



# THE VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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## Second Sunday in Lent

Speaking of Jerusalem, Jesus lamented, "How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!"

This Sunday let us willingly come and gather together as God intended, praising God for Jesus, to gather strength and courage to fulfill our mission on earth. This week Rev. Stagg's sermon entitled "Courage" is based on Psalm 27 and Luke 13:31-35. Let's **Come, Together** and worship God!

Congregational singing will come together with the hymns: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*; *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*; and *Loving Lord, as Now We Gather*.

We will be invited to give toward the Week of Compassion Offering.



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

## 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.



## WOC – OUR yearly compassion offering

Two Sundays in February during the stewardship invitation worshipers will be prompted to know more about the ministry of The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) benevolent mission ministry called Week of Compassion.

With refugees being a global humanitarian concern in these days, the theme of this year's offering reminds us of the biblical story of Ruth. To understand better the above picture and text, read Ruth. Week of Compassion offerings go to help causes, disaster relief, and humanitarian needs around the world throughout the year.

The FCC World Outreach Department coordinates the efforts of awareness and promotion for Week of Compassion. Of course you can always go online to learn more about WoC – [www.weekofcompassion.org](http://www.weekofcompassion.org)



## Come, Together

- When people **come** to worship, they start the week off with a unique perspective.
- When people **come** to worship, their outlook changes to include the views of history and the needs of the present.
- When people **come** to worship, they can deal with the present with the help of the ancient story history of faith and a little dose of hope for a new day.
- When people **come** to worship, they find that **together** makes all the difference in the start of the week.

# Come, Together

The first Sunday in Lent was a snowy occasion for folks to come downtown to worship at FCC. The early worship service crowd was surprisingly large and the late service was decent but missing many. **To Come, Together** on a snowy Sunday does make the crowd a little more unified. There is a certain spirit in the air on a snow Sunday. People are glad to have made it, they are glad to be inside, and they are really glad others came. Together worship was offered, the Chancel Bells offered a most passionate version of "Abide with Me" — so appropriate for this Lenten season.

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

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## Bit from Brad

How are you preparing for Easter? As I write, Easter is 41 days away; how will you be ready for it? Will it come and go as any other day this year? Or will you make the most of it? Jesus wants us to make the most of it. After all, Easter celebrates the culmination of Jesus' entire purpose for coming to earth; his entire mission come true! How ready for Easter are you? I don't mean eggs, bunnies, baskets, or bonnets; I mean cross, tomb, and resurrection!

Getting ready for Easter takes attention to spirit and soul. The 46 days of Lent are more a journey than a point of destination; more a state-of-mind than a checklist; more a conscientious soul decision than a routine ritual. How will you approach this Easter?

Some say Lent is a season in which one "gives something up." It can be, but it can be so much more than guilt-ridden obligation. Lent can be a season of intentional, purposeful sacrifice drawing nearer to the mind, heart, and spirit of Christ. Take something as benign as "giving up chocolate" for Lent. It may sound like "disciplined dieting" denying yourself a momentary simple pleasure. Or, it can be so much more! One can resist a tasty, momentary pleasure and instead reflect on Jesus denying himself and taking up his cross for you and me. We can reflect on what gives us true pleasure and joy: transitory worldly pleasures (food, fame, power, pleasure, status) or eternal gifts (love, mercy, grace, faithfulness). How will you prepare for Easter?

If walking the Lenten path sounds lonely, don't take it alone. Come join others at FCC in our Lenten journey; it's much more fun! How, you ask? One way is Bible Study. Come try one of the 3 weekly Bible Studies. I cannot overemphasize the difference it will make in your faith life! Adults gather at one of three times at church: Sunday evenings at 4:30, Tuesday mornings at 10:30, and Wednesday lunch hour at noon. You'll be amazed at the depths of Scripture we discover! It's soul/life changing! Also, worship at 8:30 and 10:30 are joyful celebrations. Last week's Bell Choir Anthem accompanied by Matthew Hoepfner's flute performance was simply breathtaking!

This Lent come together with your fellow Disciples to discover the love and power of Jesus Christ! See you in church!

Blessings, Brad

## Capital Campaign Progress Report



In this picture, half of the south-facing Sanctuary roof has been stripped of old shingles and sheathing installed. Also, we've had a small setback: termites! Live, active termites were found in roof over the playground restroom and the windowsill of hall leading from the sanctuary to the Back Room. Steve's Pest Control exterminated the areas and Missouri Builders is repairing the damaged wood.

## Drennan Group to Meet

Drennan group will meet on Tuesday, February 23 at 1:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room of Lenoir Woods. Mary Jane Anderson will give the program and worship.

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

### 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 announced in future *Visitors*.  
RSVP by Sunday, Mar. 13.  
Put "Butterfly" on the pew pad.



## News of People & Place

**Frances Brown** is recovering from last Friday's outpatient foot surgery. **Royce Palmer** continues to be a patient at Boone Hospital after a successful surgery last week. He hopes to be home as of printing. **Bryant Savidan**, as of Monday, was a patient at University Hospital.

Remember now is the time to check in again with the Room at the Inn sign up opportunity. The latter weeks of February were in need of volunteers.

Do you have an abundance of **Shakespeare's plastic cups**? We need several hundred for church camp this summer. If you have some to pass on, bring them to Jimmy's office. Thanks.

We have two signed up to perform at the All Church Talent Show in March. These two folks would love to share the stage with many more. Will you bring your talent, specialty, or unique ability to the stage? The three youth groups are planning to offer skits. Who else? Remember to ask others to join you. Make it a group event!

Check the Visitor next week for a special fellowship offering "March Movies – Classics of the Silver Screen."

**Jeff and Amy LaHue** hosted 16 members of the CYF youth group for a long evening of Super Bowl watching and game playing. Good food and space to hangout made the night great. Thanks!

Ash Wednesday offered the chance to share a simple meal of soup and bread, gathering with friends (75 in attendance) before the service of ashes. We called it Soup for the Soul – the idea that a simple meal together would prompt folks to come to the soulful service set for Ash Wednesday and be in fellowship too. Thanks to **Chris Creasy, Betty Montgomery, and Lisa Snyder** for organizing and making the delicious soup offerings.

### Weekly Offering Report:

**Feb. 14, 2016**

Offerings Received this week \$3,443

Offerings Received to Date \$259,858

Offerings Needed to Date \$276,704

**Feb. 14 Attendance:** 126

(includes early service - 30, visitors - 0)

## UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

Feb 21 – Chi-Rho & CYF  
Feb 28 – JYF & CYF ROLLER SKATE

JYF: See Roller Skate information below.

CYF: lunch at church with **Mission Trip Meeting** -- bring calendars and parents to brainstorm the week in July for the MT.. Then Roller Skate - see information below.

\*No evening meetings.

Mar 6 – Chi-Rho & CYF

Mar 13 -- Potluck & Talent Show

\*No evening meetings

Mar 20 -- Chi-Rho & 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



The **Chi-Rho Youth Group** took advantage of their afternoon off from school last Friday to serve the residents of the Lenoir Healthcare Center. Helping decorate the gathering space for the annual Valentine party and serving the chocolate covered foods and punch were a good way to extend spirit and love. They are pictured here before their pizza lunch prior to time at Lenoir. Thanks to **Elizabeth Mottaz** for going along as a partner. Holly Gieseke was able to join the group for lunch.

## ROLLER SKATE

at Empire Roller Rink

Feb 28 for

JYF  
CYF



### Details:

**JYF:** meet in fellowship hall to travel to 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 3:30 p.m. \$10 total. (\$5 for pizza only) Sponsored by the Student Ministry Dept. Parent partners welcome.

## All Church Green Potluck & Talent Show

Sunday, March 13

– solo & group acts welcomed –

Sponsored by the Membership Department

## 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”



Feb. 23

Jim Campbell  
Jacki Davidson  
Brooke Storm

Feb. 26

Ryan Boger  
Kim Rogers  
Doug Smith

Feb. 24

Scott Foster

Feb. 27

Larry Caringer  
Elizabeth Hensley

Feb. 25

Matthew Foster  
Sarah Read



## 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.



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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, Feb. 21

*Van Driver:* TBA

*Office Receptionist:* Betty Moon

*Flower Ministry - Arranged by:* Eric Seaman

*Delivered by:* Eric Seaman

*Welcome Station:* Pat Rybolt and Jeff Underwood

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

*Worship Assts:* Susan and Tom Gray, Tom Hughey

*Elder:* Larry Burnam

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

*Communion Preparation:* Dan, Deidre and Drake Tevis

*Liturgist:* Kim Leon

*Elders:* Mark Mills, Eric Seaman, Steve Humble

*Deacons:* The Rogers Team    *Ushers:* The Rose Team

*Greeters:* Elizabeth Mottaz (*N. Door*), Richard Barnard (*S. Door*),

Perry Stemmons (*Atrium*), Helen Stemmons (*Portico*)

*Banner Bearers:* Carleigh Snow, Chase Hofmann

*Candlelighters:* Kate Volmert, Lena Schaefer

*Children's Worship:* Julie Nichols (ldr.); Brad/Khons Volmert (hlpr.)

## CHURCH CALENDAR Feb. 21 - Feb. 27

### Sun., Feb. 21

- Week of Compassion begins
- 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
- 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. 22

- Newsletter deadline and church staff meeting, 2:00 p.m.
- Campaign Follow Up Team mtg., 6:30 p.m., Keystone Rm.

### Tues., Feb. 23

- Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Israel Trip Mtg., 6:00-7:30 p.m., Keystone Rm.

### Wed., Feb. 24

- Wed. Bible Study, 12:05-12:55 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Brummett-Harrah Group, 2:00 p.m., Houston's home
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- DOC (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m., Bethany Hall

### Fri., Feb. 26

- NO Mother's Day Out this day