



THE VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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Worship Sunday, Oct. 18

Sunday's service features Rev. Stagg continuing his sermon series from the gospel of Mark with his sermon, "The Cup," based on Jesus' third and final prediction about the cross and resurrection and his reply to James & John asking to sit on his left and his right in glory. This week's scripture passages are Hebrews 5:1-10 and Mark 10:32-45. Worship also features the organ playing skills of Schuyler Wheeler, who for the past several weeks played marvelously!

CROP Hunger Walk

The walk for hunger is Sunday at 2:00 p.m., starting from Wilkes Blvd. United Methodist Church. FCC will host a water/restroom stop from 2-4 p.m. Hosting volunteers are needed. Talk to Colleen Nilges or Jimmy Spear.

**Breakfast for Brethren
Saturdays in October
7:00-10:00 a.m.
Donations & Help Needed!**

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 ASAP.
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)

Advent Department Meets for First Time: 20 minute meeting this Sunday

This Sunday at **12:00 p.m. in the Keystone Room** on the 2nd floor an historic moment in the history of church life will take place. The Advent Department will convene. A brief overview of the tasks of the department will be presented. A calendar of events and future Advent activities will be generally decided upon. Teams/sub committees will be formed and put into motion. A future more indepth meeting will be scheduled. This first meeting will conclude by 12:20. If you have previously expressed interest -- this is your meeting! Please contact Jimmy Spear if unable to attend but interested in being involved.

The bottom line: This Advent season of activities will be supported in planning and implementation by church members alongside staff. It continues to be a new day of mission and ministry. With a new model of engagement it will indeed be a great Advent.

facebook: have you liked our church page yet?

"First Christian Church-Disciples of Christ Columbia, Missouri" --- look for the pic of the red chalice. There is another UNOFFICIAL page for the church on facebook. Even if it says "first christian church" and shows our building -- it is NOT our official page!

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.

TRUNK OR TREAT

*Decorate and host a car
Trunk for Treating?*

*Serve food to children,
parents, and guests?*

*Help with parking and
general hospitality?*

*Bake cookies or cakes for the
famed and beloved cake walk?*

*Sign up in office or pew pad
"Trunk" "Help" "Bake"*

Trunk-or-Treat will be held in partnership with Woodhaven. With anticipated expansion of this event, please consider being a part. The Children's Edu. Dept. is heading up this effort.

This is an all church activity.

Bit from Brad

Chimneys: How grateful I am for Structural Engineering Associates (SEA) and Mid-Continental Masonry (M-CC) for their timely work on our four hazardous chimneys! In July, SEA reported their findings regarding our extremely unsafe chimneys which needed removal. After the Property Department's diligent work, bidding process, and continued supervision and with Admin Board's approval, FCC contracted work with M-CC to remove the chimneys which they began last week and should finish today as I write this article.

God's grace has surely been watching over FCC through this process! It turns out that one cubic foot of limestone weighs 130 pounds; FCC's chimney stones averaged 1.5 to 2.0 cubic feet, meaning each of our stones averaged 200-250 pounds. At four feet high, each chimney weighed 2,000 to 3,000 pounds. As the workers removed each stone, they quickly discovered that the mortar on each chimney had completely disintegrated into dust and rubble; each stone was in place only because of the weight of the other stones on top of it and each chimney was leaning. The workers reported to me that as one worker would heft a top stone off the chimney another worker literally supported the bottom stones from tumbling off the roof! Thank goodness that hazard is removed! Thank you, LORD!

Chicago: Next week, I return to Chicago for my second round of doctoral studies, my first since recovering from back surgery. This round is one week of business courses at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Business at their downtown campus. My classes are 1) Strategic Leadership and 2) Innovation for Nonprofits. I have a list of readings to finish and find the material relevant to FCC and our setting here in Columbia. Sunday, I'll preach both services, change clothes here, and leave directly for Chicago. I'll return late Friday, be in church the following Sunday to hear Rev. Jimmy Spear preach.

Bible Studies: While I'm in Chicago, there will be no Sunday Bible Study, but Rev. Jimmy Spear will teach the Tuesday Bible Study and the Wednesday Bible Study.

~Blessings, Brad

Thanks for wearing your name tag!

News of People & Place

Long time member, **Fred List**, died Oct. 8 at the age of 97. A memorial service will be held in the church sanctuary on Sat. Nov. 14 with an "afterglow" to follow in Bethany Hall.

Hickman High School Homecoming Court recently broke a record for charity fundraising. Two of the participants, **Eden Crane** and **Amanda Montgomery**, are grandchildren of our church members (Laura Crane and Rich & Betty Montgomery). **Eden** raised \$6,600 for Ellis Fischel Patient Assistance Fund and **Amanda** raised \$5,758 for the Central Missouri Humane Society.


Bud and Deb Batterson's daughter, **Kris Vellema**, was named the Environmental Public Health Specialist of the Year by the Missouri Environmental Health Association last week. She works for the Columbia/Boone County Environmental Health Department.

We offer prayers for a Mother's Day Out Preschool family who's 5 year old daughter **Rhyan** has been diagnosed with stage 4 bone cancer.


Thanks to **Kurt and Stacia Schaefer** for hosting the CYF fall outdoor night and cookout. 80 degrees seemed warm but perfect for the evening activity in a country setting.

The Elders of the church will serve *Loaves and Fishes* on Monday, October 26.

Your Special Birthday!



Mack Brushwood-97
on Oct. 17

 *Thank You,* My FCC Family, I appreciate all of your kind words and encouragement through cards and notes that I have received upon my diagnosis and then during my first weeks of recovery. I am truly blessed to be a part of this wonderful and loving church family. My recovery is going well and I know that is through all your prayers. ~Love, Elizabeth Mottaz



17th Annual Election Day Luncheon Tuesday, November 3

We can still use your help! Plenty of work to be done before and on the day; tickets to be sold; pies to be baked or money donated for others to bake them for you. We have a lot of fun working together and we need you! Call Brenda Mosby at 442-7507 or see us in the Narthex on Sunday.

STARS (55+ Group)



Activities for the fall season: **Thomas Hart Benton Exhibit** at the Nelson - Atkins Museum of Art, Kansas City: Thursday, Nov. 19, \$15. "American Epics: TH Benton and Hollywood." RSVP to the office or pew pad "STARS-KC."

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

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

Weekly Offering Report: Oct. 11, 2015

Offerings Received this week \$9,191
Offerings Received to Date \$119,761
Offerings Needed to Date \$121,382
Oct. 11 Attendance: 162
(includes early service - 39, visitors - 9)

Happy Birthday

Oct. 18
Patty Campbell
Rebekah Hart
Blake Mooney
Lisa Snyder



Oct. 20
Sydney Embry
Derek Moeller

Oct. 23
Susan McCarty

Oct. 21
Lauren Cupp
Tom Gray
Ann Volmert

Oct. 24
Brenda Mosby
Allie Schomaker
Rory Seltsam
Luke Staggs

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.

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Oct. 18 JYF & CYF
 Oct. 25 CR & CYF
 Nov. 1 JYF & CYF

The Faithful Struggle to Forgive



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

Broadway Christian Church, Columbia

Sign up for the lecture day by calling Broadway CC 445.5312 or by making a reservation with Jimmy Spear. The registration fee of \$20 includes lunch.

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.

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Capital Campaign Progress Report



The HEAT is ON! (Or, at least connected for when we need the heat!) Soon, the entire Education Building will utilize forced heat rather than radiated. In the meantime, Specialized Mechanical is examining which boiler pipes to cut off from the boiler so no more water flows through those rusted pipes.



A Mid-Continental Masonry worker removes one of the four hazardous stone chimneys from FCC's rooftops.

Parking, Hours, New Voices, Dinner, New Camps

Finding a **parking spot** at First Christian is sometimes difficult during the week. Here are some hints to when it is busy and also wide open should you come by the church or schedule a meeting, gathering, or activity. *Weekdays:* Mother's Day Out Parents are dropping off and picking up their children between 9:15-9:45 a.m. and 1:15-1:45 p.m. These two half hours are really busy in the parking lot. Avoid them!

Remember during the week, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. much of the parking lot is rented out to Boone County. FCC uses the spots that directly face the fellowship hall and Bethany Hall -- all having a sign "FCC ONLY" in front of them.

Office hours: As I approach the 8 year mark with you I still hear from folks who are unclear what day of the week is my day off (comp for Sunday). I have always had Friday off. Never Monday. Most weeks of the school year I work Monday, Tuesday, Thursday regular hours. Wednesdays I come in at 1:00 p.m. and stay until the DOC group ends which is after 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday are my "weekend." Of course, as things go, life and ministry are constantly in flux and so is the weekly schedule.

Have you noticed the **new voices** (and faces) in the choir? Several long time members have taken to singing with the Chancel choir in recent months. Two Debbies, two Brendas, Robert Floyd and Jason Gregory (leaving his family in the balcony) to the singspiration. We are seeing the effects of the intentional shift to mid-week choir practice in so many ways. New voices indeed are positive effects.

With Dinner for Six on a season of hiatus I have wondered if folks are taking it upon themselves to continue to gather for meals and fellowship. Does a "program" have to be in place to get people to do what they would actually enjoy doing? Call up some of those folks from your old D-4-6 groups and **make dinner happen!** Catch up and share in renewed fellowship. The spontaneousness of it all just might be what the week ordered.

I will be away two days in these coming weeks for the purpose of scouting out **future church camp locations**. With the Rickman Center sold we will be taking the NEOLA church camp program on the road. A Presbyterian camp at Holt's Summit and a Baptist camp at the Lake will be toured and possibly selected. These have been some things I thought you might want to know...

~Jimmy Spear

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

SERVING SCHEDULE Sunday, Oct. 18

Van Driver: Steve McCormack

Office Receptionist: Bobbi McCormack

Flower Ministry - Arranged by: Steve and Jessica Humble

Delivered by: Steve and Jessica Humble

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts: Steve and Sharon Smith, Tommy Gay Evans

Elder: Susan Gray

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: TBA, Sue Fink

Liturgist: Bragg Stanley

Elders: Steve Humble, Steve Lightner, Jessica Humble

Deacons: The Rogers Team

Greeters: Jerry Miller (*N. Door*), Kathy Miller (*S. Door*),

Moray Kiehl (*Atrium*), Laura Crane (*Portico*)

Ushers: The Rose Team

Banner Bearers: Jack Bower and Delaney Batterson

Candlelighters: Joseph McCormack and Mia Gregory

Children's Worship: Holly Gieseke (ldr.); Cindy Rose (hlpr.)

CHURCH CALENDAR Oct. 18 - 24

Sun., Oct. 18

- Advent Dept. Start Up Meeting, 12:00-12:20 p.m., Keystone
- CROP Walk, 2:00 p.m., starting at Wilkes Blvd. Methodist
- JYF (grades 3-5), 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- CYF (grades 9-12), 6:00-8:15 p.m.

Mon., Oct. 19

- Newsletter Deadline and Church Staff Mtg., 2:00 p.m.

Tues., Oct. 20

- Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor

Wed., Oct. 21

- Shawl Ministry, 10:00 a.m., Bethany Hall
- Wed. Bible Study, 12:05-12:55 p.m., Morris Parlor
- CWF Board Mtg., 5:00-6:00 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

Thur., Oct. 22

- Columbia Area Older Adult Ministry Advisory Bd., 5:00-6:45 p.m., Bethany Hall
- College Town Hillbillies Jam Session, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Yonker Fellowship Hall

Sat., Oct. 24

- Breakfast for Our Brethren, 7:00-10:00 a.m., Yonker Hall
- Mid-America Regional Assembly, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Broadway Christian Church