



# THE VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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## Last Chance to Sign Up This Sunday to Serve 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.

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 at the table in the Narthex Sunday or 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.)

**Sign up** this Sunday in the Narthex. **April 10 is our deadline!**

### Non Labor Assembly Projects Available (refugee packs, food packing, etc.)

## Are you planning to attend Wine to Water? Have you invited a friend?

**This outstanding event will take place in the waterside and dynamic Rockbridge Christian Church. We are glad to be invited to use the space! Childcare is free but RSVP is required to Jimmy Spear. (See inside page 3 for details.)**



## ForColumbia Saturday, April 23 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

### Board Approves Park-to-Parking Lot Contract with County

On Sunday, April 3, FCC's Administrative Board voted unanimously to approve a construction contract with Boone County to convert Village Park, located at 9th & Walnut, to a parking lot. Construction will take place over the summer when Mother's Day Out is not in session. The County will manage the project and front the costs. The church will reimburse the County through the rental agreement for the new parking spaces over a 10 year period; the church has the option of paying down the costs in full or in part at any time without incurring additional fees. Converting the park to a parking lot is an approved Tier One project of the approved Capital Campaign, addressing the need for safety and security on FCC's grounds.

**See Inside:**  
■ **Worship This Sunday**



## Worship: The 3rd Sunday of Easter, April 10

Rev. Stagg returns from vacation to preach on Psalm 30 and Acts 9:1-22; his sermon is entitled "Scale Removal," based on Paul's Damascus Road conversion experience. With Rev. Spear on vacation this Sunday, Hayley Batterson will bring this week's children's message. At the 10:30 Service Cindy Sellers Roach, a representative from Heifer International will bring our Offering Meditation.

### Bit from Brad

This Sunday, April 10, FCC has a unique opportunity to hear from Cindy Sellers Roach, a Community Engagement Manager for Heifer International Headquarters in Little Rock, Arkansas. Cindy will speak at several Columbia churches this Sunday, including First Baptist Church, Missouri United Methodist Church, and Fairview UMC. Additionally she will be the special guest of David Lyle's morning show on KFRU-1400AM on Friday morning, April 8.

Come hear Cindy share how Heifer International, an FCC supported ministry, is making a difference for the poor on behalf of the kingdom of God across the world.

Cindy first joined Heifer International in 1997. Her entire Heifer career has been in a range of education capacities: administration, operations, program marketing, and now, outreach. She is a native Arkansan, but as a former military brat she also lived in Japan, Germany and a handful of other states. She holds a Master of Arts in Political Science from Arkansas State University (ASU), where her primary areas of study were international relations and comparative politics. In addition to Heifer, her professional experience includes teaching political science courses for ASU, the University of Central Arkansas, and the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. She also serves on the Board for Spirit of Vilonia, an ecumenical community group combining the outreach and relief ministries of several local churches. She resides in Vilonia, Arkansas near her family farm; enjoys reading, cooking and music; and is the proud mother of one young man and four adopted dogs.

See you in church this Sunday!

~Blessings, Brad

### Capital Campaign Progress Report



With the Sanctuary roof shingles installed, the capstone sheet-metal work resumes. The workers pictured above are installing sheet-metal covering to the porch area over the east Narthex door.

## News of People & Place

Congratulations to **Bob and Muriel Leach** who celebrate their 61st wedding anniversary on April 8.

**Tom Gray** died Thursday, March 31. Visitation is Thursday, April 7 from 5:00-7:00 in the Sanctuary at FCC and his Memorial Service is Friday, April 8 at 3:00 in FCC's Sanctuary with a reception to follow in Yonker Hall. Prayers of comfort and strength go to Susan Gray and their family in this time of loss.

**Freda Martz** continues recovering at home from her heart surgery.

### Weekly Offering Report:

**April 3, 2016**

Offerings Received this week \$7,571

Offerings Received to Date \$311,790

Offerings Needed to Date \$332,452

**April 3 Attendance:** 164

(includes early service - 45, visitors - 25)

# All-Church Garage Sale

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

## April 29 - May 1

### Sale Times

**Friday 3 - 6 pm**

**Sat. 8 am - 12 pm**

**Sun. 8 am - 1 pm**



### 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.**

### Volunteer Sign Up

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

**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.)

**UPCOMING SCHEDULE:**

Apr. 10 -- Chi-Rho & CYF  
Apr. 17 -- JYF & CYF  
Apr. 24 -- garage sale setup  
Chi-Rho Mission Trip: June 5-7  
CYF Mission Trip: June 26-July 2

**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**

**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 tid-bits 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.

**Save the Date!  
Vacation Bible School  
July 10 - 14**

**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.  
Fee: \$15  
Departing from the Target Parking Lot at 8:00 a.m.  
Returning by 5:00 p.m.

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



**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

**Happy Birthday**



April 10  
Laura Daugherty  
Erich Unterschut

April 15  
Kate Volmert

April 14  
Jimmy Spear

April 16  
Brock Mottaz  
Emily Scott



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## First Christian Church

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### Ministerial Staff:

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### Support Staff:

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

## SERVING SCHEDULE Sunday, Apr. 10

*Van Driver:* Dan Gieseke

*Office Receptionist:* Carol Slusher

*Flower Ministry - Arranged by:* Marion and Sarah Storm

*Delivered by:* Marion and Sarah Storm

*Welcome Station:* Chris Creasy

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

*Worship Assts:* Brice and Mary Moeller, Jerry Daugherty

*Elder:* Jerry Daugherty

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

*Communion Preparation:* Deborah Scott, Holly Wheatley, and Jack Creasy

*Liturgist:* Hayley Batterson

*Elders:* Joyce Stanley, Larry Veatch, Jennifer Alexander

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

*Greeters:* Dan Gieseke (*N. Door*), Holly Gieseke (*S. Door*),

Debbie Taylor (*Atrium*), Larry Veatch (*Portico*)

*Banner Bearers:* Ava Martin, Olivia Johnson

*Candlelighters:* Cullen Snow, Elizabeth Martin

*Children's Worship:* Kim Boger (ldr.); Ruth Ann Martin (hlpr.)

## CHURCH CALENDAR Apr. 10 - 16

### Sun., Apr. 10

- Coffee Hour, 9:20-10:20 a.m., Yonker Hall
- 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., Apr. 11

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

### Tues., Apr. 12

- Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Cabinet Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Morris Parlor

### Wed., Apr. 13

- Ladies' Book Club, 12:00 p.m., Bethany Hall
- 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

### Thur., April 14

- STARS - Rolla's Dinosaur Trip, 8:00 a.m. (departing from Target Parking Lot)
- College Town Hillbillies Jam Session, 6:30 p.m., Yonker Hall

### Sat., April 16

- Wine to Water Event, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Rockbridge Christian Church (301 W. Green Meadows Rd., Columbia)