



THE VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

June 5, 2015
Vol. 73, No. 40

Worship Sunday, June 7

Rev. Brad Stagg will be back in the pulpit this Sunday offering the sermon, appropriately named, "Renewed" based upon scripture readings from Psalm 138 and 2 Corinthians 4:13 - 5:1.

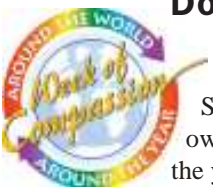
Congregational hymns for the day will include: *We Call Ourselves Disciples; Thy Life Was Giv'n for Me; Let Us Break Bread Together* and *O God, Unseen Yet Ever Near*.

Reminder!

Cabinet Meeting - June 9, 6:30 pm

Administrative Bd Mtg - June 16, 6:30 pm

Donations to Disaster Relief



Disaster Response to Flooding in Texas and Storms in Oklahoma, Relief for Nepal through our own Week of Compassion is ongoing throughout the year. If you would like to donate toward efforts already underway to help in these disaster areas please put your gifts in the offering plate on a Sunday noted "Week of Compassion" OR go to www.weekofcompassion.org for online information and giving.

Feed the Community Concert & Silent Auction

**Benefit for Fifth Street Christian Church
Outreach Ministry**

Friday, June 5, 6:00 p.m.

Broadway Christian Church

at 2601 West Broadway, Columbia, MO

We need your presence, talent and time.
Come worship God & fellowship with us.

Love offering, silent auction items, T-shirts and more.
Reception to follow.

For more information: Rev. Angela Williams, 573-529-4830,
feedmysheepministree@yahoo.com

Ark Presented This Sunday

We did it! We raised \$5,000 for a Heifer Ark in 2014 in honor of Rev. Jimmy Spear. We have received the plaque to present to him this Sunday, June 7, 2015 at the 10:30 service. We are all responsible for understanding the scope of world poverty and hunger. The choices we make in our lives can improve the lives of others. This is one of the ways the World Outreach Department at First Christian Church, Columbia is helping you improve the lives of others around the world. We all have needed a helping hand in our lives. By giving this money to Heifer International we are sending an ark full of animals to a community that needs a helping hand. We will start a cycle of positive change passing on this gift of animals for them to raise for money, food and education. To learn more about Heifer International go to their website: www.heifer.org.



By giving this money to Heifer International we are sending an ark full of animals to a community that needs a helping hand. We will start a cycle of positive change passing on this gift of animals for them to raise for money, food and education. To learn more about Heifer International go to their website: www.heifer.org.



"How to teach/lead a class at church" ----YOU----

*Teacher/leaders training has been postponed until August. Have **you** ever considered – thought about teaching a class at church? How about a short term learning opportunity facilitated by **you**? Think about it: **You** don't have to talk the whole time. **You** don't have to be a bible expert. **You** do have to have a yearning for what learning and spiritual growth could take place when disciples gather to talk and share in the word and life of God.

Bible Study – Video Series – Book Study – Issue/Topic Study, are just some of the areas that learning will take place at FCC in the next academic year. **Will you** consider teaching? The Adult Education Department is working to further the pool of those who will lead and teach in the next year. Some church members have already been named as potential and will receive a call. Who else among us is called to lead?

Looking way ahead — the "How to teach/lead a class at church" orientation will be held on Sunday morning, **August 9 at 9:30 a.m. in the Keystone Room & Library**. Basic pointers for conducting—guiding a class, conversation, study. Ideas and resources available will be presented for review. Perhaps there is something that interests **you**? Talk to Bill & Sonya Carney or Jimmy Spear with questions.

News of People & Place

Dubby Muir will celebrate her 100th birthday on June 11. If you would like to send her a card, her address is: Moberly Nursing and Rehab, 700 E. Urbandale Dr., Moberly, MO 65270. Congratulations, Dubby!

Jack Estes and **Olivia Johnson** both received The American Legion Award at their 5th grade graduation ceremony from Grant Elementary. The award is presented to only 2 fifth graders from each elementary school each year. The criteria for earning the award is "possession of those high qualities of courage, honor, leadership, patriotism, scholarship, and service" throughout their six years of elementary education.

Both **Ed Bright** and **Martha Collins** were in and back out of Boone Hospital last week. Martha resides at the Bluffs.

Update on **Kevin Mercer**—**Perry and Helen Stemmon's grandson**. Kevin is now in a "rehab unit and doing well". He is showing progress since his surgery on May 5. For the first time since the surgery he spoke on May 27 and had his first food by mouth on the 28th. They are hoping that Kevin will be able to go home to North Carolina by the end of June. Perry and Helen hope to be back home to Columbia by the middle of June.

Molly Read was married to Derrick Ring on Saturday, May 30 in a lovely afternoon ceremony at First Christian Church in St. Joseph, Missouri. Molly is an art teacher in St. Joe and the daughter of David and Sarah Read.



CYF Camp: June 7-12

Jadie Arnett
Ryan Boger
Jack Creasy
Makali Hawkins
Jonathan LaHue
Kim Potthast
Megan Potthast

Elementary Camp 1: June 16-18

Amelia Leon-Rudy

Try-It Camp: June 19-21

Dietrich and Tammy Arnett
Matthew and Michelle Bledsoe
Nate Leon-Rudy and Kim Leon
Cullen and Cindy Rose
Noah and Trish Stagg

At Church Camp this Month



Junior Camp 1: June 23-27

Jack Creasy, counselor
Megan Potthast, counselor

If you would like to send them mail, please send it the day before or day of camp start to ensure arrival.

Address:
Rickman Center
Camper Name
Camp Attending
3519 Bennett Lane,
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Vacation Bible School June 28 - July 2

Crew Leaders,
Rotation Leaders,
Kitchen Helpers,
Set-Up/Clean-Up
now being sought.

REGISTER ONLINE: Register children 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.

VBS takes a TREMENDOUS amount of volunteers to make it a great week for the kids. Email Jen Micek, director VBS 2015 (damiceks@yahoo.com) with your interest and/or check in at the table in the narthex for VBS news and opportunities. The following positions are needed:

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

Thank you for your participation!
~Jen Micek, VBS Director



Vacation Bible School will be held June 8-July 2 from 5:30-8:00 p.m.
Get ready for the Worship of Wonders where we will Imagine & Build with God!





Chancel Flower Sign Up

Sign up is almost complete. There are only three dates remaining: March 6, March 20 and April 3 of 2016. The cost to donate flowers is \$30. Please call the church office to secure one of the dates. Thank you!

STARS June Mystery Trip

Thursday, June 18

Mystery Destination with Lunch!

Departure at 9:00 a.m. - back in the late afternoon (3-5ish)

RSVP to the church office or "mystery" on the Sunday pew pad.



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

CWF Garden Tour Sat., June 13



All women are invited to a special summer program of the whole CWF at FCC.

Meet in Bethany Hall at 9:00 a.m. for travel to see some beautiful gardens then back to Bethany for a delicious luncheon and installation of our officers for next year. Please RSVP in the church office before June 9.

3000 and Counting!

- + praying with a different group of friends for Your guidance before our meeting
- + soft pastel colors of the M&M's that Jimmy shared with us

These are two more gifts of grace that God has given me. *Eucharisteo*...thanksgiving.

As I was sitting in the Adult Education meeting Monday evening discussing new programs, the 5 week women's class that I was a part of came to mind. In that class we read the book "One Thousand Gifts" and took on the challenge to write a list of 1,000 gifts, but once you start you just can't stop! (hence my 3,000!)

If you are interested in finding out more about God's grace, His gifts to us, *Eucharisteo*, stay tuned. We will be in touch... ~Colleen Nilges, Elder

Weekly Offering Report: May 31, 2015

Offerings Received this week \$7,805

Offerings Received to Date \$389,030

Offerings Needed to Date \$412,413

May 31 Attendance: 140
(includes early service - 39, visitors - 11)

Breakfast for Brethren



Breakfast Was Served!

The Church in Society Department is part of an effort of downtown churches to provide breakfast to those in need on Saturday mornings. FCC takes several months of the year, including this last month of May. Pictured here are some of the numerous volunteers offering hot home cooked breakfast along with making available toiletries and clothing. An average of 40-50 people attended *Breakfasts for Brethren*.



Your Special Birthday!



Martha Collins- 95

on June 7

Dubby Muir- 100

on June 11



June 10

Gavin Rose

June 11

Matt Batterson

Dubby Muir

June 7

Martha Collins

Chris Creasy

Ken McCarty

Molly Read

Candace Stormer

June 12

Pat Ritchie

Conner Stormer

June 8

Wyatt Rogers

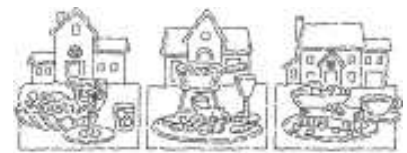
Coleman Rogers

Hunter Rogers

June 13

Lexi Schomaker

Mitchell Taylor



Dinner for Six

Join us in this great opportunity for church folks to become friends! New groups will be formed for the next *Dinner for Six* season of July, August, September.

6 people having

3 meals together over the course of

3 months --- dinner for six is back!

Sign up by contacting the church office: 449-7265 or fcc@firstchristian.org or Betty Montgomery: 443-7817 or bettymontgomery@charter.net.

Sign Up by June 28

The Visitor

First Christian Church

101 N. 10th Street
Columbia, MO 65201
573-449-7265

Ministerial Staff:

Rev. Brad Stagg, Senior Minister
brad@firstchristian.org
Rev. Jimmy Spear, Associate Minister
jimmy@firstchristian.org
Laura Shirey, DOC Intern

Music Staff:

Mary Bancroft, Coord. of Music & Organist
maryebancroft@yahoo.com
Adriene Price, Director of Chancel & Bell Choirs
singers.and.ringers@gmail.com

Mother's Day Out: Tracy Westhoff, Director
tracy@firstchristian.org

Columbia Area Older Adult Ministry:

Rev. Sally Robinson, Chaplain
chaplainsal@yahoo.com

Support Staff:

Kay Beissenherz, Administrative Assistant
fcc@firstchristian.org
Fred Mottaz, Business Manager
fred@firstchristian.org
Keith Picker, Custodian

Minister Emeritus: Dr. John J. Yonker

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Columbia, MO
Permit No. 75

Return Service Requested

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

Serving Schedule - Sunday, June 7

Van Driver: Don Mosby
Office Receptionist: Carole Randerson

Flower Ministry - Arranged by: Brenda Martin
Delivered by: Cherry Hinderberger

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts.: Jerry and Mary Daugherty, Opal Stites
Elder: Jerry Daugherty

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Gary and Cheryl Unterschutz,
Megan Potthast

Liturgist: Elayna Mottaz

Elders: Sally Robinson, Roy Rogers, Gene Taylor

Deacons: The Garton Team

Greeters: Bill Carney (*N. Door*), Sonya Carney (*S. Door*)
Cole Galbraith (*Atrium*), Sarah Storm (*Portico*)

Ushers: The Mountjoy Team

Banner Bearers: Maddie Micek and Andrew Stormer

Candlelighters: Carleigh Snow and Elizabeth Martin

Children's Worship: Holly Gieseke (ldr.); Kim Rogers (hlpr.)

This Week (June 7 - 13)

- Sun.** - CYFers to Church Camp
- Mon.** - Newsletter Deadline and Church Staff Meeting, 2:00 p.m.
- Website Mtg., 5:00 p.m., TBA
- Tue.** - Cabinet Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Morris Parlor
- Wed.** - Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- Financial Task Force Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Keystone Room
- Teacher Training, 6:30-8:00 p.m., Morris Parlor
- Thr.** - CAOAM Bd. Mtg., 5:30 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Fri.** - CYFers return from Church Camp
- Sat.** - CWF Garden Tour, 9:00 a.m., Bethany Hall

