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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

VISITOR

Worship Sunday, June 14

Rev. Stagg's sermon based on Mark 4:26-34 and 2 Corinthians 5:6-17 is entitled "Walking by Faith." The Middle School students and sponsors attending their annual summer mission trip will be commissioned at the 10:30 Service. Hymns include: *Come, Thou Almighty King; Gracious spirit, Dwell with Me; I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table.*

Worship Sunday, June 21

For Father's Day Sunday, Rev. Stagg is preaching from Mark 4:35-41 and 1 Samuel 17:32-49 based on David's fight with Goliath, titled "Battling Giants." Remember: No ties required for all dads that Sunday!

Donations to Disaster Relief: TX, OK, NEPAL

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 to 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.



VBS Orientation!!!

If you have graciously signed up to help out with any aspect of VBS, we will be having two orientation sessions before the big event!

And, if you are still considering to volunteer for VBS so you can spend some time with REALLY AWESOME kids, then these orientation sessions are also for you!

Sunday June 21st at 9:30 a.m.
OR

Wednesday June 24th at 7 p.m.

They will be held in the Keystone Room. If you have any questions, please contact Jen Micek (damiccks@yahoo.com) or Cindy Rose (roseca@health.missouri.edu). See you there!!!!

Vacation Bible School

June 28 - July 2

Evenings 5:30-8 p.m.
Pre K – 5th/6th grade

VBS takes a TREMENDOUS amount of volunteers to make it a great week for the kids. Email Jen Micek, director VBS 2015 (damiccks@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:

Still Needed: Preschool Crew Leaders Elementary Crew Leaders (No prep needed. Leading kid groups between rotations.)

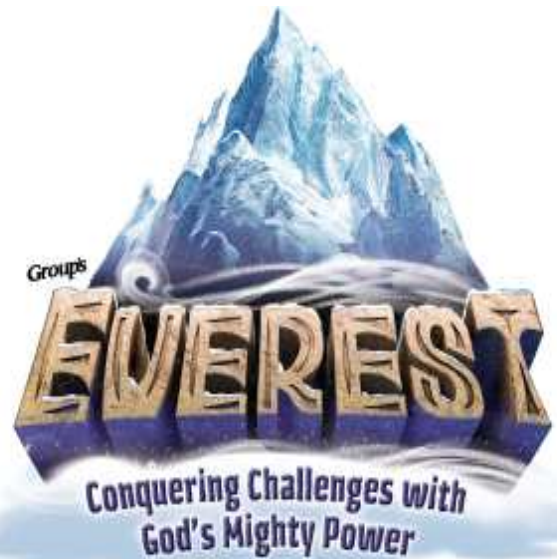
Filled: Elementary Rotation Teachers & Middle School Teachers

Almost Filled: Preschool Rotation Teachers

Kitchen Helpers & Dessert Bakers -- See Brenda Mosby

Decoration Helpers -- See Carolyn Snow

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



REGISTER ONLINE:

Register children online via the church website www.firstchristian.org and look for the VBS link.



News of People & Place

Congratulations to **Jim and Tommie Ross** who will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary on June 24th.

Kameron Freed received The American Legion Award at his 5th grade graduation ceremony from Ridgeway School. Criteria for earning the award is "possession of those high qualities of courage, honor, leadership, patriotism, scholarship and service". Congratulations, Kameron!

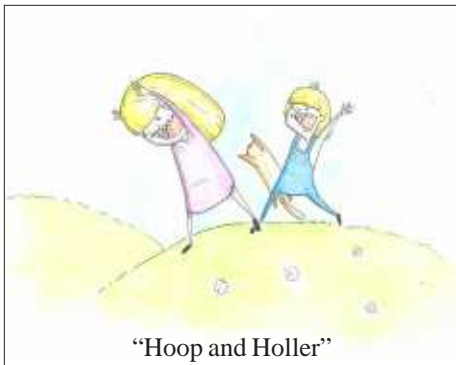
Joy Overacre is home recuperating from shoulder surgery she underwent several weeks ago. **Marsha Rawlings** requests prayers as she continues to battle kidney stones. Our prayers for easy passage are with you Marsha! **Brad Stagg** is back at work! Rev. Stagg was back in the pulpit last Sunday, is now able to drive and is resuming his office/meeting schedule.

Martha Collins died on June 4 at the age of almost 95. Martha was a member of FCC since 1958. She and her husband Howard were cattle breeders having great success in the field of "Horned Herefords." A service in celebration of her life was held on Tuesday, June 9 at Parkers.

Holly Gieseke Writes Children's Book

Holly Gieseke and her sister, Hope Sickmeier, have recently had a short children's book published. The little book is the story of the adventures of the two sisters (called Hoop & Holler) growing up in Birch Tree, Missouri.

There will be a short **Book Release Event and Signing** held on **Friday, June 19 at 7:00 p.m. in Bethany Hall**. All are invited.



"Hoop and Holler"

A Bit from Brad

Special Thanks goes to Jerry Daugherty and Reinhardt Construction for installing new ceiling tiles on the 3rd Floor Education Building free of charge! Following the "Bird Incident" several summers back, the Board agreed to remodel portions of the 3rd Floor after those areas required remediation of avian pathogens knowing whatever was remodeled was at risk to the elements until the roof was replaced. Well, now with the roof replacement completed, Reinhardt Construction replaced all the ceiling tiles damaged by weather since that remodel. Thank you Jerry! Thank you Reinhardt Construction! And thank you to all who support the Capital Campaign! Progress is happening!

Also, Trish, the kids, and I want to express our deepest, sincerest thanks for all the support extended to our family during my surgery and recovery! Your visits, calls, texts, emails, cards, and letters encouraged and sustained us through a most difficult time. And your meals! Oh my! Your generosity still overwhelms us and we cannot thank you enough for what help it was (and continues to be) for our family. Your outpouring of love means so much to us and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts! Thank you, thank you, thank you!
~Blessings, Brad

End-of-Year Financial Reimburse. Reminders

With the end of our fiscal year fast approaching and the additional time which is required to close out one fiscal year on June 30 and start a new fiscal year on July 1, here are some reminders regarding the process for requesting reimbursements from Fred:

- 1) All requests for reimbursements for this fiscal year (July 2014 – June 2015), should be submitted to Fred by **Monday, June 15**. (Please contact Fred as soon as possible if you are aware of a reimbursement which will be needed by the end of the fiscal year but for which a receipt or bill is not yet available.)
- 2) All requests for reimbursements must be supported with a receipt or bill.
- 3) When reimbursement check has been prepared and signed, the requestor will be notified (requestor can either have check held in church office for pick up or mailed).

Thank you for your cooperation in helping to make the end-of-year process a little "less hectic" for the church staff!

~Sarah Storm, Treasurer

Upcoming!

- **Administrative Bd Mtg -**
- **June 16, 6:30 pm**
- **Congregational Mtg. -**
- **June 28, after both services**

Church Calendar

June 13 - 27

Sat., June 13

- Christian Women's Fellowship Garden Tour: Meet in Bethany Hall at 9:00 a.m. for travel to gardens, back for noon luncheon.



Sun., June 14

- Chi-Rho Summer Mission Trip begins at noon and returns Tuesday, late evening.

Mon., June 15

- Church Staff Meeting, 2:00 p.m.
- **No** newsletter this week

Tue., June 16

- Administrative Bd., 6:30 p.m., Morris Parlor

Wed., June 17

- DWM/CWF Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m.
- Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Thr., June 18

- STARS Mystery Destination Lunch, 9:00 a.m. departure from church

Sun., June 21

- VBS Leader/Helper Orientation, 9:30 a.m. Keystone Room

Mon., June 22

- Newsletter Deadline and Church Staff Mtg., 2:00 p.m.
- Serving at Loaves & Fishes - Drennan Group

Wed., June 24

- Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- VBS Leader/Helper Orientation, 7:00 p.m. Keystone Room

Weekly Offering Report:

June 7, 2015

Offerings Received this week \$12,906

Offerings Received to Date \$401,937

Offerings Needed to Date \$420,907

June 7 Attendance: 170

(includes early service - 51, visitors - 21)

Newsletter Starts Summer Schedule

This issue begins the newsletter's summer schedule of publication every other week through Labor Day week. Watch for issues:

June 26
July 10
July 24
August 7
August 21
September 4

Weekly issues resume on September 18.

Heifer Ark Presented to Rev. Jimmy Spear

The World Outreach Department presented a Heifer Ark to Rev. Jimmy Spear on Sunday, June 7 in the 10:30 worship service. The Ark was purchased over the course of last year through donations to Heifer International. An Ark purchase is \$5,000 worth of animals that will be given to farmers in developing countries. The program places animals in places where they will help sustain income for the families/owners/farmers. First Christian has for over a decade been involved in the Ark program. Previous Ark plaques are on display in the narthex this month.



STARS June 18 Trip

Mystery Destination with Lunch!

Thursday, June 18
 Departure at 9:00 a.m. -
 back in the late afternoon (3-5ish)

RSVP by Sun., June 14 to the church office or put "mystery" on the Sunday pew pad.

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



Your Special Birthday!



Glenn Rainey- 92
 on June 22

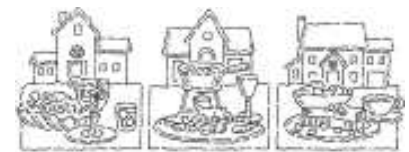
<p><u>June 14</u> Dodie Palmer</p> <p><u>June 15</u> Janice Janssen</p> <p><u>June 16</u> Logan Garton Will Houston</p> <p><u>June 20</u> Donna Meyer</p> <p><u>June 21</u> Carol Slusher Rodney Swope</p>	<p><u>June 22</u> Mark Hunsaker Glenn Rainey Kim Reardon Pat Rybolt</p> <p><u>June 23</u> Heather Hunsaker Sarah Keithley</p> <p><u>June 25</u> Steve Evers</p> <p><u>June 26</u> John Hickey Julie Holliday</p>
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Rev. Spear was honored by his friends at FCC as he completed his seventh year of service with the congregation.

From Jimmy: *"I am overwhelmed with gratitude for this unique expression of this church's care and thanks. What a great way to affirm the goodness of these seven years and help others the best way we know how. Thank you."*

CYF Camp

Seven CYF members are at church camp this week in JC at The Rickman Center. Our kids say that CYF camp is one of the best parts of summer. Pictured are (l to r) **Kim Potthast, Jonathan LaHue, Jadie Arnett, Jack Creasy, Makali Hawkins, Ryan Boger, and Megan Potthast.**



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

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

Serving Schedule - Sunday, June 14

Van Driver: Carol Slusher
Office Receptionist: Moray Kiehl
Flower Ministry - Arranged by: David and Julie Nichols
Delivered by: Gene and Micki Kirkham

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Asst.: Eric Seaman
Elder: Tommy Gay Evans

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Marion and Sarah Storm, David Heise
Liturgist: Sarah Storm
Elders: Sharon Winner, Mark Mills, Harlan Hackett
Deacons: The Creasy Team
Greeters: Susan Klockow (*N. Door*), Janelle Patterson (*S. Door*)
Pat Ritchie (*Atrium*), Jordan Barnes (*Portico*)
Ushers: The Burnam Team
Banner Bearers: Ava Hoenes and Luke Stagg
Candlelighters: Liam Rose and Kameron Freed
Children's Worship: Jessica Humble (ldr.);
Brad and Khons Volmert (hlprs.)

Serving Schedule - Sunday, June 21

Van Driver: Kim Leon
Office Receptionist: Bobbi McCormack
Flower Ministry - Arranged by: Colleen Nilges
Delivered by: Cindy and Doug Smith

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts.: Tom and Carol Hughey
Elder: Cherry Hinderberger

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Pat and Sue Wright, Delany Tevis and
Eli Gaffney
Liturgist: Brenda Mosby
Elders: Jean Hall, Sharon Winner, Jennifer Alexander
Deacons: The Nichols Team
Greeters: Tom Gray (*N. Door*), Susan Gray (*S. Door*)
Moray Kiehl (*Atrium*), Joyce Stanley (*Portico*)
Ushers: The Rose Team
Banner Bearers: Joseph McCormack and Emma Hawkins
Candlelighters: Max Gregory and Lena Schaefer
Children's Worship: Julie Nichols (ldr.); TBA (hlpr.)