



# THE VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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## Sunday Worship

### August 28

Come join us for church this Sunday dressed for the Church Picnic! Since the Picnic occurs immediately following the 10:30, everyone is encouraged to dress for the picnic so we can all go directly to Bethel Park. Also this Sunday, our annual Special Recognition Awards will be presented during the services. Rev. Stagg's sermon is "Party Invitation" from Psalm 81:1, 10-16 and Luke 14:1, 7-14, based on Jesus' teachings on humility to some party attenders focused on self-promotion. Come and see!

### September 4

Good workers always measure the cost before starting a project. On the Labor Day Sunday, come reflect on Jesus lesson on measuring the cost of following him. Rev. Stagg's sermon "Measuring the Cost" based on Jeremiah 18:1-11 and Luke 14:25-33 promises to help us reflect on this important passage in a new, relevant way. Come and learn!

All women are invited  
to the annual

## Women's Fall Dinner



**Monday, September 19**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**Yonker Fellowship Hall**

Calendar it now!  
Childcare available.  
**RSVP before September 15.**

## School Year Starts for All Ages

### Sunday Morning Education for children-youth-adults Classes begin September 11, 9:30 am

**Children:** Starting in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Children's Chapel (east end behind the elevator) at 9:30 a.m. sharp with an introductory video and then breaking into pre-school, K-2, 3-5 grades for class ending at 10:20 a.m.

The children begin this season with a new curriculum called "Whirl"

**Youth:** Grades 6-12 meet in the youth room nearest the elevator for a class of experiential study on faith with leaders Sarah Read and Jimmy Spear (9:30 - 10:20 a.m.)

**Adults:** See information below on the class in Bethany Hall

## Bethany Hall Adult Class DOC - College Ministry

"Gospel Echoes in Disney"  
led by Larry Veatch

**Sundays, 9:30-10:20 a.m.**

**Bethany Hall**

All are welcome

Walt and Roy Disney influenced several generations of American children and adults. While Disney did not make direct connections with any particular religion there are "echoes" of the Christian story. With the leadership of Larry Veatch the class will look at portions and reflect on four Disney films: *The Lion King*, *Jungle Book*, *The Fox and the Hound* and *Beauty and the Beast*. It is anticipated that this course will run approximately six weeks. All Disney fans are welcome to participate in this unusual experience of "magic, faith and pixie dust."

DOC (disciples on campus), the college student fellowship group in cooperation with Broadway and Olivet Christian Churches will begin their semester with a fun gathering on Sunday, Aug. 28. "A-Not-So-Blind-Date" event will feature a great meal at well-appointed tables in the hospitable space of Bethany Hall. New students will be welcomed and returning students will gather for a shared meal to begin the semester.

DOC meets weekly during the academic term on Wednesday nights from 8:45-10 p.m. in Bethany Hall. All (mostly undergrad) students are most welcome.

## Memories Band Concert

The Memories Band Concert has been rescheduled at the VA Home in Mexico, Mo. for Sunday, August 28th at 1:30 p.m. This is our chance to visit with FCC members: Floyd Marcum, Kent Kurtz and Nat Scavone, as well as tour the facility.

Those interested in going/carpooling please sign up in the Church office.

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**Church Dine-Out**  
**Friday, Sept. 2, 5:30 p.m.**  
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Bob Evans Restaurant  
Everyone Welcome!  
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## Bit from Brad

"Pardon My Dust!" goes the saying. Well here at FCC, we've taken that saying to a whole new level!! You may have noticed Mondays through Thursdays dust flying through the air considerably around the church. Mid-Continental Restoration Co., our masonry/drainage contractor began the long, arduous, painstakingly detailed, and labor-intensive job to point and tuck all the masonry joints of our combined Sanctuary and Education buildings. Each and every mortar joint is to be chiseled and have new mortar reapplied between each and every stone. And boy howdy, do we have a lot of stone! As a result, dust is flying. It settles on cars, signs, the ground; it permeates window sills and finds itself clinging to our shoes. It's a lot of dust! But it's well worth it when our building is finally resealed. Take a careful look to compare the old mortar with the new and you'll see how far the new mortar extends than the old.

I've been asked, "How long will the masonry work take?" What most people mean when asking that question is, "How long will we have this dust problem when we're trying to enter the Fellowship Hall entryway?" That will take another few weeks. We intentionally asked the contractor to begin the tuck-pointing around the playground so that area will be safe when MDO and Preschool resumes in September. That's their first goal; the second goal is to complete the entire alleyway for the same reason, so as not to impede the MDO traffic. The contractors live in Wichita, KS thus working four 10-hour days per week, Monday thru Thursday; so that's when the dust is flying. Given that's their work schedule, they hope to complete the tuck-pointing sometime in November. How we hope and pray the work is completed before the winter weather begins! So, pardon our dust!

But those aren't such bad words for life either! Sometimes we stir up "dust" in the lives of those whom we encounter. Sometimes we do things requiring us to clean up our mess. Words like: "I'm sorry;" "I apologize," "Please forgive me;" "I was wrong;" and other phrases like them are needed to wash away the dust and sensitize us to when folks offer the same words to us.

Jesus was quite clear, "Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors." Or in the context, "God, pardon my dust, while I pardon those who dusted me."

~"Pardon My Dust!" Blessings, Brad

## Coming in September



tasting-judging-eating

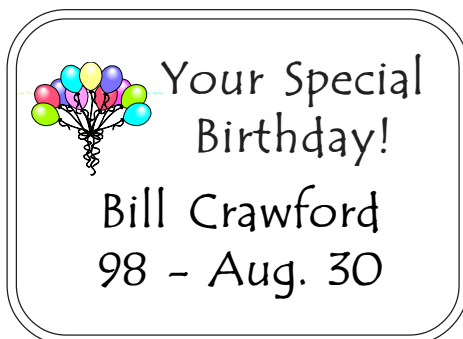
**Thursday, Sept 22**  
**6:00 pm**  
**Yonker Hall**

Is your chili recipe worthy?

Join the competition!

More info in the next Visitor

Sponsored by the Membership Dept.



### Weekly Offering Report

**Aug. 14, 2016**

Offerings Received this week \$4,195

Offerings Received to Date \$55,739

Offerings Needed to Date \$57,493

### Attendance Report

**Aug. 14, 2016: 222**

(includes early service - 67, visitors - 19)

### Weekly Offering Report

**Aug. 21, 2016**

Offerings Received this week \$9,452

Offerings Received to Date \$65,192

Offerings Needed to Date \$65,136

### Attendance Report

**Aug. 21, 2016: 202**

(includes early service - 43, visitors - 10)

## News of People & Place

**Scott and Shannon Schaefer** have birthed their first child, **Lillian Adele**, on Aug. 19.

Prayers for healing: **Elizabeth Mottaz** suffered minor injuries in a recent automobile accident. **Tracy Westhoff**, Director of FCC's Mother's Day Out, had recent shoulder surgery.

Congratulations to **Perry & Helen Stemmons** who celebrate their 64th wedding anniversary on Sept. 7.

After training in Vicksburg, Mississippi, **Sally Kessell** has started work with Americorps in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, rehabbing a Habitat for Humanity house. Her team was summoned to leave on Monday, August 21, for flood work in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Please keep her and everyone in the area in your prayers as they are going into the unknown.

**Laura Kessell** was married in Bolinas, California, on August 13 to K.C. Roeyer. They reside in Oakland, California.

Ten busy First Christian friends prepared and served 110 hungry friends and provided 30 carryout meals, Monday, Aug. 22, 2016 at **Loaves and Fishes**. Many a "thank you" was happily received for this service. Community fellowship was shared at this event.

## Happy Birthday!

Aug. 28

Jenna Gunnell

Beth Nelms

Sept. 6

Marsha Rawlings

Perry Stemmons

Aug. 29

Ryan Hunsaker

David Polach

Sept. 7

Larry Burnam

Richard Martin

Aug. 30

Bill Crawford

Aug. 31

Jessica Humble

Sept. 8

Jeffrey LaHue

Luanne Langley

Joseph McCormack

Sept. 1

Mary Ann Atteberry

Ortabel Stevens

Sept. 9

Bonnie Fay

Sept. 4

Noah Stagg

Mary Tompson

Ashley Williams

Sept. 10

Walker Embry



## FCC WANT ADS – ministries looking for leaders/helpers!

**Teacher K-2:** Sunday mornings 9:30-10:20 a.m. a dynamic group of children learn the stories of the bible while having creative play and conversation. A teacher, a team of teachers, is needed to lead this group this school year. Interested? Talk to Cindy Rose (Chairperson of Children's Education Dept.) or to Jimmy Spear.

**Childcare Providers:** The nursery is in need of quality childcare providers. Our childcare team works from 8:15 to 11:45 on Sunday mornings. It is a paid position (\$10/hr). Applicants must be 18 years old and first aid/cpr certification is helpful. Application and interview along with references are required. A rotating schedule exists. Talk to Brad Stagg, Jimmy Spear or Cindy Rose for more information or to recommend someone - does not have to be a church member.

**Children's Worship Second Adult:** The Children's Education Department seeks helpful adults who can be the second - present in the room-help with kids-assist the CW Leader on Sundays during the 10:30 service. A rotation of adults exists. Able? Talk to Cindy Rose or Jimmy Spear.



Tuesday Bible Study had a double birthday celebration. **Dana Heavin** and **Joyce Stanley** share the same date, so we had cake and cookies. It was great to be with both of these wonderful ladies on their special day.



## Fall 2016 - Reunions!

All former Dinner for Six participants are challenged to call up their old groups and plan a reunion meal before Thanksgiving. When you meet, take a group picture and send it and any information to Jimmy Spear and it will be part of a unique articles in later months. Thanks. GO!

## Ladies' Book Club 2016-17 Book Choices



The Ladies' Book Club met at the home of Larry and Peggy Veatch to choose the books that will be read this year. The Book Club meets in Bethany Hall at noon on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, September thru May, with a break in December. This year's selections include:

**Sept:** Bertie's Guide to Life and Mother's/ Alexander McCall Smith

**Oct:** On the Corner of Bitter and Sweet/ Jamie Ford

**Nov:** Life Animated/ Ron Suskind

**Dec:** **Christmas Break**/ no meeting

**Jan:** Behind Every Door/ Cynthia Graham

**Feb:** A Man Called Ove/ Fredrick Backman

**Mar:** Tracks/Robyn Davidson

**April:** Riding the Blue Moth/ Bill Hancock

**May:** The Aviator's Wife/ Melanie Benjamin

If you enjoy sharing books with a group of sharp ladies, bring your lunch and join us!



To our wonderful church families, your cards, chancel flowers and facebook posts made Muriel Leach's 93rd birthday so special. Thanks so much! ~The Leach Family

Thank you so much for the new bible and hand crafted shawl! This bible will help me grow even closer to God when I am placed in hard situations in college, and the shawl is beautiful! Again, thank you so much!

~Jacy Alexander

Three individual bouquets from our FCC Flower Ministry were delivered by Donna & Will Houston and Helen & Perry Stemmons last Sunday to our Veterans: Floyd Marcum, Kent Kurtz, and Nat Scavone. Their cheerful faces and conversations definitely brightened their day! Thank you for spending your Sunday afternoon with them. This visit was not only welcomed, but appreciated.

~Joyce, Paula, Bette

## STARS

...the 55+ Fellowship Group

*Please note many coming events have RSVP dates soon!*

**September 8** – Thursday - Cost \$15

**Tour of Bothwell Lodge, Sedalia** Lunch in Sedalia, afternoon Daum Museum Departing at 9:00 am

**RSVP** "Sedalia" on pew pad or office by Sept. 4

**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 extended to August 28!**

Cost: Tickets-\$54

Transportation-\$20

Lodging-\$50 (double occupancy)

-\$90 (single occupancy)



JYF (grds 3-5) &  
 Chi-Rho (grds 6-8)  
 4:30-6:00 p.m.  
 CYF (grds 9-12)  
 6:00-7:30 p.m.



### Fall Semester of Youth Groups

- Sept 11 CR, CYF
- Sept 18 JYF, CYF
- Sept 25 CR, CYF
- Sept 25 CYF to CROP Walk
- Oct 2 NO Youth Meetings
- Oct 9 JYF, CYF
- Oct 16 CR, CYF
- Oct 23 JYF, CYF
- Oct 30 Trunk n Treat
- Nov 6 CR, CYF
- Nov 13 JYF, CYF
- Nov 20 CR, CYF
- Dec 2 Living Nativity
- Dec 11 Pageant
- Dec 18 Caroling

## Men's Retreat ESCAPE 2016

*Spirituality for Men in the  
 Second Half of Life*

**October 1, 2016**

Outside Jefferson City

Depart 7:15 a.m. Return 3:45 p.m.

A men's retreat for Disciples in the area hosted by FCC-Jefferson City held in a beautiful setting of lake, trails, views outside Jefferson City. The day will include presentations, conversations, and a chance for personal reflection. A quick word on the subtitle. "The Second Half of Life" is not about age. It's a phrase from Richard Rohr, a well-known Christian author who focuses on men's spirituality, that is about a place we come to and an attitude we take on because of a process of maturity and growth. In other words, it's an inflection point where our approach to life and faith changes in powerful ways. This is not just a retreat for "men of a certain age" but it is a retreat for "men of a certain attitude."

Hope you'll consider joining in the conversation. This is going to be an amazing day. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to the church office ASAP. Space is limited. There is a \$20 fee.

## Bob Leach Honored

Rev. Bob Leach was honored on Friday, August 18 by Heifer International. When Bob was 19 years old he was a "heifer cowboy" in 1948 and made a trip to Japan to deliver goats for Heifer. Bob had to face not only being sea sick while keeping the goats watered, fed, and milked. It was a good thing he was familiar with the goats. Bob became active in Heifer because his father, Corl A. Leach, a member our FCC, was on the first board of directors for Heifers for Relief—as it was called in the 1940s and his grandfather, Corl E. Leach's farm was a gathering place for area livestock before it was shipped out. While Bob was in Japan he stayed with DOC missionary friends and spoke to CYF groups. As one who had been recently Missouri State CYF President it was a great connection to make.



Fast forward to 2016 and Heifer International wanted to honor him for his dedication in the early years to getting animals to people and his seven decades as a Heifer volunteer!



As co-outreach committee chairs, Bob and Muriel got our church active in supporting Heifer, and the church has now given 6 arks of animals, and Sunday School and youth groups, CWF, and VBS have contributed individual animals and flocks of chickens. Heifer International is an inter-denominational organization that provides livestock and seed to provide "a hand up, not a hand out" to people living in poverty worldwide and help them become self-sustaining.

Pictured above: Bob Leach received the Making A Difference plaque from Heifer International representative Cindy Sellers Roach.

## Youth Groups Kick-Off the Year Poolside

JYF, CYF, and Chi-Rho youth groups were hosted last Sunday at the home of Josh and Holly Wheatley. Each group had a couple hours of pool and great grilled food that created a full day of good times. Thanks, Wheatleys!



## SERVING SCHEDULE Sunday, Aug. 28

*Van Driver:* Dan Gieseke

*Office Receptionist:* Richard Barnard

*Flower Ministry - Arranged by:* Nannie Lou Mallett

*Delivered by:* Harlan Hackett

*Welcome Station:* Jan Davis and Steven Humble

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

*Worship Assts:* Susan Gray, Kim and Joe Reardon

*Elder:* Larry Burnam

*Offering Counters:* Sarah Storm and Doug Smith

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

*Communion Preparation:* Jay & Chris Creasy, Marion Storm

*Liturgist:* Bragg Stanley

*Elders:* Jennifer Alexander, Jacki Davidson, Fred Mottaz

*Deacons:* The Hunsaker Team *Ushers:* The Scott Team

*Greeters:* Bud Batterson (*N. Door*), Doug Smith (*S. Door*),

Cindy Smith (*Atrium*), Lorene Trickey (*Portico*)

*Banner Bearers:* Lillian McCormack, Kira Hoenes

*Candlelighters:* Ella Rogers, Paige Freed

*Children's Worship:* Kim Boger (ldr.); TBA (hlpr.)

*Offering Counters:* Diana Provenzano and Cindy Smith

## CHURCH CALENDAR Aug. 28 - Sept. 3

### Sun., August 28

- Special Recognition Sunday
- Coffee Hour, 9:20-10:20 a.m., Yonker Hall
- All Church Picnic, Noon, Bethel Park
- Lenoir Healthcare Worship, 3:30 p.m.
- DOC (disciples on campus) college group, 6:00 p.m., Bethany Hall

### Mon., Aug. 29

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

### Tues., Aug. 30

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

### Wed., Aug. 31

- Wed. Bible Study, 12:05-12:55 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- DOC (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m., Bethany Hall

### Fri., Sept. 2

- Mother's Day Out Meet the Teacher Day, 9:00-12:00, 2nd Floor Education Bldg.

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

## SERVING SCHEDULE Sunday, Sept. 4

*Van Driver:* Carol Slusher

*Office Receptionist:* Don Mosby

*Flower Ministry - Arranged by:* Donna Houston

*Delivered by:* Will and Donna Houston

*Welcome Station:* Lexy Bell and Trish Staggs

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

*Worship Assts:* Will and Donna Houston

*Elder:* Cherry Hinderberger

*Offering Counters:* Carol Hughey and Kim Reardon

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

*Communion Preparation:* Roy, Rachel, Aiden/Quinn Fullington

*Liturgist:* Brenda Martin

*Elders:* Tommy Tomlin, Mark Mills, Janelle Patterson

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

*Greeters:* Steve Humble (*N. Door*), Jessica Humble (*S. Door*),

Pat Ritchie (*Atrium*), Paul Ritchie (*Portico*)

*Banner Bearers:* Chase Hofmann, Annie Staggs

*Candlelighters:* Ava Martin, Kaedon Wheatley

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

*Offering Counters:* Deb Batterson and Jerry Miller

## CHURCH CALENDAR Sept. 4 - 10

### Sun., Sept. 4

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

### Mon., Sept. 5

- Labor Day Holiday, Office Closed

### Tues., Sept. 6

- Mother's Day session begins
- Newsletter deadline, 8:00 a.m.
- Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor

### Wed., Sept. 7

- Wed. Bible Study, 12:05-12:55 p.m., Morris Parlor
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- DOC (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m., Bethany Hall

### Thur., Sept. 8

- STARS trip to Sedalia, 9:00 a.m., departure
- College Town Hillbillies Jam Session, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Bethany Hall

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# Church Picnic

Sunday, August 28

12:00 Noon! Bethel Park

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

- Wear picnic clothes to church this Sunday!
- Have you invited friends to worship & the following picnic?
- 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