



THE VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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Ken & Nancy Watson Family Honored before Departure to North Carolina

A reception will be held this Sunday, March 8, after the second worship service in Yonker Hall in honor of Dr. Ken and Nancy Watson. We will say good-bye to Ken, Nancy, Erica and Jaxson as they prepare to move to North Carolina. A blessing for them will be included in the 10:30 service.

Ken has served as minister in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in both regional and local settings. He was Associate Minister at First Christian from 1994-2007. Following his retirement in 2007, Ken and Nancy have been active members of our congregation, each assuming the role of Elder and involvement in many committees and assuming leadership positions within the church.

If you would like to leave a letter, note or card there will be a basket at both doors to hold your good wishes. Take this opportunity to wish Godspeed to special members of our church family.

Worship: March 8, 3rd Sunday of Lent

“Cleansing Faith” will be the sermon title as Brad Stagg brings part three to the Faith Formation sermon series. Texts from 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 and John 2:13-22 will be read. Daylight Saving Time Begins this Sunday so set your clocks ahead before Sunday morning!

Hymns for the day include *Be Thou My Vision, Dear Lord and Father of Mankind, Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread, and Rise Up O Saints of God.*



Lent - 2015 Faith Formation

Sermon Series Week 3
“Cleansing our Temples”

Lent & Easter Commitment

Make a personal commitment to be present in worship 75% of Sundays of Lent and Easter. That’s 5 out of the 7 Sundays between Feb. 22-April 5. Let’s “Follow Jesus Christ” together as we prepare for Easter!

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“Wine to Share,
Water for All”
A benefit for
Week of
Compassion

Sat., March 14

Bethany Hall, 7 - 9 pm

Who have you invited to this FCC event?
Join us and bring a friend for
wine, food, and compassion
for those in need of water.

For childcare, please RSVP to
jimmy@firstchristian.org by March 8.



It was a full breakfast when Disciples on Campus students served the dinner meal at Loaves and Fishes on Monday, Feb 23. Fresh Oranges were paired with biscuits and gravy, eggs and sausage.

A Bit from Brad



Capital Campaign Projects Update: As I write this article on Tuesday, March 3, a mammoth crane has just completed removing three air-handling units off the Education Building and replacing those with three brand-new air-handling units! The above picture shows the crane in proportion to the building. Now that the air-handling units are on the roof, the roof contractors can complete their job, and the HVAC contractors can hook up the new units to the rest of the HVAC system. So, please pray for the continued safety of the workers and good, sunny weather so they can complete all the projects quickly!

Nominations for Outstanding Service Awards Still Being Received: Do you know someone who has or is doing wonderful, outstanding work here at FCC who deserves to be recognized for their effort? The Nominating Committee chaired by Harlan Hackett has asked me to let the congregation know they are very happy to continue to receive nominations for Outstanding Service Awards. Forms can be filled out through the church or simply contact Harlan Hackett or email me with your nominee's name and brief sentence or two why you want them recognized. Since the recognitions take place in June, you still have time to submit your candidate.

Week of Compassion/W2W: Thank you to all who contributed to the annual Week of Compassion offering! Those over-and-above gifts provide disaster relief, refugee services, sustainability projects for the poor, and other aid around the globe. Thank you for being Christ's agents of compassion and mercy! Also, I hope everyone plans on attending the Wine to Water event on Saturday evening, March 14. This unique ministry provides the basic human need of clean, potable water to those still in need. Come join us in being Christ's hands in the world!
~Blessings, Brad



When Nelson and I became members of First Christian and married in the sanctuary in 1954, we soon learned that the people of the church also became "our family". In

Nelson's later years and with many health concerns, he has received joy and comfort through cards, visits, flowers, prayer shawl, and prayers. After his death, our church family brought love and support to my family with cards, calls, and coming to the memorial service and reception. Thanks to Brad for his guidance in many ways, his prayers and helping to make the memorial service uplifting. To Mary for the beautiful music. To Kay for doing a good job on the bulletins for memorial service. To Micki and Gene for ushering my extended family to pews with a warm smile. To Jimmy for his presence. To the many who helped at the reception. A SPECIAL THANKS to Keith and Fred who early on Saturday morning before the memorial service worked hard to clear the sidewalks so no one would fall. I will continue to feel "blessed" by my church family and will always have the memories of the love shown to my beloved husband and to me.

~Lorene Trickey

We enjoyed the hospital visit with the Ramseys and the beautiful flowers from the church service. A quote from Charlie... "I'm following Red Riding Hood and we're not out of the woods yet." Thanks for your prayers.

~Bettie Koelling

My birthday in cold February has been made warm and cheerful with the beautiful flowers from First Christian Church. Delivered by Susan and Gerald Ramsey. This kindness is greatly appreciated. Thank you, thank you.

~Elizabeth Hensley

Pre-School Art Show! On Display in Keystone

Mother's Day Out's Preschool Classroom is studying Art!! We were so excited to visit the FCC Art Show in Bethany Hall. Thank you for letting us enjoy your talents. We are having our own Annual Art Show too. Our Art show is going to be on March 11 and 12. We are going to leave our masterpieces up for you to enjoy on Sunday, March 15. Please come and see the children's art in the Keystone Room, and thanks for inspiring us!!

News of People & Place

Moray Kiehl requests prayers for her 8 month old great grandson, **Emerick Loring**. He has been very sick and in Children's hospital in Columbia.

Cheryl Lightner is a patient at Boone Hospital after complications from surgery. As she continues to heal she also prepares for chemo treatments starting this week. Our prayers are with her.

Tommy Gay Evans has completed her rounds of chemo treatments, is taking a needed break to visit grandchildren and will continue other treatment in the coming months.

Marceline Shamberger turned 102 years old last week! She welcomes your cards and visits at Lenoir Healthcare Center.

Sympathy is extended to the family of **Nancy Banks** who died at the end of last week. A graveside service will be held on Thursday, March 5 at Columbia Cemetery. Nancy is the mother of member **Jenny Hallam** and the sister-in-law of **Genie Banks Rogers**.

Marv Tracy died on Monday in Liberty, MO. A service will be held in Liberty at the end of the week with a short visitation (at FCC Columbia) and burial in Columbia, Saturday.

Church Dine-Out
Friday, Mar. 06, 5:30 p.m.
Bob Evans Restaurant
Everyone Welcome!

Ladies' Book Club

Next Wednesday, March 11, at noon in Bethany Hall the Ladies' Book Club discusses *The Girls of Atomic City: The Untold Story of the Women Who Helped Win World War II*. The discussion lasts about an hour. April's selection is *Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline.



**Birthdays
to Celebrate**

Mar. 8
Valerie Freed
David Keithley
Andrea Smith

Mar. 12
Liam Rose
Mar. 14
Donna Houston
Pat Rainey

Winter-Spring Youth Calendar:

Mar 8: JYF & CYF

Mar 15: Chi-Rho; (No CYF evening mtg)

Mar 15: CYF Girls/Boys Events

Girls Day: afternoon-lunch and the movie Cinderella

Boys Day: afternoon-lunch and an adventure

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

CYF Summer Mission Trip:
July 5-11

Children's Choir dates:

Mar 8 4:00-4:45 p.m.

Mar 15 singing in worship



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.



The CYF served on their Friday off from school at Lenoir.



Left to right: Julia, Jimmy, Jadie, Megan, Kim, Jacob, Max, Makali, & Jonathan

The Garage Sale

Set up: April 6-9

Sale: April 1-12

Vacation Bible School

Sunday, June 28-

Thursday, July 2

Summer Camp sign up starts
this Sunday at Youth Group!

Program Offered for Parents: MDO offers Conscious Discipline

Mother's Day Out Preschool is so excited to offer a class in Conscious Discipline. The presenter will be Karen Hickman, a Loving Guidance Associate and a National Conscious Discipline Certified Instructor. The class is open to MDO and FCC parents and will meet in Morris Parlor on Monday, March 9, at 7:00 p.m. The cost for this wonderful opportunity is \$20/person or \$25/ couple. Karen will be talking about Brain Research and Composure and teach Brain Smart strategies for responding, rather than reacting to life events. The group will learn new skills to pass to their children, as they learn their self-regulation skills from the adults in their lives. All will leave with some calming strategies for personal practice and parenting. Pay in advance to Fred in the office making checks payable to "First Christian Church" noting "MDO class" or pay at the door.

~Tracy Westoff, MDO Director

STARS March Trip

STARS is the fellowship group for FCC folks and friends 55+. Come explore and be with a great group of church friends.

*Minimum of 8 people needed each trip

March 26: St. James, Missouri

Vacuum Cleaner Museum

St. James Winery

Depart from church at 8:00 a.m., return by 6:00 p.m.

Cost: \$20

(Lunch on your own)

Ride needed: indicate so when signing up or call Carol Slusher at 874-4902

RSVP by Sunday, March 22.

April 16: St. Louis, Missouri

See the art of the famous George Caleb Bingham at an exhibit held at The St. Louis Art Museum.

May 20-21: St. Joseph, Missouri

The Spring Over-Nighter! Touring, sightseeing, and a visit with Molly Read.



Oasis

March 11

5:30 pm

Yonker Hall

Meal: Ham and Beans,
Cornbread, dessert \$5

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

Program, 6:30 pm:

Learn about one of our Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) ministry partners -- Woodhaven. Jaime Friedrichs will present a program.

Oasis Schedule

Mar 18 Dinner Menu: POTLUCK

Program: Barb Rothenberger
presents a travelogue on India

Mar 25 – Spring Break. Oasis TBA

Church Women United (CWU) invites you to:

World Day of Prayer – March 6, Wilkes Blvd. United Methodist Church, 702 Wilkes Blvd.

9:30 a.m. - Bible Study and sharing

10:45 a.m. - Worship Service

Noon - Shared lunch – Bahamas and Caribbean recipes?

Theme: "Radical Love – Jesus Said: Do You Understand What I Have Done For You?"

Bring: Canned goods, food staples, CWU Dues \$6

Weekly Report: Mar. 1, 2015

Received this week \$2,719

Received to Date \$283,225

Needed to Date \$303,752

Attendance - 46 (snow day)
(no early service, visitors - 2)

Week of Compassion Total - \$1,251

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

Serving Schedule - Sunday, March 8

Van Driver: Carol Slusher
Office Receptionist: Carole Harris-Randerson
Flower Ministry - Arranged by: Vicki Johnson
Delivered by: Erin Bower

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts.: Eli Gaffney, TBA
Elder: Charlie Koelling

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Jerry and Kathy Miller, David Polach
Liturgist: Diana Provenzano
Elders: David Read, Erin Bower, Colleen Nilges
Deacons: The Creasy Team
Greeters: Tom Gray (*N. Door*), Susan Gray (*S. Door*)
Bud Batterson (*Atrium*), Deb Batterson (*Portico*)
Ushers: The Burnam Team
Banner Bearers: Joseph McCormack and Ava Hoenes
Candlelighters: Jack Bower and Max Gregory
Children's Worship: Jessica Humble (ldr.); Amy LaHue (hlpr.)

This Week (March 8 - 14)

- Sun.** - Daylight Saving Time Begins!
- RATI Warming Station, 7:00-9:00 a.m., Higbee Center
- Bell Choir, 8:30 a.m., 3rd Floor, Edu. Bldg.
- Watson Family Recognized during and after 10:30 worship service
- Children's Choir, 4:00-4:45 p.m.
- JYF (grades 3-5), 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.
- Stewardship & Finance Mtg., 5:45 p.m., Bethany Hall
- MDO: 2 Parent Conscious Discipline, 7:00-9:00 pm, Parlor
- Tue.** - Tuesday Bible Study, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Administrative Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Morris Parlor
- Wed.** - Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- Ladies' Book Club, Noon, Bethany Hall
- Mother's Day Out Art Show, 12:00-1:30 p.m., Keystone
- Oasis, 5:30 p.m., Yonker Fellowship Hall
- Chancel Choir, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- DOC (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Thr.** - Mother's Day Out Art Show, 12:00-1:30 p.m., Keystone
- Sat.** - Wine to Water Event, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Bethany Hall

