



THE VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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Sunday Worship 17th Sunday after Pentecost September 11

After a wonderful summer rest, let us return to Sunday school and church with joy in our hearts! To begin a new fall & school year, come join with Darren & Tori Pine as we dedicate their son, Nathaniel to the Lord – a joyful event indeed.

Rev. Stagg preaches from 1 Timothy 1:12-17 and Luke 15:1-10 with his sermon, "Joy!" Like a shepherd who finds his lost sheep and a woman who finds her lost coin, so too do we rejoice when we are found by God! Come and rejoice!



Dinner for Six

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 article in later months. Thanks. GO!



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.

All women are invited to the annual

Women's Fall Dinner

Monday, September 19
6:00 pm
Yonker Fellowship Hall



Childcare available

RSVP before September 15

Ladies, we will donate items to **The Rainbow House** at this year's Fall Dinner on Monday, September 19. It would be appreciated if you could bring something from the following list.

Most needed items include:

Blue recycling bags, new shoes or gift certificates, Walmart, Hy-Vee or Gerbes gift cards, hair brushes, combs, African American hair products, pillows, clothing for newborns through women/men plus sizes, jeans, pants for youths sizes 5-18, young girls and teen tops and children's socks.

Cleaning products are also appreciated as well as passes to the Arc, Going Bonkers, movies, bowling, skating and McDonald's.

Ladies' Book Club Correction

The first book that the Ladies' Book Club will read is: **44 Scotland St.** by Alexander McCall Smith

4th ANNUAL FCC CHRISTMAS BAZAAR



An informational meeting is being held in the Yonker Fellowship Hall after late service **September 18**. If you are interested in helping or being a part of the Christmas Bazaar please join us. Don't forget all ages are involved!

**Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Mid-America
2016 Regional Assembly
October 7-9, 2016**



“Build up, build up, prepare the way, remove every obstruction from my people’s way.” Isaiah 57:14 (NRSV)

to be held at
Central Christian Church
1475 N Washington Avenue
Springfield, MO 65802

Everyone is welcome at the Regional Assembly! Last day to preregister for the Regional Assembly will be October 3.

Visit mid-americadisciples.org for online registration and other Assembly information.



Thanks! I was always taught that “it is more blessed to give than receive”. However, I must say blessings flow both ways. Don and I have been truly blessed since my accident with the wonderful food, flowers, cards, calls and visits from many, including Jimmy and Brad. FCC is truly blessed with wonderful people. Thank you, friends for your gifts of love!
~Brenda Mosby

Special Recognition

The following people were presented awards on Sunday, Aug. 28th.

Chuck Scott: For being a faithful Sunday morning greeter, helping with communion clean up, getting the Deacons/Elders ready and making sure everyone is there, and helping with Loaves & Fishes.

Lorene Trickey: For faithfully visiting with older Church members who are unable to attend and ensuring flowers are delivered on Sunday mornings.

Pam Hoepfner: For faithfully each Sunday helping the youth with the banners and lighting of the candles.

Jean Hall: Faithful with the choir & helping with piano & organ. And also helping at the Lenoir Home playing piano during Worship.

Matthew Hoepfner: For being faithful each Sunday manning the Sound System of our church.

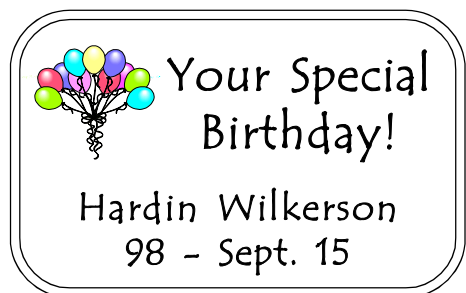
Eva Bright: For her countless hours “picking berries” for pies for the Election Day Luncheon and always being willing to help in the kitchen for receptions, Loaves & Fishes and Vacation Bible School.

Nanny Lou Mallett: For her countless hours spent in the kitchen assisting with food preparation and serving for receptions, Election Day Luncheon and Vacation Bible School.

Susan Ramsey: For her countless hours spent in the kitchen assisting with food preparation for receptions and Election Day Luncheon.

Mary Moeller: for her faithful help with Breakfast for Our Brethren.

Will Houston: For his faithful help with Breakfast for Our Brethren.



News of People & Place

Rev. Moray Loring Kiehl, 96, passed away Friday, September 2, at her home surrounded by her four children. As a long time member, to list Moray’s involvement would be hard. She was an ordained clergy person, former staff member, Coffman-Watson Group leader, Elder, and was respected/loved by many of all ages.

A service celebrating her life will be held Thursday, September 8, at 4:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary. A reception to greet her family will follow.

Robert Sisson (Tom Sisson’s father) died Friday, September 2. He was 103. Private services will be held.

We received word that **Helen Ewing** passed away on Sunday, Aug. 28. She and her husband, **Perry**, were long time members before moving to the St. Louis area.

Rich and Betty Montgomery celebrate their 52nd wedding anniversary on Sept. 12.

Organ Concert Invitation

In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the Middlebush Organ First Presbyterian Church invites you to join them for a free organ concert on Sept. 11 at 3:30 p.m. (16 Hitt Street). David Ball, organist and winner of the 2015 American Guild of Organists/Quimby Young Organists Competition will be at the keyboard.



Christian Education for All Ages

**Sunday Mornings
for children-youth-adults
classes begin
September 11, 9:30 am**

Children: Starting in the 3rd 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: All who are in 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 the information at right on the class in Bethany Hall.

**Faith
Conversations**

**Powerful
Bible Stories**

**Discover Truths
of
Justice, Love
Mercy and Hope**

Covenant Sharing

Bethany Hall Adult Class

**"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."

Your 2016-17 Church Cabinet

The Church Cabinet is made up of the Executive Officers of the Administrative Board, Chair of the Trustees, Chairs of the Functional Departments, President of Christian Women's Ministry and Ministers ex-officio.

Executive Officers of the Administrative Board also serve as officers of the congregation and the corporation and include Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Secretary, and Treasurer. Officers are elected by the Administrative Board for one-year terms and may succeed themselves for one additional term, except that the Secretary and the Treasurer may serve four terms.

Moderator:	C.K. Hoenes	Chair of Trustees:	Joe Reardon
Vice-Moderator:	Eric Arnett	Co-Chair of Elders:	Jacki Davidson
Secretary:	Jan Davis	Co-Chair of Elders:	Jessica Humble
Treasurer:	Dan Gieseke	Chair of Deacons:	Susan Klockow

Chairpersons of Functional Departments:

Administrative	Steve Lightner
Advent	Jennifer Alexander
Christian Education (Adult)	Bill Carney
Christian Education (Children & Youth)	Cindy Rose
Church in Society	Colleen Nilges
Communications	Mark Mills
Emergency Preparedness	Larry Dietzel
Evangelism	Pat Rybolt
Membership	Rich & Betty Montgomery
Property	Hartley Rogers
Stewardship & Finance	Kim Boger
Student Ministry	Amy LaHue
World Outreach	Sally Robinson
Worship	Nora Dietzel
Christian Women's Ministry (CWF)	Colleen Nilges, President



Scenes from the Aug. 28th All Church Picnic



What a great picnic shared at Bethel Park by over 100 FCC friends. Thank you to all the helpers of the picnic this year:

Steve Humble
 Mark Mills
 Bob and Linda Hutton
 Brianna Shepard
 Opal Stites, Jean Juba
 Susan Gray
 Jeff Wheeland
 Also, Willie Wheeland and
 Adrian & Robert Floyd
 who brought extra food.



Picnic-loving people (above l-r) Judy Creasy talking with Sue Wright, Paige Freed showing interest in little Nathaniel Pine, three 6 year olds - Cole, Keller, Dietrich being "cool," and Pat Wright laying out some truth to two Marreros.

DOC (disciples on campus) college group begins semester



The DOC group had its kick-off event Aug. 28 with a great well dressed dinner. Bethany Hall was prepared for the students and a great meal was served. The group will meet this year on Wednesday nights at 8:45 p.m. in Bethany Hall.

MISSING

A two-step white folding stool and a black folding padded stool are missing from the kitchen. If you have seen them roaming around the Church, tell them to return to the kitchen!!! We need them!!!

Chancel Flower Needs

The following are open Chancel Flower dates: Nov. 20, Dec. 25, Jan. 1, Jan. 8, Jan. 15, Feb. 19, Feb. 26, Apr. 2, Apr. 30, & June 25. The cost is \$30 to sponsor a Sunday. Contact the church office for more information.

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.



**STARTING this Sunday:
Sept 11
Chi-Rho and CYF!**

Future Fall Group Dates:

- 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

**Men's Retreat
ESCAPE 2016**

*Spirituality for Men in the
Second Half of Life*

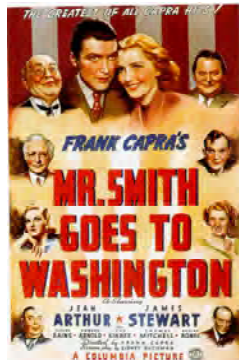
October 1, 2016

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.

**Friday Night
Movie Classics**



*"Mr. Smith Goes to
Washington"*
**Friday, Sept. 9
7:00 p.m.**

3rd Floor Cinema at FCC

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

STARS

...the 55+ Fellowship Group



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

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)

**Ministry with Children
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.

**Weekly Offering Report
Aug. 28, 2016**

Offerings Received this week \$7,933
Offerings Received to Date \$91,445
Offerings Needed to Date \$73,366

Attendance Report

Aug. 28, 2016: 211
(includes early service - 59, visitors - 5)

**Weekly Offering Report
Sept. 4, 2016**

Offerings Received this week \$11,251
Offerings Received to Date \$102,696
Offerings Needed to Date \$81,813

Attendance Report

Sept. 4, 2016: 131
(includes early service - 38, visitors - 12)

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Ministerial Staff:

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

SERVING SCHEDULE Sunday, Sept. 11

Van Driver: Russ Palmer

Office Receptionist: Gene Taylor

Flower Ministry - Arranged by: Bud and Deb Batterson

Delivered by: Bud and Deb Batterson

Welcome Station: Chris Creasy

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts: Jerry & Mary Daugherty, Tommy Gay Evans

Elder: Susan Gray

Offering Counters: Moeller, Mary Daugherty

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Jerry & Kathy Miller, David Polach

Liturgist: Amy Lightner

Elders: Steve Humble, Jessica Humble, Bryan Garton

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

Greeters: Don Mosby (*N. Door*), Dan Backues (*S. Door*),

Lisa Zimmer (*Atrium*), Lexy Bell (*Portico*)

Banner Bearers: Cullen Snow, Elizabeth Martin

Candlelighters: Carleigh Snow, Kate Volmert

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

Offering Counters: Harlan Hackett and Diana Provenzano

CHURCH CALENDAR Sept. 11 - 17

Sun., September 11

- Coffee Hour, 9:20-10:20 a.m., Yonker Hall
- Baby Dedication - Pine Family at 10:30 service
- Chi-Rho Youth Group (grades 6-8), 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- CYF Youth Group (grades 9-12), 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Mon., Sept. 12

- Newsletter deadline & Church Staff Mtg., 2:00 p.m.
- Coffman-Watson Mtg., 7:00 p.m., Anne Campbell's home

Tues., Sept. 13

- Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Cabinet Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Morris Parlor

Wed., Sept. 14

- Ladies' Book Club, 12:00 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Wed. Bible Study, 12:05-12:55 p.m., Morris Parlor
- Church in Society Mtg., 5:15-6:00 p.m., Yonker Hall
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- DOC (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m., Bethany Hall

Thr., Sept. 15

- STARS Lyceum/Arrowrock Trip, 12:30 departure from Target parking lot