



THE VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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FCC Serves in Local Hands-On Mission

As First Christian Church will be participating in ForColumbia 2016, a city-wide, multi-church service opportunity on April 23, **YOU** won't want to miss this chance to love on the residents of Columbia during this family-friendly event. In addition to receiving a free t-shirt, lunch will be provided for all volunteers, as well as childcare for infants-5th grade from 8:30-1:00 p.m. Stop by our table in the foyer this Sunday or sign up online at <http://bit.ly/FCVolunteer2016> (If you sign up online, send Jimmy Spear an email letting him know you are on our team. Thanks.)

ForColumbia is the practical outworking of a vision to unite Christian churches from all over our community to show the love of



Christ to our neighbors through a weekend of service. On April 23, a

gathering of church people from across Columbia (**30 churches!**) will be salt and light to our community. It is time we found a way to work together, share lunch and even an after-party for food and fellowship with other churches in Columbia. We are excited to be a partnering church and we can't wait to share this experience with you and your family!

Sign up the next 2 Sundays in the Narthex.
WE have a sign up deadline of April 10!

ForColumbia
Saturday, APRIL 23
8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Worship Sunday, April 3

"God will sort it all out!?" is the title of Rev. Jimmy's Spear's sermon for the Sunday after Easter. The post resurrection verses found in John 20:19-31 highlight the story of Thomas, the Jesus "peace be with you" and the first new breath of the Holy Spirit. Hymns for the day include the rousing *Crown Him with Many Crowns* and the delightful *That Easter Day with Joy was Bright* and for the table time *Come Risen Lord*. Join us as we continue the resurrection celebration this Sunday!

Wine
to WATER
Saturday, April 16, 2016
7-9 pm | Rock Bridge Christian Church
301 W Green Meadows Rd, Columbia, MO

Wine to Share, Water for All

Wine, food and compassion for those in need of water.

For childcare please RSVP to Jimmy Spear at jimmy@firstchristian.org by Sunday, April 10

A benefit for Week of Compassion

Sponsored by First, Broadway, Olivet and Rock Bridge Christian Churches

All-Church Garage Sale

(All church = whole church project-donating, set-up, volunteer)

April 29 - May 1

Sale Times

Friday 3 - 6pm

Sat. 8am - 12pm

Sun. 8am - 1pm



Volunteers Needed

Table set up: Sun. April 24

Drop off donations:

12:00-5:00 p.m.

(Youth will unload cars)

or any other time we are open

Mon. - Wed. until 5 p.m.

Monday - Thursday:

Day Workers 8-5 p.m.

Evening Workers 6-8 p.m.

Wednesday Night:

6 - 10 p.m.

*The Garage Sale fully funds all summer youth mission trips.

This sale is a serving opportunity for the whole church family.

Sponsored by the Student Ministry Department

Volunteer Sign Up

Welcome at any of the above times; sign up in the Narthex this Sunday or see Jimmy Spear

News of People & Place

As of Tuesday noon:

- **Freda Martz** is now home after last week's heart surgery in St. Louis.
- **Tom Gray** is a patient at University Hospital and welcomes your prayers.

Listen In...

Radio Spots M-W-F

KFRU-1400 AM @ 6:55 am

KBXR-102.3 FM @ 7:20 am



I have so enjoyed the beautiful spring bouquet delivered by Gene Taylor as I was recovering from knee surgery. As always, I am very thankful for all of you and your caring.
~Paula Kurtz



Your Special Birthday!

Paul Ritchie
91 - April 3

Coffman-Watson CWF Meeting

Monday, April 4th 7 pm
Connie Street's home

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• **Church Dine-Out**
• **Friday, Apr. 1, 5:30 p.m.**
• Bob Evans Restaurant
• Everyone Welcome!
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Weekly Offering Report:

Mar. 27, 2016

Offerings Received this week \$8,011

Offerings Received to Date \$302,554

Offerings Needed to Date \$323,533

Mar. 27 Attendance: 426

(includes early service - 148, visitors - 23)

STARS

...the 55+ Fellowship Group

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.

RSVP by Sun., April 10. Put "Rolla" on the pew pad.



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



Birthdays

Apr. 3

Eric Arnett
Paul Ritchie

Apr. 4

Laura DeVenney
Carol Thomas
Christy Von Talge

Apr. 5

Jennifer Gwinner

Apr. 8

Bill Carney
Chuck Scott

Apr. 9

Yvonne Clark
David Heise

UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

Apr. 3 -- JYF & CYF
Apr. 10 -- Chi-Rho & CYF
Apr. 17 -- JYF & CYF
Apr. 24 -- garage sale setup

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

Assist Refugees to Columbia

How often do you think about how lucky you are to live in a country where you are not persecuted, in a community where you feel safe day in and day out, and in a house that is full of your daily needs? We are so blessed to have been born in this country. There are so many people that move to the United States in search of what we take for granted on a daily basis.

Approximately 60 refugees have already arrived in Columbia and 150 more are projected to move to our city in 2016. The Refugee and Immigration Services office plays an important role in resettling families from all over the world to our wonderful and safe community. Refugees are coming from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Burma, Ukraine, Somalia, and Iraq. However, with this large number of refugees, and the small number of staff at the Refugee and Immigration office, they are in desperate need for volunteers!

There are many ways to volunteer:

- People are needed to help with transporting refugees to medical and other appointments, teach them how to get checked in, ask for a translator, and how to fill prescriptions. Drivers are able to use office cars or receive reimbursement for gas. Contact: Nadeem Ramiydh, nramiyd@cccmo.org, (573) 442-7568 ext. 5.
- People are needed for driving refugees to and from work. The jobs refugees are typically able to secure are not traditional hours. Driving times can be in the evenings or on the weekends. Office cars or reimbursement of gas are available. Contact: Alissa Jett, ajett@cccnmo.org, (573) 442-7568 ext. 8.
- People are needed to help setup and prepare apartments before the family arrives. Volunteers are needed to pick up furniture donations, furnish the home, and purchase food/household goods. Contact: Nadeem Ramiydh, nramiyd@cccmo.org, (573) 442-7568 ext. 5.
- People are also needed to work the front desk of the Refugee and Immigration Services office. Volunteers would greet the clients, connect them with appropriate staff member, schedule appointments, and answer the phone.

We are so blessed to have grown up in a country where we are safe, free, and do not have to flee for a better way of life. Think about how a small act of driving, setting up an apartment, or greeting someone can be so impactful to refugees who are in search for the dream of the life we live on a daily basis. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex on Sundays April 3 and 10, or you may contact the office directly. We urge you to think about everything you are grateful for, and how you can play a role in helping refugee families that are in search of this dream.

~Church in Society

Friday Night Classics!

April 8 "Singin' in the Rain"

We'll start at **7:00 p.m.** with a little intro to the movie - just a few interesting tidbits about the film and the stars to kick it off.

Popcorn provided. Drinks via Pepsi Machine in Fellowship Hall (.50) or bring your own. Friday Night Classics - Four once a month movies shown in the **FCC Cinema on the 3rd floor**, all "classics" - musical, comedy, thriller, war -- hosted by Dan and Holly Gieseke.



Northeast Disciples Women Ministry Spring Enrichment Conference



Saturday, April 9

9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

**Olivet Christian Church (DOC)
200 N. Foster, Center, MO**

Registration: \$12 (includes lunch)

Guest speakers: Rev. Laura Beth Zeh, Olivet Christian Church, PET Mobility Project and Donna Baderstadt, Contract Staff Person, Mid-America DWM

Attendees will have an opportunity to participate in 3 workshops. (See bulletin board for more information.)



Sunday School on Easter was shared with this group of 3rd-5th graders. They are pictured with their teacher **Carol Hughey**. Carol is the Jan-April teacher for the class. Thanks, Carol, for your care of this devoted group of young disciples.

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

SERVING SCHEDULE Sunday, Apr. 3

Van Driver: Carol Slusher

Office Receptionist: Richard Barnard

Flower Ministry - Arranged by: Cliff and Mary Tompson

Delivered by: Cliff and Mary Tompson

Welcome Station: Tommy Tomlin and Trish Stagg

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts: Mike and Carole Randerson, Tommy Gay Evans

Elder: Will Houston

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: TBA, Bob and Linda Hutton

Liturgist: Elizabeth Mottaz

Elders: Sally Robinson, Erin Bower, Bryan Garton

Deacons: The Garton Team *Ushers:* The Mountjoy Team

Greeters: Pat Ritchie (*N. Door*), Paul Ritchie (*S. Door*),

Trish Stagg (*Atrium*), Amy LaHue (*Portico*)

Banner Bearers: Ella Rogers, Kameron Freed

Candlelighters: Chase Hofmann, Luke Stagg

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

CHURCH CALENDAR Apr. 3 - 9

Sun., Apr. 3

- Coffee Hour, 9:20-10:20 a.m., Yonker Hall
- Baptism & Discipleship Class, 9:30-10:20 a.m. and 12:00-2:30 p.m., Keystone Room
- NO Bible Study this day
- JYF (grades 3-5), 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- CYF (grades 9-12), 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Mon., Apr. 4

- Newsletter deadline and church staff meeting, 2:00 p.m.

Tues., Apr. 5

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

Wed., Apr. 6

- 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., April 8

- Classic Movie Night, 7:30 p.m., Cinema (3rd floor)