



Worship for October 30
24th Sunday after Pentecost

The last Sunday of October is already upon us! Come join us for worship before all the Trunk or Treat and other Halloween activities take place. This Sunday Rev. Stagg's sermon, "Salvation Comes to This House" is based upon Psalm 119:137-144 and Luke 19:1-10 in which the chief tax collector, Zacchaeus is saved by Jesus going to stay in Zacchaeus' home.

Hymns for the day include: *All Creatures of Our God and King; Thy Life Was Giv'n for Me; In Memory of the Savior's Love and God Be with You Till We Meet Again.*

Sunday, November 6

Celebrating Columbia College in 10:30
with the Jane Froman Singers
All Saints' Sunday - Recalling those who
have died in the Lord this year

18th Annual
Election Day Luncheon
November 8, 2016

Thanks to all who have volunteered to help! It is going to be another great day! However, we could still use some help. Here is what we need: two people to help decorate Yonker Fellowship Hall Monday morning, November 7, at 10:00; two more people to help clean the kitchen Sunday, November 6, after the 10:30 service (we serve lunch); bake a homemade pie or give us money to buy the ingredients and we will bake it for you; and people to sell tickets. See Sarah Storm in the Narthex Sunday or 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



TRUNKS - be in your parking space by 2:45 p.m.
HELPER people: Find Joyce Stanley for a job.
YOUTH: Jimmy Spear will set you in motion to help with games and children's activities.

There is still time to sign up in the church office or put "TRUNK" on the Sunday pew pad to reserve your parking space.

Trunk or Treat will be held in partnership with Woodhaven. The Children's Education and Membership Departments are sponsoring this event.

Bit from Brad

I'll see you Sunday, October 30; but then I leave for a week's vacation and will miss you Sunday, Nov. 6. Sadly, I'll miss the Jane Froman Singers from Columbia College, which I very much enjoy as well as recalling the Saints of our congregation who passed since last All Saints' Sunday. Why this particular week? Because our niece, Selina, has asked me to come and officiate her wedding in Houston, which of course I accepted. Selina is Trish's third oldest sister's daughter, whom I've known since Selina was 2 years old. Watching Amy Lightner and William Green saying their wedding vows to one another while Amy's uncle officiated their wedding, my anticipation grew for Selina's wedding. Weddings are ceremonies of covenant, where promises are made to one another and God. This week let us remember the covenants we've made with God and others, renewing our commitment, passion, and enthusiasm. May all glory, praise, and honor be to God Almighty who is faithful always!

~Blessings, Brad



Advent & Christmas Sneak Peak Date/Time

Hanging of the Greens

- Sun., Nov. 27, both services

Living Nativity

- Fri., Dec. 2, 6:00-8:00 pm

Women's Brunch

- Sat., Dec. 3, 9:00 am

Pageant & Tasting Party

- Sun., Dec. 11, 7:00 pm

Christmas Eve Services

- Saturday, Dec. 24

5:00 pm - Sanctuary open for quiet meditation

7:00 pm - Carols, Communion, Candlelight, and Cantata

Christmas Day Service

- One Service, 10:30 am

STARS

...the 55+ Fellowship Group

Nov. 2 - Heartland Dairy

(note: a Wednesday trip)

Day trip to Heartland Dairy,
in 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.



Thank you to our church family for the many, many cards and expressions of sympathy about Anne. And to Mary and Cliff Tompson and Tommy Gay

Evans for the flowers they brought from the church. The support of the church family at a time like this is heartwarming. You are all very much appreciated!

~Tommy Tomlin

I want to express my profound gratitude for Brad's visits to the hospital, the flowers, the cards and the best wishes which have helped in my recovery! Thank you!

~Frances Brown

Report for Sun., Oct. 16, 2016

Offering - \$8,784

Attendance - 185

(includes early service - 39, visitors - 10)

Report for Sun., Oct. 23, 2016

Offering - \$3,807

Attendance - 179

(includes early service - 48, visitors - 7)

News of People & Place

Sympathy is extended to **Tommy Tomlin** and **Debbie Scott** in the death of his wife and her mother, Anne. A service celebrating **Anne Tomlin's** 93 years of life will be held on Saturday, November 12 at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Internment of ashes will be held the following week in St. Louis. Tommy and Anne this year celebrated 56 years of marriage and have both been active in the life of the church and the Lenoir community.

Prayers for health are offered on behalf of **Derrick Ring** (Molly Read's husband) as he this week begins chemotherapy treatments in St. Joseph, MO; **Hartley Rogers** who will undergo hand surgery on Thursday of this week; and **Bill and Sonya Carney and Cole Galbraith** who are recovering from minor injuries related to an auto accident.

It was a *happy day* last Saturday afternoon, October 16, as **Amy Lightner** and **William Green** were married. The church sanctuary was full as friends and family observed a beautiful sharing of nuptials. The congregation was then welcomed to Yonker Hall for a classic cake and punch reception. Both raised at FCC, Amy is the daughter of **Steve and Cheryl Lightner**, William is the son of **Steve and Mary Bess Green**. We wish Amy and William well in this new life together and look forward to their presence as a couple in the life of the church.

Happy Birthday



Oct. 30

Daisy Crane
Rachael Fullington
Drew Gieseke

Oct. 31

Richard Hoepfner
Laurie Seigel

Nov. 1

Cherry Hinderberger
Lillian McCormack
Richard Schomaker

Nov. 2

Holly Gieseke

Nov. 3

C.K. Hoenes
Thomas Rose

Nov. 4

Ryley Batterson

Nov. 5

Delaney Batterson
Evan Dietzel
Dabney Doty
Lexi Hofmann
Gene Taylor

Quarterly Membership Report: 1st Quarter (July – Sept 2016)

First Christian Church, Columbia, Mo

[At the July 2016 Congregational Meeting the following was asked to be reported: “a quarterly report, for the upcoming year, addressing membership trends, actual numbers vs. budget numbers and a membership plan.”]

Membership Trends

Baseline Numbers: Totals as reported in the 2016 Yearbook and Directory of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) for First Christian Church in Columbia, Mo (Dec. 31, 2015):

	<u>July 1, 2016</u>	<u>Sept. 30, 2016</u>
Total membership:	928	940
Participating membership:	443	458
Avg. Worship Attendance:	189	180
Additions:		
By confession of faith/baptism:	9	0
By transfer:	7	0
By birth:	2	2
Removals:		
By death:	8	5
By transfer/other:	1	0

Actual Numbers vs Budget Numbers:

See the other side of this sheet for money numbers: the compressed Income & Expense - which includes budget and actuals.

Membership & Evangelism Plan:

The Evangelism Department is actively involved in staffing a welcome station in the narthex, calling all visitors, and coordinating a new members orientation and dinner for October.

The Membership Department is implementing their yearlong plan of monthly membership/fellowship activities which in the recent quarter have included the church picnic, chili cookoff, and coffee hour.

The Elders, having met on Sept. 26, continued their scope of pastoral care conversation and calling, planned an upcoming Communion Connection, and affirmed by creation of a team, their (not official, but named here as) “Welcome Initiative.”

Submitted: Rev. Brad Stagg, Senior Minister, and Rev. Jimmy Spear, Associate Minister

The STARS group finds Rosebud MO

Last Thursday the STARS (55+ Fellowship Group) took off on a full day of fun looking for colorful trees, good food, antiques, sausage, wine, and whatever else the Missouri Roads cooked up.

The group of 15 packed into the mini-bus and headed out highways 70 then 19 then 50 and back 94. It was a beautiful day to take in the color and small town Missouri.



Hermann happened to have along it's streets a car club visiting of more then 30 vintage Chevrolets. Then on to Rosebud for a BIG delicious lunch at Kline's where the cake slices were as big as a plate. Rosebud was ready for visitors with a good variety of shops and antiques. The trip home included a stop atop the Stone Hill for a bottle to share for the way home. Pictured above are just some who paused for a photo op. It was just a good day together!



**First Christian Church General Fund
Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual
July through September 2016**

	<u>Jul - Sep 16</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
Income				
OFFERINGS	124,191.86	115,193.00	8,998.86	107.81%
PERMANENT FUND	38,269.99	46,742.43	-8,472.44	81.87%
PROGRAMS	35,748.60	38,200.00	-2,451.40	93.58%
RENTAL	3,101.66	5,669.17	-2,567.51	54.71%
SOURCES - OTHER	1,129.54	925.00	204.54	122.11%
TRANSFERRED MEMORIAL FUNDS	0.00	4,625.00	-4,625.00	0.0%
UNBUDGETED INCOME	16,796.18	0.00	16,796.18	100.0%
Total Income	<u>219,237.83</u>	<u>211,354.60</u>	<u>7,883.23</u>	<u>103.73%</u>
Gross Profit	<u>219,237.83</u>	<u>211,354.60</u>	<u>7,883.23</u>	<u>103.73%</u>
Expense				
ADMINISTRATIVE	119,955.52	115,066.18	4,889.34	104.25%
ADULT EDUCATION	36.00	362.50	-326.50	9.93%
ADVENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
CHILDREN EDUCATION	1,366.74	1,475.00	-108.26	92.66%
CHURCH IN SOCIETY	2,050.21	3,028.42	-978.21	67.7%
COL. AREA OLDER ADULT MINISTRY	14,244.32	20,556.40	-6,312.08	69.29%
COMMUNICATION	4,290.00	3,434.94	855.06	124.89%
EMERGENCY PREPARDNESS	1,512.81	137.50	1,375.31	1,100.23%
EVANGELISM	5.45	905.00	-899.55	0.6%
MEMBERSHIP	1,005.18	597.50	407.68	168.23%
MOTHERS DAY OUT	14,760.59	14,486.04	274.55	101.9%
OFFICE	4,933.14	4,335.05	598.09	113.8%
PROPERTY	20,432.29	29,831.00	-9,398.71	68.49%
SCHOLARSHIP	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
SERVICE BOARD OF DEACONS/ELDERS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
STEWARDSHIP	110.16	100.00	10.16	110.16%
STUDENT MINISTRY	2,631.96	3,642.50	-1,010.54	72.26%
WORLD OUTREACH	166.66	4,537.36	-4,370.70	3.67%
WORSHIP	1,360.78	1,830.00	-469.22	74.36%
ZUNBUDGETED	<u>27,538.70</u>	<u>396.70</u>	<u>27,142.00</u>	<u>6,941.95%</u>
Total Expense	<u>216,400.51</u>	<u>204,722.09</u>	<u>11,678.42</u>	<u>105.71%</u>
Net Income	<u>2,837.32</u>	<u>6,632.51</u>	<u>-3,795.19</u>	<u>42.78%</u>

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

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● **October is Clergy**
● **Appreciation Month**
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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 30 Trunk-or-Treat (all groups)
3-5 p.m.**

All Youth are invited to join the Trunk or Treat festivities. CYF will help with games, cake walk, face painting. CHI-RHO will be around to be costumed and help their families and others give out candy from trunks.

Future Fall Group Dates:

Nov 6 CR, CYF
Nov 13 JYF, CYF
Nov 20 CR, CYF

CYF will be collecting food (See article on page 2) on Sundays, Nov. 6 & 13 in Yonker Hall.

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



Christmas Bazaar

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

See us in the Narthex this Sunday and see what you would like to do to be a part of the Christmas Bazaar! Since we have some fantastic cooks in our church, we would love your help in supplying the Cookie/Candy Caravan. People love buying your 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.

Kitchen help would be greatly appreciated anytime from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Make sure you sign up your little one to 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. Someone will be in the Narthex each Sunday with a sign up sheet or call Brenda Mosby at 442-7507.

Thanksgiving Outreach Baskets Announced Supporting a Project of Fifth Street Christian Church

Fifth St. Christian Church endeavors to supply those in need with meal fixings for the Thanksgiving Holiday. They create baskets that include the following:

Turkey Stuffing Green Beans-Cut style Cranberry Sauce Potatoes-5 lb bag
Rolls Package of butter sticks Dessert 1 dozen eggs

Fifth Street CC has an eat-in meal, delivers to elderly members, and supplies baskets to yet others for Thanksgiving. WE at First Christian will offer our help by collecting the above donations and sending them to 5th St. CC. Our youth will collect, pack and deliver the donated items. Collection will take place on Nov 6 & 13 in Yonker Fellowship Hall between the services (9:30-10:30 a.m.)

Benefit for Mobility Worldwide (formerly PET)

On Friday, Nov. 4 the Centro Latino will be hosting a benefit Dinner and Show to raise awareness of the rebranding of PET as Mobility Worldwide (please see <http://mobilityworldwide.org/affiliates/missouri-w...> for more info), and to raise funds to support this wonderful mission. Dinner will be prepared by the Centro Latino beginning at 6 p.m.; dinner will be followed by music, stories, and poetry featuring Jeff Moran as Dr. Chordate, Walter Barga (Missouri's First Poet Laureate), local singer/songwriter Tom Lata, and others. (See flyer on bulletin board for information.)



Youth Fall Outing

On Sunday, Oct. 16, the Kurt and Stacia Schaefer family hosted the Chi-Rho and CYF youth groups for good fall evening fun -- field games and cookout. Thanks Schaefer's! The CYF is pictured here.

The Visitor

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SERVING SCHEDULE Sunday, Oct. 30

Van Driver: Carol Slusher

Office Receptionist: Gene Taylor

Flower Ministry - Arranged by: Susan and Gerald Ramsey

Delivered by: Susan and Gerald Ramsey

Welcome Station: Jennifer Alexander and Jan Davis

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts: Eric Seaman

Elder: Larry Burnam

Offering Counters: Bob Hutton and Kim Reardon

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Jordan Barnes, Steve and

Bobbi McCormack

Liturgist: Tracy Evers

Elders: Larry Veatch, Joyce Stanley, Eric Arnett

Deacons: The Beary Team *Ushers:* The Mountjoy Team

Greeters: Fred Mottaz (*N. Door*), Mary Jane Anderson (*S. Door*),

Dan Gieseke (*Atrium*), Holly Gieseke (*Portico*)

Banner Bearers: Kira Hoenes, Ella Rogers

Candlelighters: Paige Freed, Gabe Palmer

Children's Worship: Jessica Humble (ldr.); Vicki Johnson (hlpr.)

Offering Counters: Gene Taylor and Brenda Martin

CHURCH CALENDAR Oct. 30 - Nov. 5

Sun., Oct. 30

- Bell Choir, 8:30 a.m., Bell Room (3rd floor Ed. Bldg.)
- Coffee Hour, 9:20-10:20 a.m., Yonker Hall
- Trunk or Treat, 3:00-5:00 p.m., FCC Parking Lot and Yonker Fellowship Hall

Mon., Oct. 31

- NO Mother's Day Out this day
- Newsletter deadline & Church Staff Mtg., 2:00 p.m.

Tues., Nov. 1

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

Wed., Nov. 2

- STARS - Heartland Dairy Trip, 8:00 a.m., departing from Target Parking Lot
- Wed. Bible Study, 12:05-12:55 p.m., Bethany Hall
- World Outreach Mtg., 5:00 p.m., Keystone Room
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- DOC (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m., Bethany Hall

Fri., Nov. 4

- Church Dine-Out, 5:30 p.m., Bob Evans Restaurant