



THE VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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Worship for Easter Sunday, March 27th

Come celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at one of our two services at either 8:30am or 10:30am. Rev. Brad Stagg will bring the morning message "Risen" based upon Luke 24:1-12. The Easter Offering for the mission of general work of our denomination, The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), will be collected. Children's Worship will be offered during the 10:30 service. Childcare is offered all morning in the nursery. There will be Sunday School at 9:30 am!

Resurrection!

Sanctuary adorned with Lilies
Two Identical Services 8:30 & 10:30
with Brass & Choir

Question: Invited a guest yet? Let's do it!

Easter Joy!



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 3 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.

Welcome New Member



Donaleigh Richardson joined the church last Sunday, March 20. Many church friends were excited to see this commitment from Donaleigh who has in the last year become active in the life of the church, attending Tuesday Bible Study, STARS adventures, serving opportunities, and finding a good spot among folks under the "Jesus window" on Sunday mornings.

Donaleigh returns to FCC after living in Florida for some years, having been a

member here back in the 1960s. She has two sons and four grandchildren - one living in Columbia with two daughters, and the other in Alabama with 2 sons. She is active in church activities, the Columbia Area Senior Center, and a lover of music. She has strong roots in the Christian Church having grown up and been baptized at First Christian Church, Appleton City, Missouri.

See Inside:

■ **April's Wine to Water**



Bit from Brad

If the swaddling cloth and manger remind us that Jesus was born to die, then the star, heavenly host, and Magi's gift of gold remind us Jesus was born to be risen from the tomb! Christmas and Easter are the high points of the Christian faith; incarnation and resurrection eternally bound together – glory hallelujah!

Throughout Lent this year, we've traveled with Jesus from the temptation in the desert to the home of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus and now this week, together, we travel with Jesus through his passion from the Upper Room to Calvary to the Empty Tomb. I pray you will join us this Thursday for Maundy-Thursday Service at 7:00 when we read together the account of Jesus' last supper, betrayal, trial, crucifixion, and death. Come agonize with him during his agony; feel the loss of the one abandoned; remember the one who died for us calling us to die with him.

Then on Sunday morning, the darkness lifts, the sun rises, for the Son has risen! Forgiveness triumphs over betrayal and sin; love conquers evil, and resurrection is victorious over death! For this is THE day the LORD made, let us rejoice and be glad! From the very beginning, God's intention is to be reunited with his people, the creatures of his hand, the breath of his spirit; and on Easter Sunday we celebrate God's act of redemption, reconciliation, and restoration! For the least, the last, and the lost discover they are the highest, greatest, and find all the gracious act of Jesus Christ who restores us to right relationship with God.

Come join us this Sunday as we throw off the dark, heavy veil of Lent and take up the joyful, effervescent spirit of Easter! For just as we died with him so we rise with him! Just as the final stanza of *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today* reminds us:

“Soar we now where Christ has led,
Alleluia!
“Fol-lowing our ex-alt-ed Head, Alleluia!
“Made like him, like him we rise,
Alleluia!
“Ours the cross, the grave, the skies,
Alleluia!”

Come give thanks and praise!
See you in church for Resurrection Sunday!
~Blessings, Brad

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.



Northeast Disciples Women Ministry Spring Enrichment Conference

Saturday, April 9
9:30-2:30 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 Beaderstadt, Contract Staff Person, Mid-America DWM

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

I want to extend my gratitude to my FCC DOC family for their loving support upon the passing of my mom, Agnes Volmert. Brad's attendance at the wake, and Jimmy's at the funeral mass, as well as the many sympathy cards I received from fellow members, brought comfort to me during this difficult time. My mom was an amazing lady and we will miss her dearly. For nearly two years she fought breast cancer, and did so with a dumbfounding resilience and grace. I take solace in the fact that she accompanied us to many Sunday services over the past number of years, and I know she rests easy having known that my family has found such a wonderful church home.
~Bradley Volmert



News of People & Place

Emmy Croll has moved from assisted living to skilled nursing recently in Texas.

Born! **Beckett Michael Karr** was born to **Lauren and Geoff** on March 21 at 11:30 p.m. All are well and big sister Kennedy is the most excited!

Prayers this week are extended to **Lexy Bell** in the death of her grandmother, Barbara Cady, of Mexico MO; **Freda Martz** who will have aortic heart valve surgery on March 24 in St. Louis – her daughter **Mary Dewey** will accompany her for the surgery and extended hospital stay.

The Congregational Meeting that was held on March 20 approved the slate of officers for the 2016-2017 church year. Elders, deacons, Jr. deacons, administrative board members and officers were elected. Upon the July 1 start of the church year we will publish again the names and offices.

Keep the dates of the annual **Garage Sale** in mind: Set-up and donations accepted on Sunday afternoon April 24. The Sale will be held **April 29-May 1**. The Student Ministry Department holds this event in support of the annual youth and DOC mission trips.

Weekly Offering Report: Mar. 20, 2016

Offerings Received this week \$5,922.50
Offerings Received to Date \$294,543
Offerings Needed to Date \$315,117
Mar. 20 Attendance: 239
(includes early service - 65, visitors - 18)

Happy Birthday!

Mar. 27
Kira Hoenes

Mar. 28
Robert Dewey
Monica Palmer

Mar. 29
Ferd Lightner
Bradley Snyder

Mar. 30
Russell DeVenney
Sarah Storm

Mar. 31
Chad Holliday

Apr. 1
Josh Provenzano

Apr. 2
Elizabeth Restrepo



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



Palms Blessed and Cantata Sung

Palm Sunday was a great day to be a Christian in downtown Columbia. FCC folks palm paraded (see above picture) to 9th and Broadway to join folks from other downtown churches who did the same. A short liturgy of blessing for all the different palms was offered. The day continued to find blessing in the Chancel Choir Cantata “Sanctuary” that was presented as the morning message in both worship services. Under the direction of Adriene Floyd, accompanied by Mary Bancroft and narrated by Monica Palmer the music was most uplifting to the start of the Holy Week observance. Thanks, choir, for your gifts!



Wine to Water - the details

What has become a fun tradition of wine, food, fellowship and fundraising for Week of Compassion water projects will be different this year! WINE to WATER will be a united effort of four Disciples churches in Columbia. See the names above. FCC is taking the lead as we have the Wine to Water experience and know-how. This year the event will be held at Rockbridge CC to accommodate the larger crowd in a great setting. Make plans to attend! Invite a friend now!

All-Church Workday

Our numbers may have been small but a big shout-out of thanks for tireless workers, **Brianna Shepard, Chuck Scott, Dan Gieseke, Mike Randerson, and Fred Mottaz**, as we successfully weeded and spread 3 pickup loads of mulch on our lovely church landscape.

~ Mary Daugherty

FCC leads Easter Worship this Sunday at Lenoir Healthcare Center, 3:30-4:30

Will you join us to assist in spreading the joy of the resurrection news? Singers and communion assistance are always welcomed. Rev. Jimmy Spear will lead the service. The crowd of +/- 30 folks – some of whom are FCC members loves to have guests in the place!

UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

Mar. 27 -- Easter - no mtgs.
 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

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SERVING SCHEDULE Sunday, Mar. 27

Van Driver: TBA

Office Receptionist: Tom Gray

Flower Ministry - Arranged by: Easter Lily Sunday

Delivered by: Jerry and Mary Daugherty

Welcome Station: Jan Davis, Steve Humble

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Tom Hughey, Eli Gaffney, Jan Keithley

Liturgist: Nora Dietzel

Elder: Donna Houston and Mary Daugherty

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

Greeters: Brice Moeller (*N. Door*), Mary Moeller (*S. Door*),

Ed Bright (*Atrium*), Eva Bright (*Portico*)

Banner Bearers: Lena Schaefer, Liam Rose

Candlelighters: Mia Gregory, Izzy Arnett

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Judy and Ron Longaker, Liz Restrepo

Liturgist: Erin Bower

Elders: Nora Dietzel, Fred Mottaz, Pamela Hoepfner

Deacons: The Garton Team *Ushers:* The Rose Team

Greeters: Susan Klockow (*N. Door*), Chuck Scott (*S. Door*),

Ron Longaker (*Atrium*), Judy Longaker (*Portico*)

Banner Bearers: Jack Bower, Delaney Batterson

Candlelighters: Joseph McCormack, Kira Hoenes

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

CHURCH CALENDAR Mar. 27 - Apr. 2



Sun., Mar. 27 Easter Sunday

- Coffee Hour, 9:20-10:20 a.m., Yonker Hall
- Breakfast for Choir (Coffman-Watson, sponsor), 9:30 a.m.
- Lenoir Healthcare Worship, 3:30 p.m.

Mon., Mar. 28

- Mother's Day Out on spring break all week
- Newsletter deadline and church staff meeting, 2:00 p.m.

Tues., Mar. 29

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

Wed., Mar. 30

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

Fri., Apr. 1

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