



THE VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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Worship: March 15 4th Sunday of Lent

Powerful hymns for the day will lead the congregation in worship as together we enter into the fourth week of Lent. They include: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise; In the Bulb There Is a Flower;* and *In Remembrance of Me.* "Living in the Light" will be the sermon focus based upon texts from Numbers 21:4-9 and John 3:14-21. The Children's Choir will offer special song in the 10:30 service.

March 15 Congregational Meeting rescheduled to March 22

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!

In Need of Music Lovers

The Chancel Choir is in dire need of voices for the upcoming cantata and Easter Sunday celebration. The cantata, "No Greater Sacrifice", is easily accessible, and will be performed on Palm Sunday. On Easter Sunday, the choir will be presenting Beethoven's "Ode to Joy" with brass and organ accompaniment. Experience is helpful, and yes, junior high choir counts as experience! Rehearsals are held on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-6:45, and Sunday morning from 9:45-10:20. Singing with the choir is a great and enjoyable way to serve your church! We hope you'll join us.



Wine to ater

Sat., March 14

Bethany Hall

7 - 9 pm

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

Lent - 2015 Faith ormation

Sermon Series Week 4
"Living in the Light"

Who's Who.... ...teachers of FCC

Mary Daugherty, pictured here with several members of her class, is one of two who teaches the K-2 class on Sunday mornings.

Mary taught in the nursery for many years some time ago and is glad to be back with this new age group of children. She enjoys every minute of being with these bright and delightful children with their balance of being attentive and sharing great energy. She notes they are excited about reading! The class meets in the blue room with the wall of big maps each Sunday to learn the stories and people of the bible.



Mary Daugherty, teacher K-2nd Grade

Mary has been a member at FCC for about 44 years. She is married to Jerry and has two grown children, Brad and Laura. She has a great love for flowers and plants.

Youth Sign up for Summer Camp

Each summer our church sends over 40 children, youth, and volunteers to church camp. This summer looks to be another great opportunity to continue the tradition of church camp being a highlight of the summer for our children and youth.

Brochures, forms and information will be available on Sunday mornings and at youth group in the coming weeks. We will work with an April 12 deadline for registration. Jimmy Spear welcomes questions and names of volunteers who will be counselors.



In my thank you in the Visitor last week, I forgot and left out an important person.

THANK YOU, Cherry Hinderberger for your beautiful tribute of Nelson at his memorial service and for your many years of friendship. ~Lorene Trickey

I wish to express my thanks to all my church family for the thoughts and prayers, cards, calls, & emails, plus the visits & food you shared with me during the 4 months of chemo treatments. Your generosity was overwhelming! What a blessing you all are. I still have radiation treatments that will start on March 31. I hope to be back among you shortly after I recover my strength and resistance to "germs". ~Tommy Gay Evans

We have been showered with your love and good wishes, from Brad's blessing during the service to all the cards, hugs, advice, and tears at the reception. We appreciate so much our time with you over the last 20 years. How can it have been that long? This will be the 9th time we have left a church family to find another. As with every other time, we know that we take you in our hearts with us and that you will keep us in yours. That special unity that we share makes leaving easier but you know we will miss you anyway. We appreciate the reception, the Coffman-Watson send-off and all the warm wishes over the past few months as we have packed and planned for our move. Our door is always open if you get to North Carolina. Our **new address is 1241 Legacy Greene Ave., Wake Forest, NC 27587**. In the meantime, we would love to hear from you by e-mail, cell phone or USPS. We will also be reading the *Visitor* to keep up with the news of the congregation and wishing you the very best now and always.

Yours in Christ, Ken and Nancy Watson



Thank you for your generous donation to Room at the Inn. Because of your compassion and support we are able to provide warm and safe shelter for those in need in our area.

~Blessings from Room at the Inn



Thanks to everyone who helped make the reception for Ken and Nancy Watson a success. It gave us all an opportunity to say a last good-bye to a very special family in our congregation. They will be missed and we wish them Godspeed and happiness with their family once again together. A special thanks to Barb Rothenberger who made the beautiful floral arrangements from church flowers. Our committee worked hard to put everything together and a thank you to each of them for the work they did: Carol Slusher, Cherry Hinderberger, Carol Hughey, and Marilyn Schappert. I couldn't have done it without each of you. ~Genie Rogers

Come enjoy the Pre-School Art Show! Keystone Room 2nd flr Education Bldg Sunday, March 15 before & after worship

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.

Weekly Report: Mar. 8, 2015

Received this week \$15,513

Received to Date \$298,738

Needed to Date \$311,670

Attendance - 175

(includes early service - 32, visitors - 12)



Oasis

March 18

Yonker Hall

Meal, 5:30 pm: POTLUCK
(bring dish or pay \$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:
A Travelogue on India
by Barb Rothenberger

Oasis Mar 25 – Spring Break, TBA

Support Group for Parkinson's

Join a monthly Parkinson's Support Group and meet others with PD and their caregivers. Enjoy educational programs, social activities and friendly support. The Columbia group meets the 1st Thursday of the month at 4 p.m. Other group locations are Lake of the Ozarks and Jefferson City. Contact Patsy or David Dalton at 573-356-6036 or 573-434-4569 for more information.



Mar. 15

Mary Dysart

Kimberly Williams

Mar. 19

Cari Sapp

Mar. 16

Jordan Barnes

Ed Bright

Wilson Hickey

Mar. 20

Ken Watson

Mar. 21

Russ Palmer

Lexie Ruffolo

Mar. 18

Amy Foster

Kathy Richardson

Wolfgang Schaefer

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Columbia, Missouri

FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2015-2016

Candidates below are presented for a vote by the Congregation on March 22, 2015.

They are submitted by the Nominating Committee, and have been approved by the Administrative Board.

SERVICE BOARD NOMINEES

(for an indefinite term)

Elders

Bryan Garton
Genie Rogers
Pat Rybolt

Deacons

Natalie Barnard
Jeff LaHue
Trish Stagg
Jeff Wheeland

Junior Deacons

(for a 1-year term)

Jacy Alexander
Jadie Arnett
Julia Bower
Jack Creasy
Derrick Evers
Eli Gaffney
Cole Galbraith
Logan Garton
Matthew Hoepner
Lauren Hofmann
Lexi Hofmann
Jonathan LaHue
Kimberly Potthast
Megan Potthast
Coleman Rogers
Hunter Rogers
Wyatt Rogers
Zach Ruffalo
Max Schaefer
Wolfgang Schaefer
Conner Stormer

EMERITUS AND HONORARY

Elder Emeritus

Ben Nelms

Honorary Elders

None

Deacon Emeritus

None

Honorary Deacons

None

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD NOMINEES

(for a three-year term)

Elders

Sharon Winner
Colleen Nilges
Eric Seaman

Unexpired Elder's Term

Deb Batterson (2 yrs. to replace Nancy Watson)

Deacons

Diana Provenzano
Linda Hutton
Ben Micek
Chris Stormer
Dan Tevis
Hartley Rogers
7th position TBA

Co-Chairs of Elders

(for a one-year term)

Jessica Humble
TBA

Chair of Deacons

(for a one-year term)

Susan Klockow

Trustee

(for a three-year term)

Joe Reardon

OFFICERS of the Administrative Board/Congregation

(for a one-year term)

Moderator: Bragg Stanley

Vice Moderator: C.K. Hoenes

Secretary: TBA

Treasurer: TBA



To: The Women of First Christian Church and Friends who would like to Honor them

Hopefully Spring is right around the corner and that is the time when the CWF Board begins planning the budget for next year.

Each year we send a "Silent Bazaar" letter out requesting monetary donations to support the work of the CWF. It is a "Silent Bazaar" because we are asking for donations and not asking anyone to make or buy anything, unlike the Christmas Craft Bazaar where proceeds went to the vendors and the Stage Curtain Fund.

The CWF has two major fund raisers to support our many worthwhile projects, the Election Day Luncheon in the Fall (thanks to Brenda Mosby and Mimi Roberts for their superb organizational skills!) and the Silent Bazaar in the Spring. The majority of our budget comes from these two fund raisers and the rest from CWF group offerings.

What do we use the money for? It is divided almost equally between donations to: 1. Church projects, 2. Local women's/ children's charities, 3. CWF Women's activities and events.

- Donations to:
1. CHURCH PROJECTS; FCC Youth Projects; Loaves and Fishes; Breakfast for Brethren; Woodhaven; Disciples Mission Fund; Shawl Ministry.
 2. LOCAL WOMEN'S/CHILDREN'S CHARITIES; Coyote Hill; True North Women's Shelter; Nora Stewart Early Learning Center; Rainbow House; Ronald McDonald House; Buddy Packs Mid-Mo Food Bank.
 3. CWF ACTIVITIES & EVENTS: Election Day Lunch; Fall Women's Dinner; Christmas Women's Brunch; Spring Garden Tour and Luncheon; Speaker Honorariums; Study Materials; Yearbooks; Supplies, postage & cards.

In the past few years we have been able to increase the amount of our donations and to give to non-budgeted items such as Room At the Inn and Welcome Home Veterans, plus an additional \$150.00 donation to Woodhaven for their Capital Campaign.

Please give prayerful thought and consider giving a donation so we all can join together and accomplish the mission of the church.

We ask that you make checks payable to CWF and place all cash donations in an envelope marked CWF. Return it to the church office or put it in the offering plate by April 15, so we can complete our 2015-2016 Budget in a timely manner.

Thank you,
Tommy Gay Evans, CWF President

Women's Study offered this Spring

Five sessions from April 12 to May 17
Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:20 a.m.

A conversational book/dvd study class will be offered for women in April. This class offering is sponsored by the Adult Education Department. All women are invited.

The study based upon the book:

One Thousand Gifts

Dare to Live Fully Right Where You Are
by Ann Voskamp

Just like you, author Ann Voskamp hungers to live her one life well. "How," she wondered, "do we find joy in the midst of deadlines, debt, drama, and daily duties? What does the Christ-life really look like when your days are gritty, long--and sometimes even dark?" In this study she invites participants to embrace everyday blessings and embark on the transformative spiritual discipline of chronicling God's gifts.

More to come...



God's Speed Watsons

We have had a long love affair with Ken and Nancy Watson. Good disciples through and through they have lived in Columbia many years with Ken having served in several churches and in the region. We were lucky that the majority of the years were spent at FCC. He as associate pastor, both as elders and participating members through and through they have been.

We sent them off to North Carolina with a grand reception of love last week. God's speed Ken, Nancy, Erica, and Jaxson!



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.

Winter-Spring Youth Calendar:

Mar 15: Chi-Rho; (No CYF evening mtg)
Mar 15: CYF Girls/Boys Events
Girls Day: afternoon-lunch and the movie Cinderella
Boys Day: Jimmy will communicate plans.

March 22 & 29: No Youth Groups due to Spring Break. Chi-Rho and CYF may have movie outings - Jimmy will text/email.

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 15 Singing in worship

Summer Camp sign up happening each Sunday at Youth Group!

News of People & Place

Moray Kiehl was admitted to Boone Hospital early in the week. Prayers are with her as she shakes a bad case of the flu. Moray's great-grandson **Emerick Loring** has been in our prayers as the 8 month old continues to be in ICU at Children's Hospital. He has had a hard road in recent weeks but is showing improvement over pneumonia and infection. **Cheryl Lightner** is now home from Boone Hospital and in the midst of active chemo treatments. It was great to have **Ed Bright (and Eva)** back with us on Sunday morning. His new hip got him to church!

The flowers in the alcove on Sunday were from the service on Thursday for **Nancy Banks**. Thank you to **Jenny Hallam** and **Garry Banks** for sending numerous floral arrangements over to the church. They have all been used and are appreciated.

Word has come that former member **Alberta Lance** has died. Alberta and her husband Marvin were members at FCC some years back having moved in retirement to St. Louis.

Rev. Jimmy Spear will attend a conference on Progressive Youth Ministry, March 18-21 at Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago IL.

Rev. Brad Stagg will be on vacation from March 20-27.

The Garage Sale

Set up: April 6-9

Sale: April 10-12

Vacation Bible School

Sunday, June 28-Thursday, July 2

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

Serving Schedule - Sunday, March 15

Van Driver: Perry Stemmons
Office Receptionist: Moray Kiehl
Flower Ministry - Arranged by: Barb Rothenberger
Delivered by: Jacki Davidson

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts.: Brice and Mary Moeller, Tom and Susan Gray
Elder: Jerry Daugherty

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Jerry and Kathy Miller, Ryan Boger
Liturgist: Erin Bower
Elders: Roy Rogers, Gene Taylor, Sally Robinson
Deacons: The Nichols Team
Greeters: Greg Mooney (*N. Door*), Moray Kiehl (*S. Door*)
Joyce Stanley (*Atrium*), Nannie Lou Mallett (*Portico*)
Ushers: The Rose Team
Banner Bearers: Mia Gregory and Carleigh Snow
Candlelighters: Maddie Micek and Lena Schaefer
Children's Worship: Kim Boger (ldr.); Trish Stagg (hlpr.)

This Week (March 15 - 21)

- Sun.** - Congregational Mtg. POSTPONED TO MARCH 22
- Children's Choir performs at 10:30 worship
- Bell Choir, 8:30 a.m., 3rd fl. Education Bldg.
- Chi-Rho (grades 6-8), 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- CYF Girls event: 11:45 a.m.-4:00 p.m./No evening CYF
- Mon.** - Newsletter deadline and Church Staff Mtg., 2:00 p.m.
- Tue.** - Tuesday Bible Study, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Financial Task Force Mtg., 6:30-8:30 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Wed.** - Shawl Ministry, 10:00 a.m., Bethany Hall
- Men's Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Senior Center
- DWM/CWF Board Mtg., 4:00 p.m., Keystone Room
- Capital Campaign Management Team, 5:30-7:30 p.m.,
Keystone Room
- 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

Happy
SPRING!