



## GIVE THANKS

~ a worship focus for November ~

*Give thanks for...* what God is doing at FCC (Nov. 13)  
*Give thanks for...* The Great Thanksgiving: Christ! (Nov. 20)

### Thanksgiving Outreach Baskets...

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, Pkg. of butter sticks, Dessert, 1 dz. 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. Four of our high school youth working on the *God and Life* Boy Scout award will collect, pack and deliver the donated items.

Collection will take place on **Sunday, Nov. 13** in Yonker Fellowship Hall between the services (9:30-10:30 a.m.)

## STREET STORIES Glimpses of Homelessness



**November 18-19 7:00 pm**

**November 20 3:00 pm**

**We will host this year's production  
in the First Christian Ch. Sanctuary**

**Proceeds go to Turning Point and Room at the Inn**

**Suggested donation - \$10**

**Tickets available at the door or online**

**<https://everyeventgives/event/streetstories/all>**

### Worship for Nov. 13

**26th Sunday after Pentecost**

Have you wondered why there is always a construction lift or crane in the church parking lot? Have you noticed recently that they are missing from the scene? Our congregation has endured with faithful stewardship and patience many months of construction and renovation on many parts of the church building and grounds.

This Sunday the texts and sermon are about endurance. Rev. Brad Stagg will bring a word for disciples that really will resonate with a group of them at 10<sup>th</sup> and Walnut as we hear Christ's call to endure in faithfulness. As a congregation we will GIVE THANKS for what God is doing in the ministry and mission of FCC.

## Christmas Bazaar



**Saturday, Nov. 19**

**8 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

**Yonker Fellowship Hall**

Gifts Christmas Cookies & Candy  
Crafts Art Pottery

- Shop for your Christmas gift list.
- Stop in for morning coffee and breads.
- Stay for lunch: soup, sandwich, dessert.

**Will you help?** It is a great time to work together and serve our friends and guests.

**Will you make & bake?**

Cookie and Candy Caravan - church people make and bring them. Breads for morning - church people donate.

We would love to find a spot for you to serve! Please call Brenda Mosby at 442-7507 with questions.



## Voluntary Action Center Christmas Project

November is here, which means the holiday season is right around the corner. Each year there are parents who are not able to provide Christmas presents or dinner for their families. The Voluntary Action Center (VAC) has a Holiday Program. The Holiday Program is VAC's single largest program. It provides families, elderly and disabled individuals with gifts and food for the holidays that they may not have had otherwise. In addition to toys, books, and games, families often receive needed clothing and household supplies.

Each year First Christian Church adopts families from the Holiday Program and sets up an Angel Tree in the Narthex. To make this outreach project successful we need your help! Please stop by the Angel Tree on Sunday, November 13 or 20, to select a person for which to shop. This would be a perfect opportunity for families, Sunday School groups, etc. to come together to adopt a person/family. **Gifts need to be purchased and brought to church by November 27.** If you are unable to shop but would like to give a monetary donation to support this cause, the CYF Group will go and shop for you! Thank you for your support for the VAC Holiday Program!

~Elizabeth Mottaz



Thank you to everyone that helped with Kent Kurtz's reception. One and all pitched in, lots of fellowship, teamwork, and fun. Thank you again for the help and support from my Church Family!  
~Janelle Patterson

*The nice thing about teamwork is that you always have others on your side.*

~Margaret Carty

## Friday Night Movie Classics



*"Some Like It Hot"*

**Friday, Nov. 11**

**7:00 p.m.**

3rd Floor Cinema at FCC

Popcorn provided.

Join us and bring a friend.

Hosted by Dan & Holly Gieseke.

## STARS and 60 + You are Invited

Our STARS group is always glad to be invited to the annual meal at BCC. The 60 + Group of Broadway Christian Church invites you to join them for:

### Thanksgiving Feast

Monday, November 21

12:00 Noon

Broadway Fellowship Hall

Menu: Turkey, Dressing, Gravy & Rolls. Please bring a dish to share: Last name beginning with A-M (salad or side dish); Last name beginning with N-Z (dessert). The cost is \$7 (payable at the door). Reservations are necessary to attend. RSVP to Carol Slusher (874-4902) by Tue., Nov. 15.

**Report for  
Sun., Nov. 6, 2016**

**Offering - \$10,308**

**Attendance - 220**

Includes: early service-41, visitors-23

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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## Nov 13 JYF, CYF

### Future Fall Group Dates:

Nov 20 CR, CYF

Nov. 27 CYF - shopping for VAC gifts

Dec. 4 Living Nativity

Dec. 11 Pageant

Dec. 18 CYF Christmas Caroling

## DOC - Disciples on Campus

College group meets Wednesday  
nights 8:45-10 p.m. in Bethany Hall



## 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

### STARS Christmas Lights Tour

- Mon., Dec. 5, 6:00 pm

### 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

## News of People & Place

**Cliff Tompson** is undergoing physical therapy in these weeks after sustaining a fall and appreciates prayers.


This week two services were held for church members who died some time ago. A memorial service for **Helen Ewing** (died on August 28) was held at Memorial Funeral Home on Tues., Nov. 8 by Rev. Sally Robinson. A memorial service for **Anne Tomlin** (died on October 12) will be held on Saturday, Nov. 12, at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.

This past Sunday we gave thanks for the long-standing relationship with **Columbia College**. As it was Higher Education Sunday across the Christian Church (DOC) denomination, 14 colleges and universities related and in covenant with the church were uplifted. Columbia College was celebrated in both worship services – with CC’s **Jane Froman Singers** bringing three beautiful anthems at the 10:30 service.

From inception, this congregation has played a role in higher education in the community and was instrumental in the founding of Christian College now Columbia College. FCC has been home for many who are in both church and school: Faculty, administration, board members, current students of all ages, alumni, and donors.

**All Saints Sunday** was celebrated Nov. 6 in both worship services. Names of souls who died in the last year were read as we recalled giving them over to the fullness of God.

Happy Birthday!



<p><u>Nov. 13</u> Dietrich Arnett</p> <p><u>Nov. 14</u> Dan Backues Pat Wright</p> <p><u>Nov. 16</u> Amy LaHue Janet Swope</p>	<p><u>Nov. 17</u> Rich Montgomery Chelsea Swope</p> <p><u>Nov. 18</u> Dalton Whipple</p>
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## Getting to Know Church Departments

The ministry and mission of First Christian Church are carried out through the organizational structure of an Administrative Board, Cabinet, and Departments. In the coming months the *Visitor* will offer descriptions of these departments that the congregation would take greater ownership in knowledge of them.

### CHURCHINSOCIETY:

(Colleen Nilges, chairperson)

The department helps to involve the congregation in local ministries in the Columbia community which meet human needs, including:

- *Breakfast for the Brethren*
- *Central Missouri Food Bank*
- *CROP Walk*
- *Habitat for Humanity Columbia*
- *Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen*
- *VAC Angel Tree Christmas Project*
- *Welcome Home*
- *Woodhaven*

### ADVENT:

(Jennifer Alexander, chairperson)

The department will be responsible for planning, recruiting, coordinating, and implementing all programmatic ministries particular to the Advent and Christmas seasons. Programs, included but not limited to, are:

- *Hanging of the Greens and Weekly Advent Wreath & Candles*
- *Living Nativity, Christmas Pageant & Tasting Party*
- *Christmas Lights Driving Tour*
- *Caroling*
- *Christmas Eve Services*

## The Election Day Luncheon

A great crew of folks made the 18th Annual Election Day Lunch a reality. As these pictures can tell, the story of the annual lunch is one of good church fellowship.

72 PIES!  
They were delicious!



# The Visitor

## First Christian Church

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### Ministerial Staff:

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## Return Service Requested

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

## SERVING SCHEDULE Sunday, Nov. 13

*Van Driver:* Russ Palmer

*Office Receptionist:* Janelle Patterson

*Flower Ministry - Arranged by:* Perry & Helen Stemmons

*Delivered by:* Perry & Helen Stemmons

*Welcome Station:* Chris Creasy and Valerie Freed

### **Servers for 8:30 Worship Service**

*Worship Assts:* Tom and Carol Hughey

*Elder:* Susan Gray

*Offering Counters:* Kim Reardon and Barnard

### **Servers for 10:30 Worship Service**

*Communion Preparation:* Holly Wheatley, Amy Green and Makali Hawkins

*Liturgist:* Kameron Freed

*Elders:* Sally Robinson, Pat Rybolt, Eric Seaman

*Deacons:* The Beary Team *Ushers:* The Burnam Team  
*Greeters:* Trish Stagg (*N. Door*), Jacki Davidson (*S. Door*),  
Gerald Ramsey (*Atrium*), Susan Ramsey (*Portico*)

*Banner Bearers:* Annie Stagg, Ava Martin

*Candlelighters:* Kaedon Wheatley, Gabe Palmer

*Children's Worship:* Holly Gieseke (ldr.); Amy Marrero (hlpr.)

*Offering Counters:* Diana Provenzano and Janelle Patterson

## CHURCH CALENDAR Nov. 13-19

### Sun., Nov. 13

- 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., Nov. 14

- STARS - Trip to Branson
- Newsletter deadline & Church Staff Mtg., 2:00 p.m.
- Drennan Singers Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary

### Tues., Nov. 15

- Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Drennan Group, 1:00 p.m., Lenoir Woods
- Trustee Mtg., 5:00 p.m., Glenn's Cafe
- Administrative Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Morris Parlor

### Wed., Nov. 16

- Shawl Ministry, 9:30 a.m., Millie Bolman's home
- No Wed. Bible Study this day
- CWF Board Mtg., 5:00-6:00 p.m., Yonker Fellowship Hall
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- DOC (college group), 8:45-10:00 p.m., Bethany Hall

### Thur., Nov. 17

- CAOAM Advisory Board, 5:30-7:00 p.m., Bethany Hall

### Fri., Nov. 18

- DOC (college group) Retreat (Friday & Saturday)
- *Street Stories* performance, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary

### Sat., Nov. 19

- Christmas Bazaar, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Yonker Hall
- *Street Stories* performance, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary