



Worship Sunday, April 12

Sunday, April 12 is the Second Sunday of Easter. Rev. Stagg's sermon is based on Acts 4:32-35 and 1 John 1:1-2:2 and is entitled "Our Light and Advocate."

Mary Bancroft and Jean Hall will provide special duets during the service. Hymns for the day will include: *He Lives, That Easter Day with Joy was Bright* and *God Is Here!*

Worship Sunday, April 19

Sunday, April 19 is the Annual Pulpit Exchange between the downtown churches. This year the Senior Pastor of Wilkes Blvd. United Methodist Church Rev. Meg Hegemann will be your preacher. Rev. Hegemann began her appointment in July, 2010 where she lives out her calling to urban social justice ministry. Room at the Inn is located at Wilkes Blvd. UMC and has thrived under Meg's leadership. Rev. Hegemann graduated Dickinson College in Carlisle, PA, earned her Master of Divinity from Saint Paul School of Theology in Kansas City in 2010, and ordained as an elder in full connection in the UMC Missouri Conference in 2012.

Come welcome Pastor Hegemann and hear about the cutting edge of urban social ministry in Columbia Ministry on April 19 at both services. Rev. Brad Stagg will be preaching at Missouri United Methodist Church that day.

Hymns for the day include: *Lift High the Cross, Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us, When You Do This Remember Me* and *Peace Be Upon You.*

Scholarship Time is Here

It is time for those in undergraduate education to apply for First Christian Church Scholarships. Applications are available in the office and via email from Rev. Jimmy Spear.

All-Church Garage Sale

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

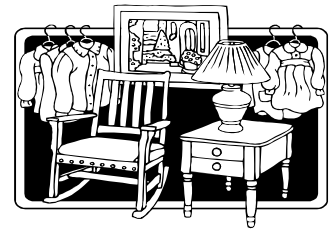
April 10 - 12

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

Yard Work Thanks



Many, many thanks to those fairly numerous folk who helped mulch, rake and weed our church yard. It looks wonderful! Special thanks to Fred Mottaz for getting the mulch and charcoaling burgers for us in the parking lot afterwards. Mmmm...



Church Camp Forms Due April 13th!

A Bit from Brad

Easter Sunday

What a wonderful Easter Worship Service we had Sunday! Easter lilies, wonderful Choir Anthem, Brass Quartet, and three adult baptisms: Lauren Karr, Willie Mae Wheeland, and Shadonna Carroll! Lots of children, families, and visitors were present too! It was just one of those glorious Easter Sundays!

What would it be like if every day were like a glorious Easter Sunday? A song in our heart, children's hearts full of anticipation, submitting ourselves to God's unconditional, sacrificial love restoring us to wholeness! What fears would be released! What challenges would be undertaken! What missions would be served! Imagine every Christian living each day as if today we celebrate the resurrection! If none of us feared death, sin, or evil, but instead embraced life, goodness, and love, oh the things we do, see, and be!

My prayer is each of us will live the Resurrection Life each and every day! May Jesus Christ be praised!

General Assembly Delegates

Based on our size, FCC is entitled to 5 delegates to the 2015 General Assembly held in Columbus, Ohio from July 18-22. These 5 delegates are over and above any clergy that attend as clergy always are voting delegates. As such if you are interested in being a delegate this summer, please let us know so we can make the necessary arrangements, including Administrative Board approval. Delegates must be willing to attend the General Assembly Business Sessions and provide their own transportation, lodging, and registration. Please let me, Jimmy Spear, the church office, or any Board Officers know of your interest as soon as possible. General Assembly is a wonderful opportunity to see firsthand the impact our denomination is making for Christ across the globe. One hears from top preachers from across the country and may participate in learning and service opportunities only available through General Assembly. If you would like, you can learn more by going to the website: www.ga.disciples.org. Anyone can attend General Assembly, but if you're interested in being a delegate, please contact us as soon as possible.

~Blessings, Brad



Oasis

April 15
5:30
Yonker Hall

Menu: Potluck

Program: TBA

OASIS - April 22, 5:30

Yonker Hall

Menu: Catered meal-\$5

Program: TBA

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

Silent Bazaar Reminder

The CWF (Christian Women's Fellowship) continues to accept donations toward their projects, efforts, and ministries. Make the check payable to CWF. There are envelopes all over the church. Thanks!



Kevin Mercer, grandson of Perry and Helen Stemmons will undergo brain surgery to block the aneurysm that continues to be a threat to him. The surgery will be on May 5th at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta. Thank you for your prayers. ~Helen and Perry

Weekly Report: April 5, 2015

Received this week \$12,828

Received to Date \$332,377

Needed to Date \$344,882

Attendance - 466

(includes early service - 137, visitors - 92)

News of People & Place

466 on Easter! What a great turnout of members and friends making the Easter celebration truly a celebration! Two big services meant lots of people doing many things. Thanks to all who took on a part of the day in assisting with communion, baptism, ushering, leading children, and the offering of choral music. The Coffman-Watson CWF group fed the choir and musicians who were on site from 8:00 a.m. to noon offering their gifts to the two services. It was a great day!

Wilkie Wilkerson has been a patient at Boone Hospital in this last week.

There will be NO newsletter the week of April 13-17. Watch for the next issue April 24.

Listen In...

Radio Spots M-W-F

KFRU-1400 AM @ 6:55 am

KBXR-102.3 FM @ 7:20 am

Happy Birthday!



April 14
Jimmy Spear

April 21
Elizabeth Flanders
Kristin McFarland

April 15
Kate Volmert

April 22
Bobbi McCormack
Annie Stagg

April 16
Brock Mottaz
Emily Scott

April 23
Joshua Garton

April 17
Joshua Humble
Deborah Scott

Abby Holman
Ron Longaker

April 18

Betty Montgomery Millard Thomas

April 25

Betty Moon

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.

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



It is COLD in Yonker Hall!

This last week we really felt the effects of the much needed repairs and improvements to the church building. Air conditioning has been installed in Yonker Fellowship Hall. Oh how it feels good upon those working the garage sale this week. The units are in the ceiling and are really quiet. They also feed cool air into the office complex. The staff likes the quiet the new air brings.

Pictured is the scene of big truck/cranes continuing work on the roof. New roofing, white gutters, and HVAC units are continually being installed when the weather cooperates. There is much more to do, but we already are seeing and feeling the difference our collected gifts are making as we protect our legacy known as FCC.

Culver-Stockton College Presidential Inauguration

The Board of Trustees of Culver-Stockton College, Canton, MO cordially invites you to attend the inauguration of Dr. Kelly M. Thompson as the twenty-sixth president of the college. **FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2015.** Jimmy Spear will be going and invites others along.

Inaugural Ceremony: 10:30 a.m., Alexander Campbell Auditorium, Robert W. Brown Performing Arts Center. The speaker will be The Rev. Dr. Sharon Watkins, General Minister and President of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Reception: Following the ceremony in The Lab in the Carl Johann Memorial Library. Tours of campus available following the reception.

AFTERNOON SESSIONS - Please join us at any of the following:

1:30-2 p.m. The Church and College Partnership

The Rev. Dr. Sharon Watkins, general minister and president of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), follows her previous evening's Robison Lecture emphasizing the tie between Culver-Stockton College and the Christian Church and how the Church and its colleges/universities have evolved over time.

2-2:30 p.m. History of Women in Higher Education

Hosted by the American Association of University Women (AAUW), this presentation focuses on women in higher education at the time of Culver-Stockton's founding. Dr. D'Ann Campbell, professor of history, directs the session, which features historic artifacts from the College's early years.

2:30-3 p.m. "The Light Bearers" C-SC Theatre Performance

"The Light Bearers" pageant drama was written for the centennial celebration of the founding of Culver-Stockton College. Dr. Ron Zank, assistant professor of theatre, revives selections from the work for a contemporary presentation.

3-3:30 p.m. Travel Study Presentation

At Culver-Stockton College, the world is our classroom. Dr. Patrick Hotle, director of Travel Study, and a panel of faculty and students discuss and present highlights from recent C-SC international travel study programs.

4-5 p.m. A Conversation with President Thompson

President Thompson takes the opportunity to greet guests, discuss her leadership journey, and her vision for Culver-Stockton College.



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 10-12: Working the garage sale.

April 19: Chi-Rho, CYF

April 24-26: CYF Leadership Retreat at Culver-Stockton College, Canton MO. Talk to Jimmy if interested.

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 13 to the box in Jimmy's office.

Children's Choir dates:

April 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.

Who's Who....

...teachers of FCC



The Sunday School Class for Kindergarten through second grade has two teachers that split the teaching. Several weeks ago we featured Mary Daugherty in this space. Today we meet **Linda Hutton**. Linda and her husband Bob are long time active members of FCC. They usually attend the early 8:30 a.m. service

unless they are serving on a deacon team at 10:30. Linda is a retired teacher, having taught at Jefferson Jr. High 9th grade Government/History. She continues to be involved in Civics education as liaison with the Missouri Bar and teachers. She is an avid reader and grandmother to Audrey. Linda is pictured here with Ryley Batterson and Alex Johnson.



Above: The 3rd, 4th, 5th grade class is being taught this spring by Trish Stagg. They study a great curriculum called "GROW" that covers all kinds of bible stories. Brenda Mosby and Lisa Snyder were the teachers in the fall season and Carol Hughey is the all time substitute. Pictured were present on Easter: Ella Rogers, Annie Stagg, Trish Stagg, Izzy Arnett, Delany Batterson, Olivia Johnson, Luke Stagg.

STARS May Trip

Art - Museums - Church Tours
Food - Friends - Fellowship
...all on this Spring's
STARS Overnight Trip to
St. Joseph, Missouri
May 20-21



8 a.m. departure Wednesday --- Return 6 p.m. Thursday

Touring on the way and way home...

While in St. Joseph, we will find the Walter Cronkite Memorial/ Museum at Missouri Western State University, the Albrecht-Kemper Museum of Art, and Historic Churches and Windows. We will enjoy the best tastes of the area in local restaurants. Molly Read, resident of St. Joe, will join us.

Travel Fee: \$20 (gas & snacks). Hotel will be in the \$100 range (shared rooms are an option.)

Make your reservation by May 17 in the church office.

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

Sunday School Classes

Below: The youth class is taught by Sarah Read, Ben Micek and Jimmy Spear. It is for youth in grades 6-12. They are presently finishing a study on the 7 (deadly sins). Pictured are the group that are always in attendance: (l to r) Hunter Rogers, Maddie Marrero, Sarah Read, Jadie Arnett, Cole Galbraith, Coleman Rogers, Wyatt Rogers.



Serving Schedule - Sunday, April 12

Van Driver: Dan Gieseke

Office Receptionist: Pat Rybolt

Flower Ministry - Arranged by: Nannie Lou Mallett

Delivered by: Peggy and Larry Veatch

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts.: Betsy Hofmann, Roy and Rachael Fullington

Elder: Carol Hughey

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Ruth Ann Martin, Holly Wheatley,

Makali Hawkins

Liturgist: Shane Bower

Elders: Pamela Hoepfner, Rich Hoepfner, Dan Backues

Deacons: The Creasy Team

Greeters: Perry Stemmons (*N. Door*), Helen Stemmons (*S. Door*)

Don Mosby (*Atrium*), Brenda Mosby (*Portico*)

Ushers: The Burnam Team

Banner Bearers: Emma Hawkins and Luke Stag

Candlelighters: Elizabeth Martin and Ella Rogers

Children's Worship: Jessica Humble (ldr.); TBA (hlpr.)

This Week (April 12 - April 18)

Sun. - Garage Sale, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Yonker Hall

Mon. - **NO** Newsletter this week

- Church Staff Mtg., 2:00 p.m.

- Mother's Day Out Parent Ed Night, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Parlor

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 Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Keystone Room

- Chancel Choir, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Sanctuary

- Oasis, meal, 5:30 p.m., Yonker Hall

- Baptism Class, 6:30-7:45 p.m., Keystone Room

- DOC (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m., Bethany Hall

Thr. - STARS Trip to St. Louis



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

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Van Driver: Carol Slusher

Office Receptionist: Carol Slusher

Flower Ministry - Arranged by: TBA

Delivered by: Eric Seaman

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts.: Will and Donna Houston, Tom Hughey

Elder: Susan Gray

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Mark and Kelli Embry, Sue Fink

Liturgist: Kameron Freed

Elders: C.K. Hoenes, Paula Hoenes, Debbie Batterson

Deacons: The Nichols Team

Greeters: Beth Nelms (*N. Door*), TBA (*S. Door*)

Frances Brown (*Atrium*), Genie Rogers (*Portico*)

Ushers: The Rose Team

Banner Bearers: Ava Hoenes and Jack Bower

Candlelighters: Liam Rose and Olivia Johnson

Children's Worship: Kim Boger (ldr.); Jen Micek (hlpr.)

This Week (April 19 - April 25)

Sun. - Pulpit Exchange Sunday

- Bell Choir, 8:30 a.m., 3rd Floor Education Bldg.

- Children's Choir Practice, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

- 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 and Church Staff Mtg., 2:00 p.m.

Tue. - Tuesday Bible Study, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Morris Parlor

- Baptism Class, 6:30-7:45 p.m., Keystone Room

- Financial Policy Task Force, 6:30 p.m., Bethany Hall

Wed. - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center

- Brummett Harrah Group, 2:00-4:00 p.m.,

Barb Rothenberger's home

- Chancel Choir, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Sanctuary

- Oasis, meal, 5:30 p.m., Yonker Hall

- Baptism Class, 6:30-7:45 p.m., Keystone Rm.

- DOC (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m., Bethany Hall

Fri. - Columbia College Trustee Mtg., 8:30 a.m.



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Mary Alice List Art Sale

The idea came to several folks at the January "Artists Among Us" art show held in Bethany Hall. Elaine List Kent was talking with several FCC folks and the idea came to offer her mother's art for sale with benefit to the FCC Capital Campaign. The children of Fred and Mary Alice List wanted to share the gifts of their mother's artwork with the community and to find some benefit for the church. The List family were long time members.

Mary Alice List was an art teacher at Jefferson Jr. High School for many years and was heavily involved in the art scene of Columbia. Mary Alice died in 2005.

The art, mostly paintings and drawings, is being processed for a special sale open to the church and community to be held in May. The sale will be in Bethany Hall. More information will be in the next issue of the Visitor. A committee has been formed to deal with the sale: Chris Creasy, Diana Provenzano, Ann Rogers, Jo Shaw, Jimmy Spear and with the gracious help and advice of community members Melissa Williams and Richard Baumann. This committee will be working with the Capital Campaign Committee when the time gets closer to create and host the event.



**Join 8,000 Disciples at the
General Assembly this Summer**

July 18-22 Columbus, Ohio

Delegates from FCC will be needed. All members and friends are welcome to attend. Talk to Brad or Jimmy with interest.