



Let Your Light Shine

The Sundays after Epiphany

This Sunday, Feb 19, "The Light of Perfect Love" will be the theme of Rev. Stagg's sermon based upon Matthew 5:38-48.

Our two Sunday week long celebration of Week of Compassion will come to a close as we invite you again to share your offerings with the relief, refugee and development mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Thankful we are to have the chance to alleviate the suffering of others through disaster response, humanitarian aid, sustainable development and the promotion of mission opportunities in the USA and around the world.

Last Sunday our WOC offering was \$2,158 plus \$689 from the potato luncheon. Disciples, could we get to \$4,000 total? Children will bring their little yellow boxes back too!

Week of Compassion

You are here!
 in places of disaster when there is unsafe water in times of hunger to relieve human suffering

*"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 Members

For the second week in a row, a new family has joined FCC! This week, **Noah and Gina Shonka** along with their son, **Gage** joined our congregation. Visiting for many months and recently enrolling, Gage in our MDO/Preschool program, we welcome the Shonka's who join us by transfer of membership. Noah is an US Army reservist whose unit has recently been mobilized into fulltime active duty



status; as such Noah will be deployed to Germany in a few months and the family wants to secure their church family during this time of transition. We welcome Noah, Gina, and Gage into the full of FCC and pray for their security and safety during this transition time!

Nomination Forms Due

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!**

FCC's Redbird

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Visitor Campaign: Spring Training '17

Continuing the momentum of the recent Capital Campaign, we now turn towards people in the pews! The Evangelism Team announces a visitor campaign to coincide with the Spring Training of the Baseball Major Leagues. How will we "play ball"? Come to worship and invite guests!

Over the course of four Sundays (Feb. 26-Mar. 19) the congregation will be added up on Sunday mornings in both worship services. Based upon your signing the weekly pew pad, each member will count as 1 run batted in and each visitor will count as 2 runs batted in.

The sides of the sanctuary will serve as "teams" - the lectern side will be the Redbird Disciples and the pulpit side the Royal Blue Christians. Team captains are: Dave and Amy Gaffney (8:30); Steve Evers and Steve Humble (10:30).

Follow the great commission of Jesus to go and make disciples and let your light shine. Wear team colors, pick your side, and invite guests! Play ball!

FCC's Royal Blue

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March 1st



Soup for the Soul

"A simple meal of soup and bread with friends"

Yonker Fellowship Hall, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

RSVP to church office or put "SOUP" on the Sunday pew pad.

Worship Service

"A service for repentance & receiving of ashes"

Sanctuary, 6:30 p.m.

This service to begin the Lenten season will include hymns, prayers, a brief meditation and the imposition of ashes.

ASH
WEDNESDAY

Bit from Brad

Just as FCC engaged in a fruitful capital campaign to tackle important property matters, the Evangelism Team now leads a Visitor Campaign to address worship attendance, visibility to visitors, and encouragement for members to attend weekly worship while bringing visitors. Since this Visitor Campaign leading up to Lent/Easter season corresponds with Major League Baseball's Spring Training, the Evangelism Team said, "Hey, let's 'mash up' the two together and have some fun!"

So beginning Sunday, Feb. 26 through March 19, the sanctuary will be decorated in red and blue pennants and you are encouraged to come to church dressed in your favorite color, Redbird red or Royal blue. Most importantly, be sure to bring friends and/or family to church!! The Royal Blue Christians sit with me on the pulpit side and the Redbird Disciples sit with Jimmy on the lectern side. Then once you and your guests sit on "your side" be sure to sign the Red Registration book found on the end of each pew, because that's how "runs are scored." Each member counts as one run; each visitor counts as two runs!! At the end of those four Sundays, the total runs will be tallied up, the side with most runs wins!!

In truth, we all will win!! Because regardless of the number of folks tallied, the true win is that each follower of Jesus who invites another person to church will grow in the discipleship capacity. Just by inviting another person to church you communicate your love and concern for another person; and anyone invited who responds wins by becoming better acquainted with FCC and Jesus Christ. And of course any time someone knows Jesus even a little bit better, then Jesus and his kingdom win. So as it has been said before, this Visitor Campaign is a win-win-win for all!

So dust off your baseball bat, oil up your ball glove, don your favorite ball cap, and choose your favorite blue or red jersey, and let's get ready to "Play Ball!!!"

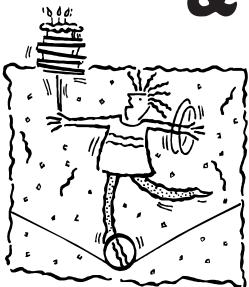
~Blessings, Brad

Potluck - no RSVP - bring food.
Talent Show - sign up in Narthex

Chancel Choir Fame

The Chancel Choir took part in the Mid-Missouri Church Music Festival held last Sunday at Olivet Christian Church. All week I have heard from others who attended how impressed they were with the spirit and powerhouse that was FCC's choir. The music they presented along with the quality of sound really moved people. FCC was the show stopper! The festival decides a "winner" by the donations offered on behalf of each choir. Donations are then contributed to both the charity of the winning choir's choice and next year's festival costs. This year the Central Missouri Food Bank received the donation. ~Jimmy Spear

Green Potluck Lunch & Talent Show



**Sunday
Mar. 12**

Noon, Yonker Hall
(lunch 12 p.m./talent 12:30 p.m.)

With a theme of St. Patrick's Day in the mix, we will welcome green and lucky foods plus potatoes to the potluck scene!

An All Church Fellowship Event
Get your talent ready!
- solo, group acts welcomed -
- sign up in NARTHEX this week -

Sponsored by the Membership Department

Garage Sale Mar. 17-18

The Student Ministry Department has met and made plans for the 2017 Garage Sale to benefit student mission trips this year. The schedule is as follows:

Set Up & Dropping off Donations:

Sunday, March 12 after 2pm

Set Up and Pricing:

Monday-Wednesday, March 13-15

Rest Day: Thursday

Note the new plan for SALE days:

March 17, Friday afternoon

March 18, Saturday am to mid-afternoon

News of People & Place

Congratulations to **Jack Creasy** who made the Dean's List at Missouri State University in the Fall 2016 semester.

Thanks to Cindy Rose and Trish Stagg for recent subbing in the church nursery. We are still looking for a regular nursery childcare provider for Sunday mornings. If you have names please forward to Jimmy Spear.

Dana Heavin and Bonnie Backues are now home with continued therapy. **Jeff Wheeland** has had confirmation of the presence of cancer and awaits a biopsy.

Ed and Eva Bright welcome your prayers as each has had health concerns and procedures in the last two weeks.



2017 General Assembly

July 8-12, 2017
Indianapolis, Indiana

A NOTE OF



I wish I could thank each one of you individually for all your cards and good wishes, but if I listed all your names it would fill the *Visitor!* But be assured that I appreciate how much your cards brightened each day in the rehab center. I've improved significantly and have now gone home to Kirsten's house and will continue PT there. ~Muriel Leach

I cannot begin to tell you of the pure joy I felt when I received the flowers on my first Sunday home after surgery. I know God is always with me when I read the sentiment given with the flowers. I was overcome with a sense of well-being. Sunday worship was brought to me by the flowers & love from the church. Your gesture with flowers means so much to me. I will keep the dried flowers & card near me always. ~Kelley Holman

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 - Rocheport – Boonville

\$10 tour fee

9:15 a.m. 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"

March 23 – Thursday a full day in Kansas City

\$10 travel fee

8:15 a.m. meet - Target parking lot

--Nelson-Atkins Art Museum for the newly opened "Bloch Galleries" exhibit of 29 masterworks by leading Impressionists of the 19th century.

--lunch at the Rozelle Court in the Nelson-A.

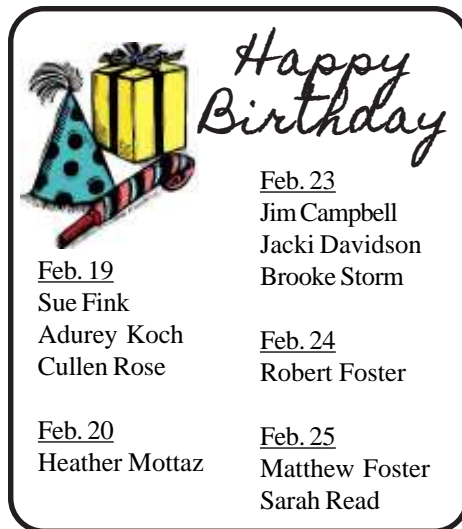
--touring two DOC churches: The life sized Lord's Supper at Country Club C.C. and the Frank Lloyd Wright designed Community Christian Church on the Plaza.

--our friend Molly Read Ring joins us.

RSVP in office or pew pad "KC"

Brummett-Harrah Group

Brummett-Harrah Group will meet February 22, 1:30 p.m. at Fireside Room, Lenoir Woods. Jean Juba will host and Frances Brown will present the program.



Youth Gatherings 2017

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, devotional time, and Monday hiking in Ha Ha Tonka State Park. Bring \$10. Look for info email.

Feb 26 JYF & CYF

CYF: will sit together in 10:30 worship and then go out for lunch together (bring \$5).

Mar 5 CR & CYF

Mar 12 Talent Show/Potluck

JYF sit together at Talent Show

CYF: G. Sale Set Up 2-7 p.m.

Mar 17-18 Garage Sale

Mar 19 CR & CYF

Mar 26 NO youth – Spg Brk

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.



Summer Camp 2017 SIGN UP WILL BEGIN SOON

CYF – grades 9-12: June 4-9 at
Jo-Ota in Clarence MO

All other NEOLA camps are at Covenant Point in Holts Summit:

Elementary – grades 2-3:
June 20-22

Junior – grades 4-5: June 20-24

**That Camp About God & Sex –
grade 8:** June 25-July 1

Try-It – little kids and parents:
July 14-16

Chi Rho – grades 6-8: July 16-21

Report for Sun., Feb. 12, 2017

Offering - \$4,292
Attendance - 194
(includes: early service- 39; visitors 11)

The Visitor

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

SERVING SCHEDULE Sunday, Feb. 19

Van Driver: Carol Slusher

Office Receptionist: Kim Rogers

Flower Ministry - Arranged by: Susan Klockow

Delivered by: Susan Klockow

Welcome Station: Pat Rybolt and Jeff Underwood

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts: Bob and Linda Hutton, Mary Daugherty

Elder: Jerry Daugherty

Offering Counters: Sarah Storm and Mary Daugherty

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Tom and Cindy Rose, Zach Ruffalo

Liturgist: Robert Floyd

Elders: Pat Rybolt, Erin Bower, Hayley Batterson

Deacons: The Rogers Team *Ushers:* The Rose Team

Greeters: Ron Longaker (*N. Door*), Judy Longaker (*S. Door*)

Trish Stagg (*Atrium*), Jacki Davidson (*Portico*)

Banner Bearers: Kaedon Wheatley, Izzy Arnett

Candlelighters: Cullen Snow, Elizabeth Martin

Children's Worship: Julie Nichols (*ldr.*) TBA (*hlpr.*)

Offering Counters: Jerry Miller and Harlan Hackett

CHURCH CALENDAR Feb. 19- 25

Sun., Feb. 19

- 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.
- Disciple U, 4:30-6:00 p.m., Morris Parlor
- CYF Youth Group Retreat (Overnight with return Mon.)

Mon., Feb. 20

- NO Mother's Day Out this day
- Newsletter deadline & Church Staff Mtg., 2:00 p.m.
- Evangelism Dept. Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Keystone Room

Tues., Feb. 21

- Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Administrative Board Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Morris Parlor

Wed., Feb. 22

- Wed. Bible Study, 12:05-12:55 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Brummett-Harrah Group, 1:30 p.m., Fireside Rm., Lenoir Woods
- Baptism and Discipleship Class, 5:30 p.m., Yonker Hall
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Thr., Feb. 23

- STARS Midway Antique Market, Rocheport, Boonville Trip, 9:15 a.m., depart from Target parking lot
- College Town Hillbillies Session, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Bethany Hall