



THE VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
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Worship - Jan. 24

This Sunday will surely bring sun and warm temperatures to welcome all friends to Sunday worship! Join us Sunday as we sing the hymns of faith and find sustenance at the table of the Lord.

Hymns of the day include *All Creatures of Our God and King*, *Sing of One Who Walks Beside Us*, and *Come Share the Lord*. Guest preacher, Rev. Dr. Todd Adams, will offer the sermon "ONE" based upon the text of John 17:20-21.

Rev. Dr. Todd Adams has served The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) as Associate General Minister and Vice President for the last eight years with talents in the administrative and financial areas of church leadership. Under his guidance the church has continued to become more streamlined and cost effective. Rev. Adams was recently called to be Senior Vice President/President-elect of the denomination's Pension Fund's Board of Directors following an exhaustive nationwide search. He will join Pension Fund on March 1, 2016 and will become President on September 1, 2016.

Dr. Adams has degrees from Chapman University, Phillips Theological Seminary, and Wesley Theological Seminary. He resides in Indianapolis with his wife Kimberly and their two high school aged children.

It has been a long while since First Christian Columbia hosted a preacher from the denominational level of the church. We are excited to welcome a voice from the wider church to our pulpit.

Why this guy this Sunday? Dr. Adams will be presenting a workshop on "Governance of the church (Admin. Boards etc.);" Sunday afternoon in Yonker Fellowship Hall. The workshop is one that our regional church body (Region of Mid-America) has promoted and will welcome church leaders from across the mid-Missouri area. FCC is indeed glad to host this event!

FCC at Columbia Values Diversity Breakfast

The Columbia Values Diversity Celebration was held at the Executive Center on Thursday, January 14. First Christian Church, after a hiatus, was again a sponsor alongside other downtown mainline protestant churches. Pictured at the table with Revs. Jimmy and Brad were Frances Brown, Bragg Stanley, Sally Robinson, Jacki Davidson, Jennifer Alexander, and Nora Dietzel.



Part of the event is the bestowing of the *Columbia Values Diversity Award*. This year the group award was presented to **Wilkes Blvd. United Methodist Church**. This church has in recent years committed to a long tenure of hospitality to those in need. Their building hosts the nightly meals brought in by churches and others to serve a meal to the hungry called Loaves and Fishes. They also house Turning Point. The story continues...

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Soup for the Soul

"A simple meal of soup and bread with friends"

Yonker Fellowship Hall, 5:30-6:30 p.m.



RSVP to church office or put "SOUP" on the Sunday pew pad.

Worship Service

"A service for repentance & receiving of ashes"

Sanctuary, 6:30 p.m.

This service to begin the Lenten season will include hymns, prayers, a brief meditation and the imposition of ashes.

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What is Turning Point? A turning point is defined as, "a point at which a significant change occurs." For many in our community, significant changes result in losing access to safe, affordable housing. For others who have experienced or are experiencing homelessness, a significant change may offer them opportunity for personal development that is unfamiliar.

Their Mission: Dignity and hope for Columbians experiencing homelessness. Services Provided: Physical mailing address, important document storage, showers and laundry facilities, sock exchange, temporary storage of up to two bags for up to 60 days, internet and telephone access, cell phone charging, employment and housing information, central location to meet with case-workers, tutors, life coaches, and mentors, free professional counseling services. They also offer prayer and bible study - encouragement and support in life's most difficult times.

Interested in helping? There are lots of ways to serve at Turning Point. Provide information on housing and computer skills or resumé writing. Volunteer as a laundry or bathroom attendant, grounds keeper, or host. Become a literary or GED tutor, or a Life Coach. Start a recovery or support group. You may find it's a turning point in your life too.

First Christian Church is familiar with Wilkes Blvd. church because of these ministries. Many from FCC participate in supporting these efforts along with Room at the Inn (RATI). RATI, Loaves and Fishes, the Wardrobe, and our Sunday morning Warming Station always need volunteers. The Church in Society Department of FCC coordinates our efforts toward these organizations. In these winter months we have turned to Sarah Storm and Janelle Patterson for organizing efforts for the RATI and Warming Station. Would you volunteer at RATI? We have heard from our friends at Broadway Christian Church – a Room at the Inn host church – of the need for overnight volunteers. Would you be interested?

The work of Christ, as we continue to reflect on the witness of Dr. King, still is strong AND in need in this community...



Much appreciation is sent to two great guys who filled in for me in a big way. Keith Picker and Fred Mottaz arranged the poinsettias for me when a sudden schedule conflict occurred causing difficulty for me. They did an amazing job! Thanks, you two, for your kindness!
~Mary Daugherty

I wish to say thank you to my church family for their prayer, cards, visits and phone calls during my hospitalization and recovery at The Neighborhoods. A special thanks to Susan Klockow and Tommy Gay Evans for the delivery of the beautiful flowers from the chancel. I am so grateful for Brad and Jimmy for their loving concern.~Opal Stites

A big thanks to all the wonderful ladies that helped in the church office while I was on vacation: **Janelle Patterson, Sue Wright, Barb Rothenberger, Diana Provenzano, Carol Slusher, Deb Batterson, Donaleigh Richardson, Carol Hughey, Cherry Hinderberger and Helen Stemmons.** I appreciate you so much!
~Kay Beissenherz

Thank you so much for the scholarship money. I am studying to become a geoscientist and I'm so excited about it. Thank you for helping to make this possible!
~Jenny McCarty

Thank you guys so much for my scholarship. I am currently a Junior at Missouri State University, pursuing my degree in Wildlife biology and taking that into a Veterinary Degree. So I'm following in Mom's footsteps a bit! Especially with aspirations of vet school, your scholarships and support are greatly appreciated. Thank you so much, again.
~Brian McCarty

Thank you so much for awarding me a scholarship this year. It means a lot to me knowing I have the support of this church when I am away at school. I am so thankful for your generosity and all the things I've learned by being a part of this church for my entire life. Thank you again.
~Haley Evers

News of People & Place

New Grandparents: **Larry and Peggy Veatch** announce the birth of Lennon Marie born January 6 to Drew and Ashley Veatch of Columbia. **Jay and Chris Creasy** along with Uncle **Jack** announce the birth of Hattie Jane Bartling January 4 to Trent and Laurel Creasy Bartling of San Francisco, CA.

Prayers for healing in the last three weeks have been extended to **Moray Kiehl, Connie Street, Jan Davis, Freda Martz, Royce Palmer, Karen Weaver, and Holly Wheatley.** As of printing **Willie Mae Wheeland** is a patient at University Hospital.

We are in the search for additional **childcare workers** in the church nursery. Sunday mornings 8:15-11:45 a.m. If you or someone you know and trust in this capacity would be a viable and interested candidate please talk to Brad or Jimmy. We are also looking for nursery volunteers. A background check and general interview/orientation would be required of volunteers aged 16+.

A **Baptism and Discipleship Class** will be offered this winter and spring for those in 6th grade. If there are other youth that missed this opportunity in the past and would like to join please speak with Rev. Spear. This year's class will meet on Sunday mornings during the Sunday School hour with Baptism coming in mid-April.

Weekly Offering Report: Jan. 3, 2016

Offerings Received this week \$11,281
Offerings Received to Date \$221,528
Offerings Needed to Date \$226,863
Jan. 3 Attendance: 224
(includes early service - 44, visitors - 10)

Weekly Offering Report: Jan. 10, 2016

Offerings Received this week \$17,101
Offerings Received to Date \$228,763
Offerings Needed to Date \$235,584
Jan. 10 Attendance: 126
(includes early service - 24, visitors - 4)

Weekly Offering Report: Jan. 17, 2016

Offerings Received this week \$4,899
Offerings Received to Date \$233,662
Offerings Needed to Date \$245,550
Jan. 17 Attendance: 135
(includes early service - 30, visitors - 2)

Winter to Spring to Summer Calendar

UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

Jan 24 – JYF & CYF
 Jan 31 – Chi-Rho & CYF
 Feb 7 – JYF & CYF
 CYF Superbowl Party (TBA)
 Feb 12 -- Chi-Rho Service Day:
 help host Valentine Party
 @ Lenoir in afternoon
 Feb 14 – no mtgs., Pres. Weekend
 Feb 21 – Chi-Rho & CYF
 Feb 28 – JYF & CYF
 Mar 6 – Chi-Rho & CYF
 Mar 13 – After church:
 Potluck & Talent Show
 Mar 20 – Chi-Rho & CYF
 Mar 27 – Easter/Spring Break
 April 3 – JYF & CYF
 April 10 – Chi-Rho & CYF
 April 17 – JYF & CYF

ON SUNDAY NIGHTS:

4:30-6 p.m. JYF (grds 3-5) **OR**
 Chi-Rho (grds 6-8)
 6:00-7:30 p.m. CYF (grds 9-12)

YOUTH GROUPS

Summer Camp Dates Announced: Calendar them!

CYF (gr 9-12) June 5- 10th @ Camp Jo-Ota, Clarence Mo
Junior Camp (gr 4-5) June 13 -18 @ Camp Hickory Hills, Columbia Mo
Chi Rho Camp June 20 -25 @ Camp Hickory Hills, Columbia Mo
God and Sex Camp (gr 8) June 27 -July 2, @ Covenant Point Holts Summit Mo
Elementary Camp (gr 2-3) July 6-8, @ Covenant Point, Holts Summit Mo
Try It July 8-10, @ Covenant Point, Holts Summit Mo
MusicArtDrama Camp (gr 6-12) July 11 -16 @ Covenant Point, Holts Summit Mo

Jimmy Spear has personally journeyed with the camp committee to check on these three new camp sites and is excited about showing our kids new places to call summer camp home. Camp forms will be distributed in early spring.

STARS.....the 55+ Fellowship Group of First Christian Church

January 28, Thursday {Pizza & Movie}

11:30 a.m. \$6. Pizza and Movie

Pizza Lunch by Shakespeares, Movie in FCC-3rd Floor Cinema,
 RSVP by Tuesday, Jan. 26 – put “pizza” on pew pad

Join us in the warmest room of the church – the re-opened cinema with new projector! Fun pizza lunch will start our time off and then we will enjoy a movie together: *Walk in the Woods*; *Ricki and the Flash*; or *Mr Holmes* are among movies being considered.

February 18, Thursday {LeBourgeois for Lunch}

Lunch at LeBourgeois Winery in Rocheport, MO.

Depart from the Mall parking lot (Target side) at 11:00 a.m.

RSVP by Tuesday, Feb. 16. \$5 travel fee.

Renowned for its spectacular blufftop view of the Missouri River Valley, Les Bourgeois Vineyards and Winery offers a great lunch with a view. We will also tour the shops of Rocheport.



Here is a peek at the Spring 2016 schedule. More detailed information can be found in future issues of *The Visitor*.

March 17, Thursday {STL Butterflies & Cemeteries}

St. Louis – touring The Butterfly House in Faust Park, lunch, and touring of historic and famous Bellefontaine and Calvary Cemeteries.

April 14, Thursday {Rolla’s Dinosaur}

Rolla MO and more featuring Missouri Dinosaur Bones at the Clark Museum of Missouri Geology at UM-Rolla. Lunch and afternoon touring of churches, shops and the area.

May 12, Thursday {Marceline & Disney}

Marceline Missouri and the Walt Disney Home (rescheduled from last year)

June 1-2, Wed-Thurs. {Overnight Trip}

Touring of Ironton Mo. area, the Elephant Rocks and Johnson Shut-Ins.
 Staying at the Hotel Fort Davidson.

Mall parking: *It makes parking easier than at church, we often park in the wide open spots of the Columbia Mall – at the north end of the Target lot. Look for the church bus.*
RSVP – STARS can RSVP via the Sunday morning pew pad – using key words given in the bulletin OR call the church office/stop in and use the “Sign Up” notebook.

Save the Dates! Save the Dates!

Ash Wednesday Feb. 10

Soup for the Soul (supper served)

5:30-6:30 p.m.

Service of Ashes

6:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Week of Compassion

February 21-28

Spring Break Mar 28-Apr 1

Wine to Water April 16

Social Event Fundraiser in support of
 Week of Compassion Water Projects

Multi Church Service Day

“ForColumbia” April 23

The Garage Sale late April

Columbia Chorale presents

Unity

A benefit concert to honor the life and teachings of Martin Luther King, Jr. with guest ensembles, Community Gospel choir members of the Columbia Youth Choirs

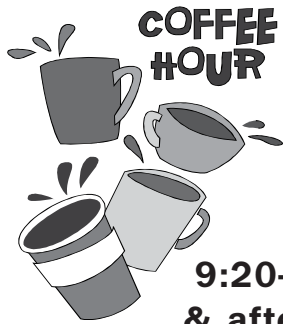
Saturday, January 23

7:30 p.m.

MO United Methodist Church

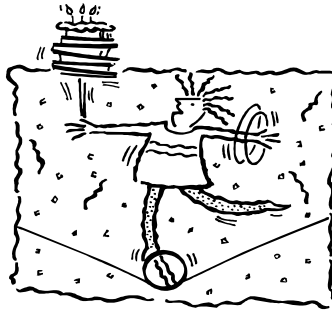
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Free-will donation; proceeds to benefit the Youth Empowerment Zone



**Sundays
9:20-10:20 am
& after Worship
in Yonker Hall**

All Church Green Potluck & Talent Show



**Sunday, March 13
Noon, Yonker Hall**

(lunch from 12 -1 p.m.,
talent 1-2 p.m.)

With a little theme of
St. Patrick's Day in the mix,
we will welcome green foods,
lucky foods, and potatoes to the
potluck scene!

An All Church Fellowship Event
Get your talent ready!
– solo, group acts welcomed –

Sponsored by the Membership Department

Bit from Brad

Ethics & Science

Mark your calendars now! World renowned physicist, Dr. Michio Kaku will deliver Columbia College's 2016 Althea & John Schiffman's Ethics in Society Lecture in Launer Auditorium on Wednesday, March 2; doors open at 6:30, program begins promptly at 7:30. His lecture is entitled: "The Ethics of Science in the Next 20 Years."

Dr. Kaku is on par with Albert Einstein and Stephen Hawking. He is internationally recognized as an expert and leading authority for two areas: first, for Einstein's unified field theory, which Dr. Kaku is working to complete. The other is to predict trends affecting business, commerce, and finance based on the latest research in science. His two New York Times best sellers are *Physics of the Future* and *Physics of the Impossible*.

Dr. Kaku is frequently on TV; from PBS's Nova to the Colbert Report; from Nightline to the David Letterman Show. He has hosted and appeared in numerous science shows including: PBS' Stephen Hawking's "Universe," and A&E's biography on "Einstein." For a fuller description go to Columbia College's website: <https://www.ccis.edu/schiffmanlecture/ethics/>

Seriously, if you had an opportunity to see Albert Einstein or Stephen Hawking in Columbia, would you go? Seeing Dr. Michio Kaku will be the same! He's not to be missed!

Child Sponsored!

Through the work of Global Ministries our church as had opportunity to sponsor a child in Botswana. The World Outreach Department has taken on this opportunity and involved the children of the church. We have now heard who we are sponsoring!

Gomotsegang Monnatsheko (16) is a student at the Lephohi Centre for Learners with Visual Impairment in Francistown, Botswana, Africa. She began to live at the Centre this year. She likes beadwork and any other life skills she can learn. She likes singing, playing volleyball and would like to work with computers someday. She is aged 16, has 5 siblings.



As her name is long we will call her "Gomo" as we introduce her story and picture to our FCC Children. The offerings they give in Children's Worship each Sunday will go to the World Outreach Department to help sponsor Gomo in Botswana. FCC will send \$35 each month to Global Ministries to support Gomo.

In the coming months our children will send notes and pictures to Gomo in hopes that friendship will ensue. As we learn about life for Gomo at the Lephohi Centre we will surely be blessed to know another child of God.

Help Wanted

No, seriously, Help Wanted! Our Sunday morning nurse is in need of reliable, dependable individuals to care and tend to our children. If you are interested or know of individuals interested, please apply in the church office for this position or pass the word. We are looking for smiling, happy individuals who love God and love children. A background check is part of the process. If you know someone or are interested, please contact me or Jimmy Spear and we'd be happy to tell you more about the position!

Capital Campaign Progress Report

Reroofing of the Sanctuary building continues weather permitting.



DOC Winter Break Mission Trip

The DOC – Disciples on Campus group spent the first week of January in Nashville, TN in a program of serving and learning. Working with the Center for Student Missions the group was exposed to issues and solutions – ministries of care for those in need in Nashville and around the world. Serving meals, packing medical supplies, working in refugee ministry, playing with seniors, working in a community garden were just some of the places the group found themselves. The Columbia DOC group was joined for the fourth year by students from Lee’s Summit Christian Church. Rev. Jimmy Spear, Broadway’s Rev. Nick Larson, and Olivette CC’s Angela Pigg are DOC leaders.

The DOC group says **THANKS** to all who came out to eat PAN-CAKES on December 13. The fundraiser breakfast had donations of around \$800. With low overhead those funds made the winter break mission trip very possible. Thank you church!

Weather Closings

Remember in the winter months – if Columbia Schools are closed, so are the programs of First Christian Church. The church office will be open as able. On Sundays when bad weather presents itself watch the local TV stations and facebook page for cancellations and adjustments in our worship schedule.

Room at the Inn COMO – 2015/2016

Room at the Inn (RATI) opened on schedule on December 20, 2015 and, unless winter weather dictates otherwise, RATI will close on March 3, 2016. First, THANKS to everyone who has already made donations of either money or supplies. It is truly appreciated by both guests and volunteer hosts! The need continues to be great...especially since winter has finally arrived!

Current high-priority needs are gloves, milk, juice, eggs, and cereal. Other needed items are posted on both the Church bulletin board as well as the Church in Society bulletin board in Yonker Fellowship Hall (RATI In-Kind Donations List). The donation list can be found at www.roomattheinncomo.org, as well as other information regarding RATI. If you have ANY questions regarding RATI donations or do not have access to the donation list, please contact me at 573-289-0072! Also, all donations can be dropped off at the Church office. If you make a financial donation, please identify as “RATI donation”. Perishable items can be placed in the kitchen refrigerator and I can deliver to RATI location. Please contact me if you leave perishable items at Church. ~Sarah Storm

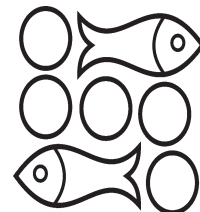
Editor’s note: First Christian has also been asked to pass the word along that overnight volunteers are being sought! Host churches feel the brunt of the nightly hosting. The whole community can help with the nightly responsibilities. Sign up to volunteer: www.roomattheinncomo.org



Alumni Return & Serve

The CYF of some 5 years ago still come home for Christmas break. The four pictured here with Jimmy Spear were home from grad school over the Christmas weekend and as they had been avid about serving at “Loaves and Fishes”/Mission Trips back in their day, were glad for the chance to serve again when FCC’s night to serve came around on Dec. 28. The Church in Society Dept. had the food ready and volunteers too. These young adults were on hand to join the crew help. Lexie Ruffolo (MU Med Sch), Alec Wright (Wash U Med Sch), Jake Nichols (grad work at Clemson), and Drew Nichols (Fordham Law) continue to bring a smile when donning the FCC aprons.

Jimmy is smiling because these are among the many great students who’s faith formation included FCC.



Your Special
Birthday!



Jim Ross -93
on Jan. 28

Happy Birthday!



Jan. 24
Jim Silvey
Marion Storm

Jan. 25
Susan Allen

Jan. 26
Glenda Clark
Jan Keithley
Kara Thurstson

Jan. 28
Jim Baumgartner
Jim Ross

Jan. 29
Anita Dresser
Bryan Freed
Cole Galbraith

Jan. 30
Ron Sheppard
Debbie Taylor

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SERVING SCHEDULE Sunday, Jan. 24

Van Driver: Carol Slusher

Office Receptionist: Carole Randerson

Flower Ministry - Arranged by: Tom and Susan Gray

Delivered by: Harlan Hackett

Welcome Station: Jan Davis and Steve Humble

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts: Tommy Gay Evans, Kim Reardon, Joe Reardon

Elder: Will Houston

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Bragg Stanley, Jacob Alexander, Jacy Alexander

Liturgist: Diana Provenzano

Elders: Larry Veatch, Nora Dietzel, Eric Arnett

Deacons: The Hunsaker Team *Ushers:* The Scott Team

Greeters: Ann Rogers (*N. Door*), Sally Robinson (*S. Door*),

Janelle Patterson (*Atrium*), Betty Moon (*Portico*)

Banner Bearers: Kate Volmert, Lena Schaefer

Candlelighters: Jack Bower, Delaney Batterson

Children's Worship: Jessica Humble (ldr.); Trish Stagg (hlpr.)

CHURCH CALENDAR Jan. 24 - 30

Sun., Jan. 24

- Warming Station, 7:00-9:00 a.m., Higbee Center
- Coffee Hour, 9:20-10:20 a.m., Yonker Hall
- Region Workshop: Governance, 2:00-5:00 p.m.
- Lenoir Healthcare Worship, 3:30 p.m.
- 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., Jan. 25

- Newsletter deadline and church staff meeting, 2:00 p.m.
- Nominating Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Tues., Jan. 26

- Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Drennan CWF Group, 1:00 p.m., Fireside Lounge, Lenoir Woods

Wed., Jan. 27

- 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
- DOC (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m., Bethany Hall