



THE VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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Worship Sunday, Oct. 25 A Class Offering for November

*Great is Thy Faithfulness
Faith, While Trees Are Still in Blossom
Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread*

Do you get the theme in the hymns selected for this Sunday? The text for Sunday talks about the faith involved in a blind man regaining sight. It also talks of his asking for mercy. **Mercy** – we talk of it, but what is it? Faith and mercy will be the focus as Rev. Jimmy Spear brings the meditation based upon Mark 10:46-52.

Later in the day (3:30 p.m.) the Elders will be offering worship at Lenoir Healthcare Center.

**Election Day Luncheon
tickets available this
Sunday in the Narthex!**

A Bead and a Prayer: A Beginner's Guide to Protestant Prayer Beads Sundays in November (1, 8, 15, 22), 9:30-10:20 a.m. – The Backroom

Taught by Kim Leon, *A Bead and a Prayer* introduces Protestant prayer beads as a tool for connecting with God. In the first class, we will make a set of prayer beads. In subsequent weeks we will use the book, *A Bead and a Prayer*, by Kristen Vincent and will explore questions such as: *Why use prayer beads? What do the beads mean?*

How do I use prayer beads? Is it really okay for Protestants to use beads in prayer?
If interested, please call the church office, or send Jimmy an email. There is a book connected to the class which can be ordered beforehand with an RSVP by Oct. 27.

**Elders will serve at
Loaves and Fishes on
Monday, Oct. 26th**



**Breakfast
for Brethren**

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

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.

*Decorate and host a car Trunk for Treating?
Serve food to children, parents, and guests?
Help with parking and general hospitality?
Bake cookies/cakes for the famed and beloved cake walk?*

TRUNK OR TREAT

Now is the time to Sign Up!

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

Trunk-or-Treat will be held in partnership with Woodhaven. Hot dogs, chili, carrots, cookies will be served from 3-5 p.m. Games will be held in the alley and Fellowship Hall.

We hope to take the WHOLE parking lot for decorated trunks. Please consider being a part. The Children's Edu. Dept. is heading up this effort. Joyce Stanley & Janelle Patterson are heading up the food service. Cindy Rose is heading up the games. Jimmy Spear is working the parking lot plan. As this is an all-church activity, all are welcome in the different areas of the event. Perhaps you or your group would be involved?

Clergy Appreciation

October is Clergy Appreciation Month. It is important that we show our appreciation to Brad, Jimmy, and Sally. They wear many hats, including preaching, teaching and pastoral care. Please take time to personally thank them for their leadership, their friendship, and the care and concern they give each day to our Church Community and our Church Family. This month would be a great time to say "Thank You".



~Steve Lightner, Administrative Dept. Chair

Weekly Offering Report:

Oct. 18, 2015

Offerings Received this week \$5,137

Offerings Received to Date \$125,313

Offerings Needed to Date \$127,918

Oct. 18 Attendance: 209

(includes early service - 50, visitors - 16)

Spaghetti Lunch Nov. 8 after 10:30 worship

Church in Society at FCC supports so many organizations around our local community. Some of these organizations include Loaves and Fishes, Breakfast for our Brethren, Warm-Up Columbia, VAC Christmas Tree Project, and Woodhaven. To help FCC fund and support these organizations and others we are having a **spaghetti lunch on November 8, following the 10:30 service**. Lunch will be served at 11:45 (or shortly after) and will consist of Spaghetti Casserole, tossed salad, garlic/regular bread, and apple crisp with ice cream for dessert. A guest speaker from Woodhaven will be in attendance to talk about what the Woodhaven organization is trying to accomplish with their capital campaign that at FCC we are supporting.

We hope that you are able to join us for a delicious lunch, a little learning and some great church fellowship. Please use the pew pad to sign up for this event by marking CIS or signing up in the church office. This lunch is free, but donations will be accepted to help us fund all the local organizations that a church family knows is important to support!

Coats Coats Coats

and more items of warmth are being collected outside the church office for *Warm Up Columbia* -- a coat drive sponsored by Voluntary Action Center and promoted at FCC by the Church in Society Department. More are welcomed!



Bible Study 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

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

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

Fall Retreat for Women

The Regional Disciples Women's Fall Retreat, **A Woman's Walk with God** will be held November 7-8 at Conception Abby north-east of St. Joseph, MO. Join new friends from around Mid-America to hear Rev. Dr. Patricia Donahoo and to learn about your spiritual path. Cost is \$75 and includes lodging and meals. (A DEAL!) See flyers in the narthex and office for more information and how to register.



Update on Election Day Luncheon Tuesday, November 3

Thanks so much for everyone who is volunteering to help! However, if you can spare some time on Tuesday, we can still use your help either serving, working in the kitchen or cleaning up after the event. There is still room for anyone who would like to help. Don't forget both women and men are welcome!. Just call Brenda Mosby at 442-7507 or see us in the Narthex Sunday. Have you got your ticket? Let's have a great day!

News of People & Place

Our prayers this week can find focus around the following concerns:

Judy Creasy sustained a stroke last week, was in Boone hospital, is doing well considering and finding good care in a care facility in Boonville.

Debbie Potthast has been diagnosed with a stage 4 recurrent malignant melanoma. She was to seek a treatment plan this past week. We offer prayers for Debbie, Dave, Megan and Kim.

Tony Marrero's father, Tom, is under hospice care at Lenoir Healthcare Center.

Other news includes:

Julia Bower, a member of the Rock Bridge HS Golf team placed 8th in the state tournament recently held in Springfield, MO. Julia is a Jr at RBHS and an active CYFer.

Congratulations to **Richard and Sue Underwood** who celebrate their 56th wedding anniversary on Oct. 24th.

Congratulations to **Sharon Winner** on the birth of her first Great-Grandchild. **Samuel Jacob Hopkins** was born October 12 to **Dan and Kari Salmon Hopkins**. Kari, the Development Director for Coyote Hill Christian Children's Home, is the daughter of Shane and Jill Winner Salmon and the niece of Daryl and Lynn Winner Klotz.

Christmas Bazaar Saturday, November 21 Yonker Fellowship Hall

Happy Birthday!



Oct. 27

Freda Martz
David Potthast
Kurt Schaefer

Oct. 25

Matthew Taylor

Oct. 30

Daisy Crane
Rachael Fullington
Drew Gieseke

Oct. 26

Judy Hall
Diana Provenzano
Sue Wright

Oct. 31

Richard Hoepfner
Laurie Seigel

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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@ fcc

Oct. 25 Chi-Rho & CYF

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

Nov. 1: JYF & CYF
Chi-Rho Movie Night: 7:30 p.m.
--at church, 3rd flr. cinema.
Nov. 2 - Mon. CYF Mission Day
Nov. 3 - Tues. Chi-Rho Mission Day
Nov. 8: No Youth Groups
Nov. 15: JYF & CYF
Nov. 22: Chi-Rho & CYF

Drennan Group to Meet

Drennan group will meet at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 27 in the Woodland Café community room at Lenoir Woods. Marsha Rawlings will present the program and worship.



Advent Department Held Start Up Meeting

A start up meeting was held after worship on Oct. 18 for the newly formed Advent Department. Bragg and Joyce Stanley showed up. Amy LaHue, Vicki Johnson, Steve & Jessica Humble, Sarah Storm were unable to attend but all sent interest in helping. Now the reality: This number of people does not make the Living Nativity happen. Joyce and a team will take care of the refreshments, but that wasn't the concern. The unique set up/implementation/take down of lights, sound, costume will need a pre-determined team with a plan. I am able to direct the efforts. Unlike years past, I will not be asking person by person to help every inch of the way. Kids at JYF last Sunday were already asking about it. Will the church step up and make it happen? Jesus will indeed be born again this year at FCC, but it may not be on Living Nativity night.
~Jimmy Spear

Columbia Handbell Spooky Kids' Concert

The Columbia Handbell Ensemble will sponsor a Spooky Kids' Concert on Saturday, Oct. 31, 10:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church, 1112 E. Broadway. Come in costume and enjoy a frightful good time, ghostly story teller, madcap music, tricks & treats. For more information call Ed Rollins at 442-1149. Free with financial assistance provided by the Office of Cultural Affairs, an agency of the City of Columbia. Three members of First Christian are part of the handbell ensemble.



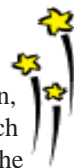
facebook: 114 likes, up 26 this week

First Christian has a facebook page! Yes! If you are a facebooker we invite you to LIKE it! Surely there are more than 200 of our folks that could like our page. Go to the page to get updates and also news (and fun pictures) of events and ministry related to our church. When you like or post your friends see this and wala! others here about the best of FCC.

"First Christian Church-Disciples of Christ Columbia, Missouri" --- look for the pic of the red chalice. Remember when you are "checking in" or just checking us out 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!

STARS Fall Color Tour Highlights

I came out of a shop on Main Street in America's Hometown, Hannibal, Missouri and found this group of ladies enjoying such laughter and fellowship (see picture at left). The group spent the day together taking in the fresh air, blue sky, colorful fall trees on the annual STARS fall color tour. The day included the trees, river views, and grand boulevards of Louisiana, Hannibal, Paris, and Monroe City. Lunch at *Christian Ambiance Cafe* in Hannibal came alongside of some fun shops in Twain's hometown. Our approach was northeast on highways 54 and then 79 and highway 36/24/63 coming home. The *Ben Franklin* store was a must stop in Monroe City along with *Frozen Bites* ice cream stand for a classic sundae. There is something about our touring. A special friendship and comraderie happens that only adventure can bring. You can see it in the faces, yes? There is usually room in the bus. Join us?
~Jimmy Spear



STARS (55+ Group) Next Outing:

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."

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

SERVING SCHEDULE Sunday, Oct. 25

Van Driver: TBA
Office Receptionist: Valerie Freed
Flower Ministry - Arranged by: Carol Slusher
Delivered by: Carol Slusher
Welcome Station: Jan Davis and Steve Humble

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts: Susan and Tom Gray, Donna Houston
Elder: Donna Houston

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Joe and Kim Reardon, Debbie Taylor
Liturgist: Frances Brown
Elders: Eric Arnett, Colleen Nilges, Harlan Hackett
Deacons: The Hunsaker Team
Greeters: Steve Humble (*N. Door*), Jessica Humble (*S. Door*),
Bill Carney (*Atrium*), Sonya Carney (*Portico*)
Ushers: The Scott Team
Banner Bearers: Kira Hoenes, Ella Rogers
Candlelighters: Kameron Freed, Liam Rose
Children's Worship: Eric Arnett (ldr.); Holly Wheatley (hlpr.)

CHURCH CALENDAR Oct. 25 - 31

Sun., Oct. 25

- Lenoir Healthcare Worship, 3:30 p.m.
- Bible Study, 4:30-6:00 p.m., Morris Parlor
- Chi-Rho (grades 6-8), 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- CYF (grades 9-12), 6:00-8:15 p.m.

Mon., Oct. 26

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

Tues., Oct. 27

- Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Drennan Group, 1:00 p.m., Woodland Cafe community room,
Lenoir Woods
- Evangelism Department, 6:45 p.m., Keystone Room

Wed., Oct. 28

- Wed. Bible Study, 12:05-12:55 p.m., Morris Parlor
- Brummett-Harrah Group, 2:00 p.m., Bethany Hall
- 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

Sat., Oct. 31

- Breakfast for Our Brethren, 7:00-10:00 a.m., Yonker Hall
- Trunk or Treat, 3:00-5:00 p.m., Yonker Hall, Bethany Hall &
Parking Lot