



# THE VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
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## Worship May 29 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

As the Spirit continues to move among the disciples at FCC, this Sunday will welcome texts from Psalm 96 and Luke 7:1-10 with Rev. Stagg's sermon entitled "Authority," to focus on a centurion's faith in Jesus' authority to heal his servant. Also, we remember and honor those who served and currently serve our nation's armed forces this Memorial Day weekend. Rev. Spear returns to worship following his journey to the Holy Land.

Hymns: *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*; *O Christ, the Healer*; and *Amazing Grace*.

## May 29th

### Sunday School Last day (adult & youth)

Summer break: June-Aug

It has been a great season for children, youth, and adults learning and sharing the faith story on Sunday mornings. This Sunday the "school year ends" for Sunday School. We will be back in September!

## Will you Daytime Help with Church Camp?

This summer our Church Camps are in many locations throughout the area. Two camps are in June and just 8 miles from Columbia. *Camp Hickory Hills*, north of Columbia off Route E, is proving to be a perfect location for us to rent for Junior Camp and Chi-Rho Camp. FCC has kids and counselors at both camps and Jimmy Spear directs Chi-Rho. Both camps are in need of volunteers to help around the edges. (Sleep at home, come to help during the day.) Here are some dates and examples:

**Junior Camp: June 14-18**

**Chi-Rho Camp: June 20-25**

Kitchen Helper: breakfast 7-9 a.m./lunch 11 a.m.-1 p.m./dinner 4:00-6:30 p.m.

Craft Helper: mornings 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Other odd jobs, be around to assist, refill water jugs, prep campfires, snack, cleaning, deal with trash: mornings, afternoons, evenings.

*Help as you are able—everyday? A couple days? Mornings? Afternoons?*

Talk to Jimmy Spear to get more information and to volunteer.

## Park-to-Parking Lot

More construction coming to First Christian Church! Boone County announced to FCC last week that the contractor awarded the bid to convert the park at 9<sup>th</sup> & Walnut to a parking lot is slated to begin on Tuesday, May 31, the day after Memorial Day. The contract allows two months to complete the project. During the construction, the contractor will use all or part of the parking lot immediately west of the Education Building to store materials, equipment, and machinery. The contractors will properly mark which area/spaces to avoid. During these 2 months, please prepare to park in spots other than those west of the Education Building. Also, please be prepared not to access the Kitchen Door entrance for entering or exiting the building. Plan to enter or depart using one of the other entrances. Once the construction is completed FCC will have a much safer, more secure property and 14-16 new spots available for Sundays, weekends, and evenings! These new parking spaces are an added blessing, given how many downtown churches have less and less parking accessibility/availability with all the recent student apartment developments. Watch for pictures in the coming weeks as work begins!

## "Go and Do the Same" Stewardship Campaign Update

With the first phase of the Stewardship Campaign completed, FCC received 108 Estimate of Giving Cards totaling \$333,738. The second phase now consists of reaching out to individuals and families who committed last year but from whom we have not yet heard. Usually at this phase, we received 50-60% of the previous year's donors. This year we have heard from 82% of last year's 133 total donors who committed \$364,872. That means this year-to-date 82% of folks have committed 91% of last year's funds to date. While still \$31,134 short of last year's total with 18% yet to respond, this is still a historically high response at this phase of the Stewardship Campaign. A promising sign, especially in light of the Capital Campaign response! For those who have not yet responded, please consider turning in your Estimate of Giving Card; it's not too late for each of us to "Go and Do the Same!"



## Bit from Brad

To the 108 individuals, couples, and families who submitted Estimate of Giving Cards for our annual Stewardship Campaign, I want to say, "Thank you," by offering my deepest, sincerest most heartfelt gratitude! Words do not express the depth of my gratitude, but the conviction of my thanks will not stop my attempt.

For me an Estimate of Giving card isn't just a number; it's a shared commitment to Christ. Maybe for some organizations a pledge card is just a temporary pledge. But saying a church Estimate of Giving card is just any old pledge card is like saying a wedding band is just any old ring. A wedding band symbolizes much more than the latest fashionable jewelry; a wedding band symbolizes God's endless love for the each person; it symbolizes our eternal promise to do and be our best before God and this other person; and it symbolizes our loyalty to the other.

For me, an Estimate of Giving card is a pledge, a promise that together we commit ourselves to shared ministry for Jesus Christ in this time and place. It symbolizes our loyalty to one another and Christ; it symbolizes our desire to participate in the service of love, mercy, compassion, justice, and faith as a community of Christ. It symbolizes our partnership for the gospel of Jesus.

That is a holy, sacred bond, generating feelings of goodwill, love, and unity in shared purpose, eliciting deep, abiding gratitude from the core of my being. And so I say, thank you!

Given that so many of you join in shared ministry and support our Capital Campaign additionally, only increases my gratitude. Indeed it feels as though, "we are in this together!" I look forward with hope and confidence as together we enhance and broaden the ministry of FCC. Increasing our generosity through Church in Society and broadening our "footprint" through a better funded and resourced Evangelism Team will make us a stronger congregation.

To those of you have responded, I say, "Thank you, thank you, thank you!" And, to those who have yet to respond, I say, "It's not too late! You can still join our collective ministry partnership! There is much to be done; your support makes a difference! Please, prayerfully consider joining us our ministry endeavors this year." Thanks! See you in church this Sunday!

~Blessings, Brad



Thanks so much to Brad for coming to the hospital when I was there getting my new stent. Also, thanks to Perry and Helen Stemmons for bringing the beautiful flowers from Sunday's service. Thanks, also, for the cards, phone calls and well wishes. We are blessed at FCC with wonderful people.

~Don Mosby

Dear Mrs. Mallett and Shawl Ministry, Thank you for the beautiful shawl. I appreciate the time and love that was put into my shawl and all the other shawls as well. Your work means a lot to me and all of the other graduates and people who have received them. Thank you so much.

~Matthew Hoepfner

## News of People & Place

The 12 Disciples-Holy Land Pilgrims are home, safe and sound from an 11 day spiritual pilgrimage to Israel. A great trip was had by all. Travel delays and too much time at LaGuardia Airport couldn't hold them back! They will be putting pictures and stories together for a future *Visitor* and a summer program. Right now they are still jet-lagged. So forgive Fred and Jimmy in the office if they don't understand what time of day it is...

Prayers are gathered for our friend **Park Baker** who after suffering a stroke and following hospital stay is now in recuperation at Lenior Healthcare Center's Reach unit. Cards are most welcome.

## CAN YOU HELP?! (Berries for Pies)

Do you have gooseberries or know of anyone who has gooseberries who would let me pick them for our Election Day Luncheon pies? The gooseberry bushes where Eva and I picked previously are not producing much this year. We hope we don't have to disappoint our customers who look forward to gooseberry pie! If you know where we can pick some, please let me know. Thank you and God bless!

~Brenda Mosby

### Weekly Offering Report May 15, 2016

Offerings Received this week \$7,814  
Offerings Received to Date \$356,150  
Offerings Needed to Date \$376,474

### Weekly Offering Report May 22, 2016

Offerings Received this week \$5,309  
Offerings Received to Date \$361,459  
Offerings Needed to Date \$382,637

### Attendance Report May 22, 2016: 173

(includes early service - 52, visitors - 8)

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



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



May 29

Mary Dewey  
Abigail Reardon

June 2

Paul Seigel

June 3

May 30

Kameron Freed  
Amanda Holman

Michael Provenzano

Kyle Sheppard  
Alan Street

May 31

Tim McCarty

June 4

Ron Hall, Jr.



## Vacation Bible School July 10 - 14 "Surf Shack"

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

Register Children Now!  
Online at:  
[2016.cokesburyvbs.com/FCCColumbia](http://2016.cokesburyvbs.com/FCCColumbia)

## Graduating Seniors

**Mary Jane Allison Rogers**, daughter of John Rogers and granddaughter of Genie Rogers graduated Magna Cum Laude from the University of Missouri School of Journalism in Strategic Communications. She graduated with Honors in the Honors College. She will be attending the University Journalism School in the fall for a Masters Degree in Strategic Communications.

**James Mark Whittler Rogers**, son of John Rogers and grandson of Genie Rogers, graduated from Horton Watkins High School in Ladue, MO playing Varsity basketball throughout high school. He was the top scorer for Ladue this past year and named to the third team for Greater St. Louis. He will be attending Truman State University in the fall on an academic basketball scholarship.

*\*The church office and Visitor editors only are able to share information if it is given - most helpful in writing. We will be happy to acknowledge any others. Just let us know.*

## Capital Campaign Progress Report

**Sanctuary Roof:** All shingles are installed. Capstone flashing continues; only the porches covering the Bell Tower entrance and East Door entrance remain unfinished. Progress continues as weather permits.

**Parking Lot:** Boone County notified us last week that work on the parking lot begins Tuesday, May 31. See front page article for more info.

**Masonry Restoration & Waterproofing:** Engineers held a pre-bid meeting with potential contractors on Mon., May 23.

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• **Church Dine-Out** •  
• **Friday, June 3, 5:30 p.m.** •  
• **Bob Evans Restaurant** •  
• **Everyone Welcome!** •  
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## Created in God's Image:

## Racism, Faith and Justice

July 9, 2016



Offered by the Pro-Reconciliation/Anti-Racism  
Team of Mid-America



**Columbia College, Dulany Hall  
1001 Rogers St. Columbia, MO 65201**

## More Information about: Created in God's Image Event

This workshop is an outreach of the Reconciliation Ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). As one of its top four priorities, Pro-Reconciliation/Anti-Racism (PRAR) is intimately tied to the church's mission to be a church that demonstrates true community, deep Christian spirituality and a passion for justice. This initiative seeks to nurture the wholeness of the church through educating and engaging congregational leaders to dismantle systemic racism and other oppressive structures.

Who should attend? Clergy, youth and children's ministry staff/volunteers, young adults, church boards, elders, deacons and pastoral search committees. Continuing Education Units are available for clergy. Check box on registration form below or online for CEU.

**Sponsors:** PRAR Team of the Christian Church of Mid-America and Mid-America Center for Ministry.

### Attendees will learn to:

- Name and understand key terms/concepts related to racism
- Describe contemporary and historic examples of institutional racism, white privilege, civil and human rights in the U.S.
- Articulate a biblical foundation for justice ministry
- Engage in informed dialogue about current issues of racism and reconciliation in the U.S. and in local communities
- Develop personal and community-based "Next Steps" to address systemic racism in participants' own communities.

**Schedule:** The workshop begins at 9:00 a.m. (check-in from 8:00 a.m.) and concludes at 4:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$40, includes lunch & materials

**Registration Due:** Friday, June 24, 2016



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## SERVING SCHEDULE Sunday, May 29

*Van Driver:* Eric Seaman

*Office Receptionist:* TBA

*Flower Ministry - Arranged by:* TBA

*Delivered by:* TBA

*Welcome Station:* Jennifer Alexander and Jan Davis

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

*Worship Assts:* Susan Gray, Bob and Linda Hutton

*Elder:* TBA

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

*Communion Preparation:* Hartley, Coleman, Hunter and  
Wyatt Rogers

*Liturgist:* Kameron Freed

*Elders:* Nora Dietzel, John Hickey, Julie Hickey

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

*Greeters:* Perry Stemmons (*N. Door*), Helen Stemmons (*S. Door*),

Elizabeth Mottaz (*Atrium*), Richard Barnard (*Portico*)

*Banner Bearers:* Joseph McCormack, Mia Gregory

*Candlelighters:* Kira Hoenes, Ella Rogers

*Children's Worship:* Eric Arnett (ldr.); Kim Rogers (hlpr.)

## CHURCH CALENDAR May 29-June 4

### Sun., May 29

- Sunday School, last day before summer break
- Coffee Hour, 9:20-10:20 a.m., Yonker Hall
- No Sunday Bible Study until after Labor Day

### Mon., May 30

- Memorial Day, office closed

### Tues., May 31

- Newsletter deadline, 8:00 a.m.
- Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor

### Wed., June 1

- STARS Overnight Trip (June 1-2)
- Wed. Bible Study, 12:05-12:55 p.m., Bethany Hall
- World Outreach Mtg., 5:00 p.m., Keystone Room
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary

### Thr., June 2

- STARS Overnight Trip (returning approx. 5:00 p.m.)

### Fri., June 3

- Church Dine-Out, 5:30 p.m., Bob Evans Restaurant  
Everyone Welcome!