



**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!



*“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)*

### Welcome New Member

**Trey Quinlan** and his son, **Landon** (4), joined FCC Sunday, Feb. 5 at the 8:30 Service. Trey frequents FCC multiple times throughout the week. He drops off and picks up Landon from our MDO/Preschool program every day; as well as attends the daily 12-Step groups meeting in Higbee Hall. Trey says, “This church has been critical to my recovery and starting my life again by loving and caring for my son. Now I want to grow in my faith and spiritual understandings. FCC is a beacon of hope in my life; thank you!” When Trey’s not here at FCC, he owns and manages the Wolf’s Head right across the street from FCC. Welcome Trey and Landon!!



### 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.**

### 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 to attend!**



### Let Your Light Shine

#### The Sundays after Epiphany

**This Sunday, February 12th:**

Join us for worship this Sunday as we continue *Let Your Light Shine!* Rev. Stagg’s nine-week sermon series on “Light!” continues through Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount; this week’s sermon entitled “The Light of the Higher Road” is based on Deuteronomy 30:15-20 and Matthew 5:21-37. Also, we will receive Week of Compassion Offerings this Sunday and next.

## Visitor Campaign: Spring Training '17

The Evangelism Team is planning a Visitor Campaign which will go for four Sundays. We are hoping to *Let Our Light Shine* and let others know about our wonderful congregation and the joy we have found in Jesus Christ. It will begin the last Sunday in February and continue until the third Sunday of March, prior to Palm Sunday and Easter. Since this time period coincides with Major League Baseball's Spring Training, we thought it would be fun to use one to help the other.

For four Sundays, beginning February 26 through March 19, we'll form the congregation into two teams, pulpit side and lectern side, with the pulpit side called the Redbird Disciples and the lectern side called the Royal Blue Christians. The two teams will compete with one another, seeing which team can bring more visitors to FCC's worship services than the other team. Each visitor counts as two runs per Sunday and each member will count as one run. The team with the most runs batted in after hitting all the bases, wins! We encourage you to wear your team colors proudly each of the four Sundays. Blue on the lectern side and red on the pulpit side all the way up through the balcony.

There'll be a trophy for the winning team and a small prize for all the members and visitors on that last Sunday, but we, the members, F.C.C., and Christ are the true winners! We will all win because we will grow in discipleship, following the great commission, "Go into all the world making disciples, . . ."; FCC wins because more people learn about us; and Christ wins because more people learn about Him! It's a win-win-win!! Come on everybody, Let's Play Ball!!!

## Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday marks the first day of the Lenten season (and it's not just for Catholics!). Lent is 46 days long including 40 days of "fasting" plus the 6 Sundays between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday. According to Matthew, Mark and Luke, Jesus spent 40 days fasting in the desert while enduring temptations by Satan. Lent mirrors this time, for many, being a fast for 40 days in preparation for Easter. Ash Wednesday derives its name from the practice of "blessing ashes" made from palm branches from the previous year's Palm Sunday and places them on the head or hand of participants.

Please join us on Ash Wednesday, March 1, for a simple "Soup for the Soul" dinner prior to the Ash Wednesday service. It's a quaint, quiet service and everyone is welcome! Dinner begins at 5:30 (RSVP via pew pad or call church office so we can have enough soup and bread). The service will be at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary.

This is truly one of our church's "best kept secrets"! My family and I have attended this service for many years and have found it to be a meaningful start to the Lenten season. Some years I add something to my normal routine (usually daily devotional reading provided by church) and some years I give something up (Chocolate? Coffee? Something equally challenging for you?) and some years I do a little bit of both however neither are required, it's just something to think about as we remember Jesus' suffering during this time. Hope to see you there.  
~Chris Creasy

*Chris is a part of the Soup for the Soul sub-committee of the Membership Department.*

# 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**

Limited space available. Please contact the church office or **email Brad Stagg - brad@firstchristian.org**

## 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!

## News of People & Place

**Kay Beissenherz**, our church secretary for nearly 14 years has announced her retirement effective March 31.

**Dana Heavin** continues her stroke rehabilitation at Boone; as does **Bonnie Backues** for her leg surgery.

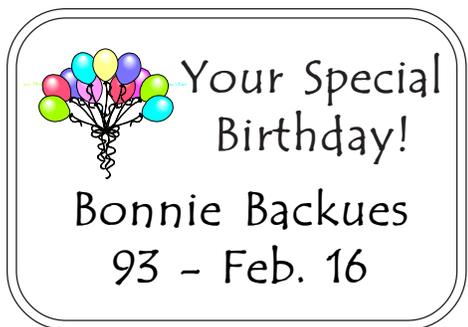
**Jeff Wheeland** will have cancer therapy consultation this week as his heart is not strong enough for surgery.

**Debbie Potthast** is home recovering from brain surgery; doctors are cautiously optimistic the tumor is benign.

**Linda Hamilton's** cancer is no longer in remission, she asks for prayers of strength, power, and healing.

**Mary Ann Niedergerke** has moved to Valley North Park in Fulton.

**Noah Stagg** took 1<sup>st</sup> Place for speed in Pack 60's Pinewood Derby.



Your Special Birthday!  
Bonnie Backues  
93 - Feb. 16

## 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.

## 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**  
\$10 fee

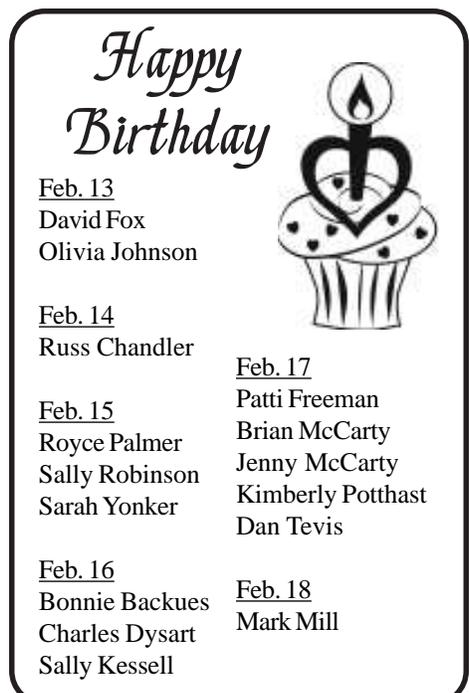
9:15 meet - Target parking lot  
Midway Antique Mall  
Rocheport Antiques  
Lunch at Abigail's or in Boonville  
New Mitchell Car Museum in Boonville  
RSVP in office or pew pad "FLEA" to save your spot.

**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

**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.



Happy Birthday

<u>Feb. 13</u> David Fox Olivia Johnson	<u>Feb. 17</u> Patti Freeman Brian McCarty Jenny McCarty Kimberly Potthast Dan Tevis
<u>Feb. 14</u> Russ Chandler	<u>Feb. 18</u> Mark Mill
<u>Feb. 15</u> Royce Palmer Sally Robinson Sarah Yonker	
<u>Feb. 16</u> Bonnie Backues Charles Dysart Sally Kessell	

## Youth Gatherings 2017

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.

Feb 26 JYF & CYF  
Mar 5 CR & CYF  
Mar 12 Talent Show/Potluck  
Mar 12 JYF & CYF – G. Sale Set Up  
Mar 17-18 Garage Sale  
Mar 19 CR & CYF  
Mar 26 NO youth – Spg Brk

Thanks to the Marrero's for hosting the CYF Super Bowl party last Sunday - good food, friends, games, and a little Lady Gaga.

The Chi-Rho group had a mid-day social outing last Sunday. Hartley's DQ was just what we needed before the classic movie in our cinema "Raiders of the Lost Ark" - which included a brief lesson on the ark of the covenant ;)



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.



## Report for Sun., Feb. 5, 2017

**Offering** - \$11,149  
**Attendance** - 183  
(includes: early service-35; visitors 11)

# 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. 12

*Van Driver:* Dan Gieseke

*Office Receptionist:* Richard Barnard

*Flower Ministry - Arranged by:* Gerald and Susan Ramsey

*Delivered by:* Gerald and Susan Ramsey

*Welcome Station:* Chris Creasy and Valerie Freed

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

*Worship Assts:* Eli Gaffney, Will and Donna Houston

*Elder:* Will Houston

*Offering Counters:* Barnard and Doug Smith

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

*Communion Preparation:* Richard and Allie Schomaker, and  
Diana Provenzano

*Liturgist:* Mary Jane Anderson

*Elders:* Eric Seaman, Sally Robinson, Pamela Hoepfner

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

*Greeters:* Dan Gieseke (*N. Door*), Holly Gieseke (*S. Door*),

Frances Brown (*Atrium*), Richard Barnard (*Portico*)

*Banner Bearers:* Paige Freed, Gabe Palmer

*Candlelighters:* Annie Stagg, Ava Martin

*Children's Worship:* Eric Arnett (*ldr.*) TBA (*hlpr.*)

*Offering Counters:* Cindy Smith and Janelle Patterson

### CHURCH CALENDAR Feb. 12- 18

#### **Sun., Feb. 12**

- 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
- Baptism and Discipleship Class, 9:30-10:20 a.m., Keystone Rm.
- Week of Compassion Potato Lunch, Noon, Yonker Hall
- Disciple U, 4:30-6:00 p.m., Morris Parlor
- 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., Feb. 13**

- Newsletter deadline & Church Staff Mtg., 2:00 p.m.
- Elder Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Yonker Fellowship Hall

#### **Tues., Feb. 14**

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

#### **Wed., Feb. 15**

- 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 Fellowship Hall
- Baptism and Discipleship Class, 5:30 p.m., Yonker Hall
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary

#### **Thr., Feb. 16**

- Cabinet Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Morris Parlor