



Church Picnic
This Sunday, October 4
12:00 Noon! Bethel Park
 (Located on Bethel Street between Nifong Blvd. & Southhampton)

- Wear picnic clothes to church!
- Have you invited friends to worship & the following picnic? Those in your pew?
- Bring a chair if you like/there are picnic tables available.
- All food, drinks, table service provided.
- Want to assist in setup? (10 a.m.-12)

talk to Natalie Barnard or Jimmy Spear

Sunday A.M. Adult Class

Join the Pathfinders/BASIC Class in Bethany Hall at 9:30 on Sundays as they learn about **“FORGIVENESS: Finding Peace Through Letting Go”**

A four-part study by Adam Hamilton (KC-Church of the Resurrection) is organized around four common relationships in which we find ourselves in need of receiving or extending forgiveness: Our relationships with...

1. God (“*The Divine Answer*”)
2. Our spouses or romantic interests (“*For Better, for Worse*”)
3. Our parents and siblings (“*The Dreamcoat*”)
4. All others in our lives (“*Seventy Times Seven*”)

Two weeks are spent on each session, so October 4th will be the second part of “For Better, for Worse.” At least four sessions remain. All are welcome.

Book Release & Signing - Oct. 4

Together in Ministry -- The stories of the Assistant & Associate Ministers that have served First Christian Church in Columbia since 1907.

Dr. Ken Watson, a former Associate Minister of FCC, authored this book in response to the 175th Anniversary with the help of Muriel Leach and Genie Rogers. It is a great retrospective look at the many who have been called to ministry at FCC and the gifts they brought to many generations of students, children, programs and members. A short dedication will take place in 10:30 worship service and Ken will be on hand following to sign books. The books will be available for \$3.

Worship Sunday, Oct. 04

Join us this Sunday in morning worship as we receive and bless The Festival of Sharing packs, dedicate the latest FCC history book, and share in the joy of God.

Rev. Stagg’s sermon is based on Psalm 26 and Mark 10:1-16 and entitled, “Family;” Jesus’ dealing with the best and worst of family life, children and divorce. And everyone is encouraged to come to worship dressed for the All Church Picnic immediately following the 10:30 Service.

Hymns this week include: *All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name; My Faith Looks Up to Thee; In Remembrance of Me; and O Christ, the Way, the Truth, the Life.*

HAPPENING THIS SUNDAY!

New FCC History Book Arrives and Special Book Signing after service

Festival of Sharing Pack Return Deadline

Church Picnic

(see calendar on back pg.)

Breakfast for Brethren Saturdays in October



Food Donations & Help Needed (see article pg.2)

Helping Those in Need

October is a super busy month for Church in Society at FCC! Our church will be serving **Breakfast for the Brethren** every Saturday morning this month. October has 5 Saturdays this year, so what way can you help out? Are you able to bring in food items or can you serve breakfast? Please think about a way you can support this important church ministry. Sign-up sheets are in the church office for food items or come on down to Yonker Fellowship Hall at 7:00 on a Saturday morning to help serve!

The month of October is also the **Warm Up Columbia** clothing drive! As you are starting to bring out your fall/winter items think about what items you are no longer needing and donate them to this drive. People in Columbia will soon be in need for coats, gloves (mittens), hats, scarfs, and blankets to keep warm over the winter season. Please bring in these items and place them in the Church in Society tub outside the church office.

On October 18, FCC will be participating in the annual **CROP Hunger Walk**. We are in need for a few volunteers to be at a water station in Bethany Hall. If you are interested in volunteering for this, please let the church office know. There are so many great church ministries happening during the month of October to keep you busy! How do you plan to be involved?

STARS (55+ Group)

Activities for the fall season:

Fall Color Tour: Thursday, October 22, \$15. Hop on the bus for the annual driving tour of hills and colorful trees. We always find beauty in this annual trip along with a good lunch and other sights. RSVP by Oct. 18 on pew pad "STARS COLOR" or to church office.

Thomas Hart Benton Exhibit at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art, Kansas City: Thursday, Nov. 19, \$15. "American Epics: TH Benton and Hollywood"

T-Giving Meal at Broadway Christian Church: Monday, Nov. 23, (lunchtime)

December will bring the **Christmas Light Tour** along with the **Soup Luncheon**

17th Annual Election Day Luncheon - November 3

Can you believe it? It's time to get ready for our Election Day Luncheon.



It's an exciting time! Not only do we have a lot of fun working with our Church family, we have the opportunity to serve our community. So, mark your calendar for November 3. We need you to help us serve food, make pies, clean the kitchen, decorate, deliver meals, sell tickets, etc. We're holding a spot just for you! The Election Day Luncheon is a fund raising project that reaches out into the community and benefits the outreach goals of our Women's Ministries! If you need transportation to work, please let us know. We advertise "home made pies". So, if you can make a pie, there will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex. You can also sign up to work, get tickets and pick up a delivery form for your work. See you Sunday! If you have questions, call Brenda Mosby at 442-7507.

COLUMBIA CHRISTIAN SENIORS CONFERENCE

This free conference will address the issues that face today's Christian seniors, while providing a great opportunity for fellowship with older adults from the Columbia area. **Rev. Sally Robinson**, Chaplain for Columbia Area Older Adult Ministries, will be the keynote speaker. Event is **Tuesday, October 13**, registration at 8:30 a.m., conference from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Lenoir Woods (Nifong Hall), 3710 South Lenoir Street, Columbia, MO 65201. Please contact Chaplain Jerry Riggert at 876-5800 if you have questions.

Bible Study Opportunity X 3

Join Rev. Brad Stagg in study over the bible texts that guide the church's worship each week. Three occasions will be offered weekly to provide folks opportunity to engage scripture and study.

Sunday, 4:30 - 6:00 p.m., Morris Parlor - **NEW!**

Tuesday, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., Morris Parlor

Wed., 12:05 - 12:55 p.m., Bethany Hall. - **NEW!**

Electronic Giving

Would you like a more convenient way to support your church? Do pay most of your bills online? Do you wish you could pay your Estimate of Giving and Offerings to the church online? Well you can! Many FCC members took advantage of giving their Capital Campaign pledges via online giving and they report loving it. Now you can do so for your annual operating support of FCC!

No need to worry about missing worship or mailing your gift, just support FCC electronically. Come by the office, complete the authorization form, provide a voided check and you can take advantage of this easy, convenient method to support your church and work of the gospel of Jesus Christ.



Weekly Offering Report: Sept. 27, 2015

Offerings Received this week \$4,607

Offerings Received to Date \$100,864

Offerings Needed to Date \$104,952

Sept. 27 Attendance: 165
(includes early service - 48, visitors - 9)

Capital Campaign Progress Report

The new gas line required for heating the Education Building is now mounted to the building and scheduled to be connected and inspected this week. Hopefully it will be tested and work successfully by the end of next week.

Mid-Continental Restoration is scheduled to arrive this week to remove the four deteriorating, unused chimneys which are both dangerous and required to be removed before the roofers can begin roof and capstone jobs.

Festival of Sharing – Pack of Sharing

Empty Bags are coming in full! Over 40 collected bags include giving of Student Dental Packs and Women's Prison Packs.

Please return your filled gallon bag **NO LATER than SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4th**. This outreach activity is sponsored by the World Outreach Department.

Monetary donations are also welcome. Make checks payable (and place in offering plate) to First Christian Church with notation "Fest. of Sharing packs."

Festival of Sharing is a church response to hunger, poverty and injustice in the world. It is



an outreach program and support project that gathers people and resources each fall in Sedalia, MO at the Missouri State Fairgrounds. This year it will be held on Oct. 17. It is a ministry of the Missouri Conference of the United Methodist Church. FCC, Columbia annually contributes "packs" in support of the cause.

Wonderful Fall Women's Dinner Served

Thank you to all the ladies who were able to attend our annual Fall All-Church Women's Dinner. The food was delicious and so many choices thanks to Janelle Patterson. The program given by Chaplain Sally Robinson on our Columbia Area Older Adult Ministry was very informative. The fellowship was fantastic, and it was so great to visit with Sally Estes who just happened to be in Missouri visiting family. Items were collected for True North and Nora Stewart Nursery School and a free-will offering was collected for our service projects as arranged by Susan Ramsey. Thank you to our President Colleen Nilges for making all the arrangements and to our loyal van driver Don Mosby for driving our Lenoir ladies.

Pictures of this event are featured on the CWF bulletin board in the alcove by the elevator.

The Faithful Struggle to Forgive



Saturday, October 17
9:00 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Broadway Christian Church, Columbia

Forgiveness is part of the journey of faith for many Christians. It is, on the one hand, something that compels us toward right relationships and justice. On the other hand, forgiveness is hard work that requires energy, spiritual integrity and honesty.

Sponsored by
The Stalcup School of
Theology for the Laity
at Brite Divinity School

Presented by
Joretta Marshall
Executive Vice President and Dean and
Professor of Pastoral Theology and Care,
Brite Divinity School, Fort Worth, Texas

Book Study: Jimmy Spear will lead a study in connection with this lecture and based on Joretta Marshall's book "How Can I Forgive?"

The 7 session study will be offered on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Keystone Room., October 7 through November 18.

The books are \$10. Jimmy has ordered books for those who have given an RSVP. You can also order yourself via online book sellers.

[NOTE: this Study is different from the Sunday morning Pathfinder/BASIC class study presently in session (see page 1).]

3rd Columbia CROP FC² 5K Run Saturday, October 17

Registration at 8:00 a.m. Run starts at 9:00 a.m.
Twin Lakes Recreation Area

The out-and-back course is on the beautiful KATY Trail in Twin Lakes Rereation Area at 2500 Chapel Hill Road. Runners pay an entrance fee of \$25 which serves as their CROP Hunger donation. Runners are also encouraged to solicit additional donations to address hunger.



20th Columbia CROP Hunger Walk Sunday, October 18

Registration at 1:00 p.m. Walk starts at 2:00 p.m.
Wilkes Blvd. United Methodist Church
7th & Wilkes (right behind Hickman High School)

These events are sponsored by Church World Service and organized by local religious groups, businesses, schools and others to raise funds to end hunger in the U.S. and around the world. 25% of the funds raised fight hunger locally through Columbia food and meal programs who make annual application. 75% of the funds raised are forwarded to Church World Service, the national CROP sponsor for hunger and food sustainability programs conducted across the globe. For more information: www.columbiacrophungerwalk.webs.com/



TRUNK OR TREAT

AN AFTERNOON OF **SPOOKTACULAR**
FUN, FOOD, GAMES & PRIZES!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31
TRUNK-OR-TREAT ★ 3-5 PM ★
★ FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH ★
101 N 10TH ST, COLUMBIA MO

DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR COSTUME!
VISIT WOODHAVENTEAM.ORG FOR MORE DETAILS.

The FCC Trunk-or-Treat (above) will be held this year in partnership with Woodhaven. It will be held on Halloween, in the afternoon and be much larger than years past. With anticipated expansion of this event, please consider:

- Will you decorate and host a car Trunk for Treating?*
- Would you help serve food to children, parents, and guests?*
- Could you be on site to assist in the parking, hospitality needs?*

More details will be in the next issue of the Visitor!



JYF meets again Sunday

The Junior Youth Fellowship is pictured here at their September 20 gathering. They are a great group of 3rd-5th graders that meet twice a month for fellowship and activity.

16 Hours in Poverty

Holly Wheatley writes a reflection on last Sunday's CYF experience "A Night Under the Stars: Awareness on Poverty and a mock night at Room at the Inn"

Sunday I got the privilege to join Makali's youth group (FCC's CYF)...being homeless for a night. We were allowed a backpack with toiletries, a pillow, and what we needed for the night. We carried those on our backs from 4 p.m. – 9 p.m. as we walked in the shoes of the homeless. We walked through the streets of downtown. We got to see and learn about the resources available. We ate where they eat dinner – *Loaves and Fishes*. We participated in a poverty simulation where the kids made up families trying to make ends meet in a month of life's expense and having little money. We checked into a "shelter" (a mock Room at the Inn), getting our number and cot for the evening. It was a very humbling experience. It was very eye opening for me. I had no idea about half of what is out there in our community - the homeless and the help for them. I hope this was an experience our kids remember and can take something away from it. I know I sure did!

~Holly Wheatley



Bit from Brad

Nametags, nametags, nametags! Have you caught the nametag fever sweeping through FCC? Wearing nametags is a simple, easy way to make visitors and returning members feel welcomed. Everyone forgets names unless helped out, so why not make it easier on others? Can't find your Nametag or need an updated one? Contact the church office; they're happy to provide one for you!

Bible Study opportunities continue to abound! Come prepare for Sunday worship by spending an hour with the Sunday preacher at one of three times each week: Sundays at 4:30; Tuesdays at 10:30; and Wednesdays at 12:05. Come spend time with your minister and the Bible! No prep work, no committee work, just time with others seeking God's inspiration through Scripture. Come and see! ~Blessings, Brad

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.

Oct. 4 JYF & CYF
Oct. 11 CR & CYF
(CYF to Schaefer Farm)
Oct. 18 JYF & CYF
Oct. 25 CR & CYF

Trunk 'n Treat
Sat., October 31
3-5 p.m.



News of People & Place

This week we turn our prayers of concern on behalf of the following friends:

- **Tom Gray**, a patient at Ellis Fischel
- **Elizabeth Mottaz**, in recovery from thyroid surgery had on Oct. 1
- **John Hamilton**, undergoing tests
- **Genie Rogers**, scheduled for orthoscopic knee surgery Monday, Oct. 5

Phyllis Tickle, theologian and author on the emergent church, was a recent guest speaker to the Columbia faith community and familiar voice among the learned crowd at FCC. Phyllis died at her home in TN after a battle with cancer.

The Elders' gathered for dinner and conversation on Monday, Sept 28. The group of over 25 made plans for their care teams for 2015-16 and discussed at length what it would mean to begin conversations at FCC around two opportunities of hospitality and welcome. Racism and sexual orientation are topics in the world and the Elders are talking about them too!

Join us at the
**Regional Assembly
Christian Church in
Mid-America**
In Columbia at Broadway CC.
Saturday, October 24
9:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
(\$25 includes lunch, snack, child care)
Please register by Oct. 12.
www.midamericadisciples.org
or in the FCC church office.

The day includes:
Worship and Workshops
A Presentation on the new structure of Mid-America as one region in four areas (no longer four separate area offices/ministers in structure)

Remember FCC,

- put away what you get out
- put back in place that which you have moved
- clean up your mess

Calling All Women

The Disciple Women of Mid America Region is having "A Woman's Walk with God Fall Retreat" at Conception Abby, Conception MO on Nov. 7th and 8th.

Come Along With Us As We Find Our Spiritual Paths.

"Charm is deceptive and beauty disappears, but a woman who honors the LORD should be praised." Proverbs 31:30

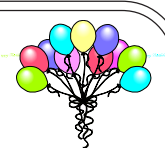
The Rev. Doctor Patricia Donahoo is our guest speaker. She is the Executive Director of Disciple Women. Don't miss this great opportunity.

Take time **today** to fill out your registration form and send to Helen Hodkins.

I challenge each of you to send this to every Disciple Woman you know. This is an event you don't want to miss.


~Donna Baderstadt, MADW Staff Coord.

Your Special Birthday!



Mary Richardson-97
on Oct. 4

Happy Birthday!



<u>Oct. 4</u> Jack Bower Mary Richardson	<u>Oct. 8</u> Marcy Douglas Sara Klockow Cheryl Lightner Michael Snyder
<u>Oct. 5</u> Anne Linn	<u>Oct. 9</u> Lynn Klotz Jeff Ripley Mona Stevenson
<u>Oct. 6</u> Mary Taylor	<u>Oct. 10</u> Alexander Johnson Julie Nichols
<u>Oct. 7</u> Pamela Hoepfner	

DOC Mulches Head Start

The Disciples on Campus college ministry fellowship group will be taking part in a local service project on Monday, October 5. DOC will be spreading mulch in the playground areas at the Worley St. Head Start. The project should last a few hours and any church members willing to assist are welcome to join 5:00-7 p.m. on Worley west of West Blvd.

The Visitor

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SERVING SCHEDULE Sunday, Oct. 4

Van Driver: Dan Gieseke

Office Receptionist: Pat Rybolt

Flower Ministry - Arranged by: Marion & Sarah Storm

Delivered by: Marion & Sarah Storm

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts: Will and Donna Houston, Mary Daugherty

Elder: Cherry Hinderberger

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Amy, Jeff and Jonathan LaHue

Liturgist: Jacki Davidson

Elders: Larry Veatch, Fred Mottaz, Jacki Davidson

Deacons: The Garton Team

Greeters: Pat Wright (*N. Door*), Sue Wright (*S. Door*),

Mary Tompson (*Atrium*), Cliff Tompson (*Portico*)

Ushers: The Mountjoy Team

Banner Bearers: Ava Martin, Olivia Johnson

Candlelighters: Cullen Snow, Elizabeth Martin

Children's Worship: Jessica Humble (ldr.); Ruth Ann Martin (hlpr.)

CHURCH CALENDAR Oct. 4 - 10

Sun., Oct. 4

- All-Church Picnic, 12:00-2:00 p.m., Bethel Park (see front pg.)
- Bible Study, 4:30-6:00 p.m., Morris Parlor
- JYF (grades 3-5), 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- CYF (grades 9-12), 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Mon., Oct. 5

- Newsletter Deadline and Church Staff Mtg., 2:00 p.m.
- DOC Service Project, 5:00-8:00 p.m.
- Coffman Watson CWF, 7:00 p.m., Betty Montgomery's home

Tues., Oct. 6

- Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Stewardship & Finance Comm., 6:30-9:00 p.m., Bethany Hall

Wed., Oct. 7

- Wed. Bible Study, 12:05-12:55 p.m., Bethany Hall
- World Outreach Mtg., 5:00 p.m., Keystone Room
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- Forgiveness Adult Study, 7:00 p.m., Keystone Room
- DOC (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m., Bethany Hall

Thr., Oct. 8

- College Town Hillbillies, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Yonker Hall

Sat., Oct. 10

- Breakfast for Our Brethren, 6:15-10:15 a.m., Yonker Hall