



THE VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
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Sunday Worship Oct. 9 The 21st Sunday after Pentecost

This Sunday's worship focuses upon Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 and Luke 17:11-19; both passages involve responding to people different from ourselves. In Jeremiah, God instructs the people now living in Babylon to seek the welfare of the city for its welfare is now their welfare; in Luke, only the Samaritan leper returns to Jesus expressing his thanksgiving. How do we respond to the strangers in our midst, when we find ourselves among strangers, and when the stranger is more a neighbor than our own people? Rev. Stagg's sermon, "Border Crossings" tackles these questions. Come and see!

Hymns for the Day include: *Rejoice You Pure In Heart; Living for Jesus; Here at Thy Table Lord; In Christ There Is No East or West.*



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Church Dine-Out
Friday, Oct 7, 5:30 p.m.
 Bob Evans Restaurant
 Everyone Welcome!

First Christian Supports Woodhaven

A most austere group of church members were in attendance at the annual Woodhaven Fundraising Banquet held last Thursday evening. The dinner, silent auction, and celebration of Woodhaven's ministry with adults with disabilities was held at the Peachtree Event Center.

Woodhaven is a nonprofit connected to the benevolent arm, the NBA-National Benevolent Association, of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). They have been based in Columbia for over 50 years and have found great community and support from Disciples congregations and clergy.



The pictured group here was in attendance and enjoyed the evening together. The fundraising goal of the night was \$30,000 to which our group contributed toward.

Are you into ZOMBIES? Woodhaven's fundraising team is holding their annual "Zombie Pub Crawl-Dead White and Blue" (getting the donations of those who might not make a fundraising banquet) in downtown Columbia, Friday, October 28 starting at 6 p.m. The cost is \$10. For more info check www.zombieweekend.org

A final word about the FCC-Woodhaven connection: Note in this and upcoming Visitors' the Trunk 'n Treat that First Christian and Woodhaven share coming up at the end of the month. A unique mixing of folks and fellowship.

**The 18th Annual
ELECTION DAY LUNCHEON
Tuesday, November 8, 2016**

Just another reminder!! We can use your help!
 Plenty of work to be done before and on the day; tickets to be sold; pies to be baked or money donated for others to bake them for you. We have a lot of fun working together and serving our community. Sign up in the Narthex Sunday. We will find a place for you to serve. If you have questions, please call **Brenda Mosby at 442-7507.**

Lunch served 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
\$8 lunch of chili/soup, sandwich, pie, drinks

advance tickets available
carry-out available
delivery of big quantity to offices available

TRUNK-n-TREAT

Sunday - October 30
3-5 p.m.

Bring kids!

Wear a costume!

Decorate your car!

Pass out candy from your trunk!

Help serve food to children, parents, and guests.

Be on site to assist the parking, hospitality needs.

Trunk-n-Treat will be held in partnership with Woodhaven. The Children's Edu. Dept. is heading this up; the Membership Dept. is serving the food.

Sign up in the church office or put "TRUNK" on the Sunday pew pad to reserve your parking space.

STARS...the 55+ Fellowship Group

FALL COLOR TOUR to
Rose Bud, Missouri
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 9:00 a.m.

Return 5:30 p.m.

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



Wednesday, November 2

Day trip to Heartland Dairy, lunch etc. details to come...

November 14-15 (Mon & Tue)

Booked!: Branson, Missouri to see Daniel O'Donnell at Welk's Theatre

Are you a Greeter or Usher? Read this:

Remember to stay at your post until 10:40. The likelihood of visitors coming in the door at this time is great. If we are not there to welcome, greet, hand bulletins, usher them to what they might need we have totally missed out a possible one time opportunity.

When guests are finding parking and the right door to enter in a new to them church they just might not be walking in before 10:30. We must be ready to welcome when they come. An empty narthex at 10:31 a.m. should never happen. The same goes for the 8:30 service. Greeters should stay in the narthex until 8:40 a.m. Thanks! (-js)

Mother's Day Out Openings Update



5 openings in Pre-K
2 openings in Preschool
Call MDO (449-6964) for information and pass the word along to others



Men's Retreat

Paul Koch, Regional Minister, and church members Larry Veatch and Bragg Stanley attended a men's retreat sponsored by FCC in Jefferson City on October 1.

Weekly Offering Report

Oct. 2, 2016

Offerings Received this week \$8,009

Offerings Received to Date \$130,871

Offerings Needed to Date \$118,529

Attendance Report

Oct. 2, 2016: 144

(includes early service - 39, visitors - 12)

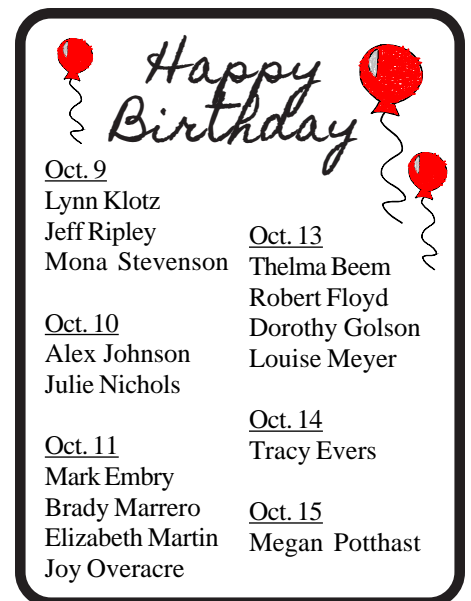
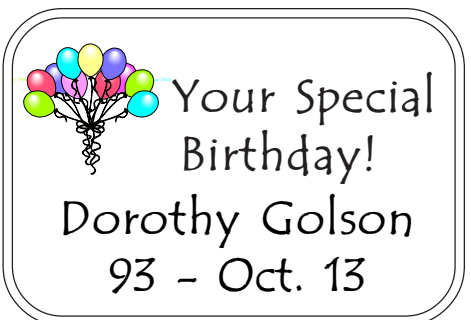
News of People & Place

Our people continue to be named in this week for our prayerful pause. We uplift the following friends and situations. **Elizabeth Hensley** returned to Boone Hospital through last weekend and hopes to continue rehab at Lenoir's Reach soon. **Janet Mills** is recuperating from a recent surgery. **Larry Caringer** is in rehab at the Neighborhoods at Tiger Place. **Marge Carter** is glad to have only been in the hospital for a short time for tests. **Tommy Tomlin** shares that his wife **Anne** has moved to the ongoing care of Lenoir's Healthcare Center.

Molly Read Ring shares a special prayer request for her husband **Derrick Ring**. Derrick was recently diagnosed with Colon Cancer. He has undergone surgery late last week and returned home mid-week. As Derrick and Molly await final pathology reports our prayers are extended in care.



No Newsletter
the Week of
October 17th



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.



Oct 9 JYF, CYF

Future Fall Group Dates:

- Oct 16 CR, CYF
 - both groups at usual times to
 Schaefers 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

Honor Someone with Chancel Flowers

We are still looking for chancel flower donors for two dates: Feb. 19 and June 25. Please contact the church office (449-7265) if you are interested in contributing in someone's honor or memory.

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.

Evangelism Team Hosts our New Friends

The Evangelism Team will host two events for new members who have joined the church in the past two years.

A special evening meal will be held on **Tuesday, October 25th** at 6:00 p.m. that will include dinner, a fun dramatic presentation, and conversations with church leaders. Department chairpersons will be on hand to share in the fellowship and share the activities and mission of their respective ministry groups.

If you are a new(ish) member you will be contacted. If we have missed you or you joined in recent years and want in on this event please call the church office or Evangelism chairperson Pat Rybolt.

For those who became members via the **youth baptism class**, there will be a fun "re-union" outing for pizza and bowling. The group will meet on **Friday, Oct. 28, at church, 6:15 p.m.** Pick up at church TBA-probably at 9 p.m. Jimmy will transport via bus. No money needed.

Final Hurrah for CFM



A final banquet, graduation, and fundraising dinner for Mid-America Center for Ministry (formerly Missouri School of Religion) will be held on **Friday, Nov. 11 at Broadway Christian Church at 6:00 p.m.** This school has existed to train lay ministers for 120 years. Many in our congregation have been connected to MSR-CFM in years past and we have supported their ministry in many ways. The Mid-America Center for Ministry will close in 2017. Low student numbers, continued lack of financial viability in today's higher education market, and the lack of general church support causes the organization's board to make the decision to close.

However, CFM is not closed yet! There are students to graduate and others to teach out in the coming year. Support is needed still. First Christian will host a table and share items for the silent auction. Last year FCC's silent auction donations raised over \$1000. If you would like to attend the meal and/or donate to the auction please see Rev. Jimmy Spear (CFM Board Member).

Capital Campaign Update

Here's a list of all Capital Campaign projects to date:

Education Building Roof:	Completed!
Natural Gas Line connection:	Completed!
Forced Air/Heat blowing through Education Building:	Completed!
Education Building radiator pipes shut off:	Completed!
Sanctuary Roof:	Completed!
Capstone Flashing:	Completed!
Four Dangerous Chimneys removal:	Completed!
Sewer Pipe replaced after raw sewage leeching waste:	Completed!
Park-to-Parking-Lot Project with Boone County	
o Construction:	Completed!
o Contract:	Pending
South Wall French Drain dug & installed:	Completed!
Masonry Restoration & Sealing:	Anticipated completion Nov. 2016

Our thanks to Chris Creasy for bringing us a beautiful bouquet from the Ministry of Flowers for our 64th wedding anniversary. The flowers and Chris's visit brightened our day.
 ~Bill and Betty Moon



Dear Choir,

Thank you so much for "Poor Man Laz'rus". I enjoyed it thoroughly and appreciate your talent and dedication.

~Joyce Stanley

The Visitor

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SERVING SCHEDULE Sunday, Oct. 9

Van Driver: Eric Seaman

Office Receptionist: Carol Slusher

Flower Ministry - Arranged by: Dan Backues, Lisa Zimmer

Delivered by: Dan Backues, Lisa Zimmer

Welcome Station: Chris Creasy

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts: Kim and Joe Reardon, Jerry Daugherty

Elder: Jerry Daugherty

Offering Counters: Kim Reardon and Mary Daugherty

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Brad Beary, Kurt and Stacia Schaefer

Liturgist: Jessica Humble

Elders: Steve Lightner, Cheryl Lightner, Marilyn Schappert

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

Greeters: Coleman Rogers (*N. Door*), Chuck Scott (*S. Door*),

Carol Slusher (*Atrium*), Brad Volmert (*Portico*)

Banner Bearers: Ava Martin, Kaedon Wheatley

Candlelighters: Cullen Snow, Elizabeth Martin

Children's Worship: Eric Arnett (ldr.); Trish Stagg (hlpr.)

Offering Counters: Brenda Martin and Janelle Patterson

CHURCH CALENDAR Oct. 9 - 15

Sun., Oct. 9

- Bell Choir, 8:30 a.m., Bell Room (3rd floor Ed. Bldg.)
- Coffee Hour, 9:20-10:20 a.m., Yonker Hall
- JYF Youth Group (grades 3-5), 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- CYF Youth Group (grades 9-12), 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Mon., Oct. 10

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

Tues., Oct. 11

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

Wed., Oct. 12

- 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

Thur., Oct. 13

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

Fri., Oct. 14

- Friday Night Classic Movie, 7:00 p.m., 3rd Floor, Cinema

Sat., Oct. 15

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