



Travel Group to Holy Land

Pictured here are the church folks and some from Westminster College that were part of the group traveling to the Holy Land.



Well, since we didn't get an actual picture outside by something cool....here we are in front of a picture of something cool.

~Jimmy Spear

Worship May 22 1st Sunday after Pentecost

Come listen to the beautiful, melodious tones of the Drennan Singers as they offer the gift of voice at both services this Sunday! They're always delightful! Rev. Stagg's sermon, "Wisdom" is based on John 16:12-15 and Proverbs 8:1-4, 23-31. Hayley Batterson once again delivers the Children's Moment while Rev. Spear is in the Holy Land.

Join us to sing these great hymns: *Creator God, Creating Still*; *O Holy Spirit, Root of Love*; *Break Thou the Bread of Life* and *Weave*.

This hymn was sung in worship after Stewardship Commitment.

Accept, O God, the Gifts We Bring

Accept, O God, the gifts we bring of spirit and of clay, transform them into blessings on those we serve today. Rekindle deep within us all a passion to fulfill the ministry disciples have, empower'd to do your will.

Words: Mary Anne Parrott, 1982
 Music: Gesangbuch der H.W. k.
 Hofkapelle, 1784
 ELLACOMBE
 CMD



Go and Do the Same, Member Stories: Gene Taylor

Gene Morgenthaler Taylor, a "very young" woman, joined the church in 1959. Her aunt, Clara McBride, and her Mountjoy cousins were members of the church. She has always been thankful that when her family joined as transfers from the Episcopal Church in Warrensburg, MO, the church community embraced and welcomed them. The Youth Group, then and now, was active and fun.

Gene volunteers as an office helper for data entry and as a collection counter once a month, and will be transitioning to the new collection counting team. She will also be helping with receptions and the Holiday Bazaar.

Gene gives because it makes her feel more complete as a Christian to support the church she loves. As we all consider giving, she asks that we please think about the future of our congregation, the help and support we offer to the people in our community, and our big, old, beautiful church, which will always need our care.

Bit from Brad

While we have many goals for next year's budget, let me share two goals from Sunday's sermon. Many folks shared their appreciation for this information. Listening to their reflections motivated me to share those thoughts with the larger congregation. Here are two Goals for the 2016-17 Budget:

First, a 1% increase for the Church in Society budget: currently, FCC gives a total of 6% of offerings and rental income to benevolent agencies beyond FCC. World Outreach receives 4% and Church in Society receives 2%; these departments act as our agents distributing funds to various agencies. Our special offerings are over-and-above this percentage. It is my goal for FCC to eventually reach a tithe, 10%, 5% to each department. Unfortunately our financial system cannot absorb that in one fell swoop without significantly unbalancing the rest of the ministries. However, we've discovered a great deal of ministries occur "off budget," supporting for Breakfast for the Brethren, Room at the Inn, The Wardrobe, just to name a few. We believe it's time the overall budget takes into account these hidden expenses; that we as a congregation support them rather than a few members out of their own pockets doing it on behalf of FCC. If we raise Church in Society by 1% we can meet those hidden expense, giving full support to those agencies. Each of those agencies provides very real mercy, compassion, and love to the least, last, and lost of Columbia.

Second, just as humans have physical needs so too do they have spiritual needs, the greatest being to know Jesus Christ. The department/team with the mission to share the gospel is our revamped Evangelism Team under Pat Rybolt's enthusiastic leadership. For the current year, their budget was woefully inadequate, \$200. This year Evangelism requests a \$5,000 increase for various materials, curriculum, software access, and other resources. They require these resources to face the daunting challenge of sharing the gospel of Jesus in a city which, according to the 2010 census, 60.1% checked "None" when declaring a religious identity. How merciful is it to withhold the gospel of Jesus? This year, let's be like the Good Samaritan offering mercy, compassion, and love to all whom we encounter, just as Jesus did. Amen.

See you in church this Sunday!

~Blessings, Brad

Graduating Seniors

Samantha Fullington graduated from the University of Missouri with a degree in Special Education. She will be attending MU grad school. Her brother, **Quinn Fullington** is also graduating from Rock Bridge High School.

** We would be happy to acknowledge any others. Just let us know.*

STARS

...the 55+ Fellowship Group

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 for this in the church office or contact Carol Slusher 825-1141.

Kitchen Repairs

Have you noticed some activity in the kitchen in the past week? The commercial garbage disposal went out. Three companies bid the project; Specialized Mechanical was awarded the contract; installation hopefully occurs this week.

Happy Birthday!



May 22
Linda Hamilton

May 25
Evan Holliday
Vicki Johnson

May 26
Mary Banken
Genny Brown

May 27
Bud Batterson

May 28
Isabella Arnett
Peggy Veatch

News of People & Place

Tommy Tomlin is home recovering from his hospital stay.

Diana Provenzano is home recovering from her surgery.

Don Mosby is home recovering from his heart stint replacement procedure.

Listen In...

Radio Spots M-W-F

KFRU-1400 AM @ 6:55 am
KBXR-102.3 FM @ 7:20 am

On May 22, and several other weekends in the summer a host for Sunday morning coffee hour is needed to make coffee. Look for a sign up in Narthex or call office or Lisa Snyder.



COFFEE
HOUR

Sundays
9:20-10:20 am
& after Worship
in Yonker Hall



Newsletter Summer Schedule

The summer schedule for the newsletter begins in June. It will be mailed every other week during the months of June, July and August. The weekly schedule will resume after Labor Day.

Look for the *Visitor* the weeks of:

June 13	July 11	Aug. 8
June 27	July 25	Aug. 22

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

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

“Surf Shack”

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

**Drennan Singers Rehearse for Performance
This Sunday...Both Services!!!**



Visitor Table Summer Experiment

This summer the Evangelism Team will experiment with different tables and locations in the narthex (where folks gather at the back of the sanctuary.) Hoping to find an optimal location for our Visitors’ Table, the Cabinet approved the Evangelism Team’s request to experiment with different locations so visitors new to FCC might easily find info about our church and at the same time keep things running smoothly in the back. Feel free to pass along your feedback to the Evangelism Team; they have a mailbox in the church office ready to receive your comments.

Sunday Bible Study Summer Hiatus

Due to summer schedules for the members of the Sunday Bible Study, the group elected to break for the rest of the summer. They resume classes the Sunday following Labor Day weekend, Sept. 11.

Capital Campaign Progress Report

Sanctuary Roof: All shingles are installed. The contractor made significant progress last week on the capstone flashing. Be sure to look at the sanctuary eastside; it’s looks very nice! Progress continues weather permitting.

Parking Lot: Boone County has awarded the bid. Now we wait for the County to set the date for the Pre-construction meeting.

Masonry Restoration & Waterproofing: Plans were not completed in the expected timeframe, but will be in the hands of bidders by May 16.



Friends and Family Day at Fifth Street CC

Fifth Street Christian Church invites you to their Friends and Family Day celebration on May 22, 11:00 and 3:00. The theme is “FILL this house!” Senior Pastor, Rev. Marcus Reynolds will bring the message at 11:00. The speaker at 3:00 is Rev. Erin Reynolds, First lady and Co-Pastor of Fifth Street CC. RSVP to nhisglore@yahoo.com or 573-529-4830.

Attendance Report for May 15, 2016
171
(includes early service - 47, visitors - 11)

The Visitor

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SERVING SCHEDULE Sunday, May 22

Van Driver: Dan Gieseke
Office Receptionist: Valerie Freed
Flower Ministry - Arranged by: Joyce Stanley
Delivered by: Perry and Helen Stemmons
Welcome Station: Jan Davis and Steve Humble

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts: Jerry and Mary Daugherty
Elder: Tommy Gay Evans

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Marion and Sarah Storm, Jadie Arnett
Liturgist: Angela Nance
Elders: Jennifer Alexander, Deb Batterson, Don Mosby
Deacons: The Hunsaker Team *Ushers:* The Scott Team
Greeters: Gerald Ramsey (*N. Door*), Susan Ramsey (*S. Door*),
Eric Arnett (*Atrium*), Tammy Arnett (*Portico*)
Banner Bearers: Kate Volmert, Lena Schaefer
Candlelighters: Jack Bower, Delaney Batterson
Children's Worship: Holly Gieseke (ldr.); TBA (hlpr.)

CHURCH CALENDAR May 22-28

Sun., May 22

- Drennan Singers (both services)
- Coffee Hour, 9:20-10:20 a.m., Yonker Hall
- No Sunday Bible Study until after Labor Day

Mon., May 23

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

Tues., May 24

- Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Drennan Group Lunch, 11:30 a.m., Columbia Senior Center

Wed., May 25

- Brummett-Harrah Group, 11:30 a.m., Opal Stites' home
- Wed. Bible Study, 12:05-12:55 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Thr., May 26

- STARS Planning Mtg., 11:30 a.m., Columbia Sr. Center
- College Town Hillbillies Jam Session, 6:30 p.m., Bethany

Fri., May 27

- Mother's Day Out last day this session

Sat., May 28

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