



THE VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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Sunday Worship Oct. 2 The 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Come join us for worship this Sunday as we celebrate World Communion Sunday! This week Rev. Stagg preaches from 2 Timothy 1:1-14 and Luke 17:5-10; his sermon is entitled "Increase Our Faith!" Like the disciples, when we see God's mission before us, we too ask God to increase our faith for the life of service Jesus calls us to live.



CROP Walk Raised Funds & Awareness

The CYF Youth Group for two Sundays invited the congregation to join them in supporting the local, national, and worldwide efforts of the CROP Walk/Church World Service/Local Food Programs. **YOU, church, responded!**

With over **\$1,400** given over the two Sunday's, the youth went to the Sunday's walk with the support of the whole church and a substantial pledge. The group then walked Stephens Lake Park with people from other communities of faith in the annual awareness and witness of hunger needs.



Capital Campaign Update



Pictured: Mid-Continental Restoration crewmen work above the atrium roof tuck-pointing the walls between the Education Building and the Sanctuary. This necessary masonry work significantly waterproofs our facility, preventing further interior deterioration. Please continue praying for the workers' safety, good weather, and swift yet sound project completion.

The group was in a three way challenge to bring donations between the high school youth groups of FCC, Broadway CC, and Olivet CC. We think thus far we might have been team leader! Thanks also to Frances Brown who showed up to walk with the CYF!

Friday Night Movie Classics

"Psycho"

Friday, Oct. 14

7:00 p.m.

3rd Floor Cinema at FCC

Please be advised that this movie contains inappropriate content for children under 13, including some bloody images, thematic material, brief sensuality, and partial nudity.

Popcorn provided.

Join us and bring a friend.

Hosted by Dan & Holly Gieseke.



Bit from Brad

Sometimes reading prayers of the masters helps us shape our own faith. One master was John Baillie, whose *A Diary of Private Prayer* is now a devotional classic. This week I offer his wisdom from "First Day – Morning" selection for your spiritual growth:

"Eternal Father of my soul, let my first thought today be of Thee, let my first impulse be to worship Thee, let my first speech be Thy name, let my first action be to kneel before Thee in prayer.

"For Thy perfect wisdom and perfect goodness: for the love wherewith Thou lovest mankind: for love wherewith Thou lovest me: for the great and mysterious opportunity of my life: For the indwelling of Thy Spirit: for the sevenfold gifts of Thy Spirit: I praise and worship Thee, O Lord.

"Yet let me not, when this morning prayer is said, think my worship ended and spend the day in forgetfulness of Thee. Rather from these moments of quietness let light go forth, and joy, and power, that will remain with me through all the hours of the day.

"Keeping me chaste in thought; Keeping me temperate and truthful in speech; Keeping me faithful and diligent in my work; Keeping me humble in my estimation of myself; Keeping me honorable and generous in my dealings with others; Keeping me loyal to every hallowed memory of the past; Keeping me mindful of eternal destiny as a child of Thine.

"O God, who hast been the Refuge of my fathers through many generations, be my Refuge today in every time and circumstance of need. Be my Guide through all that is dark and doubtful. Be my Guard through all that threatens my spirit's welfare. Be my Strength in time of testing. Gladden my heart with Thy peace, through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen."

May this prayer guide your own prayers in the coming week! To God be the glory!
~Blessings, Brad

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• **Church Dine-Out** •
• **Friday, Oct 7, 5:30 p.m.** •
• **Bob Evans Restaurant** •
• **Everyone Welcome!** •
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Mission Work in October

During the month of October, FCC participates in *Breakfast for our Brethren*. This is a wonderful mission that provides breakfast to people in need in our community. Every Saturday morning in October the doors of Yonker Hall will be open to serve breakfast, but to make this mission happen we need your help!!! How can you help? There are three ways to be a part of this mission:

1) **Provide Food:** Please take the time to look at the book in the church office to see what is needed for the upcoming week's breakfast.

2) **Working the Breakfast:** We are needing people to be at church at 7:00 am every Saturday in October to help serve the breakfast. You can sign up in the book for what Saturday works best for your schedule.

3) **Monetary Donation:** If you are unable to work the breakfast or go shop for food, you can provide a monetary donation and someone else will do the shopping for you.

We need everyone's help to make this valuable mission a success. Please think carefully about what you can do during one of the five Saturdays in October!

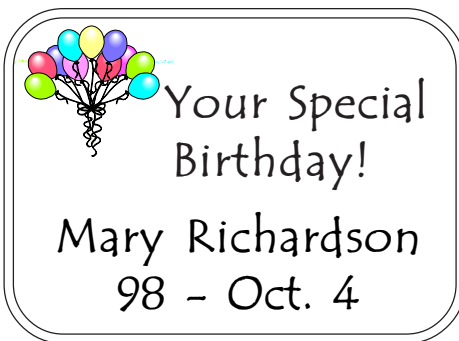
~Church in Society Department

**Big
Thank
You!**

To our church friends at First Christian Church, thanks for thinking of me after my accident. Pat and I both appreciated

Rev. Brad's visit and the flowers Will and Donna and Chris brought were so pretty and brightened up both the room and me. The cards were so thoughtful and the visits welcomed. Hope to be back at Pew 7 soon.

~Sue Wright



News of People & Place

Marceline Shamberger died on Friday, September 23, at the age of 103. She was for close to a decade a fixture of friendship and welcome at Lenoir's Healthcare Center. Rev. Jimmy Spear conducted a service celebrating her life on Tuesday, September 27 at Memorial Funeral Home. Her sons Jim and Bob, who grew up at FCC, were most glad for the church family's care of Marceline over the years. Memorials can be given to the **Shamberger Scholarship** at First Christian Church. This scholarship now named for Marvin and Marceline has for many years provided funds for college students entering the field of teaching. The Shambergers were educators who joined FCC in 1947 and in recent years Marceline held the honor of being FCC's oldest member.

Our prayers continue to be offered for:

Larry and Millie Caringer as Larry continues to recuperate at Boone Hospital following surgery last week.

Elizabeth Hensley is finding good therapy at Lenoir's HCC Reach unit.

Rev. Jimmy Spear will be away this Sunday morning to attend the baptism of his nephew Felix at a service in St. Louis.

Congratulations to **Sharon Winner** on the birth of her second Great-Grandson. **Jackson Eugene Sharp** was born September 1 to **Warren and Ryan Salmon Sharp** in Springfield, MO. Ryan is the daughter of **Shane and Jill Winner Salmon**, Hermitage, MO, and the niece of **Daryl and Lynn Winner Klotz**.

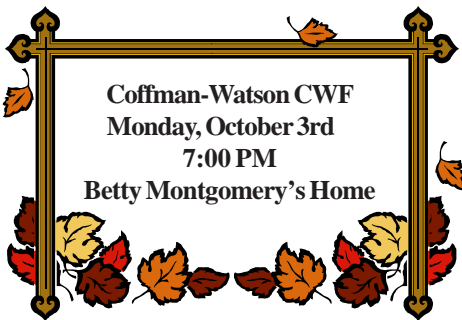
<u>Oct. 4</u> Jack Bower Mary Richardson	<u>Oct. 7</u> Pamela Hoepner
<u>Oct. 5</u> Anne Linn	<u>Oct. 8</u> Marcy Douglas Sara Klockow Cheryl Lightner
<u>Oct. 6</u> Mary Taylor	Michael Snyder

A Chili Cook-Off Turned Up the Heat!



The competition was fierce last Thursday night as five distinctively delicious pots of chili were shared, enjoyed, and judged. Chili makers (from l to r) were Debbie Potthast, Chris Creasy (representing Jay's pot), Brenda Mosby, Colleen Nilges, and Carol Slusher.

A crowd of about 40 gathered to enjoy the evening and the variety of chili. Pictured above are **Debbie Potthast, winner of the judge's choice** and **Carol Slusher, winner of the people's choice**. Thanks to Janelle Patterson and Jimmy Spear for making the big pot of chili and cornbread for all to enjoy. This event was sponsored by the Membership Department.



Weekly Offering Report Sept. 25, 2016

Offerings Received this week \$4,649
Offerings Received to Date \$122,862
Offerings Needed to Date \$111,246

Attendance Report Sept. 25, 2016: 278

(includes early service - 56, visitors - 16)

The Christmas Bazaar Saturday, November 19

If you are interested in selling your specialty items, you need to be a part of our Christmas Bazaar. We have three spaces left. Please call Brenda Mosby at 442-7507 for further information.

18th Annual Election Day Luncheon November 8, 2016

It doesn't seem possible but it's that time again! We need your help to make the Election Day Luncheon a success! There will be someone in the Narthex this Sunday before and after worship. You can help with sanitizing the kitchen, decorating the hall, making pies, preparing the food, serving our friends, selling tickets, etc. Maybe your workplace would like meals delivered? We can do that. There is room for anyone who would like to help. Don't forget both women and men are welcome! Let's have a great day! Call **Brenda Mosby at 442-7507** if you have questions.

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.

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@ fcc

Oct 2 NO Youth Meetings this week

Future Fall Group Dates:

Oct 9 JYF, CYF

Oct 16 CR, CYF

- both groups at usual times to
Schaefer's for fall cookout/play

Oct 23 JYF, CYF

Oct 30 Trunk n Treat (all groups)
3-5 p.m.

Nov 6 CR, CYF

Nov 13 JYF, CYF

Nov 20 CR, CYF

STARS...the 55+ Fellowship Group

FALL COLOR TOUR to Rose Bud Thursday, October 20

A color tour of hill and dale on the way to and from Rose Bud, Missouri. Highway 50 and 19 will offer much scenery. Lunch along the way and some adventures in shopping and touring.

Travel fee: \$5.

Departure at 9:00 a.m./Return
by 5:30 p.m.

Reserve your spot by
Oct. 16. Call the
church office (449-
7265) or write
"COLOR" on the Sunday
pew pad.



FCC's Mother's Day Out and Preschool

Do you or someone you know need MDO or Preschool classes? Our MDO/Preschool is one of the very best in downtown Columbia and we still have some spaces available! With Tracy Westoff, our Director, still recovering from summer shoulder surgery, help Rachael Fullington our Assistant MDO Director, spread the word. For more information call: 573-449-6964 or go to our website: www.firstchristian.org

Currently, the following classes are open:

Pre-K 4&5 (MWF)	3 openings
Pre-K 4&5 (T/Th)	1 opening
Preschool 3&4 (MWF)	2 openings
Two's (M-F)	1 opening
Infants	1 opening

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SERVING SCHEDULE Sunday, Oct. 2

Van Driver: Carol Slusher

Office Receptionist: Don Mosby

Flower Ministry - Arranged by: Don & Brenda Mosby

Delivered by: Don & Brenda Mosby

Welcome Station: Lexy Bell & Trish Stagg

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts: Susan Gray, Will and Donna Houston

Elder: Donna Houston

Offering Counters: Moeller and Doug Smith

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Susan Klockow, Amy and
Madeline Marrero

Liturgist: Erin Bower

Elders: Debbie Taylor, Jean Hall, Sharon Winner

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

Greeters: Hunter Rogers (*N. Door*), Hartley Rogers (*S. Door*),

Ella Rogers (*Atrium*), Kim Rogers (*Portico*)

Banner Bearers: Ella Rogers, Paige Freed

Candlelighters: Chase Hofmann, Amelia Leon-Rudy

Children's Worship: Kim Boger (ldr.); Valerie Freed (hlpr.)

Offering Counters: Harlan Hackett and Jerry Miller

CHURCH CALENDAR Oct. 2 - 8

Sun., Oct. 2

- Bell Choir, 8:30 a.m., Bell Room (3rd floor Ed. Bldg.)
- Coffee Hour, 9:20-10:20 a.m., Yonker Hall
- NO Youth Meetings
- World Communion Day

Mon., Oct. 3

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

Tues., Oct. 4

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

Wed., Oct. 5

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

Fri., Oct. 7

- Regional Assembly in Springfield, MO
- Church Dine-Out, 5:30 p.m., Bob Evans Restaurant

Sat., Oct. 8

- Breakfast for Our Brethren, 7:00-10:00 a.m., Yonker Hall
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