



# THE VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
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## Worship - Jan. 31

With the last day of January fast approaching, we will start that day together in worship. Join us this Sunday as Brad Stagg brings a message called "Fulfilled" based upon texts from Jeremiah 1:4-10 and Luke 4:21-30.

Hymns for the day will include the opener *Womb of Life, and Source of Being* - a traditional melody with unique words set well for the day. *Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult* at the Invitation and the Taizé inspired short but moving hymn *Eat This Bread* at Communion.

### The Story of Sunday's Opening Hymn: *Womb of Life, and Source of Being*

Theologian and poet Ruth Duck has taken the challenge to create a hymn of praise with an abundance of rich metaphors for God.

"Womb of life," "source of being," "Word in flesh," "brooding Spirit," "holy Partner" - each touches on aspects of God beyond all name and form. However, Duck moves beyond descriptions of deity to connect our relationship as children who endeavor to become partners in new possibilities in a world of love and unity. Old and new metaphors are mixed to help us express our faith and praise to God.

The hymn was written in the fall of 1986 for a class and revised in 1990 "with much help from Brian Wren." In stanza 2 it borrows a phrase from Charles Wesley, "born to bring us second birth" (from "Hark! the herald angels sing"). The author says the text alludes to Psalm 23; John 1:14, 14:26, 20:19-23; Hebrews 5:1-10; and Genesis 1:1-2.

The tune IN BABILONE is a traditional Dutch melody found among a collection of about 1,000 Dutch peasant songs and dances. This tune's winsome diatonic melody causes the hymn to serve well as a processional hymn or simply a hymn of joyful praise.

(from *Chalice Worship, Leader's Companion*)



## Volunteer at Room at the Inn

Room at the Inn (RATI) - the overnight winter shelter in Columbia.

Volunteer: It all happens online. If you are not online call Sarah Storm for assistance (see below). Log into [www.roomattheinncomo.org](http://www.roomattheinncomo.org) for RATI information and to sign up to be a volunteer. Click on the "Get Involved" tab and select *Volunteer Signups*, *Laundry Signups*, and *Donation List* as applicable. An overview of each shift's duties is listed on the *Volunteer Signup* page.

\*\*Note: volunteers were needed especially at the end of January. On the signup website scroll to mid-February for many more openings to volunteer.

### Evening Schedule:

Setup: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Evening: 6:15 - 11:30pm

Overnight: 11:15 p.m. - 5:30 a.m.

Morning: 5:15 - 7:30 a.m.

Restoration: 7:30 - 9 a.m. (Actually, it works better if volunteers arrive around 7:15 a.m.; that shift is usually finished no later than 8:30 a.m.)

\*Transition days move supplies between host sites

**Training:** Volunteer training sessions are provided (as listed below) which are very helpful in providing volunteers with an overview of RATI and duties and responsibilities of the volunteer shifts. **HOWEVER**, if you are unable to attend one of these sessions, **please, please** go ahead and volunteer! A manager is always on site and can answer questions you might have when you "report for duty". Also, there are usually experienced volunteers also working who are more than happy to provide guidance!

Upcoming Training Sessions:

January 28, 6:30 p.m.: Sacred Heart Catholic Church

February 9, 6:30 p.m.: First Baptist Church

February 11, 6:30 p.m.: First Presbyterian Church

### RATIShelter Sites:

Through morning January 31: Broadway Christian Church

January 31 evening - February 14 morning: Missouri United Methodist Church

February 14 evening - February 21 morning: First Presbyterian Church

February 21 evening - March 3 morning: First Baptist Church

\*\*If you have *any* questions, feel free to contact Sarah Storm at 573.289.0072.\*\*

## Bit from Brad

### Nominations & Service Recognition Awards

The 2016 Nominating Committee requests nominations to the Service Boards for Elders, Deacons, and Junior Deacons as well as nominations for Outstanding Service to the Church Awards. So, simply complete a 2016 Nomination Form found in the Church Office or in the narthex/greeting area of the Sanctuary and return it to the Church Office by Sunday, February 28. The Nominating Committee will review all submissions at its Feb. 29th meeting.

What are Service Boards? Service Boards are the groups of Elders, Deacons, and Junior Deacons who serve our congregation in various capacities. These boards work out the details of various ministries of our church. The Elders Service Board meets 3-4 times a year, coordinating various compassion, education, and liturgical ministries. For instance, the Elders Board plans, organizes, and carries out: the Flower Ministry, a Prayer Ministry, Worship services at Lenoir, Communion Connection, as well as weekly prayers at the communion table. Along with the ministers who themselves are the preaching/teaching elders, the Elders of the church are the spiritual leaders of FCC.

The Deacon Service Board rarely meets though it does conduct annual orientations and instructions on how to prep and serve communion. The Deacon Board also works with the Deacon Captains and the four Deacon Teams in coordinating the weekly rotation for worship. The Deacons minister to our church through service. While there are many ways our deacons serve quietly behind the scenes, it's through the Deacon Board the diaconal ministries are coordinated, planned, and executed. One such way is the care and coordination of the Junior Deacons. All high school students are eligible to be a Junior Deacon.

If you or someone you know should be nominated to one of these boards, then please complete a 2016 Nomination Form and return it to the church office. Likewise, if you know someone deserving recognition for work well done in our congregation, please complete the same form and return it to the office. Thank you so much!

~Blessings, Brad

## STARS.....the 55+ Fellowship Group

of First Christian Church

### 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.



### Capital Campaign Progress Report

As of Dec. 31, 2015, FCC completed its 1<sup>st</sup> year of our 3-year capital campaign. Darryl Prater, the consultant with Church Development, reports the average American congregation engaged in a 3-year capital campaign generally receives financial gifts accordingly: first year 40% of gifts come in; the second year, 35% of the gifts arrive, and in the third year the remaining 25% are received. So how does FCC compare to the national average? In our 1st year, FCC received \$501,647 in gifts of the \$816,998 in pledges. Meaning, FCC members and friends gave 61.4% of the total promised in the first year!!! That means you gave 50% more in the first year than the average American church engaged in a capital campaign, demonstrating how overwhelmingly supportive you are of our capital campaign to repair your church!!! Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!



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

### Weekly Offering Report:

**Jan. 24, 2016**

Offerings Received this week \$3,293

Offerings Received to Date \$236,805

Offerings Needed to Date \$253,025

**Jan. 24 Attendance: 175**

(includes early service - 42, visitors - 17)

## News of People & Place

**Willie Mae Wheeland** is back at University Hospital for tests. **Moray Kiehl** is now home from her rehabilitation at Lenoir HCC.

Omitted last week: Prayers of condolence to **Chris Creasy and family** in the sudden death of her father, Carl Sapp of Colorado in early January.

Sunday afternoon, January 31, we will be reminded to offer thanks for the ministry of **Rev. Maureen Dickmann** who will retire from serving as Pastor of Rockbridge Christian Church. Rev. Dickmann has been RBCC's pastor for 28 years. She is the last to retire among the recent long pastorates among Columbia DOC churches. There will be an afternoon service and Chili Supper to celebrate her ministry starting at 3:30 p.m. We wish our colleague and friend well in her retirement and say thanks be to God for her strong witness for Christ and Disciples here in Columbia.

### Mardi Gras Supper & Auction

Sat., Feb. 6, 5:00-6:30 p.m.


Millersburg Christian Church (DOC)  
4527 State Rd. J (10 mi. east of Columbia)

Menu: Gumbo, Chili & Soups

Adults: \$9; Ages 6-12: \$4

Age 5 & under: free

Proceeds support the ministries of  
Millersburg CC

Your Special  
Birthday!  
  
Millie Bolman -97  
on Feb. 2

  
**Happy  
Birthday!**

Feb. 1  
Amy Marrero

Feb. 2  
Millie Bolman

Feb. 4  
Susan Palmer

**UPCOMING SCHEDULE:**

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

**YOUTH GROUPS**

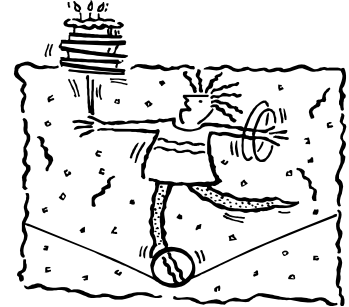
**ON SUNDAY NIGHTS:**

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)



A shopping basket will be in the narthex on Sunday morning **Feb. 7** – *Superbowl Sunday* turned into a *Souper Bowl Sunday* as we are reminded of the hunger needs in our community. Bring canned food and let's fill the basket! Monetary donations will also be accepted and given to the Central Missouri Food Pantry.

# 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

## Hear It Again! Say it Again! and Again!

Last Sunday guest preacher Rev. Todd Adams referenced the identity statement of The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Remember the WE ARE? Here it is...


**We are Disciples of Christ,**  
A movement for wholeness in a fragmented world. As part of the one body of Christ, we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us.

- Disciples of Christ Statement of Identity

**February 10th**  **ASH Wednesday**

### 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.



Thank you so much for the generous scholarship! I was very surprised and grateful when I found out that I was chosen to receive the Vera M. Purdy and H. Glenn Purdy Scholarship. It has already been instrumental in funding my college education! I recently finished my first semester at Harvard and I am about to start my second. I am really enjoying my time there and have already learned a lot! I plan to study molecular and cellular biology while on the pre-med track. It means a lot to me that I have support in the community and that the church believes in my potential. Once again, thank you so much for the scholarship!

~Delaney Tevis

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### First Christian Church

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### Return Service Requested

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

### SERVING SCHEDULE Sunday, Jan. 31

*Van Driver:* Dan Gieseke

*Office Receptionist:* Carol Slusher

*Flower Ministry - Arranged by:* Tom and Susan Gray

*Delivered by:* Lorene Trickey

*Welcome Station:* Jennifer Alexander and Jan Davis

#### **Servers for 8:30 Worship Service**

*Worship Assts:* Tom and Carol Hughey, Larry Burnam

*Elder:* Mary Daugherty

#### **Servers for 10:30 Worship Service**

*Communion Preparation:* Pat Rybolt, Louis, Janice & Andrew  
Janssen

*Liturgist:* Abigail Reardon

*Elders:* Paula Hoenes, C.K. Hoenes, Rich Hoepfner

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

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

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

*Banner Bearers:* Joseph McCormack, Mia Gregory

*Candlelighters:* Kira Hoenes, Ella Rogers

*Children's Worship:* Kim Boger (ldr.); Cindy Rose (hlpr.)

### CHURCH CALENDAR Jan. 31 - Feb. 6

#### Sun., Jan. 31

- Warming Station, 7:00-9:00 a.m., Higbee Center
- Coffee Hour, 9:20-10:20 a.m., Yonker Hall
- 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), 6:00-7:30 p.m.

#### Mon., Feb. 1

- Newsletter deadline and church staff meeting, 2:00 p.m.
- Elders Dinner Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Yonker Hall

#### Tues., Feb. 2

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

#### Wed., Feb. 3

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

#### Fri., Feb. 5

- Church Dine-Out, 5:30 p.m., Bob Evans Restaurant  
Everyone Welcome!