



THE VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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Worship for July 31

For the last Sunday in July, continuing in the season of Pentecost we turn our minds toward the gospel of Luke as we hear from chapter 12:13-21. Rev. Brad Stagg will bring thoughts on being "Rich Toward God."

We continue the summer singing some highlights from the "old Jesus hymns of faith" - this Sunday they will include: *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken; More About Jesus Would I Know; Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts* and *Go, My Children, with My Blessing*.

Worship for August 7

The hymn *Be Thou My Vision* will be our opening hymn this summer Sunday. Will you come and share in the vision of faith shared with church family?

Rev. Jimmy Spear will bring the morning message in a two part series entitled "Running with Faith in Hand." For two weeks the lectionary readings highlight the 11th chapter of Hebrews - a great chance to work out a talk on faith in two parts. How does "the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen" fit into our living? Join us as we unpack that familiar text this week.

Other hymns of the day include *My Jesus, I Love Thee* and *Eat This Bread*. Special music in 10:30 will be provided by the Booneslick Chordbusters.

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for...
Hebrews 11:1

All-Church Ice Cream Social & Mission Trip Stories

Sunday, August 7
6:00 p.m.
Yonker Fellowship Hall

Desserts Welcome
Ice Cream & Toppings provided



Join us for the Annual Ice Cream Social and Mission Trip Presentations by the CYF and Chi-Rho Youth Group mission teams that traveled this summer to serve in Springfield Mo and Lexington Ky.



Come out from the August heat to enjoy cold ice cream with all the toppings and stay to hear the story of our kids summer mission experiences. It is always a great night to be church!

This all church fellowship event is sponsored by the Student Ministry Department.



Bit from Brad

Capital Campaign Projects Update: Mid-Continental Restoration began last week repairing the masonry pointing and foundation work on the church. The scope of the mortar and pointing work is the entire building, which they've slated to complete sometime in November. Their scope also includes the south wall foundation work around the Drennan Room. Currently they are working around the playground, first, so that area will be ready when MDO/Preschool returns in September. They will park their trailer in the new parking spots reserved for the church.

Speaking of the Parking Lot, we await the final details to be completed before the contractor and County tell us the space is open for parking. Final details include: installation of the new lights, removal of materials, and landscaping. Once the new parking lot is completed, the 14 spaces facing the church will be for church use Monday-Friday, 8:00-5:00, which include the handicap spots. The 14 spaces facing 9th Street in the new lot are reserved for County parking during the same time period. After business hours and weekends all spaces are available for church parking. In case you're wondering, the lot created 16 new spaces; the church nets 2 more spaces during the day and the county nets 14 new spaces during business hours.

Vacation: I am taking 2 weeks' vacation, Aug. 1-14. Jimmy will be here to preach those two Sundays, Aug. 7 & 14; he will also teach the Tuesday and Wednesday Bible Studies while I'm gone. I'm sorry I'll miss the Drennan Singers, Chord Busters, and Ice Cream Social; I'm sure each of those events will go smoothly and pray God's blessings upon those participating. I look forward to the All Church Picnic on Aug. 28 and have worked with CK Hoenes in preparing for the Aug. 16th Cabinet Meeting. Jimmy returned from his vacation today, Tuesday, July 26 and he will take great care of you while I'm away. What a blessing it is to have such a great Associate Minister like we do in Jimmy Spear! Thank you JIMMY!!!

Have a wonderful summer! May it be restful and restorative to your mind, body, and soul! Then let's all be ready for September and the Fall season, ready to share, learn, and follow Jesus Christ!

~Blessings, Brad

Scholarship Time

First Christian Church Scholarship Funds will be awarded to those seeking degrees in programs of higher education - undergraduate degrees and in graduate seminary. The funds are made possible through the scholarship funds set up by members over the years to endow scholarships to members in college. The Scholarship Committee will meet in early September to review applications. Applications can be picked up in the church office or received via email from Jimmy Spear (jimmy@firstchristian.org). He will email out applications to those students/parents he has contact information on. The scholarship application deadline will be August 25.



Summer Fried Chicken!

A table long enough for 21 church friends to share Sunday lunch is a long table! Add in family style fried chicken and fixins and you have a great time! This group took time Sunday July 17 to share lunch at the Claysville General Store. We welcomed guests and first timers with us.



Your Special
Birthday!

Muriel Leach
93 - Aug. 9
Marvellee Ridgeway
94 - Aug. 13

News of People & Place


Congratulations to **Charles and Bettie Koelling** on their 70th wedding anniversary Aug. 5th and to **Gene and Micki Kirkham** on their 53rd anniversary Aug. 9th.

Geoff Karr's grandmother, **June Weigers**, died July 18th at age 88. Our prayers are with their family during this time.

Those with hospital stays this last week include: **Doris Neidhardt** (hip replacement); **Linda Ridgeway** (knee replacement); **Millie Caringer** (broken hip).

Thanks! We ALL say thank you to **Jessica Humble** for picking back up the leadership of Vacation Bible School this year. Her enthusiasm, organization, and good spirit gave us the footing and backing for a great week. Thanks Jessica!

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



Aug. 3
Brad Beary
Frances Brown
Lauren Hofmann
Ryan Hughey
Brian Mottaz

Aug. 4
Kayla Von Talge

Aug. 5
Larry Veatch

Aug. 6
Jeff Underwood

Aug. 7
Hartley Rogers

Aug. 8
Floyd Marcum
Don Mosby

Aug. 9
Brenda Bailey
Muriel Leach
John Yonker

Aug. 10
Max Schaefer
Robert Seltsam
Carolyn Snow

Aug. 11
Brianna Shepard

Aug. 12
James Taylor

Aug. 13
Joyce Marcum
Marvellee Ridgeway
Tommy Tomlin

STARS

...the 55+ Fellowship Group

Check out the future plans of this fun fellowship group. Please note many coming events have RSVP dates soon!

September 8 – Thursday

Tour of Bothwell Lodge, Sedalia

Lunch in Sedalia, afternoon Daum Museum
Departing at 9:00 am

September 15 – Thursday

*Lyceum Theater in Arrow Rock for show
“Million Dollar Quartet”*

Cost \$40 (includes ticket & transportation)
(RSVP deadline past)

Departing 12:30 pm from Target parking lot

October 20 – Thursday

Color Tour to Rosebud, MO

November 15-16, 2016 – Tues. & Wed.

*Branson, Missouri to see Daniel
O'Donnell at Welk's Theatre*

Shopping and other options possible
RSVP by August 15

Cost TBA (tickets, hotel, travel fee)



Friday Night Movie Classics

“To Kill A Mockingbird”

Friday, August 12 7:00 p.m.
3rd Floor Cinema at FCC

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

June was Hot & Heavy

Abnormally hot weather and all of our student ministries of mission and camp in 6 weeks made June hot AND heavy! For the first time in my 20 years of ministry all trips, camps, and VBS were complete by July 14. We didn't get overheated, sick or done in - all went well.

With the enthusiasm of our kids, camps and trips that were well planned and implemented, along with good volunteers, it was a great 6 weeks of summer ministry. Now with these weeks behind us I can spend a bit more time than usual in recovery and preparation for the next school year. The first three weeks in August will be a time of concentrated student ministry planning that will have dividends in this next year. Never before have I had three weeks to think, plan, and make ready. I will then take my last of summer breaks for some final Mississippi river boating time. This past week off made all the difference in recovery from the hot and heavy June. Blessed the time this summer is in ALL it's ways...

~Jimmy Spear



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

Weekly Offering Report July 17, 2016

Offerings Received this week \$5,584
Offerings Received to Date \$22,062
Offerings Needed to Date \$24,483

Attendance Report

July 17, 2016: 168

(includes early service - 53, visitors - 14)

Weekly Offering Report

July 24, 2016

Offerings Received this week \$3,726
Offerings Received to Date \$25,788
Offerings Needed to Date \$32,644

Attendance Report

July 24, 2016: 159

(includes early service - 44, visitors - 7)

Church Picnic

Sunday, August 28

12:00 Noon! Bethel Park

(Located on Bethel Street between
Nifong Blvd. & Southhampton)

- Wear picnic clothes to church this day!
- Have you invited friends to worship & the following picnic? Those in your pew?
- All food, drinks, table service provided. Bring a chair if you like/there are picnic tables available.
- Want to assist in setup? (10 a.m.-12) talk to Natalie Barnard or Jimmy Spear

SERVING SCHEDULE Sunday, July 31

Van Driver: TBA

Office Receptionist: Janelle Patterson

Flower Ministry - Arranged by: Susan Gray

Delivered by: Susan Gray

Welcome Station: Jennifer Alexander and Jan Davis

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts: Tom and Carol Hughey, Eli Gaffney

Elder: Donna Houston

Offering Counters: Kim Reardon and Doug Smith

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Bob and Linda Hutton, Kim Leon

Liturgist: Gene Taylor

Elders: David and Sarah Read, Richard Hoepner

Deacons: The Garton Team *Ushers:* The Rose Team

Greeters: Debbie Taylor (*N. Door*), Bette Scavone (*S. Door*),
TBA (*Atrium*), TBA (*Portico*)

Banner Bearers: Jack Bower, Delaney Batterson

Candlelighters: Joseph McCormack, Kira Hoenes

Children's Worship: Jessica Humble (ldr.); TBA (hlpr.)

Offering Counters: Cindy Smith and Susan Ramsey

CHURCH CALENDAR July 31 - Aug. 06**Sun., July 31**

- Coffee Hour, 9:20-10:20 a.m., Yonker Hall

Mon., Aug. 1

- Church Staff Mtg., 2:00 p.m.

- Drennan Singers Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Tues., Aug. 2

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

Wed., Aug. 3

- STARS Maples Theater Trip, 10:00 a.m. leaving from
Genie Roger's home

- Wed. Bible Study, 12:05-12:55 p.m., Bethany Hall

- World Outreach Mtg., 5:00 p.m., Keystone Room

Fri., Aug. 5

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

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

SERVING SCHEDULE Sunday, Aug. 07

Van Driver: Carol Slusher

Office Receptionist: Carol Randerson

Flower Ministry - Arranged by: Mary Tompson

Delivered by: Cliff and Mary Tompson

Welcome Station: Lexy Bell and Trish Stagg

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts: Will and Donna Houston, Mary Moeller

Elder: Jerry Daugherty

Offering Counters: Moeller and Mary Daugherty

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: David, Debbie and Kimberly Potthast

Liturgist: Sue Underwood

Elders: John Hickey, Julie Hickey, Dan Backues

Deacons: The Garton Team *Ushers:* The Mountjoy Team

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

Joyce Stanley (*Atrium*), Larry Veatch (*Portico*)

Banner Bearers: Ella Rogers, Kameron Freed

Candlelighters: Chase Hofmann, Luke Stagg

Children's Worship: Holly Gieseke (ldr.); TBA (hlpr.)

Offering Counters: Janelle Patterson and Jerry Miller

CHURCH CALENDAR Aug. 07 - 13**Sun., Aug. 7**

- Coffee Hour, 9:20-10:20 a.m., Yonker Hall

- Chordbusters will sing, 10:30 service

- Ice Cream Social & Mission Trip Presentations, 6:00 p.m.,
Yonker Fellowship Hall

Mon., Aug. 8

- Newsletter deadline and Church Staff Mtg., 2:00 p.m.

- Drennan Singers Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Tues., Aug. 9

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

Wed., Aug. 10

- Ladies' Book Club, 12:00 p.m., Bethany Hall

- Wed. Bible Study, 12:05-12:55 p.m., Morris Parlor

Thr., Aug. 11

- College Town Hillbillies Jam Session, 6:30-8:30 p.m.,
Bethany Hall

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2016 - Thanks from the Surf Shack!

Wow! What an amazing week we had at the Surf Shack "Catching the Wave of God's Amazing Love"! We had 56 kids attend throughout the week! Thank you to the MANY volunteers listed below that donated money, supplies, food, time and talents. We couldn't have done it without you!



Brown Bag Fillers
 Christian Women's Fellowship
 All the dessert & cookie bakers
 Eric, Tammy & Jadie Arnett
 Deb Batterson
 Hayley & Ryley Batterson
 Lexy Bell
 Frances Brown
 Sonya Carney
 Chris Creasy
 Tracy & Derrick Evers
 Holly & Dan Gieseke
 Susan Gray
 Trish & Jason Gregory
 Harlan Hackett
 Emma Hawkins
 Paula & Ava Hoenes
 Steve & Taylor Humble
 Vicki Johnson

Lauren & Geoff Karr
 Katy Lydon
 Amy, Maddie & Brady Marrero
 Jordan Mills
 Brenda Mosby
 Janelle Patterson
 Lloyd Pooler
 Debbie, Megan & Kim Potthast
 Abigail Reardon
 Kim & Hartley Rogers
 Cindy Rose
 Allie Schomaker
 Chuck Scott
 Brianna Shepard
 Carolyn Snow
 Brad Stagg
 Joyce Stanley
 Brad & Khons Volmert
 Holly Wheatley
 Jeff Wheeland



And a very special Thank You to Jimmy Spear for always doing whatever is needed, whenever it is needed! See you next year!



~Jessica Humble, VBS Director



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The Story of the Chalice Logo

The logo of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is a red chalice with a white St. Andrew's Cross. The chalice represents the centrality of communion to the life of the church. The cross of Saint Andrew is a reminder of the ministry of each person and the importance of evangelism, and recalls the denomination's Scottish Presbyterian ancestry. Find more on our denomination's website www.disciples.org



Newsletter Summer Schedule

The summer schedule for the newsletter is as follows - expect the *Visitor* the weeks of:

July 25 Aug. 8 Aug. 22

The weekly schedule will resume after Labor Day.

