



THE VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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Worship Sunday, July 26

Rev. Jimmy Spear returns to worship from his many travels. The first of a two part series on King David, Rev. Stagg's sermon based on Psalm 14 and 2 Samuel 11:1-15 is entitled "David: Good Leadership Gone Bad."

Hymns this Sunday include: *Come, Christian, Join to Sing; The Gift of Love; These I Lay Down* and *I Come with Joy*.

Worship Sunday, Aug. 2

The second sermon of a two-week series, this week's service is based upon Psalm 51:1-12 and 2 Samuel 11:26-12:13. Rev. Stagg's sermon is "David: Bad Leadership Restored."

Hymns for the day include: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name; I Am Thine, O Lord; According to Thy Gracious Word* and *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*.

Donations for True North & Nora Stewart Center

We appreciate the donations we have received for True North Women's Shelter and we continue to collect personal hygiene products, as well as children's craft items.

We also hope you will donate items for Nora Stewart Early Learning Center. They would appreciate donations of colored construction paper, gift cards, paper towels, tissues, printer paper, wet wipes, 3x5 index cards and quart and gallon size ziplock bags. You may put items for both agencies in the same tub in front of the office. Labeling the bags would be helpful.

Lastly, please remember to check the alcove by the elevator for our year-round collections. For those of you that add items regularly, thank you so much!

Columbia College Scholarship

Each year, two students at Columbia College receive the First Christian Church of Columbia, MO Christian College Scholarship award. This scholarship honors the memory of Christian College and the long standing relationship between FCC and Columbia College. This year's recipients are Ashley Chandler and Joseph Reeder.



I am writing to express my sincere gratitude to you for making the First Christian Church of Columbia, Missouri, Christian College Scholarship possible. I was thrilled when I learned I was selected for this honor and deeply appreciate your support.

I am currently majoring in Biology. I plan to pursue a career in genetics and cancer research upon graduating from Columbia College. I am currently a senior and plan to graduate in May 2016. After graduation, I will be moving on to graduate school to earn my master's degree (or PhD) in genetics. Thanks to you I am one step closer to my goal.

Thank you again for your generosity and support. I promise to work very hard to achieve my goals and give back to others, both in my field, and through a scholarship to future students such as myself.
~Ashley Chandler

It is quite the honor to receive the First Christian Church of Columbia, Missouri Christian Scholarship. I am thrilled beyond words for numerous reasons. I am very passionate about both my church and my denomination. I am a member at Olivet Christian Church and I am active there in many different areas, but most of all, I love working with the youth group. It was trips with them, and taking a Spiritual Gifts course that I realized my calling to become a teacher. So with the passion behind my church, and being a Disciple my entire life, there is no other scholarship that I could appreciate more. I know God's work is at hand in all we do, and this is another moment I can add to my own personal "Great Cloud of Witnesses." I greatly appreciate your support. Peace be with you!
~Joseph Reeder



Thursday Night Bluegrass Jam

We are gauging the interest in an acoustic jam group that would meet every other Thursday beginning August 13th from 6:30-8:30. The focus will be on bluegrass, bluegrass gospel and old time mountain/country music—mandolins, fiddles, autoharp, dobros, dulcimers, banjos, guitars, harmonica and bass would be the instruments involved—almost anything acoustic (except drums). Any level of player—beginner, intermediate, advanced are all welcome. The goal is to play music and sing together for fellowship, evangelism, and FUN! This will be a no pressure group.

If you are interested, and want to learn more, e-mail Bragg Stanley (jbstanley_2000@yahoo.com) for additional information.

A Bit from Brad

FHC School Supply Drive

Once again, FCC is supporting the Family Health Center, who, in conjunction with Family Impact Center and Voluntary Action Center, is proudly sponsoring the Boone County Back to School Health Fair on **Saturday, August 8th**. Last year's event was a great success, providing nearly 700 children with much needed school supplies, health screenings, and haircuts. This year, they expect over 700 children grades K-12.

This year FCC will again support their **school supply drive**. The Family Health Center is collecting:

- Backpacks
- Crayons, markers, highlighters, pencils, pens
- Spiral notebooks, folders, loose leaf paper
- Scissors, erasers, glue sticks, etc.

Collection Bins are available in Yonker Hall and outside the church office. Monetary contributions can be made directly to Voluntary Action Center.

Ushers Needed

Looking for an easy way to serve your church? Look no further! We need Ushers to assist guests and members on Sunday mornings, especially the 3rd Sunday of each month. If you like welcoming folks to church and helping them get settled in with bulletins, shawls, children's bulletins with crayons, hearing-devices, and generally letting folks know they are welcomed into God's house, then we have an opportunity for you! Our third Sunday of the month team, captained by Cindy Rose, especially is in need of folks with the gift of hospitality. If you're interested, please contact the church office.

Listen In...

Radio Spots M-W-F

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



STARS

We have space for 1 more person for the Aug. 6th Lantern Festival in St. Louis, if anyone is interested. The deadline for sign up is Sunday, July 26, 2015. Check for \$35 is due when signing up.

Our trip to St. Louis last Saturday was great and everyone seemed to enjoy it. The show was outstanding and we learned we won't go to Women's Exchange again. In fact we did not eat there after all, but went two doors down and had a great lunch at the Original Pancake House. We hadn't had a breakfast for lunch before and it was fun. A big thanks goes to Janelle for driving us safely and we really needed her guide machine as the information provided us about Women's Exchange was outdated. We got to see some beautiful residential areas in the St. Louis suburbs and we wished we had a relative on one of those streets!!! We had plenty of time to tour, but we were so happy that STAGES theatre was where we thought it would be and our seats were great!!

*STARS is the 55+ Fellowship Group of
First Christian Church*

Thanks!

A big thanks to all of you for your cards, calls and flowers. You are special people.
~Tommie Ross

Weekly Offering Report:

July 12, 2015

Offerings Received this week \$6,239

Offerings Received to Date \$17,370

Offerings Needed to Date \$16,258

July 12 Attendance: 141

(includes early service - 35, visitors - 9)

Weekly Offering Report:

July 19, 2015

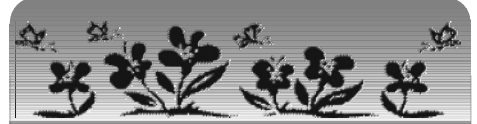
Offerings Received this week \$8,182

Offerings Received to Date \$25,552

Offerings Needed to Date \$24,387

July 19 Attendance: 134

(includes early service - 40, visitors - 14)



CHURCH CALENDAR

JULY 26 - AUG. 8

Sun., July 26

- New Elder Orientation, after 10:30
- Worship, Yonker Fellowship Hall
- Lenoir Healthcare Worship, 3:30 p.m.

Mon., July 27

- Church Staff Mtg., 2:00 p.m.
- No newsletter this week
- 8th Grade Camp, July 27-Aug. 1
- Financial Operating Policy Mtg., 6:30-8:30 p.m., Bethany Hall

Tue., July 28

- Tuesday Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Drennan Group Lunch, 11:30 a.m., HY-Vee (Conley Rd.)

Wed., July 29

- Financial Meeting, 4:00-6:00 p.m., Bethany Hall

Mon., Aug. 3

- Newsletter deadline & Church Staff Meeting, 2:00 p.m.
- Drennan Singers Rehearsal, 7:15 p.m., Sanctuary

Tue., Aug. 4

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

Wed., Aug. 5

- World Outreach Meeting., 5:00 p.m., Keystone

Thr., Aug. 6

- STARS Trip to Lantern Festival in St. Louis, leave church 3:30 p.m. and return 12:30 a.m.

Fri., Aug. 7

- Church Dine-Out, 5:30 p.m., Bob Evans Restaurant (Everyone welcome!)

FCC donated \$45,607 this past fiscal year to various missions & programs to further God's work. Through your generosity, the church budgeted \$27,047 and your special offerings generated an additional \$18,560. ~Fred M.



Chi-Rho campers at Rickman Center July 13-18 included (l to r) Lexie Ruffolo (counselor), Michael Bledsoe, Emma Hawkins, Maddie Marrero, Ava Hoenes, Elayna Mottaz, Julia LaHue, Will Bower, and Jimmy Spear (director). It was super hot but they had a great week of church camp.



Week of Work in August

The church building is in need of a yearly cleaning, reorganization, and general maintenance — beyond what we pay others to do. In the course of the year things have been left out, gotten dirty, broken, or just need to be pitched. It is more than Jimmy and a few regular volunteers can tackle. So, we will invite the WHOLE church to participate!

August 10-13: Monday – Thursday
Days: 8 a.m.-12 p.m., 1-4 p.m.
If an evening works for you, it too can be scheduled!

A list of chores and needs will be generated the first week of August. Then with your help we will get the building ready for the year of ministry and mission. There are projects for every age and ability! It will ALL be inside the cool of air-conditioning! Sign up in the office or email Jimmy with your interest and ability. We will publish the list of jobs in the August 7 Visitor.

I want to thank everyone for all the cards, phone calls, visits, flowers and to everyone involved in my mother, Mary Swanson's, memorial service. I also want to thank everybody for their kind words of loving support and all the hugs to me. You all are very wonderful people and First Christian is a church full of warm Christian love that means so much. I am so happy to be a part of this family.

~Jan Davis

I want to thank everyone that helped with Mary Swanson's reception. Susan Klockow, Pat and Sue Wright, Sarah Storm, Debbie Potthast, Nannie Lou Mallett, Joyce Stanley, Diana Provanzano, Susan Ramsey, Cindy Smith, Brenda Mosby, Amy La Hue, and Mary Tompson for helping prepare, serve, clean up afterwards and bringing delicious desserts. Thank you again for all that was done and wonderful fellowship.

~Janelle Patterson

"I awoke this morning with devout thanksgiving for my friends, the old and new"

Ralph Waldo Emerson

News of People & Place

Congratulations to **Norma and Carl Miles** on their 75th anniversary, August 3. We remember these members who have moved to Florida.

Freda Martz is now at Rusk Rehab. If you wish to send a card, her room number is 210.

Congratulations to **Liam Rose**, son of **Thomas and Cindy Rose**, who recently attended Missouri Military Academy summer camp. He was awarded the Most Motivated award at camp.

Our prayers are with **Jeff Wheeland** who was in the hospital last week with a heart issue.

We also hold in our prayers **Mary Moeller's** great-nephew, **Justis**, who is in ICU and his father, **Aaron**, during this difficult time.

Ben & Jen Micek's last Sunday with FCC will be this Sunday, July 26. Ben accepted a position with the housing department for the Univ. of Arkansas in Fayetteville. We will so miss this dynamic couple as well as their three wonderful daughters, **Madelyne, Laura, and Abigail**.



Happy Birthday!

Aug. 3
 Brad Beary
 Frances Brown
 Lauren Hofmann
 Ryan Hughey
 Brian Mottaz

July 27
 Derrick Evers
 Bradley Volmert

Aug. 4
 Kayla Von Talge

July 28
 Mark Martin

Aug. 5
 Larry Veatch

July 29
 Shane Bower
 Betty Turner

Aug. 6
 Jeff Underwood

July 30
 Nancy Davis
 Donna Heinen

Aug. 7
 Hartley Rogers

July 31
 Hayley Batterson

Aug. 8
 Floyd Marcum
 Don Mosby

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

Serving Schedule - Sunday, July 26

Van Driver: Royce Palmer
Office Receptionist: Elizabeth Mottaz
Flower Ministry - Arranged by: Vicki Johnson
Delivered by: Gerald and Susan Ramsey

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts: Brice and Mary Moeller, Carol Hughey
Elder: Cherry Hinderberger

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Kim, Hunter and Coleman Rogers
Liturgist: Kim Leon
Elders: Erin Bower, Harlan Hackett, Eric Arnett
Deacons: The Hunsaker Team
Greeters: Pat Wright (*N. Door*), Sue Wright (*S. Door*)
Ed Bright (*Atrium*), Eva Bright (*Portico*)
Ushers: The Scott Team
Banner Bearers: Mia Gregory and Andrew Stormer
Candlelighters: Elizabeth Martin and Maddie Micek
Children's Worship: Jessica Humble (ldr.); Cindy Rose (hlpr.)

Serving Schedule - Sunday, Aug. 2

Van Driver: Carol Slusher
Office Receptionist: Elizabeth Mottaz
Flower Ministry - Arranged by: Donna Houston
Delivered by: Will and Donna Houston

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts.: TBA
Elder: Carol Hughey

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Bill and Sonya Carney, Cole Galbraith
Liturgist: Mary Jane Anderson
Elders: Pat Rybolt, Joyce Stanley, Colleen Nilges
Deacons: The Garton Team
Greeters: Mary Jane Anderson (*N. Door*), Jane Ann Hackett
(*S. Door*) Don Mosby (*Atrium*), Brenda Mosby (*Portico*)
Ushers: The Mountjoy Team
Banner Bearers: TBA
Candlelighters: TBA
Children's Worship: Eric Arnett (ldr.); TBA (hlpr.)