



# THE VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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## Stewardship Campaign 2016-2017



## Go and Do the Same, Member Stories: Mary Richardson

A congregant of FCC for 21 years, Mary is 97 years young and still an active volunteer. After relocating in Columbia from California to be closer to her daughter Anne Campbell, she became an active member of FCC. She continues to be a member of CWF group Coffman-Watson. For 18 years she has volunteered in the library and continues to edit-proof the church newsletter every Tuesday.

She states, "It is important to support the church and to pledge a given amount. The church has to budget for the coming year and they cannot do that without our support and a dollar amount. I grew up knowing it is the right thing to do".



Mary encourages all of us to make the commitment to *Go and Do the Same*.

*Member stories provided by the Stewardship Campaign Committee member Gene Taylor.*

## Worship for May 1 The 6th Sunday of Easter

This Sunday we continue to celebrate the ways Jesus calls us to discipleship and stewardship. Rev. Stagg's sermon is entitled "Go and Do the Same: No Distinction" and based on John 13:31-35 and Acts 11:1-18. Together we will hear about Peter's understanding that Jesus' gospel is for all people following his encounter with Roman centurion Cornelius.

The theme of the day is "Share the Gospel" with Stewardship Campaign committee member Jean Hall sharing with us her findings from interviewing church folks on their witness of faith inspired by time at First Christian.

Hymns for the day include the Charles Wesley hymn to the tune HANOVER *You Servants of God*, the moving hymn that touches every theme of the Spirit called *Spirit*, and *We Place upon Youth Table Lord*

The Chancel Choir will bring the anthem "My Lord What a Morning" by Howard Helvey.

## 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**

The Garage Sale fully funds all summer/winter student mission trips. This sale is a serving opportunity for the whole church family and is sponsored by the Student Ministry Department

There are still opportunities to help with the sale. Cashiers, carriers, clothes folders! Help out one or all of the sale days. Thanks!

## Bit from Brad

Many folks commented on my final sermon illustration and its use with this year's annual Stewardship Campaign. For those who missed it or desire a "rerun" I submit this for your consideration:

It's like the story of the park ranger who meets a boy on the trail with a gunny sack full of fish, but no fishing pole or tackle box. The park ranger asks how the boy caught so many fish without any fishing gear. The boy tells the ranger to meet him here the next day and he'd show the ranger. So the next day, the boy and ranger meet, hike through the woods until coming upon a small secluded lake with a canoe. Getting in the boat, they paddle to the middle of the lake. Then the boy reaches into the same gunny sack he had the day before, pulls out a half-stick of dynamite, lights it, and throws into the water. The explosion sends shockwaves through the lake. A few moments later, dead fish start popping up to the surface and boy scoops them out the water, placing them in his sack. The Ranger is aghast; speechless. Finally the words come, "You can't do that! It's against the law; it's bad for the environment, it's dangerous and you're just a boy!" On and on the Ranger ranted; meanwhile the boy reaches into his sack, pulls out a second stick of dynamite, lights it, and handing it towards the Ranger says, "Mister, you gonna talk or you gonna fish?"

God lights a fuse within each of us with the flame of the Holy Spirit; each Christian must decide if they're going to talk or fish. **This week you will receive in the mail an Estimate of Giving Card and Interest and Information Sheet that we ask you to complete and return to the church as soon as possible; both are equally important. Both are your personal invitation asking, "Are you going to sit and talk? Or get up and fish?" Amen.**

See you in church this Sunday!  
Blessings, Brad

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**Church Dine-Out**  
**Friday, May 6, 5:30 p.m.**  
Bob Evans Restaurant  
Everyone Welcome!  
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## Church in Society

Breakfast for Our Brethren starts next week at FCC, and we need your help!!! You can donate food/money, volunteer on Saturday May 7, 14, 21, and 28 to help serve breakfast. Sign-up sheets are available in the office for food donations or volunteering. This is a wonderful service that we provide the people in need around Columbia and we need your help to make it possible!!!

## STARS

...the 55+ Fellowship Group

**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 for the hotel are as follows: 80\$ could be split by two people, or 76\$ for a single.

Nominal gas/touring fee.

Meals on your own.

Mall parking: *It makes parking easier than at church, we often park in the wide open spots of the Columbia Mall – at the north end of the Target lot. Look for the church bus.*

RSVP – STARS can RSVP via the Sunday morning pew pad – using key words given in the bulletin OR call the church office/ stop in and use the "Sign Up" notebook.

### Weekly Offering Report:

**April 24, 2016**

Offerings Received this week \$5100

Offerings Received to Date \$330,264

Offerings Needed to Date \$353,698

## News of People & Place

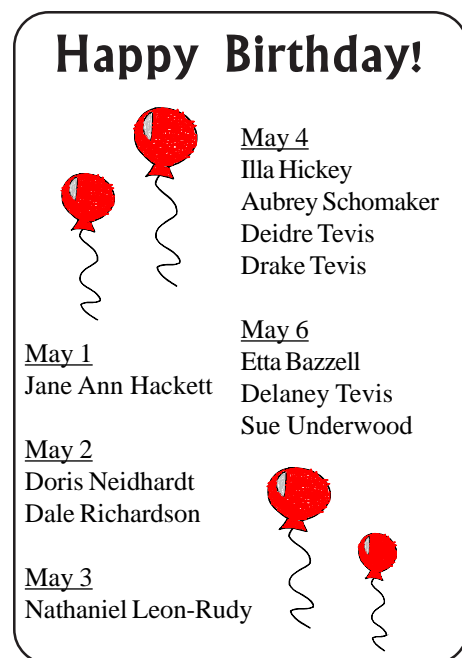
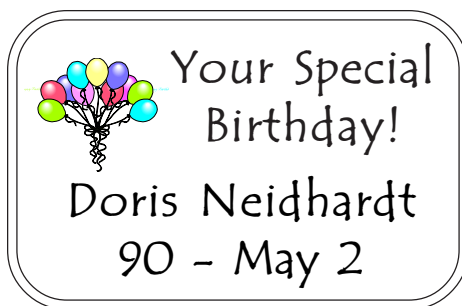
**This week our prayers are mindful of:**

**Freda Martz** continues to be at Lenoir Woods, with a broken foot, but with progress hoping for early release.

At the age of 100, **Dubby Muir** died on Friday, April 23 at a nursing home in Centralia. She had lived there to be close to family. She was a long time member, deacon, 8:30 service person and lived at Lenoir. Services are scheduled for Thursday, April 28 at 1:00 at Lenoir's Eppell Chapel.

**Vicki Johnson** requests prayers for her parents. Her father, Roger Benschoter who having suffered a stroke will be in rehab for some weeks, and her mother Janice who has Alzheimers. Prayers indeed!

**Tommy Tomlin** will have knee replacement surgery Wednesday, April 27.



## UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

Garage Sale Working:  
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

## 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!

## Friday Night Classics

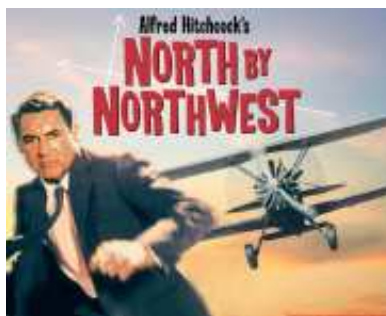
*North by Northwest*

Friday, May 6

7:00 p.m.

3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Cinema at FCC

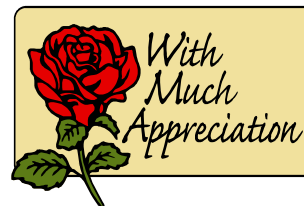
Popcorn provided. Join us and bring a friend. Hosted by Dan & Holly Gieseke.



## Thank You

Many thanks for all the kindness and caring from First Christian Church Clergy, staff, and church members during Tom's illness and passing. Our family so appreciated the calls, visits and beautiful service from Reverend Brad Stagg. The wonderful singing and piano playing by David Gaffney and Jean Hall on the organ was so uplifting. The reception after the funeral service planned by Coffman Watson Circle and friends and coordinated by Sarah Storm gave the family time to be with friends in a warm inviting atmosphere. The cards, letters, food and calls have touched the hearts of our whole family. Just recently Cherry Hinderberger delivered a beautiful bouquet of flowers from the church. Everyone's kindness will never be forgotten.

~Susan Gray and Family



## Update about the Campbell's Program and Safe Kids Columbia

After August 1<sup>st</sup>, Campbell's will only count barcodes that have the **Labels for Education logo** on them. Most of the barcodes already have them, but it will affect a few products, such as V-8 lids. The current labels will still be accepted until May 30. Please bring them to church as soon as possible and they will be delivered to Woodhaven.

**Pull Tab Pandemonium, supporting Ronald McDonald House**, will be held at MU Hearnes Center on Saturday, April 30 from 9am-12:30pm. Tabs should be dropped off between 9:00 and 12:30. Activities include a Bounce House, face painting, games, prizes, lunch, race cars, fire trucks and more.

For more information about this event, call 443-7666 or go to [rmhcmidmo.org](http://rmhcmidmo.org)

## Graduate Recognition; Scholarships INFO NEEDED NOW!

With the congregation set to recognize graduating high school seniors on Sunday, May 8 in the 10:30 worship service, the church office is still in need of information.

All high school grads need to email Jimmy Spear confirmation of attendance on May 8 and future plans.

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 a mid-May issue of the *Visitor*.

**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.

Thank you to the church for the flowers and to Cherry for delivering them. It was a very nice surprise. Ashley (our oldest daughter) and I are recovering well. We appreciate all the prayers and well wishes. The flowers are very lovely and brightened our day. Thank you again.

~Linda Chandler

Thank you to our church family for the beautiful flowers and to Steve and Jessica Humble for delivering them! They are beautiful. Tommy goes into the hospital this Wednesday for a knee replacement and Anne's 93 birthday is Friday, so the flowers are doing double duty. The flowers are very much appreciated and we had a great visit. Thank you again.

~Anne and Tommy Tomlin

The wedding was a great success due to you all helping and allowing us to have our ceremony in your beautiful church. The loving Spirit that flowed from within was inspirational!

~Blessings, The Crist Family

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## Return Service Requested

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

## SERVING SCHEDULE Sunday, May 1

*Van Driver:* Don Mosby  
*Office Receptionist:* Carole Randerson  
*Flower Ministry - Arranged by:* Frances Brown  
*Delivered by:* Frances Brown  
*Welcome Station:* Tommy Tomlin, Trish Stagg

### Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

*Worship Assts:* TBA  
*Elder:* Carol Hughey

### Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

*Communion Preparation:* Bill and Sonya Carney, Cole Galbraith  
*Liturgist:* Harlan Hackett  
*Elders:* Eric Arnett, Pat Rybolt, Deb Batterson  
*Deacons:* The Garton Team *Ushers:* The Mountjoy Team  
*Greeters:* Diana Provenzano (*N. Door*), Betty Moon (*S. Door*),  
Ann Rogers (*Atrium*), Sally Robinson (*Portico*)  
*Banner Bearers:* Kira Hoenes, Ella Rogers  
*Candlelighters:* Kameron Freed, Liam Rose  
*Children's Worship:* Julie Nichols (*ldr.*); TBA (*hlpr.*)

## CHURCH CALENDAR May 1-7

### Sun., May 1

- All-Church Garage Sale, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Yonker Hall
- Coffee Hour, 9:20-10:20 a.m., Yonker Hall
- Bible Study, 4:30-6:00 p.m., Morris Parlor

### Mon., May 2

- Newsletter deadline and church staff meeting, 2:00 p.m.
- Drennan Singers Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary

### Tues., May 3

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

### Wed., May 4

- Wed. Bible Study, 12:05-12:55 p.m., Morris Parlor
- World Outreach Mt., 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., May 6

- Church Dine-Out, 5:30 p.m., Bob Evans Restaurant  
Everyone Welcome!
- Friday Night Classic Movie, 7:00 p.m., 3rd Floor Cinema