



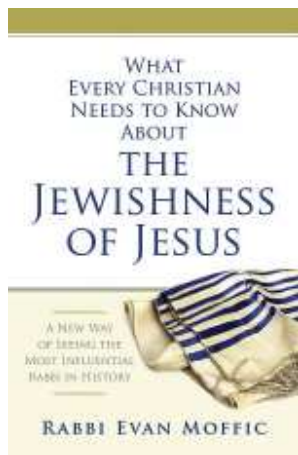
## First Sunday in Lent

The texts of the day include Psalm 91 and Luke 4:1-13. Rev. Stagg will begin a series for the Sundays in Lent that is themed “Come, together” with this week’s sermon entitled “Tempted.”

The Chancel Bell Choir will bring the anthem “Abide with Me” to the 10:30 worship service. Of note, will be Robert Floyd playing 10 different bells in this particular anthem!

Hymns for the day include the powerful *How Firm a Foundation* as the opener. The Invitation Hymn will connect the words of the day’s Psalm with the melodic hymn *On Eagles Wings*. As the season of Lent begins, the communion hymn is appropriately *We, Your People, God, Confessing*.

## Sunday Adult Class News



The Adult Class on Sunday mornings will begin reading and study over *The Jewishness of Jesus*. Books have been ordered for regular participants. Others are most welcome. Please let Jimmy Spear know if you would like a book ordered (\$10). The group will begin the study on Feb. 14. The study will be a helpful look at faith and the Jesus story as Lent comes and Holy Week approaches. The class meets in Bethany Hall from 9:30-10:20 a.m.

## Focus is set for this Lenten Season

- *What does it mean to **come** to church, to worship?*
- *Is the **coming** to the place, finding communal worship, helped by the **togetherness**?*
- ***Together** we find the story of faith, the challenge to be disciples, and the encouragement to faith filled living.*

The community will gather these weeks in Lent to uncover the mystery and faithfulness found in repentance and forgiveness, devotion and grace. Perhaps a commitment to these Sundays will better prepare us for the coming of Holy Week and the news of resurrection at Easter.

# Come, Together

In these weeks Lenten Devotionals are offered for daily reflection, hymns and music will guide us with melody and verse, the Week of Compassion will open our hearts for giving, baptismal candidates will learn about discipleship, the Sunday morning adult class will focus on the *Jewishness of Jesus*, and the sermons will build on the developing story of Jesus’ teachings. Palm Sunday will bring a special musical experience “Sanctuary” a lovely meditative cantata by the Chancel Choir.

So, there is much soul work to be done. **Come, together.**

## Nominations and 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. To do 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.



**Week of Compassion  
 Special Offering**

**February  
 21-28, 2016**

[Click Here For the  
 2016 Planning &  
 Resource Guide](#)

*“Where you go I will go;  
 where you stay I will stay.”*

# ROLLER SKATE

at Empire Roller Rink

**Feb 28 for**

**JYF  
CYF**



## Details:

**JYF:** pizza lunch together at Gumbys. Roller skating at Empire Roller Rink till 3:30 p.m. Pickup at Empire. \$10 total cost.

**CYF:** pizza lunch at church for youth and parents --- combined with summer mission trip meeting. Then roller skating at Empire until 3:30pm. \$10 total. (5\$ for pizza only)



"These are vegetables, mother. You wouldn't want me to eat something I've given up for Lent, would you?"

Listen In...

Radio Spots M-W-F

KFRU-1400 AM @ 6:55 am  
KBXR-102.3 FM @ 7:20 am



**Get Your Talent Ready!**

**All Church  
Green Potluck  
& Talent Show**

**Sunday, March 13**

— solo & group acts welcomed —  
Sponsored by the Membership Department



**COFFEE  
HOUR**

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



Thank you to everyone who has sent me cards, said a kind word to me in person, and visited me in the last few weeks since my injury and since my surgery. And a thanks, also, to Bud and Deb Batterson for bringing me the chancel flowers that brightened my day and my home. There are not words to express what a wonderful church family is at First Christian Church. I am so happy to be a part of it.

~Jan Davis

A BIG Thank You to everyone that helped with Roy Rogers' reception, Susan Klockow, Pat and Sue Wright, Sarah Storm, Susan Ramsey, Joyce Stanley, Eva Bright, Pat and Paul Ritchie, Carol Hughey, and Cherry Hinderberger, for helping prepare, serve, and clean up, and to Carol Slusher, Donna Houston, Amy LaHue, Jane Ann Hackett, and Genie Rogers for making delicious desserts. The family was very appreciative for everything. I could not have done it without you!

~Janelle Patterson

*Teamwork divides the task and doubles the success. ~Unknown*

**STARS.....the 55+ Fellowship Group**

**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.

Put "Winery" on the pew pad  
\$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.

**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.

Cost TBA, announced in future Visitors  
RSVP by Sunday, Mar. 13.

Put "Butterfly" on the pew pad

Your Special  
Birthday!



**Bonnie Backues-92**  
on Feb. 16

Feb. 14  
Russ Chandler

Feb. 15  
Royce Palmer  
Sally Robinson

Feb. 16  
Bonnie Backues  
Charles Dysart  
Sally Kessell

Feb. 17  
Patti Freeman  
Jenny McCarty  
Brian McCarty

Kimberly Potthast  
Dan Tevis

**Happy Birthday!**



Feb. 18  
Mark Mills  
Karen Rogers

Feb. 19  
Sue Fink  
Audrey Koch  
Cullen Rose

Feb. 20  
Heather Mottaz

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

Feb 12 -- Chi-Rho Service Day:  
help host Valentine Party  
@ Lenoir. Meet at 12:00  
for lunch, done by 4 p.m.

Feb 14 – no mtgs., Pres. Weekend

Feb 21 – Chi-Rho & CYF

Feb 28 – JYF & CYF ROLLER SKATE  
JYF: pizza lunch together at  
Gumbys. Roller skateing at  
Empire till 3:30 p.m.  
Pickup at Empire. \$10 total.

CYF: lunch at church with mission  
trip meeting. Then Roller skate  
at Empire until 3:30pm  
\*No evening meetings.

Mar 6 – Chi-Rho & CYF

Mar 13 -- Potluck & Talent Show  
\*No evening meetings

Mar 20 -- CHI-Rho & CYF

# 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)

## News of People & Place

**Darren and Tori Pine** are the proud parents of a new baby boy! Nathaniel Lucas Pine was born Sunday, Feb. 7 at 9:56 a.m. He weighed 8 lbs. 2 oz. and is 20 1/2 inches long. Congratulations!

“Souper” Bowl Sunday raised \$268 in monetary gifts and a shopping basket full of food items all designated to directly be given to the Central Missouri Food Panty (on Big Bear Blvd).

**Shirley Park** is now home at the Lenoir Healthcare Center after a hospital stay. **Ben Nelms** is now at home after a surgical stay at University Hospital. **Royce Palmer** had surgery on Feb. 10 and **Jan Davis** is home recuperating from her procedure of last week. **Frances Brown** will have foot surgery on Friday, Feb 12.

## Prayer Shawl Meeting

Snow kept us from meeting last month, but we will try again at 9:30 a.m. on February 17 at Millie Bolman’s home at 22 Springer Dr. We welcome new and returning members!

## Volunteer at RATI

Room at the Inn (RATI) is the overnight winter shelter in Columbia. Volunteering happens online. If you are not online, call Sarah Storm for assistance (573.289.0072).

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.



## FCC kids meet Gomo

Pictured here are the children who were in Children’s Worship last Sunday. They took this group picture to send to their new friend in Botswana. “Gomo” is a youth sponsored by our children. She is 16 and lives in the Lephoi Centre for Learners with Visual Impairment. FCC children give their Children’s Worship offering each Sunday and the World Outreach Dept. sends it along to our mission partners in Botswana, Africa to help in the education of children like Gomo.

## Mother’s Day Out Pre-School Enrollment

Mothers Day Out will be doing registration in early March for the families already attending MDO this year. If you are interested in your child attending Mothers Day Out, please go to the church website and fill out an application. FCC church members have priority on our waiting list, just after returning families. So if you have been thinking about enrolling your child in a preschool, Mothers Day Out is a wonderful option for you. We might be just what you have been praying for. Come and check us out!!

### Weekly Offering Report:

**Feb. 7, 2016**

Offerings Received this week \$9,810

Offerings Received to Date \$256,415

Offerings Needed to Date \$268,602

**Feb. 7 Attendance: 199**

(includes early service - 45, visitors - 14)

## Schiffman Ethics & Society Lecture

at Columbia College

**March 2, 6:30 p.m.**

Dr. Michio Kaku, speaker

“Ethics of science  
in the next 20 years”

## Garage Sale Date Set April 29-May 1

The Student Ministry Department has met and made plans for the 2016 Garage Sale to benefit student mission trips this year. The schedule is as follows:

### Set Up and Dropping off Donations Sunday, April 24, 12-5 p.m.

Set Up and Pricing:

Monday-Wednesday, April 25-27

Rest Day: Thursday

### The SALE!

**April 29, Friday afternoon**

**April 30, Saturday morning**

**April 31, Sunday morning**

# The Visitor

## First Christian Church

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### Ministerial Staff:

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**Minister Emeritus:** Dr. John J. Yonker

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## Return Service Requested

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

## SERVING SCHEDULE Sunday, Feb. 14

*Van Driver:* Eric Seaman

*Office Receptionist:* Richard Barnard

*Flower Ministry - Arranged by:* Will and Donna Houston

*Delivered by:* Will and Donna Houston

*Welcome Station:* Chris Creasy

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

*Worship Assts:* Will and Donna Houston, Eli Gaffney

*Elder:* Cherry Hinderberger

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

*Communion Preparation:* Bud Batterson, Becky Baumgartner,

Valerie Freed

*Liturgist:* Amy Lightner

*Elders:* Pamela Hoepfner, Steve Lightner, Sarah Read

*Deacons:* The Beary Team *Ushers:* The Burnam Team

*Greeters:* Eric Arnett (*N. Door*), Tammy Arnett (*S. Door*),

Gerald Ramsey (*Atrium*), Susan Ramsey (*Portico*)

*Banner Bearers:* Olivia Johnson, Izzy Arnett

*Candlelighters:* Cullen Snow, Elizabeth Martin

*Children's Worship:* Eric Arnett (ldr.); TBA (hlpr.)

## CHURCH CALENDAR Feb. 14 - Feb. 20

### Sun., Feb. 14

- Warming Station, 7:00-9:00 a.m., Higbee Center
- Coffee Hour, 9:20-10:20 a.m., Yonker Hall
- Baptism & Discipleship Class, 9:30-10:20 a.m.,  
Keystone Room
- No Bible Study this day
- No Youth Groups this day

### Mon., Feb. 15

- No Mother's Day Out this day
- Newsletter deadline and church staff meeting, 2:00 p.m.

### Tues., Feb. 16

- Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Administrative Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Morris Parlor

### Wed., Feb. 17

- Shawl Ministry, 9:30 a.m., Millie Bolman's home
- Wed. Bible Study, 12:05-12:55 p.m., Bethany Hall
- CWF Board Mtg., 5:00-6:00 p.m., Keystone Room
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- DOC (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m., Bethany Hall

### Thr., Feb. 18

- STARS, 11:00 a.m., lunch at LeBourgeois (depart from  
Mall parking lot-Target side)

