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Come, Together

Worship
the Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 13



Time to
Spring Ahead

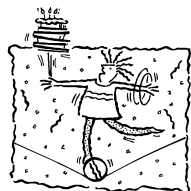
Jesus and the Bethany family *come together* for a final meal before Jesus' passion. Sisters Mary and Martha host Jesus after resurrecting their brother Lazarus from the dead. In reverence and thanksgiving, Mary anoints Jesus' feet with a costly ointment. From Mary, we learn true worship. Rev. Stagg's sermon, "Loving Devotion" is based on Philippians 3:4-11 and John 12:1-8.

This Sunday, the hymns will include the ever powerful *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*; the Jesus connecting and pastoral *I Bind My Heart This Tide*; and for table time, *Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken*. Soloist for both services, Jerry Daugherty, will bring the piece *Tender Lord*.

**Daylight Saving Time
Begins This Sunday
March 13**

**This Sunday!
March 13**

**Green
Potluck Lunch**



&

Talent Show

Noon, Yonker Hall

(lunch 12 -1 p.m./talent 1-2 p.m.)

Any kind of food is welcome at the potluck! Green and lucky foods, plus potatoes would go well with a theme of St. Patrick's Day.

Potluck - no RSVP - bring food

An All-Church Fellowship Event
Sponsored by the Membership Department



**All-Church Workday
"spring yard clean-up"
March 19, 9:00 - noon**



As we prepare our hearts for Easter, we also need to prepare the churchyard by trimming bushes, raking leaves, and spiffing up. Bring a willing heart to serve and your yard tools. A grilled burger tailgate fellowship will follow. Call Fred (449-7265) with questions.

Welcome New Member

Angela Nance comes to FCC by transfer of membership but has a history with FCC. Originally from Boone Co., she was a student at MU in the 1960s and a member of the CSC – the Christian Student Congregation having been baptized by Rev. Eldon Drennan.

Angela spent 40 years in Dallas, Texas professionally working as a legal secretary and attending East Dallas Christian Church before a 2001 return to Columbia to care for her mother. In this season of life she loves gardening, pets, music, and genealogy. Angela is already at home at FCC having found church life among the Tuesday Bible Study and STARS groups. Welcome, Angela!

A Change of Scenery

Last Sunday during the Stewardship Invitation I touched on a personal story that needs sharing with my church family. It is good when we know what is going on with each other. Here is more of the story:

Sometimes the need for change is about space...space for rest, for kitchen window view, for air to breathe, and for stuff that is important. As I work among you in year nine at FCC, I have been needing a change. Coming back from Sabbatical I discerned that a change was needed. I am just over 40, in ministry 20 years, was it time for a move? I did indeed look around and discerned again, the change was not a new call-new church job. Doing what I do with the people of FCC in Columbia continues to be a good thing for all involved. We know each other, the good and bad, the success and growth areas — indeed there is more to do. In many ways we are finally so well acquainted we can get on with what really needs to be done as church. We had those two-three years of pastoral transition and then the building needs became so evident. With all that behind us we now enter a new time. I wonder what it might bring?

I have also been reflecting on that nature of a long term relationship with a church. It can be a good thing! With First Christian I feel it strongly in the areas of pastoral care, youth ministry, and community involvement. There is something to be said for being around longer than 5-7 years. Growing with kids from K- 12 and beyond is really significant. Knowing you beyond your name and face is significant. Knowing how to navigate the who-what-how within the town and schools here is significant.

Perhaps that is the impact of Sabbatical — time to reflect on why you do what you do, where you are best suited to do it and then figure out how to renew for the next season of ministry.

Back to the view: I have realized in recent years my 2008 house purchase has been outgrown. I am older, I have more stuff, when I am at my home I want to be at peace. A new place to live was needed: for me that included shade trees, a basement, and more space for my small collection of old cars. The cars really are my thing and if they are

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Congregational Meeting



**March 20th after
each Worship Service**

Wine

to Water

Saturday, April 16

7-9 pm

Rock Bridge Christian Ch.

301 W Green Meadows

Columbia, MO

*Wine to Share,
Water for All*

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

Childcare: please RSVP to Jimmy Spear
at jimmy@firstchristian.org
Sunday, April 10

**A benefit for
Week of Compassion**

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

Weekly Offering Report:

Mar. 6, 2016

Offerings Received this week \$10,045

Offerings Received to Date \$283,327

Offerings Needed to Date \$298,286

Mar. 6 Attendance: 223

(includes early service - 46, visitors - 19)

News of People & Place

News came on Monday of the tragic death of **David Birkenbach**. As was reported on local news, David was hit by a city bus and died shortly after at University Hospital. Some will remember David for his many years of devotion to the pioneering FCC Computer Lab which was a part of the educational ministry for children and adults in the early tech years. He was a computer guy who was glad to bring skills to the use of the church family. While we had not seen him in recent years, his name, face and story continue to be dear to the congregation as now we say prayers of thanks for his life and peace for his family.

We have updates on friends with recent health concerns: **Royce Palmer** began chemo therapy Monday, Mar. 7 for his malignant lymphoma. **Will Houston's "timing" is back to good** after pacemaker surgery. New news of folks include prayers for **Paula Kurtz** who is at The Bluffs for rehab following recent knee replacement surgery. **Freda Martz's** aortic heart valve surgery has been postponed from March 9 to March 23.



I want to thank all our friends at First Christian for your attention after my recent surgery: visits, flowers, cards, phone calls. We think of you often and are grateful for your thoughtfulness. —
~Ben Nelms

It's such a blessing to have a church family. I appreciate Brad being with me before surgery and the many calls, cards and goodies I received after I got home. Thank you all for your love. —
~Will Houston

Happy Birthday!



Mar. 14

Donna Houston

Pat Rainey

Jordan Barnes

Ed Bright

Mar. 15

Kim Williams

Wilson Hickey

Mar. 18

Amy Foster

Kathy

Richardson

Ed Bright

Mar. 19

Cari Sapp

UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

Mar 13 -- Potluck & Talent Show
 See front page.
 *No evening meetings
 Mar 20 -- Chi-Rho & CYF
 Mar. 27 -- Easter - no mtgs.

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

Global Ministries - What is it?

You may ask, what is Global Ministries? The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has been sending missionaries for as long as we have been a denomination or brotherhood as it was called in the early years. The Division of Overseas Ministries was a product of the Board of Christian Missions. Global Ministries came into being in 1965 when the United Church of Christ General Synod and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) General Assembly voted that year to create a Common Global Ministries Board. But actually the two denominations had been working together in different parts of the world since 1965.

Today the vision of Global Ministries is:

To receive and share the Good News of Jesus Christ by joining with global and local partners to work for justice, reconciliation and peace.

We strive for this by living out our core values:

- **Presence** - Manifesting God's love by living in intentional, committed relationships
- **Mutuality** - Walking in hope with others in God's mission
- **Community** - Building interdependence and unity among all of God's children
- **Justice** - Living out God's radical love by confronting powers that deny the fullness of life and the integrity of creation
- **Peace** - Embodying reconciling relationships with God, humanity and creation

Periodically you will find an article in *The Visitor* about Global Ministries as our World Outreach Department continues to educate us of this important ministry happening on our behalf around the world. You may also go to www.globalministries.org to find out more.

~World Outreach Department

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*.

Fee to be paid when loading the bus - \$15 per person.

Depart from the home of Genie Rogers at 8:00 a.m. Return by 5 p.m.

If you need a ride to the departing destination, contact Carol Slusher 825-1141.

RSVP by Sunday, Mar. 13.

Put "Butterfly" on the pew pad.



Change of Scenery Cont.

happy, I am happy. It just is what it is, and I am old and secure enough now to say it!. In late fall, I found a place just outside of town to the east that rang true to all of the above. A place to live that has shade trees, a country view, quiet, basement, a clean well-kept house, and the spaciousness of a 4+ car garage. A new view and attitude on the home front will indeed make living here even better while keeping all the great things about FCC and Columbia still a passion and priority.

Like many of you I detest moving, but with help of church friends and your patience as I get a little distracted by the buy-move-sell process in my hours off, the coming spring will bloom much brighter for this kid. I am thankful for the chance to make this move. Thanks for your well wishes and encouragement in all things. ~Rev. Jimmy Spear

Friday Night Classics!

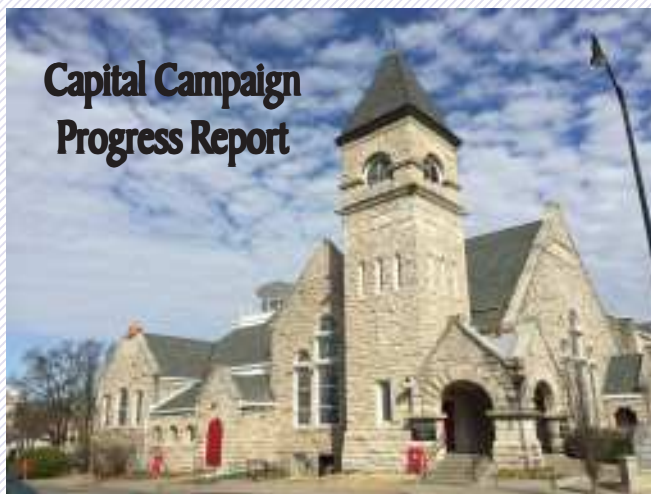
March 11 "Casablanca"

We'll start at 7:30 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.



Capital Campaign Progress Report



Pictured: The Sanctuary has a new roof! Yippee and praise the Lord! The front porch still needs to be completed and various flashing pieces still need installing as well as the sheet-metal flashing over the capstone. But today we celebrate completion of shingle installation!

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

SERVING SCHEDULE Sunday, Mar. 13

Van Driver: Eric Seaman

Office Receptionist: Valerie Freed

Flower Ministry - Arranged by: Susan Klockow

Delivered by: Susan Klockow

Welcome Station: Chris Creasy

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assists: Tom and Carol Hughey

Elder: Donna Houston

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Gerald & Susan Ramsey, Amy Lightner

Liturgist: Bill Carney

Elders: Dan Backues, Fred Mottaz, Jacki Davidson

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

Greeters: Jeff Wheeland (*N. Door*), Willie Wheeland (*S. Door*),

Colleen Nilges (*Atrium*), Jacki Davidson (*Portico*)

Banner Bearers: Chase Hofmann, Luke Stagg

Candlelighters: Ava Martin, Olivia Johnson

Children's Worship: Holly Gieseke (ldr.); Kim Leon (hlpr.)

CHURCH CALENDAR Mar. 13 - Mar. 19

Sun., Mar. 13 Daylight Saving Time Begins

- Coffee Hour, 9:20-10:20 a.m., Yonker Hall
- Baptism & Discipleship, 9:30-10:20 a.m., Keystone Room
- All-Church Potluck & Talent Show, 12:00-2:00, Yonker Hall
- Bible Study, 4:30-6:00 p.m., Morris Parlor

Mon., Mar. 14

- Newsletter deadline and church staff meeting, 2:00 p.m.
- Trustee Meeting, Noon, Glenn's Cafe

Tues., Mar. 15

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

Wed., Mar. 16

- Wed. Bible Study, 12:05-12:55 p.m., Morris Parlor
- CWF Board Mtg., 5:00-6:00 p.m., Keystone Room
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- Capital Campaign Team Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Morris Parlor
- Children Education Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Keystone Room
- DOC (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m., Bethany Hall

Thur., Mar. 17

- STARS, St. Louis Butterflies & Cemeteries, 8:00-5:00 p.m.
(departing from Genie Rogers' home)

Sat., Mar. 19

- All-Church Workday, 9:00 a.m.-Noon, church grounds