



THE VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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Pentecost Sunday, May 15

Wear Red this Sunday for Pentecost! Commitment Sunday for our annual Stewardship Campaign was carefully planned to coincide with Pentecost Sunday, the birthday of the Church when the Holy Spirit descended upon the believers of Jesus on that glorious day. To celebrate, we wear red, the traditional color symbolizing the Pentecostal tongues of fire.

The Stewardship Campaign Committee asks us to bring our Estimate of Giving cards and Interest and Information Sheets as we commit ourselves to the mission of Jesus Christ and the church. This Sunday, Rev. Stagg preaches on the parable of the Good Samaritan, Luke 10:25-37 in his sermon "Go and Do the Same!"

Hymns for the day include the great Pentecost hymn *Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow*. The Chancel Choir will share the hymn *Healer of Our Ev'ry Ill* at the time of communion.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

59 Pledges have been made!
Bring yours Sunday!
44 Families have turned in their Interest & Information Surveys
Bring yours Sunday!



**Stewardship Campaign
2016-2017**



**The Special Pentecost Offering for
New Church Starts to be collected on May 22**

Go and Do the Same, Member Stories:

Peggy Veatch and Mary Daugherty

They are both known for the extensive and beautiful yards, flowers, plantings at their respective homes. They share a common

love for growing things. They are both active in the life of FCC.



Peggy Veatch and Mary Daugherty have in the last couple years taken on the church yard and it is be-

coming beautiful. There were no flowers and mostly brown mulch surrounding the church until this duo took on the task of bringing their gifts to the betterment of their church home. Peggy and Mary have worked hard to bring perennial plants to life on the grounds of the church. Daffodils, tulips, iris, peonies, and hostas, have kept the flower beds with an ongoing color, smell, and beauty for all the months of spring. The area north of Bethany Hall is now becoming a flower garden.



Here it is: Peggy and Mary do this at home. They are good at it. So, they worked together to bring their expertise and passion along with seeds and starts to share with their church home. This is a stewardship story. Taking one's passion and sharing it for the good of many in relation to the ministry and mission of First Christian Church. Thanks, Peggy and Mary!

Bit from Brad

Because our annual stewardship campaign holds Commitment Sunday on Pentecost Sunday this year, the annual Pentecost Offering for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will be collected the Sunday following Pentecost on May 22. By separating the two, sufficient time and attention can be given to each ministry respectively.

I do hope you will join Trish and me in submitting your Estimate of Giving card this coming Sunday. The sooner the church knows how much it can anticipate receiving, the sooner the annual budget can be compiled and the various departments know how much they can anticipate for their many ministries. That's why we're submitting ours this Sunday! We know the church counts on all of us to inform the Stewardship & Finance Department the total anticipated revenue as soon as possible.

That's why we give on this date. But why give at all? One could say it's our duty as Christians and that's true. One could say because the Bible says so and that's true too. But mostly, we give to the mission of Jesus Christ because we are so grateful for how God has blessed our lives... 24 years of marriage, 3 children, and now 1 dog; a warm home, good schools, and wonderful town in which to live; a free nation, representative government and national security; a church home with good, loving, trusting, mission-minded people; a congregation committed to supporting the least, the last, and the lost; a sanctuary for disciples desiring to "Know God and follow Jesus Christ"; a people responding to the capitals at 123% above their usual operating giving!!! These are things for which Trish and I want to express to God our gratitude. But above all, we want God to know how grateful we are for his sacrifice of his only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Just as God did not withhold the depth of his love for us, so too do we not want to withhold the depth of our love to God. We give to say, "Thank you God!" Join us in saying, "Thank you God" this Sunday!

See you in church this Sunday!

~Blessings, Brad



Thanks to the generous support of First Christian Church members, the Twiddle Muff project for Alzheimer's and Dementia patients was recently able to complete and deliver over 80 muffins to local nursing homes, hospitals, assisted living facilities and support groups.

Feedback from family and caregivers has been overwhelmingly positive. Many have commented on how the muffins have calmed patients and provided the caregivers with a bit of respite. One patient wears her muffin as a hat. The caregiver said, "We don't care. She loves it and her spirit and attitude is much improved."

Although commercially produced muffins can cost up to \$200 each, it is our goal to continue to provide Twiddle Muffins free of charge to anyone who needs a muffin. Requests arrive almost daily from all over central Missouri including Moberly, Mexico and Jefferson City.

Thanks to these donated supplies, we've been able to make someone's day just a little better. Your donations and enthusiasm for the Twiddle Muff project have ensured that we will be able to provide muffins for several hundred more mid-Missourians this year. We are deeply grateful for your assistance in making this project successful.

~Anita Murphy Houston and Alice Kimble

Thank you to everyone that helped with Peyton White's reception. When I needed desserts the call was heard and delicious desserts appeared. I could not have done it without Brenda, Carol, Rachel, Kim, Donna, Lisa, Jerry, Janet, Jessica, Opal, Cherry, Laura, Holly, Susan G., Amy, Eva, and Susan M. Thank you Carol, Brenda, Opal, Jean and Barb for helping set up and host the reception. The White family was very appreciative of everything. Thank you again for the help and support from my Church Family!

~Janelle Patterson

Weekly Offering Report

May 8, 2016

Offerings Received this week \$10,108
Offerings Received to Date \$348,336
Offerings Needed to Date \$368,255

Attendance Report

May 8, 2016: 237

(includes early service - 55, visitors - 26)

News of People & Place

Prayers this week extended to:

Tommy Tomlin who was to go home on Tuesday from Boone Hospital after a week-end stay in continued recuperation.

Diana Provenzano is recuperating this week from a Tuesday surgery.



Thank you for the love and generosity shown to our family. We appreciate everyone who assisted with the service, baked cookies, served at the reception, sent cards and attended Peyton's service. God has ministered to us through your many kindnesses.

~Bryant, Susan and Erik White

Hospice Volunteering

Boone Hospital Home Care & Hospice is currently looking for a few caring, compassionate individuals to serve in the capacity of volunteers to visit with some of our hospice patients and work as a vital part of their team. Thorough training is provided. If interested, please contact Chaplain Ken Greimann (Ken.Greimann@bjc.org or phone 573-815-5272).



May 15

Vaughan Dietzel

May 18

Jean Hall

May 16

Richard Barnard

May 19

Jacob Alexander

May 17

Pat Fagan

Cindy Rufflo

May 21

Jim Estes

Amy Lightner

Billie Silvey

Andrew Stormer



Graduating May 2016

Jacy Alexander, Hickman High School, to Missouri State University, Springfield, MO, for chemical engineering. She is the daughter of Jeff and Jennifer Alexander.

Ryan Boger, Battle High School, to Maryville University, St. Louis, MO, for actuarial science. Ryan is the son of Buddy and Kim Boger.

Jack Creasy, Hickman High School, to Missouri State University, Springfield, MO for graphic design. Jack is the son of Jay and Chris Creasy.

Tate Gardner, Hickman High School, to Belmont University, Nashville, TN for audio engineering. Tate is the son of Amy Wittman and Brent Gardner.

Logan Garton, Hickman High School, to University of Missouri, Columbia, MO, for civil engineering. Logan is the son of Bryan and Debbie Garton.

Matthew Hoepfner, Rock Bridge High School, to Missouri S & T (Science and Technology), Rolla, MO for mechanical and computer engineering. Matthew is the son of Rich and Pamela Hoepfner.

Devin Klotz, Battle High School, to Lindenwood University – Belleville, Belleville, IL, for accounting. Devin is the son of Daryl & Lynn Winner Klotz

Megan Potthast, Rock Bridge High School, to Missouri S & T (Science and Technology), Rolla, MO for mechanical engineering. Megan is the daughter of David & Debbie Potthast.

Gavin Rose, Douglass High School, (a year early), to MACC, then watchmaking school for horology: the study of watches. Gavin is the son of Thomas and Cindy Rose.

College/University

Ashley Chandler, Columbia College with a Bachelor of Science in Biology
Ruth Ann Obrecht, Assoc. in Nursing, Columbia College – Registered nurse, Univ. Hosp.



YOUTH GROUPS

UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

No Youth Groups Meet in May.
Chi-Rho Mission Trip: June 5-7
Springfield MO
CYF Mission Trip: June 26-July 2
Lexington KY

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

“Surf Shack”

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

STARS

...the 55+ Fellowship Group

June 1-2, Wed-Thurs.

{2 Day 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.

We need to get an idea of how many plan to attend by May 15. Hotel reservations need to be made.

STARS Planning Meeting, May 26

A planning meeting for additional gatherings will be May 26 at Columbia Sr. Center for lunch at 11:30. Please sign up in the church office or contact Carol Slusher 825-1141.



Capital Campaign Progress Report



The sheet metal flashing covering the capstones on the south side of the sanctuary is nearly completed and now work over the porch on the eastside of the sanctuary has begun. In the picture on the left: the under-flashing is mounted over the porch and along the south-east sanctuary corner. Sheet metal flashing continues, weather permitting. We await confirmation on the sanctuary shingle installation; from all signs on the ground, it looks as though all shingles are installed!

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

SERVING SCHEDULE Sunday, May 15

Van Driver: Carol Slusher
Office Receptionist: Betty Moon
Flower Ministry - Arranged by: Cindy Smith
Delivered by: Cindy and Doug Smith
Welcome Station: Pat Rybolt and Jeff Underwood

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts: Tom and Carol Hughey
Elder: Donna Houston

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Cindy, Lexie and Zach Ruffalo
Liturgist: Mary Jane Anderson
Elders: Sharon Winner, David Read and Harlan Hackett
Deacons: The Rogers Team *Ushers:* The Rose Team
Greeters: Bill Carney (*N. Door*), Sonya Carney (*S. Door*),
Steve Humble (*Atrium*), Jessica Humble (*Portico*)
Banner Bearers: Cullen Snow, Elizabeth Martin
Candlelighters: Carleigh Snow, Chase Hofmann
Children's Worship: Kim Boger (ldr.); Cindy Rose (hlpr.)

CHURCH CALENDAR May 15-21

Sun., May 15 **Stewardship Commitment Sunday**

- Holy Land Trip continues this week
- Coffee Hour, 9:20-10:20 a.m., Yonker Hall
- Bible Study, 4:30-6:00 p.m., Morris Parlor

Mon., May 16

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

Tues., May 17

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

Wed., May 18

- Shawl Ministry, 9:30 a.m., Millie Bolman's home
- Wed. Bible Study, 12:05-12:55 p.m., Bethany Hall
- 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., Keystone Room

Sat., May 21

- Breakfast for Brethren, 8:00 a.m., Yonker Fellowship Hall