



**Mid-Mo  
Church Music Festival**

Sunday, February 12, 2017  
3:00 p.m.

Olivet Christian Church  
1991 South Olivet Road, Columbia, MO

The public is invited to attend this special event. Our own First Christian Chancel Choir will be participating, so please come out to support them. Audience members will vote for a "people's choice" award with the winners determined by the most money received from audience members. Half of the proceeds will go to a charity of each group's choice. The other half will help defray the cost of the Mid-Mo Church Music Festival. It is hoped to develop into a teaching clinic for next year.

**Let Your Light Shine**

**The Sundays after Epiphany**

**This Sunday, February 5th:**

Come Let Your Light Shine this coming Sunday as we study together Jesus' continuation of the Sermon on the Mount! Rev. Stagg's nine-week sermon series on "Light!" continues as we study Isaiah 58:1-9 and Matthew 5:13-20 for the sermon, "The Light of the World!" You are the light of the world for Jesus Christ; together, may we shine well for his glory!!

Singing on this day will be found in the hymns *Hope of the World; Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus; Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* and *This Little Light of Mine*. Special music for 8:30 will be Jerry Daugherty sharing *The 23rd Psalm*.

**Potato Bar and Offering will Highlight Week of Compassion - Feb 12 & 19**

The annual WEEK OF COMPASSION will be observed between Sundays Feb. 12 and 19. Special offerings for WOC will be collected both Sundays. FCC's World Outreach Department will serve a lunch to raise awareness and funding for Week of Compassion.



God is most tangibly present in this world where people hunger, thirst, lack adequate clothing and shelter, and are sick or imprisoned. Christ claims as family members people who suffer. Christ is so present in them that when you feed the hungry, care for the sick, welcome the stranger – you feed, and care for, and welcome Christ. When you give through Week of Compassion to those who suffer from natural disaster, war, or systemic poverty, you let them know: *You are here.*

*"Just as you did to one of  
the least of these who are  
members of my family,  
you did it to me."  
(Matthew 25:40)*



**Baked Potato Bar**

~ a big baked potato with all the fixings ~  
~ hotdogs available for the kids ~

**Sunday, February 12, Noon  
Yonker Hall**

**Cost: donations accepted  
Make plans now to attend**

**Week of Compassion** is the relief, refugee and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. We seek to equip and empower disciples to alleviate the suffering of others through disaster response, humanitarian aid, sustainable development and the promotion of mission opportunities.

This year the World Outreach Dept., decided to go a different route with the Week of Compassion observance: Wine to Water is out and potatoes are in!

# DISCIPLE U

## the learning track for disciples at FCC

“Disciple U” is a new approach beginning this year for the teaching of church history, theology, bible study, christian living, stewardship, spirituality and prayer. Revs. Stagg and Spear will soon present a general outline. To start off this new education plan, a class on what it is to be a part of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will be offered this season.

### DISCIPLES 101: A book study

“People of the Chalice” by C. Cartwright  
- a four week course -

**Sundays Feb. 12, 19, 26, Mar. 5**  
**4:30 - 6:00 p.m.**  
**Morris Parlor**

Please RSVP by Feb. 6 for the ordering of books (\$9 pay in class): **email Brad Stagg - [brad@firstchristian.org](mailto:brad@firstchristian.org)**  
**or call the church office. Put “DU book” on the pew pad on Sunday in worship.**

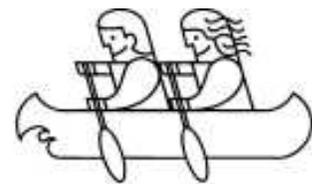
### Bit from Brad

*People of the Chalice: Disciples of Christ in Faith and Practice* by Colbert S. Cartwright, or Bert Cartwright as he is better known, is one of the better books succinctly describing both the faith of our denomination, the Disciples of Christ, and how we work, play, and worship together. Only 110 pages with 12 chapters, I have found this book nicely captures the spirit of who we are as Disciples. This book is less “history heavy” and more “essence capturing.” In this book study, we will cover three chapters per session, so reading ahead will be important. Bert Cartwright held Disciple pastorates in “tradition-rich Lynchburg, racially troubled Little Rock during integration following Brown vs. Board of Education, steel-centered Youngstown, and Disciples-steeped Fort Worth.” He also served as Area Minister of the Trinity-Brazos Area in Fort Worth when I began ministry in Houston; I met him and visited with Bert on several occasions. Bert knows Disciples and his book can help you know the Disciples better. If you want to know more about our denomination, what we believe and do, I encourage you to join us for those 4 Sunday evenings beginning Feb. 12 at 4:30. Copies should be available beginning next week, Feb. 6.

### Float Trip Anyone!?

Can you imagine leisurely floating down a beautiful Missouri river on a warm sunny day with your friends and family? Consider it!

The Evangelism Department has reserved 9 canoes and 10 kayaks for us to float on the Current River on Sunday, June 11, 2017. We can travel as a group to the river together Sunday morning. Brad Stagg will conduct a casual “River Sermon” then we’ll partake in a 4 hour float and return to Columbia that evening. This will be a day float. However, you have the option to travel down at your leisure on Saturday and stay in a cabin, or take advantage of the RV hookups overnight, then join the rest of the group Sunday morning for the worship service and float. There is a suggested donation of \$30 per canoe. Families welcome!



In order for us to plan, we need to get a feel for our congregational interest. **IF INTERESTED**, please let Pat Rybolt know by Friday, February 17 if you be a “Sunday only” floater or if you plan to stay overnight then float. You may, also, put “Float” on the Sunday pew pad. If you have questions or would like to reserve a canoe/kayak, please contact Pat at 573-442-3040 or [Pat@musicsuite.net](mailto:Pat@musicsuite.net). See you on the river!

### Fifth Street CC’s Community Meal

This month’s **Saturday, February 11** meal for the community will be: SOUP. Will you make a pot of soup to share with our community? Other items needed: crackers, pre-packaged dessert, beverage.

There is also a collection of hats, scarves and mittens for an Elementary School. 50 sets are needed. Thank you.

~Rev. Angela Williams, 5th Street Christian Outreach Program  
[feedmysheepministree@yahoo.com](mailto:feedmysheepministree@yahoo.com)

### Nominations Form Reminder

The 2017 Nominating Committee solicits your suggestions for congregational members to fill the offices of Elder, Deacon, and Junior Deacon on the Service Boards, as well as your nominees for “Honorary” Elders or Deacons. Outstanding recognition nominations are also needed. **Nomination Forms are due February 26!**

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**Church Dine-Out**  
**Friday, Feb. 3, 5:30 pm**  
Bob Evans Restaurant  
Everyone Welcome!  
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**Report for**  
**Sun., Jan. 29, 2017**

**Offering - \$7,044**  
**Attendance - 181**  
(includes: early service-43; visitors 17)

## News of People & Place

**Olivia Johnson** placed 4th among 7th grade students at Columbia's Regional math competition on Saturday. She will compete at the State Math competition on April 8th, in Ballwin, Mo.

**Bonnie Backues** had a successful leg surgery last week and remains in rehabilitation at Boone Hospital.

**Jeff and Willie Mae Wheeland** – Willie Mae, no cancer evident, Jeff continues to seek consultations.

We are upholding **Debbie Potthast** who had surgery Jan. 31, for the removal of a tumor on the brain.

Prayers of sympathy are extended to **Trish Gregory** and family in the sudden death of her sister, Kristin, of Kansas City.

We pray for those who in the last week knew storms in the deep south; flooding, snow and storms in California; tornados, death totals, homes destroyed, winds and water all across the nation. To donate relief funds give to Week of Compassion through church offering methods or at:

[www.weekofcompassion.org](http://www.weekofcompassion.org)

We pray for those who in the last week have been made not welcome - Syrian families, parents and children, who are in limbo in the search of a peaceful life for their families.

Thanks to **Brice and Mary Moeller** for the mini-fridge – the Sunday morning youth class juice is now cold and ready for the devoted crew of youth.



### Birthdays

<p><b>Feb. 7</b> Nathaniel Pine Lorene Trickey</p> <p><b>Feb. 8</b> Kimberly Foster Ruth Ann Obrecht</p>	<p><b>Feb. 10</b> Jennifer Alexander David Chrisman Steve Humble Nancy Sandford Steven Smith</p>
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## STARS

...the 55+ Fellowship Group

The planning committee has met, bringing many great ideas, and landed on the following schedule of events for the first half of 2017.



**February 23 – Thursday**  
**Midway Flea Market - Rocheport – Boonville**  
Antiques, shops, lunch and Boonville's car museum. RSVP in office or pew pad "FLEA" to save your spot.

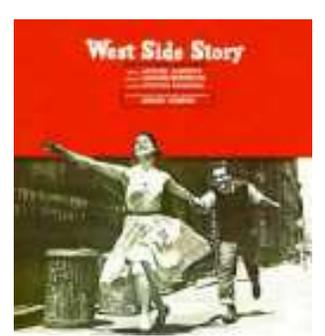
**March 23 – Thursday**  
**Kansas City** – touring two DOC churches of note, lunch and a museum

**April 6 – Thursday**  
**Theater in KC** - "Boeing, Boeing" at the New Theater, Overland Park  
See next week's Visitor for info on RSVP.

**April 26-27** – Overnight Trip to Springfield, IL for all things Lincoln!

**May 18 – Thursday**  
**St. Louis** – Options include: Magic Chef Mansion, US Grant Home "Whitehaven," Griot Black History Museum – final plan to be made at a later date.

## Friday Night Movie Classics



**"West Side Story"**  
**Friday, February 10th**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
3rd Floor Cinema at FCC

Popcorn provided.  
Join us and bring a friend.  
Hosted by Dan & Holly Gieseke.

## Youth Gatherings 2017

**Feb. 5 CR & CYF**  
**due to SUPERBOWL:**  
**Chi-Rho will meet at church 12-3 p.m.**  
Lunch together (\$5) and a movie in our cinema. (no evening meeting)  
**CYF will meet at the Marrero Home after 5:00 p.m. for a Superbowl Party.**  
Everyone brings a 2 liter drink of choice. Food provided. Friends welcome.  
We hope youth will come after 5, but by 5:45 and stay through half-time. Then people may head home.  
Driving: Youth can be driven out to or be dropped off at Marreros – in the Midway area. 4411 N. Boothe Lane, Rocheport, MO 65279 OR ride the church bus, meeting at church at 5 p.m., returning sometime after half-time (we will call). Youth will text Jimmy if they are riding the bus, please.

**Feb. 12 JYF & CYF**

**Feb 19-20: PRESIDENT's WKND**  
**CYF will go on Retreat** -- a 24 hour overnight away for team building, spirit time, devotion, and play. Floor sleeping, cooking own food. We are thinking of including some ski time at Hidden Valley in St. Louis. We would like additional adults and insight on this please.



Thank you for the John Ridgeway Scholarship! I'm excited to be back home and finishing up my degree. Thanks for everything, it means a lot! ~Jenny McCarty

Special thanks to Chris Creasy for delivering the pretty flowers to Jim, who is recovering from pneumonia. The Ministry of Flowers is very important to people, and we have learned from both delivering and receiving flowers that they connect us to the love and friendship of our church. Thanks so much.  
~Anne & Jim Campbell

We have such a great and caring church family. Thanks for all the cards, phone calls, flowers and visits during my recent hip replacement. Special thanks to Brad for being there at 5:30 a.m. to offer a prayer prior to surgery and to Nannie Lou, Vicki, Olivia & Alex for the great food & support.  
~Pat Wright

# The Visitor

## First Christian Church

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### Ministerial Staff:

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**Minister Emeritus:** Dr. John J. Yonker

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

### SERVING SCHEDULE Sunday, Feb. 5

*Van Driver:* Russ Palmer  
*Office Receptionist:* Janelle Patterson  
*Flower Ministry - Arranged by:* Carol Slusher  
*Delivered by:* Carol Slusher  
*Welcome Station:* Lexy Bell & Trish Stagg

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

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

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

*Communion Preparation:* Bill and Sonya Carney, Cole Galbraith  
*Liturgist:* Adriene Floyd  
*Elders:* Fred Mottaz, Larry Veatch, Dan Backues  
*Deacons:* The Garton Team    *Ushers:* The Mountjoy Team  
*Greeters:* Bill Carney (*N. Door*), Sonya Carney (*S. Door*),  
Fred Mottaz (*Atrium*), Mary Jane Anderson (*Portico*)  
*Banner Bearers:* Lillian McCormack, Amelia Leon-Rudy  
*Candlelighters:* Kira Hoenes, Ella Rogers  
*Children's Worship:* Holly Gieseke (*ldr.*) TBA (*hlpr.*)  
*Offering Counters:* Brenda Martin and Harlan Hackett

### CHURCH CALENDAR Feb. 5 - 11

#### **Sun., Feb. 5**

- Warming Station, 6:00-9:00 a.m., FCC Higbee Center
- 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), 12-3:00 p.m., Church (lunch and movie)
- CYF Youth Group (grades 9-12), 5:00 p.m., Marrero's Home (Super Bowl Party)

#### **Mon., Feb. 6**

- NO Mother's Day Out this day
- Newsletter deadline & Church Staff Mtg., 2:00 p.m.
- Coffman-Watson Mtg., 7:00 p.m.

#### **Tues., Feb. 7**

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

#### **Wed., Feb. 8**

- Ladies' Book Club, 12:00 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Wed. Bible Study, 12:05-12:55 p.m., Morris Parlor
- Baptism and Discipleship Class, 5:30 p.m., Yonker Hall
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary