



**Worship: Oct. 16**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Join us for worship this Sunday as we commission our Elders as they offer the Communion Connection to our members who cannot make it to worship due to health matters. What a special ministry they offer! Rev. Stagg's sermon "Pray It Forward" is based on Jeremiah 31:27-34, and Luke 18:1-8 focuses on Jesus' teaching on how to pray faithfully. Come and pray!

**Worship: Oct. 23**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

Jimmy Spear and Jimmy Spear will join Rev. Stagg in leading worship this Sunday! Wait; what? Yes, Jimmy Spear III, father of our Rev. Jimmy Spear IV, will be our guest organist that day. Come and meet Jimmy's parents as we worship together! Rev. Stagg's sermon entitled "Reversed" reflects on Joel 2:23-32 and Luke 18:9-14 as we continue learning from Jesus' emphasis on humility and its role in prayer.



**Welcome New Members**

We welcomed new members last Sunday in the 10:30 worship service. Having worshipped with us for a good while, Scott and Shannon Schaefer with daughter Lillian have found a home in the 10:30 service among the folk under the south windows. Scott comes by transfer of membership from the Montgomery City Christian Church (DOC) and Shannon from First Baptist in Dexter, MO. Both have been employed by Veterans United here in Columbia with Shannon recently shifting to be a stay at home parent and working with Scott in his professional photography business.

We welcome, officially, **Scott, Shannon, and Lillian Schaefer.**

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

When we started our Luncheon, we had three goals:

1. Be a presence in our community.
2. Work together to become closer as a Church family.
3. Make money to use for the missions of Christian Women's Fellowship. We still have these same goals. And, thanks to all of you who volunteer, this happens.

Please sign up in the Narthex on Sunday; we still have plenty of work for everyone. Looking forward to working with you! 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 and drink**  
**Advance tickets available**  
**Delivery and carry-out available**

**Trunk or 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 or Treat will be held in partnership with Woodhaven. The Children's Edu. and Membership Dept. are sponsoring this event. If you would help with this effort (games or food serving) put "HELP" on the pew pad this Sunday.

Sign up in the church office or put "TRUNK" on the Sunday pew pad to reserve your parking space.  
**See insert for more information.**

## Bit from Brad

Double the lifts; double the fun! Or at least double the progress!! The two lifts in the picture here are finishing up the tuck-pointing on the South Wall of the Sanctuary. In speaking with the foreman today, Tuesday Oct. 11, he told me they expect to complete all tuck-pointing by day's end! Furthermore, he anticipates completing the two remaining Bell Tower louvers by week's end, which require paint and



new screens. In the second picture, the newly painted and screened east facing Bell Tower louver can be seen. And finally, he said, "And *if we have good weather*, we should be able to spray on the water-proof sealant and finish the entire project by the end of next week." Oh my golly!!! End of next week?! Wouldn't that be something!!!

Of course, in my selfishness, I'm tempted to pray for good weather so we can finish our project sooner than anticipated. But in my humility, seeing the news images of Haiti, Cuba, Florida, Georgia, South and North Carolina in the wake of Hurricane Matthew, I recognize the poverty of temptation. Rather than pray for good weather here, perhaps we'd be

better off praying to God to increase the compassion of our hearts and the self-discipline of our wallets to mercifully support the relief efforts along the Caribbean and East Coast. To make a difference in the lives of those suffering, you can write a check to either Week of Compassion or First Christian Church; in the memo section mark, "Hurricane Matthew;" and the office will see that your support gets to the Week of Compassion office.

In addition to rain, cold weather is coming too! On behalf of Columbia's homeless who suffer the most during cold weather, our Breakfast for Our Brethren volunteers request donations of sweatshirts, sweatpants, and underwear for men and women.

May the light of compassion, mercy, and love be the forecast of our hearts; may it be pleasing and acceptable to God Almighty!  
~Blessings, Brad

## Attention Women!!!

Attention women of FCC interested in learning more about Christian Womens Fellowship (CWF) groups-current and new opportunities. Coffman Watson CWF invites you to join us Monday evening, Nov. 7 at 6:00 pm in Yonker Fellowship Hall. We will be setting up for the Annual Election Day Luncheon and would love for you to join us.

Bring your own sack dinner and join us for fun, food, fellowship and service opportunities. We will work together and get acquainted and look forward to seeing you.

## Drennan Group to Meet

Drennan will meet at Lenoir Woods on Tuesday, October 25th at 1:00 p.m.



## News of People & Place

Congratulations to **Richard and Sue Underwood** on their 57th wedding anniversary October 24th.

This past Sunday we were moved in prayer for: **Ed Bright** who with a broken vertebrae continues to rest and heal with the help of a brace, **Janet Mills** undergoes tests to determine the best treatment plan for recently discovered carcinoid tumors, and **Derrick Ring** (28, Molly Read's husband) who will begin chemotherapy treatments for colon cancer.



## Mary Richardson's 98th!

The Coffman-Watson women's group celebrated with their most senior member, her birthday, at a recent gathering. Mary Richardson turned 98! She continues to thrive in her own home, attend C-W meetings, and is the every week proofreader of the *Visitor* newsletter. With red pen and dictionary in hand she pours over our words and makes them come out all right. Happy Birthday, Mary!



Thanks to our church family and Don and Brenda Mosby for the flowers they took to Anne at Lenoir Woods Health Care Center.  
~Tommy Tomlin

Many, many thanks for the beautiful flowers, the cards and your prayers during my recent surgery. I appreciate all of them so much. Thank you to Brad for coming to the hospital and for the phone calls afterward. All of these are so comforting during an uncertain time. Again our heartfelt thanks.

~Janet Mills & family

### Weekly Offering Report

**Oct. 9, 2016**

Offerings Received this week \$5,005

Offerings Received to Date \$138,288

Offerings Needed to Date \$126,314

### Attendance Report

**Oct. 9, 2016:** 212

(includes early service - 48, visitors - 9)

**SERVING SCHEDULE Sunday, Oct. 16**

*Van Driver:* Russ Palmer  
*Office Receptionist:* Richard Barnard  
*Flower Ministry - Arranged by:* Tommy Gay Evans  
*Delivered by:* Tommy Gay Evans  
*Welcome Station:* Pat Rybolt and Jeff Underwood

**Servers for 8:30 Worship Service**

*Worship Assts:* Brice and Mary Moeller, Tommy Gay Evans  
*Elder:* Will Houston  
*Offering Counters:* Barnard and Moeller

**Servers for 10:30 Worship Service**

*Communion Preparation:* Buddy and Kim Boger, Jeff Underwood  
*Liturgist:* Brenda Mosby  
*Elders:* Richard Hoepfner, Pamela Hoepfner, Sarah Read  
*Deacons:* The Rogers Team *Ushers:* The Rose Team  
*Greeters:* Perry Stemmons (*N. Door*), Helen Stemmons (*S. Door*),  
 Sue Wright (*Atrium*), Pat Wright (*Portico*)  
*Banner Bearers:* Carleigh Snow, Kate Volmert  
*Candlelighters:* Lena Schaefer, Gabe Palmer  
*Children's Worship:* Holly Gieseke (ldr.); Kim Leon (hlpr.)  
*Offering Counters:* Jerry Miller and Diana Provenzano

**CHURCH CALENDAR Oct. 16 - 22**

- Sun., Oct. 16 Communion Connection Sunday  
 - Bell Choir, 8:30 a.m., Bell Room (3rd floor Ed. Bldg.)  
 - Coffee Hour, 9:20-10:20 a.m., Yonker Hall  
 - 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., Oct. 17  
 - Church Staff Mtg., 2:00 p.m.  
 - NO newsletter this week  
 - Evangelism Dept. Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Keystone Room
- Tues., Oct. 18  
 - Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Wed., Oct. 19  
 - Shawl Ministry, 9:30 a.m., Millie Bolman's home  
 - Wed. Bible Study, 12:05-12:55 p.m., Morris Parlor  
 - CWF Board Mtg., 5:00-6:00 p.m., Yonker Hall  
 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary  
 - DOC (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Thr., Oct. 20  
 - STARS Color Trip
- Sat., Oct. 22  
 - Breakfast for Our Brethren, 7:00-10:00 a.m., Yonker Hall

**The Mission of First Christian Church: to know God and follow Jesus Christ****SERVING SCHEDULE Sunday, Oct. 23**

*Van Driver:* Dan Gieseke  
*Office Receptionist:* Kim Rogers  
*Flower Ministry - Arranged by:* Susan Klockow  
*Delivered by:* Susan Klockow  
*Welcome Station:* Jan Davis and Steven Humble

**Servers for 8:30 Worship Service**

*Worship Assts:* Tom and Carol Hughey, Mary Daugherty  
*Elder:* Mary Daugherty  
*Offering Counters:* Sarah Storm and Doug Smith

**Servers for 10:30 Worship Service**

*Communion Preparation:* Ryan Hunsaker, Khons & Brad Volmert  
*Liturgist:* Lexy Bell  
*Elders:* Bragg Stanley, Brenda Mosby, Don Mosby  
*Deacons:* The Hunsaker Team *Ushers:* The Scott Team  
*Greeters:* David Potthast (*N. Door*), Debbie Potthast (*S. Door*),  
 Bill Carney (*Atrium*), Sonya Carney (*Portico*)  
*Banner Bearers:* Jack Bower, Delaney Batterson  
*Candlelighters:* Lillian McCormack, Amelia Leon-Rudy  
*Children's Worship:* Julie Nichols (ldr.); Khons Volmert (hlpr.)  
*Offering Counters:* Cindy Smith and Sarah Storm

**CHURCH CALENDAR Oct. 23 - 29**

- Sun., Oct. 23  
 - Bell Choir, 8:30 a.m., Bell Room (3rd floor Ed. Bldg.)  
 - Coffee Hour, 9:20-10:20 a.m., Yonker Hall  
 - Lenoir Healthcare Worship, 3:30 p.m.  
 - 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. 24  
 - Newsletter deadline & Church Staff Mtg., 2:00 p.m.  
 - Loaves & Fishes, by the Elders
- Tues., Oct. 25  
 - Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor  
 - Drennan Group, 1:00 p.m., Lenoir Woods  
 - New Member Gathering, 6:00 p.m.
- Wed., Oct. 26  
 - Wed. Bible Study, 12:05-12:55 p.m., Morris Parlor  
 - Brummett-Harrah Group, 1:30 p.m., Lenoir Fireside Room  
 - Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary  
 - Capital Campaign Mgt. Team, 6:30 p.m., Keystone Room  
 - DOC (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Thr., Oct. 27  
 - College Town Hillbillies Session, 6:30 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Sat., Oct. 29  
 - Breakfast for Our Brethren, 7:00-10:00 a.m., Yonker Hall



# TRUNK OR TREAT



AN AFTERNOON OF SPOOKTACULAR  
FUN, FOOD, GAMES & PRIZES!

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30**  
**TRUNK-OR-TREAT** ★ 3-5 PM ★

★ **FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH** ★  
101 N 10<sup>TH</sup> ST, COLUMBIA MO

**DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR COSTUME!**  
VISIT [WOODHAVENTEAM.ORG](http://WOODHAVENTEAM.ORG) FOR MORE DETAILS.

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 16 CR, CYF**

**Outdoor time & Cookout**

**All meet at ROCK BRIDGE HS**

**south parking lot at corner of  
 Providence & Southhampton  
 Church bus/van transport to  
 Schaefer's for a fall outdoor  
 play and cookout.**

**Chi-Rho 4:00pm Pickup at 6pm.**

**CYF 6pm. Pickup at 8pm.**

*Future Fall Group Dates:*

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



# Christmas Bazaar

**Sat., Nov. 19, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
 Yonker Fellowship Hall**

The Christmas Bazaar is on again this year! We will be hosting the Cookie Caravan again and are in need of Christmas cookies, candy and fudge. For our breakfast, served from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., we would welcome donations of pumpkin, zucchini, banana and strawberry breads.

Colleen Nilges and Janelle Patterson will be in charge of the kitchen. So if you can help them anytime from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., that would be greatly appreciated. Our little ones will serve tables. If your little one is younger than nine, we would like an adult or teen to be their partner.

Lunch of taco soup, chicken noodle soup, sandwiches and dessert will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. And, of course, we are always delighted to have our congregation join us in the festivities. The money for this activity goes toward new stage drapes.

Please sign up in the Narthex Sunday. Call Brenda Mosby at 442-7507 with any questions.

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**October is Clergy  
 Appreciation Month**



**No Newsletter  
 the Week of  
 October 17th**

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## STARS

*...the 55+ Fellowship Group*

### Oct. 20 - Fall Color Tour

(to and from Rose Bud, Mo)  
 Reserve your spot by Oct. 16.  
 Travel fee: \$5  
 Meet at Hwy. AC Commuter Parking  
 near Lenoir. Departure: 9:00 a.m.  
 Return 5:30 p.m.



### Nov. 2 - Heartland Dairy

(note: a Wednesday trip)

Day trip to Heartland Dairy, LaBelle MO  
 Tour of the Heartland Dairy  
 Lunch at the Solid Rock Café  
 Tour of other Heartland Sights: Ford  
 Museum, Creamery and more.  
 Departure 8:00 a.m. – Target Parking Lot  
 Return by 5:30/6:00 p.m.

RSVP by Sunday, October 30, "MILK" on  
 the pew pad.

Travel fee: \$10

The Heartland Dairy is an intentional Christian community located in northeast Missouri with great passion for hard work, good products, and welcoming guests.

## Evangelism Team Hosts our New Members

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 25<sup>th</sup>** 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 "reunion" 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.

## Calling All Singers!

**(A Special Invite to Sing in  
 the Christmas Eve Cantata!)**

Over the past several months, many people have said to me, "I love to sing, but I can't commit to a rehearsal every week." Here is your special invitation!!! The choir has just begun rehearsing for their Christmas cantata "Light Out of Darkness", to be presented as part of our beloved Christmas Eve service at First Christian Church.

We invite anyone grade 7 or older to join us for the next two months as we work toward making this Christmas Eve one of the most special ever. Won't you consider joining us for this short-term commitment?

Beginning immediately, the choir will work on service music from 5:30-6:15 on Wednesdays, with **Christmas cantata rehearsal immediately following from 6:15 - 7:00.** All rehearsals take place in the sanctuary unless otherwise announced. We look forward to welcoming you!

God's blessings, Adriene Floyd

## The Visitor

### First Christian Church

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## Happy Birthday!

Oct. 16

Julie Hickey  
Holly Wheatley

Oct. 17

Dorothy Neds-Martin

Oct. 18

Patty Campbell  
Rebekah Hart  
Blake Mooney  
Lisa Snyder

Oct. 20

Sydney Embry  
Derek Moeller

Oct. 21

Lauren Cupp  
Ann Vomert

Oct. 23

Susan McCarty



Oct. 24

Brenda Mosby  
Allie Schomaker  
Rory Seltsam  
Luke Stagg

Oct. 25

Matthew Taylor

Oct. 26

Judy Hall  
Diana Provenzano  
Sue Wright

Oct. 27

Freda Martz  
David Potthast  
Kurt Schaefer

## Mother's Day Out Openings Update

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