's Ministry: The 2014 Big Event

Featuring  
**Bob Priddy**  
Author, Historian and Noted Broadcaster  
Speaking on  
**"Things That Happen at Church"**

**November 17 (Monday)**  
**Shakespeare's South**  
Pizza Served at 6:00 pm, \$10 payable at the door

Make Your Reservation Today: 449-7265 or  
fcc@firstchristian.org



*Come Home* 2014 Thanksgiving Offering  
www.disciplesmissionfund.org

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Transylvania  
Lexington  
Disciples Divinity House  
Brite  
Bethany  
Christian  
Barton  
Midway  
Drury  
Phillips Theological Seminary

Received in most congregations on November 9 and 16.

\*See related article on next page of Visitor

Support our students so  
they can ***Come***  
***Home*** to a Disciples  
of Christ Institution!

Your gift to the Thanksgiving Offering helps underwrite the education of students attending our 14 member undergraduate institutions and our 7 seminaries or divinity houses. You are helping ensure that when students from your congregation go away to study they will ***Come Home*** to a Disciples institution.

For generations thousands of students have attended the Colleges and Universities of the Christian Church receiving both a quality education and the opportunity to remain within our Disciple's heritage. The Thanksgiving Offering helps continue this tradition. Consider how important teaching and learning is to our faith community. Likewise, consider the many generations of pastors, who, if not for the support of faithful congregations and individuals over the ages would not have flourished as our pastors, teachers and leaders.

Historically, our denomination has led in founding and supporting higher education. Today, the Colleges, Universities, Seminaries and Divinity Houses find themselves in a transformational time, much like the Church. The Thanksgiving Offering benefits the Colleges, Universities, Seminaries, and Divinity Houses affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). These learning communities are an extension of the church, challenging students to understand and respond to God's call to serve. Your support provides scholarships, church relations programs, and chaplaincy offices. Most importantly, your support of the 2014 Thanksgiving Offering helps Disciples ***Come Home!***

**Please give generously to this year's Thanksgiving Offering.**



**Oasis**  
**Nov. 19**  
**5:30 pm**  
**Yonker Hall**

Potluck Dinner - bring a dish  
or pay \$5  
Program by David Read -  
*Paradise Lost*

Sign up on the Sunday Pew Pad  
sheet, in the church  
office, or call 449-7265.

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Listen In...  
Radio Spots M-W-F

KFRU-1400 AM @ 6:55 am  
KBXR-102.3 FM @ 7:20 am

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**Election Day Luncheon**

WOW! Another fantastic Election Day Luncheon! It was an exciting time seeing everyone working together in serving others. Having our young people working with us was especially nice. Not only did we have people eating with us in Yonker Hall, 179 meals were delivered to those who couldn't join us. The bills must be paid yet. But, we made over \$4000! This will benefit the outreach goals of Women's Ministries — FCC youth projects; local women's/children's charities; Disciples Mission Fund; Woodhaven Learning Center; Shawl Ministry; Loaves and Fishes; Breakfast for the Brethren; etc.

Thanks for your willingness to make this a huge success. Looking forward to working with you again next year!

~Brenda Mosby and Mimi McRoberts

**News of Our People**

**Mark Martin's** father and **Brenda Martin's** father-in-law, Donald Martin died Friday, Nov. 7 in Slater, MO. Services were held Sunday, Nov. 9. We extend our sympathy to Mark, Brenda, and **Robert** on their loss.

**Dorothy Allen** continues under hospice care at home. We pray for Dorothy as well as her daughter **Susan Allen** who is caring for Dorothy.

**Tommy Tomlin** is scheduled for surgery on Nov. 18.

**Dr. John & Sarah Yonker** have sold their home here in Columbia and have relocated to Chesterfield, MO. We bid them Godspeed as they begin the next chapter of their lives.

No Newsletter  
Thanksgiving week!

Watch for the  
Advent Calendar and  
Poinsettia order form  
next week!!



My thanks to Mary Daugherty for the beautiful flowers, her visit and wishing me a Happy Birthday. God Bless her. ~Mary Ann Niedergerke



**Happy  
Birthday**

Nov. 16  
Amy LaHue  
Janet Swope

Nov. 18  
Dalton Whipple

Nov. 17  
Rich Montgomery  
Chelsea Swope

Nov. 21  
Laura Crane  
Jamie Estes

## Sunday, November 16:

4:30-6 pm: Chi-Rho Youth Group

6-7:30 pm: CYF Youth Group

### Future Youth Meetings/Dates:

Nov. 23: JYF, CYF

Nov. 30: Chi-Rho, CYF

Dec 5: Living Nativity

Dec. 7: JYF, CYF

Dec. 14: Pageant

JYF (grds 3-5)

Chi-Rho (grds 6-8)

CYF (grds 9-12)



## Come Be A Christmas "Rapper" !!!

Come join the Drennan Group ladies for their annual service project of wrapping the donated Christmas gifts for the kids at the Coyote Hill Christian Children's Home. We will wrap from 12:30 to 2:30 pm **Monday, December 8**, at the First Presbyterian Church, 100 Hitt Street. Park in the lot south of the church, come in the south door, ride the elevator to the top floor, and have FUN with us. Please bring your own scissors and a roll of scotch tape. See you there. Men and women welcome!!! Any questions, call Sharon Winner, 474-2782.

## Drennan Group November 18th

Drennan group will meet on Tuesday, November 18 at 1:15 p.m. in the Fire-side Lounge of Lenoir Woods Community Center. The guest speaker will be Ron Freiburghaus, Director of Stewardship for Lenoir. Lorene Trickey is hostess and worship leader.

### Weekly Report

Nov. 9, 2014

Received this week \$8,051

Received to Date \$155,361

Needed to Date \$157,710

Attendance - 218

(includes early service - 42  
and visitors - 14)

## First Christian Church Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, November 22

8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Yonker Fellowship Hall

We have a lot to do to get ready for our Christmas Bazaar. And, we need your help! Amy and Colleen can use your help in the kitchen making sandwiches, cutting and wrapping breads and desserts, etc. any time from 7:00 a.m to 2:30 p.m. There will be a list in the Narthex for you to sign up for baking breads, cookies and candy. Also, if your little one would like to wait a table, there is room. An adult or teen can serve with them. We will be in the Narthex Sunday to help you sign up. If you have any questions, please call Brenda Mosby at 442-7507. Don't miss out on a fun day!



## STARS T-Giving Meal

The 60+ Group from Broadway Christian Church has invited us to their Thanksgiving Feast Monday, November 24 at 12 noon. This gathering will be in their Fellowship Hall.

This event is a wonderful time to have great food and fellowship with friends from Olivet Christian Church, Rocheport Christian Church and Rock Bridge Christian Church.

Cost is \$6.50 per person (payable at the door) but reservations are necessary because they purchase the turkey and dressing from HyVee. It is suggested that we bring a dish to share. Those with last name beginning with A-M bring either a salad or side dish. If your last name begins with N-Z bring a dessert.

Carol Slusher has the reservation notices and these need to be turned in by **November 18, at noon.**

We hope you can come join this fine group of Christian friends and if you need a ride we can make that happen. Sign up by contacting the church office (449-7265), on the church registration form in the pews on Sunday morning, or contact Carol at 874-4902 or 825-1141. Let's have a good representation from our church.



Jimmy has returned from his much deserved Sabbatical and the World Outreach Department reminds you that we decided to raise \$5,000 for a Heifer Ark in honor of Rev. Jimmy Spear. He takes care of us in so many amazing ways we want to honor him in this way. Our goal is to raise this money by the end of December 2014 and we are getting close. We have raised over \$3,400 so far. A flock of geese or a trio of rabbits will make a great Christmas gift or birthday gift for a friend or family member. This will be the gift that keeps on giving. Make your check to First Christian Church and in the memo section write Gift Ark and drop it in the offering tray on Sunday or drop the check off in the church office. We have cards you may give to your family or friend telling them of your donation in their honor. We will have the Heifer display in the Narthex the first three Sundays in December. If you want to do some activities at home with your family check out the Heifer International website for more details at [www.heifer.org](http://www.heifer.org). You will also see how your gift will make a difference in people's lives.

~World Outreach Department

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### Minister Emeritus:

Dr. John J. Yonker

## Return Service Requested

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

### Serving Schedule - Sunday, Nov. 16

*Van Driver:* Kim Leon  
*Office Receptionist:* Valerie Freed  
*Flower Ministry - Arranged by:* Carol Slusher  
*Delivered by:* Carol Slusher

#### Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

*Worship Assts.:* Tom and Carol Hughey  
*Elder:* Tom Gray

#### Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

*Communion Preparation:* Buddy, Kim and Ryan Boger, and  
Eli Gaffney  
*Liturgist:* Brad Beary  
*Elders:* Jacki Davidson, Sarah Read, David Read  
*Deacons:* The Nichols Team  
*Greeters:* Jerry Miller (*N. Door*), Kathy Miller (*S. Door*)  
Bud Batterson (*Atrium*), Deb Batterson (*Portico*)  
*Ushers:* The Rose Team  
*Banner Bearers:* Emma Hawkins & Maddie Micek  
*Candlelighters:* Mia Gregory and Max Gregory  
*Children's Worship:* Eric Arnett

### This Week (Nov. 16 - 22)

- Sun.** - Bell Choir, 8:30 a.m., 3rd Floor, Education Bldg.  
- Service of Prayer in Song, 9:45-10:15 a.m., Sanctuary  
- Children's Choir performs during 10:30 worship  
- Capital Campaign Potluck, 11:45 a.m., Yonker Hall  
- Chi-Rho Youth Group (grades 6-8), 4:30-6:00 p.m.  
- CYF (grades 9-12), 6:00-7:30 p.m.
- Mon.** - Newsletter Deadline & Church Staff Mtg., 2:00 p.m.  
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary  
- Men's Ministry Big Event, 6:00 p.m., Shakespeare's South  
- Drennan Singers Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- Tue.** - Tuesday Bible Study, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Wed.** - Shawl Ministry, 10:00 a.m., Bethany Hall  
- Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center  
- DWM/CWF Board Mtg., 4:00 p.m., Keystone Rm.  
- Oasis, 5:30 p.m., Yonker Fellowship Hall  
- Stewardship and Finance Dept., 5:45 p.m.  
- DOC (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Thr.** - CAOAM Advisory Board, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Sat.** - Christmas Bazaar, 8:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m., Yonker Hall