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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) VISITOR

The Annual Stewardship Campaign 2016-2017: Starts Sunday!

The Junior Youth Fellowship started off our church's season of thinking around the Jesus theme of "Go & Do the Same" with an activity reminding them of the loving God with heart, mind, soul, strength, and neighbor as yourself – the story of the Good Samaritan.

The Annual Stewardship Campaign with the same focus begins this Sunday, April 24. The yearly look at the financial forecast for the next fiscal year, July 2016 - June 2017, centers around the pledges toward ministry and mission of the church by members and friends. These pledges help the church leadership set the annual budget for ministry and mission.

The sermon this Sunday by Rev. Brad Stagg will begin a four week series "Go and Do the Same" encouraging us to look deep into our practice of faith and stewardship.

The chancel choir this Sunday will bring a kickin' anthem "Tabitha Kum" that is right in tune with the day's text. Jessica Humble will bring the first of four invitations to stewardship by the Annual Stewardship Campaign Committee.

This year's emphasis will include stories of people in the *Visitor* over the next few weeks. Keep your eye open for these and more ways the idea of "Go and Do the Same" sneaks into our life together.



All-Church Garage Sale Week

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

Set up April 24 - 29/Sale April 29 - May 1

Volunteers Needed

Sun. April 24 - Table set up & drop off donations:
 12-5 pm
 (Youth will unload cars)
 or any other time we are open
 Mon. - Wed. until 5 pm

Not accepted this year
 Computers/Monitors
 Televisions
 Please donate clean items.



Sale Times

Friday 3 - 6 pm
Sat. 8 am - 12 pm
Sun. 8 am - 1 pm

Volunteer Sign Up

Volunteers Welcome at any of the following times:
Monday 25th - Thurs. 28th:
 Day Workers 8-5 pm
 Evening Workers 6-8 pm
Wednesday 27th Night:
 6 - 10 pm

Sign up in the Narthex this Sunday or see Jimmy Spear

Mission First Update:

There have been a number of Mission Gatherings across the country and ideas are flowing in. Be sure to mark Oct 7th on your calendar for the Mid-America Regional Assembly where there will be a gathering for our area. Though each Mission Gathering will be a little different, generally each one will open with worship followed by small group discussions of three questions. The results of those discussions will be shared with the larger group present. All of the feedback, individual and group, will be added to the data given to the Mission Council in early December for the [Mission Council](#) to use in discerning a shared mission focus for Disciples of Christ.

Get ready for YOUR Mission Gathering

There are a number of ways you can get ready for the Mission Gathering you will be attending this year. The first is prayer - prayer that the Holy Spirit infuse the discussions, prayer that participants come with open hearts, and prayer that God will indeed gift us with the vision we need.

You can also do some studying and thinking about how we show God's love and become a "movement for wholeness." Some of the free resources readily available for download include:

- [Studies](#) (videos and study guides) based on the Disciples of Christ identity statement
- the [Justice Primer](#) (8 pages, includes study guide) and [Devotion to Justice](#) (34 devotions) publications
- [REACH curriculum](#) (three sessions, all resources online) from Global Ministries

The list

If you can't attend the October 7th meeting, there are other opportunities. Check the [Mission Gatherings](#) website for more.

Weekly Offering Report:

April 17, 2016

Offerings Received this week \$5,139

Offerings Received to Date \$325,015

Offerings Needed to Date \$346,262

April 17 Attendance: 226

(includes early service - 29, visitors - 17)

Church in Society

Mark your calendars **Breakfast for Our Brethren** will be returning to FCC in the month of May!!! There are many ways to help out this wonderful cause:

- You can donate food! Sign-up sheets are available in the office with a list of items that will be needed for the current week.
- You can donate your time! Sign-up sheets are also available in the office for volunteering. Some of the regular volunteers will be in Israel, so we need your help!
- You can donate money! If you are not able to shop for food, you can donate to the **Breakfast for Our Brethren** fund to help us buy what is needed.

Please think about how you can serve our church and our community on Saturdays during the month of May!

Also, if you have purchased, or will be purchasing items and would like to be reimbursed there are some funds available. However, there is a change in policy. Please give your receipts, or a list of items and their cost to Colleen Nilges. Colleen has to sign-off on all reimbursements from the Church in Society funds (Breakfast for Our Brethren, Loaves and Fishes, etc.). You will not be able to get reimbursed without Colleen's consent.



Thanks to everyone who helped on April 8 with the reception following the celebration of the full life of Tom Gray: (1) Susan Klockow for arranging for all the bakers and workers, (2) Carol Hughey (and grandson, Justin) for the beautifully decorated tables, (3) Julie Hickey, Anne Campbell, Betty Montgomery, Susan Klockow, Sally Robinson, Colleen Nilges, Pam Hunsaker, Eva Bright, Opal Stites, Donna Houston, Cherry Hinderberger, Genie Rogers, and Sarah Storm for baking cookies, and (4) Betty Montgomery, Sally Robinson, Susan Ramsey, Colleen Nilges, Pam Hunsaker, Deb Batterson, Eva Bright, Opal Stites, Sarah Storm, and Marion Storm for helping with the reception food prep, serving, and/or cleanup.

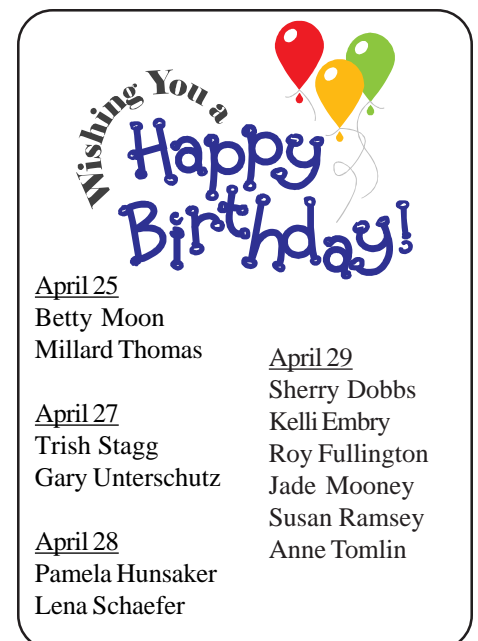
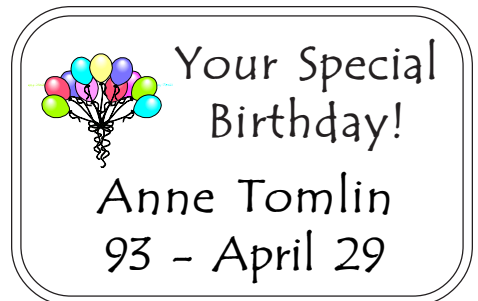
News of People & Place

This week our prayers are focused on the prayer concerns shared by **Holly Gieseke** for her seven year old nephew **Luke** who is dealing with cysts found on the brain, liver, and kidney.

Russ, Linda, and Ashley Chandler are okay following an auto accident while on vacation in the east. Linda and Ashley are home recovering from concussions and whiplash.

Freda Martz is in recuperation at Lenoir Healthcare Center after a fall and two breaks in her foot.

Sharon Winner shares news of her family: grandson Devin Klotz signed to bowl for Lindenwood University-Belleville IL. Sharon's family also celebrated the baptism April 17 of great-grandson Samuel Jacob Hopkins, son of Dan and Kari Salmon Hopkins and grandson of Shane and Jill Winner Salmon.





Wine to Share, Water for All



Wine to Water 2016

“Gathering with church friends over glasses of wine and food to share, offering donations toward Week of Compassion clean water projects around the world.”

First Christian Church invited three other Disciples of Christ churches in Columbia to join efforts in what we have grown to know and love as Wine to Water. Saturday’s event held at Rockbridge Christian Church was a great success as over 150 people gathered to raise funds for the cause of clean water. Over **\$4,300** was raised and will be sent directly to Week of Compassion.

Thanks to all who contributed food. Thanks to the World Outreach Department for sponsoring this event. Thanks to Erin Bower for being the event chairperson. Thanks to Amy LaHue, Dave Nichols, and Jimmy Spear for serving on the event committee. These folks led the way and joined forces with folks from Broadway, Olivet and Rockbridge Christian Churches.



Photos by Stephanie Scott-Huffman, Scott-Huffman Photography

Welcome Newly Baptized!

Welcomed into the waters of Baptism to make their confessions of faith and be immersed these eight young people complete the Baptism and Discipleship Class and have joined the congregation as full members.

Pictured here (l to r) Back row: Brad Stagg, Olivia Johnson, Luke Stagg, Joseph McCormack, Ian Gaffney, Jimmy Spear
Front row: Kameron Freed, Eliana Snyder, Mia Gregory, and Liam Rose.

This group of active 6th graders brings a faith and enthusiasm for life to all they do.

Thank you to class mentors Brad Beary, Chris Creasy, Colleen Nilges for spending the six weeks in preparation with this group for this day.

The newly baptized were given certificates of the day and new ready to use Bibles. In an easy to read translation, engraved, comfortable and attractive – picked differently for each of them – these Bibles will serve them well for the next 20 years.



STARS ...the 55+ Fellowship Group of First Christian Church



(Janelle took the pic)

Perfect spring day, a bus full of adventurers...

Last Thursday the STARS group went in search of the Missouri Dinosaur. At Rolla's Geological Survey headquarters they found the story of the one Dinosaur found in Missouri – small and plant eating – but Missouri's own! Then it seemed like dinosaurs were everywhere especially when traveling south on Hwy 63. Dino the Sinclair dinosaur is prominent along the way. So are historic, beautiful, holy filled Catholic churches. The group toured three impressive places of worship in Freeburg, Vienna, and Westphalia. High arches, stained glass, statues, gold and silver, frescos on the walls were so magnificent. With warm temps, blue sky and good spirit's the group couldn't have asked for a better day.

The day was also Jimmy's birthday, so a birthday break for homemade bundt cake was in store during the morning stop and oh how large the piece of pie was for lunch at Rolla's "Slice of Pie."

Two more trips this season:

May 12, Thursday {Marceline & Disney}

Marceline Missouri and the Walt Disney Home

(rescheduled from last year)

Depart from CHURCH at 8:30 a.m.

Fee: \$20 (includes museum admission fee)

RSVP to office or pew pad "DISNEY"

June 1-2, Wed-Thurs.

{Overnight Trip}

Touring of Ironton Mo. area, the Elephant Rocks and Johnson Shut-

Ins. Good food and staying at the Hotel Fort Davidson.

Wednesday morning departure, home by Thursday 5ish.

Prices will be in next week's Visitor.



The group is pictured here pointing to what someone called out as a cloud dinosaur in the sky!



The STARS are now back home with Marceline and Elephant Rocks in their sights. Will you join them?

UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

Garage Sale Working:
Apr. 24: setup 12-5 pm
Any day after school this week.
Fri 3-6, Sat. 8-12, Sun. 8-1
Sunday clean up

No Youth Groups Meet in May.
Emails share news of special events.

Chi-Rho Mission Trip: June 5-7
Springfield MO
CYF Mission Trip: June 26-July 2
Lexington KY

YOUTH GROUPS

The CYF Season Ender

The CYF had their last "regular" CYF gathering on April 17. A record 16 were present for a night of roasting/ blessing seniors Jack Creasy, Megan Potthast, Tate Gardner, Logan Garton. Drinks for everyone at Sonic on the way to Stephens Lake Park to take in the 80 degree evening made the best game of Ultimate Frisbee a reality. The group gave a round of applause and thanks to Amy Lightner who has been a CYF partner for several years.

Summer Camp Registration

Most of our kids are now signed up, thanks parents! The early bird deadline is past but kids are still welcome to register.

See Jimmy Spear.

Vacation Bible School

July 10 - 14

Sunday - Thursday
Evenings. Dinner included.
Helpers, Leaders, Cooks all needed.
Jessica Humble is back as director!



23 Sign Up ForColumbia

We are excited to send out in service the following people from FCC who accepted the call to participate in ForColumbia on Saturday, April 23. These folks are of all ages and will be working on projects all over the community.

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| Frances Brown | Julia LaHue |
| Jacki Davidson | Donna Kessell |
| Jan Davis | Laura Shirey |
| Nora Dietzel | Coleman Rogers |
| Betty Montgomery | Hunter Rogers |
| Janelle Patterson | Wyatt Rogers |
| Sally Robinson | Hartley Rogers |
| Ella Rogers | Matthew Hoepfner |
| Genie Rogers | Jeff Underwood |
| Lexy Bell | Harlan Hackett |
| Amy LaHue | Jimmy Spear |
| Jonathan LaHue | |

Twiddle Muffs

Anita Houston (daughter-in-law of William and Donna Houston) and her friend Alice Kimble are creating Twiddle Muffs for patients with Alzheimer's and Dementia in Boone and Callaway County. These muffs are an immense comfort to those in the mid-to-late stages of the disease and are a gift to the patient as well as the caretaker. Anita provides the hand knitted and decorated muffs free of charge. The muffs have been distributed to individuals and nursing homes. Currently, over 100 muffs have been donated. With requests from Alzheimer's support groups, a veterans' home and King's Daughters nursing home, there is an immediate demand for 150 more Twiddle Muffs. Anita and Alice anticipate providing 500 muffs this year if resources are available. Yarn (wool, acrylic and novelty), buttons, beads, ribbons, and button-craft thread are needed. Gift cards for local yarn stores and hobby/craft stores would also be helpful. If you are interested in participating in the project as a knitter or crocheter, please contact Anita at 657-1390.

Graduate Recognition

The congregation will recognize graduating high school seniors on **Sunday, May 8 in the 10:30 worship service**. Are there others that will be graduating from places of higher education? If you or an immediate church family member will be graduating, please let Jimmy Spear know via email. Please share student name, school name, degree & future plans. Information on all our graduates will be published in the *Visitor* in mid-May.

Scholarships: The FCC Scholarship committee will soon be making available the application forms for the annual giving of church scholarships. Watch the *Visitor* for announcements.

Brummett-Harrah Mtg.

The next meeting of the Brummett-Harrah Group is April 27th at 2:00 p.m. It will be in the Woodland Cafe at the Lenoir Woods Community Center.

Friday Night Classics

North by Northwest

Friday, May 6
7:00 p.m.
3rd Floor Cinema at FCC

Popcorn provided. Join us and bring a friend. Hosted by Dan & Holly Gieseke.



Drennan CWF Group Salad Luncheon



Tuesday, April 26
12:00 Noon
Morris Parlor

The Visitor

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SERVING SCHEDULE Sunday, Apr. 24

Van Driver: Steve McCormack

Office Receptionist: Gene Taylor

Flower Ministry - Arranged by: Steve & Jessica Humble

Delivered by: Steve & Jessica Humble

Welcome Station: Jan Davis, Steve Humble

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts: Sharon Smith, Steve Smith, Mary Daugherty

Elder: Larry Burnam

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Kurt, Stacia, Max and Wolf Schaefer

Liturgist: Julia Bower

Elders: Mark Mills, Rich Hoepfner, Eric Seaman

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

Greeters: Mary Tompson (*N. Door*), Cliff Tompson (*S. Door*),

Pat Wright (*Atrium*), Sue Wright (*Portico*)

Banner Bearers: Jack Bower, Delaney Batterson

Candlelighters: Joseph McCormack, Mia Gregory

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

CHURCH CALENDAR Apr. 24 - May 1

Sun., Apr. 24 **Stewardship Kick-off Sunday**

- Coffee Hour, 9:20-10:20 a.m., Yonker Hall
- Youth Garage Sale Preparation, 12:00-5:00 p.m., Yonker Hall
- Lenoir Healthcare Worship, 3:30 p.m.
- Bible Study, 4:30-6:00 p.m., Morris Parlor

Mon., Apr. 25

- Newsletter deadline and church staff meeting, 2:00 p.m.
- Youth Garage Sale Preparation, Yonker Hall

Tues., Apr. 26

- Youth Garage Sale Preparation, Yonker Hall
- Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Drennan Group Salad Luncheon, Noon, Morris Parlor
- Evangelism Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Keystone Room

Wed., Apr. 27

- Youth Garage Sale Preparation, Yonker Hall
- Wed. Bible Study, 12:05-12:55 p.m., Morris Parlor
- Brummett-Harrah Group, 2:00 p.m., Woodland Cafe, Lenoir Woods Community Center
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- DOC (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m., Bethany Hall

Thur., April 28

- Youth Garage Sale Preparation, Yonker Hall

Fri., April 29 - Youth Garage Sale, 3:00-6:00 p.m.

Sat., April 30 - Youth Garage Sale, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Sun., May 1 - Youth Garage Sale, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

- Bible Study, 4:30-6:00 p.m., Morris Parlor