



THE VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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Maundy Thursday

Join us **Thursday, April 2, at 7:00 p.m.** for a worship service focused on Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples and the events that followed. A series of scriptures, hymns, special music, the extinguishing of lights and communion will help us journey through the stories that tell of the end of Jesus' life. Childcare for infants - pre-school will be provided in the nursery.



Resurrection!

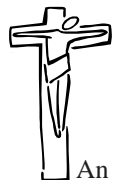
Lilies

Two Identical Services with
Brass & Choir



Scripture: Mark 16:1-8

Sermon: "Terror & Amazement"



Good Friday - Requiem

April 3, 7:30 p.m.

Broadway Christian Church,
2601 W. Broadway

An observance of Good Friday in conjunction with *The Requiem* by Gabriel Faure as presented by choir, soloists, harp, strings and readers.

Church Yard Work this Saturday

Easter is coming.

Guests will be walking onto the property.

Mulch, weeds, general clean up from winter yard work are in need of attention. Mary and Peggy will lead the flower bed cleaning and mulching. OTHER helpers are needed to make this happen -- for the city block we are on is big!

Saturday, April 4,

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Bring gloves and willing spirit, along with other tools you use.

Easter Joy this Sunday

Come celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at one of our two services at either 8:30am or 10:30am. Both services will feature music by the Chancel Choir and all our hymns will be accompanied by a brass quartet. Children's Worship will be offered during the 10:30 service. Childcare is offered all morning. There will be Sunday School!

All-Church Garage Sale

(All church = whole church project - donating, set-up, volunteer)

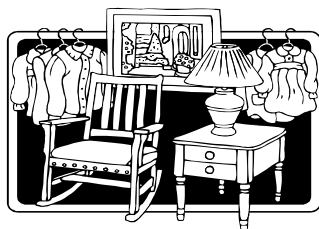
April 10 - 12

Sale Times:

Friday: 3 - 6pm

Sat.: 8am - 12pm

Sun.: 8am - 1pm



**The Garage Sale fully funds all summer youth mission trips.*

This sale is a serving opportunity for the whole church family.

Sponsored by the Student Ministry Department

Volunteers Needed:

Table set up: Sun. April 5, 7 p.m.

Drop off donations:

Sunday night 7-9 p.m.

(Youth will unload cars)

or any other time we are open

Mon. - Wed.

Monday - Thursday:

Day Workers 8-5 p.m.

Evening Workers 6-8 p.m.

Wednesday Night:

6 - 10 p.m.

Volunteer Sign Up:

Welcome at any of the above times; sign up in the Narthex this Sunday or see Jimmy Spear

A Bit from Brad

Daffodils bursting from the ground; grass greening; trees budding; the earth responds to Spring's arrival. With each warming day, as winter's clouds pass, I feel God's power erupting! The seeds of spring appearing to lie dormant in winter's tomb in the dark, frozen ground awaited their perfecting timely arrival, and at last, they arrive!

How God's perfect Kairos timing is at play once again this Spring as we await God's arrival through Jesus' resurrection! Just as the ground burst forth life and beauty, so we too are being transformed into new creatures with each new Easter season. Whether we are brand new Christians or have been Christians for decades, each season is an opportunity for growth, renewal, and transformation. I pray this Easter season will be one of joyful surprise, filled with grace, love, and redemption.

How will you respond to Christ's resurrection for this Easter? I hope you will respond by thorough deep confession, sacred appreciations, and grateful praise to Christ Jesus. We offer you, your family, and your friends, several opportunities to elevate your confession, appreciation, and praise. Thursday's Maundy-Thursdays Service will be particularly reflective with communion and a symbolic foot-washing ceremony. Then I'll join Tim Carson at Broadway Christian Church in leading a joint Good Friday Service as we listen to Faure's *Requiem*. And finally on Sunday we'll have two Easter Services with brass and timpani, plus at the 10:30 Service we'll have three adult baptisms! It promises to be a day of joy, grace, and love!

Hallelujah! He is Risen!
Blessings, Brad



Oasis April 8 Meal - 5:30 Bethany Hall

Menu: _____
**Project: Working the
Garage Sale Set-UP**

Make your reservation asap by signing up on the Sunday Pew Pad sheet or call the church office 449-7265.

Ladies' Book Club

The Ladies' Book Club gathers Wed., April 8, at noon in Bethany Hall to discuss "Orphan Train." Our meeting usually lasts an hour. Some bring a lunch. Please join us.

Room at the Inn (RATI) Winter Shelter

Thank you EVERYONE who supported the Room at the Inn winter shelter this year...there were so many ways to help and FCC again "rose to the challenge": (1) By "filling the RATI basket" outside the church office with clothing, toiletries, food items, and paper products! (2) By donating cash which helped directly with the costs of running the shelter and paying the night managers! (3) By subsidizing RATI bed laundry (Coffman-Watson Women's Ministry Group)! AND (4) By your prayers of support for this important ministry!

From December 11 through March 11 (90 nights), RATI offered a warm and safe place for guests to sleep. Estimated figures reflect that the average number of guests per night was 47 and that 1/3 of these guests spent *every* night at RATI. Estimated number of volunteers: 500!

Room at the Inn Warming Station

MANY, MANY THANKS to the volunteers who made our first year of serving as the RATI Sunday Morning Warming Station "happen" from December 14, 2014 - March 8, 2015!!

Thanks To: Organizers Colleen Nilges, Janelle Patterson, Larry Veatch, and Sarah Storm

Thanks To: Coordinator Janelle Patterson who tirelessly "recruited" and "reminded" Sunday morning volunteers

Thanks To: Sunday Morning Volunteers Larry Veatch, Peggy Veatch, Colleen Nilges, Bragg Stanley, Sarah Storm, Lowell Patterson, Janelle Patterson, Keith Picker, C. K. Hoenes, Fred Mottaz, Curt Snow, Ben Micek, Jerry Miller, Jay Creasy, Richard Barnard, Tom Rose, Eric Arnett, Tracy Evers, Dave Nichols, and Chuck Scott.

Psalm 91:15: "He will call on me and I will answer him...." Thank you to everyone who "answered the call" to help this year with the RATI ministry!

News of People & Place

Congratulations to **Bob and Muriel Leach** on their 60th wedding anniversary April 8.

Sympathy is extended to **Dorothy Neds Martin** in the death of her husband **Gordon Martin** (91). Services were held in Kansas City on Tuesday, March 24. The Martins have lived in Kansas City over the past year to be closer to children. Gordon was a Lutheran who came to FCC when he married Dottie later in life and both were active members.

The **Chancel Choir** led worship on Palm Sunday with great word and song. The Cantata was presented in both services and directed by **Adriene Price**, accompanied by **Mary Bancroft**, and narrated by **Robert Floyd**. Thanks to these and the singers for all the extra efforts in bringing the message in song.

Church Dine-Out
Friday, Apr. 03, 5:30 p.m.
Bob Evans Restaurant
Everyone Welcome!

There will be NO newsletter the week of April 13-17. Please send your articles early for the double issue next week!

Weekly Report: March 29, 2015

Received this week \$6,135
Received to Date \$319,549
Needed to Date \$335,424
Attendance - 230
(includes early service - 61, visitors - 11)

Happy Birthday



April 5
Jennifer Gwinner

April 9
Yvonne Clark
David Heise

April 8
Bill Carney
Chuck Scott

April 10
Laura Daugherty
Erich Unterschultz

Minute for Mission Palm Sunday, March 29

I like the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Unlike the Methodist, Episcopal, Presbyterian, Baptist, or other mainline churches, we Disciples do not have an assigned amount that each church must send to the National Church to support its ministries. In the Disciples church, ministries such as the National President's office, the National Benevolent Association, the Division of Overseas Ministries and all the other ministries that are supported by us are dependent upon our willing generosity. Each church decides for itself how much it will send to support our ministries. At First Christian in Columbia, we send what you decide to give.

We do have about five Special Day offerings that go to specific organizations, but The Easter Offering goes to Basic Mission Finance, the fund that helps support all the ministries of Disciples. In many cases, these funds are only seed money and the ministries are able to multiply these funds in various ways to do their work. Let me give you some examples.

The health and social services ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is the National Benevolent Association or NBA, which has its presence widely known in Columbia because Woodhaven is one of their ministries. Woodhaven was started with seed money of the Christian Church and NBA, and Disciple money is still very important in its operation. It also uses money that parents pay and money that the State of Missouri provides to help handicapped individuals. But the National Benevolent Association is more than just physical facilities.

NBA tells us that Sharyn in the Oklahoma Family Empowerment Center (OFEC) shares "I was approached by the Office of Juvenile Affairs to work on reducing the disparity of minority contact with law enforcement in Tulsa County." From those initial conversations the OFEC has grown into a ministry that provides social and health services for youth and young people with the juvenile justice system in Tulsa County. Despite the limited resources, Sharyn shares a sense of renewal and excitement by the partnership of working with the wider church.

These are only two examples of NBA's many helping efforts. And, while the work that Woodhaven does and the work that Sharyn

does are helped by the National Benevolent Association, the NBA is, in turn, only one of the many ministries that the Disciples church underwrites, as you can see from the bulletin insert.

Most of us have been richly blessed and have more than adequate income to provide comfortable food, housing, and clothing. What we have is not ours, but God's! Please consider a generous gift at this Easter time to continue and increase the support of these many important works of the Church. Thank you.

~Tommy Tomlin



Special thanks from the Elders to Carol Slusher, Colleen Nilges, Janelle Patterson, and Frances Brown for their help with the March 18th Oasis. Many thanks to Babara Rothenberger on a wonderful overview of her recent trip to India. Also, thanks to Sarah Read on making arrangements for our February 18th Oasis speaker, Jamie Freidrichs.

~Tom and Susan Gray

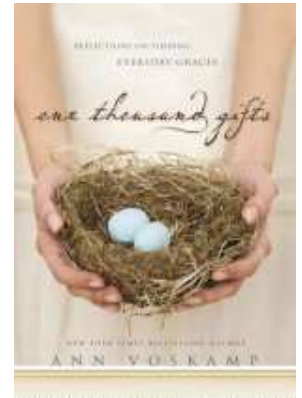
Women's Study Begins April 12!

A five session study for women offered from April 12 to May 17 - Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:20 a.m. Held in The Backroom.

Sign up, pick up a book (\$10 to buy book) in the church office.

While showing up for the first session is welcomed additional books can be ordered.

Are you a woman and looking for a small group to explore faith? This class offering is sponsored by the Adult Education Department. All women are invited.



The study is based upon a book by Ann Voskamp: **One Thousand Gifts** *Dare to Live Fully Right Where You Are*

Just like you, author Ann Voskamp hungers to live her one life well. "How," she wondered, "do we find joy in the midst of deadlines, debt, drama, and daily duties? What does the Christ-life really look like when your days are gritty, long--and sometimes even dark?" In this study she invites participants to embrace everyday blessings and embark on the transformative spiritual discipline of chronicling God's gifts.

GEORGE CALEB BINGHAM - STARS April Trip

G.C. Bingham's art is on exhibit at The St. Louis Art Museum. STARS will go and see the Bingham exhibit, have lunch in the city and tour on the way home.

Thursday, April 16. (Fee approximate \$20.00.) **Reserve your spot by April 8** (we need to get tickets) in the church office or on the Sunday pew pad "STARS - ART"

STARS is the 55+ fellowship group of FCC. All are welcome!

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JYF (grds 3-5) &
Chi-Rho (grds 6-8)
4:30-6:00 p.m.
CYF (grds 9-12)
6:00-7:30 p.m.

Spring Youth Calendar:

April 5: Easter - no youth groups.
April 6-12: Set up/work/clean up the garage sale.
April 24-26: CYF Leadership Retreat at Culver-Stockton College, Canton MO. Talk to Jimmy if interested.
April 19: Chi-Rho, CYF
April 26: JYF, CYF
May 3: Chi-Rho, CYF

June 14-16: Chi-Rho Summer Mission Trip
July 5-11: CYF Summer Mission Trip
CAMP Packets have been mailed!
Camp registration due by April 12.

Children's Choir dates:
 April 5, 12 - **NO** Choir Practice
 April 19 - CC Practice, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
 April 26 - CC Practice, 4:00-4:30 p.m.
 May 3 - CC Practice, 4:30-5:30 p.m.
 May 10 - CC Practice, 4:00-4:30 p.m.



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

Serving Schedule - Sunday, April 5

Van Driver: Russ Palmer

Office Receptionist: Janelle Patterson

Easter Lily Sunday - Delivered by: Jerry & Mary Daugherty

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Tom Hughey, Diana Provenzano, and
Quinn Fullington

Liturgist: Kim Reardon

John Hickey, Julie Hickey and Jennifer Alexander

Deacons: The Stanley Team

Greeters: Brice Moeller (*N. Door*), Mary Moeller (*S. Door*)

Carole Randerson (*Atrium*), Mike Randerson (*Portico*)

Ushers: The Mountjoy Team

Banner Bearers: Lena Schafer and Max Gregory

Candlelighters: Mia Gregory and Andrew Stormer

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: David, Debbie and Megan Potthast

Liturgist: Jessica Humble

Elders: Jessica Humble, Steve Humble, Eric Arnett

Deacons: The Garton Team

Greeters: Steve Humble (*N. Door*), Jessica Humble (*S. Door*)

Dan Gieseke (*Atrium*), Holly Gieseke (*Portico*)

Ushers: The Scott Team

Banner Bearers: Maddie Micek and Kameron Freed

Candlelighters: Carleigh Snow and Joseph McCormack

Children's Worship: Julie Nichols (ldr.); TBA (hlpr.)

This Week (April 5 - April 11)

- Sun.** - Baptism Sunday (10:30 worship service)
- No youth groups (Easter Sunday)
- Garage Sale set up, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Yonker Hall
- Mon.** - Garage Sale set up, 8:00-5:00 and 6:00-8:00, Yonker Hall
- Newsletter deadline and Church Staff Mtg., 2:00 p.m.
- Adult Education Dept. Mtg., 6:30 p.m.
- Coffman Watson CWF, 7:00 p.m., Susan Gray's home
- Tue.** - Garage Sale set up, 8:00-5:00 and 6:00-8:00, Yonker Hall
- Tuesday Bible Study, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Cabinet Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Morris Parlor
- Wed.** - Garage Sale set up, 8:00-5:00 and 6:00-8:00, Yonker Hall
- Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- Ladies' Book Club, Noon, Bethany Hall
- Oasis, meal: 5:30 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Chancel Choir, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- Baptism Class, 6:30-7:45 p.m., Keystone Rm.
- Capital Campaign Management Team, 6:30 p.m., Parlor
- DOC (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Thr.** - Garage Sale set up, 8:00-5:00 and 6:00-8:00, Yonker Hall
- Mothers Day Out Picture Day, Keystone Room
- Fri.** - All-Church Garage Sale, 3:00-6:00 p.m.
- MDO Picture Day, Keystone Room
- Sat.** - All-Church Garage Sale, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
and Sunday the 12th, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.