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**2nd Sunday  
of Lent  
March 12**

As we worship this Sunday our focus will again turn to Cross Encounters - this one being with Nicodemus based upon the story found in John 3:1-17.

Hymns for the day include *For the Healing of the Nations*, *Help Us Accept Each Other* and *When You Do This, Remember Me*.



Don't forget to change your clocks ahead one hour Saturday night!

**Green Potluck  
Lunch  
& Talent Show**

**Sunday, March 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!



Potluck - no RSVP - bring food.

An All-Church Fellowship Event sponsored by the Membership Department

**All-Church**



(whole church project - donate, set-up, volunteer)

**March 17 - 18**

**Sale Times**

**Friday 3 - 6 pm**

**Sat. 8 am - 2 pm**

**Set Up & Drop Off**

Sun. March 12 - Table set up & drop off of donations:  
 2-5 pm

(Youth will unload cars)

or any other time we are open Mon. - Wed. for set up

**Not accepted this year:  
Computers/Monitors or  
Televisions**

**Please donate clean items.  
Please no donations after  
Wednesday.**

**Volunteer Sign Up**

Volunteers Welcome at any of the following times:

**Mon. 13th - Wed. 15th**

Day Workers 8-5 pm

Evening Workers 6-8 pm

**Wednesday 15th Night**

6 - 10 pm

(Thursday is a rest day)

**Sign up in the Narthex this Sunday or see Jimmy Spear**

*\*The Garage Sale fully funds all summer/winter student mission trips. This sale is a serving opportunity for the whole church family and is sponsored by the Student Ministry Department*

## Bit from Brad

Lent prepares us for Easter. The resurrection power experienced at Easter is directly proportional to how deeply and closely we attend to Jesus' journey and passion to the cross. How well we walk with Jesus to the cross determines how well we celebrate God's love, grace, & forgiveness since the cross and empty tomb are inextricably interwoven with one another. So to aid our journey this year, I'm preaching a series called "Cross Encounters," examining Jesus and those whom he encounters on his way to the cross, based on this year's lectionary.

So for the five Sundays of Lent, Jesus encounters the devil, Nicodemus, the Woman at the Well, the Blind Man, and Lazarus (Jimmy preaches that day!) Then on Palm Sunday the Choir sings their cantata; bringing us to Easter Sunday complete, this year, with baptisms.

With each person met in these passages, we learn different lessons, to aid us in appreciating Jesus' journey to the cross. Since Jesus tells all his disciples that we too must carry our cross and Paul shares that in our baptism we symbolically participate in Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection, we must learn to embrace "the cross" portion of our discipleship rather than deny, reject, or escape it as too often we humans are inclined to do.

I hope and pray this Lenten season at First Christian Church truly encourages, guides, and inspires you to draw closer and communion deeper with Jesus Christ. I pray you will be one with Christ Jesus as he is one with you! May this Lenten season be a transforming one for you and your family!

~Blessings, Brad

## Soup for the Soul Thanks

Many thanks for those who made the 2017 Soup for the Soul dinner and evening especially enjoyable. Please help me thank **Betty Montgomery, Carol Slusher, Opal Stites** and **Barbara Rothenberger** for sharing their culinary gifts with us in the way of a delicious variety of soups. A special thanks also to **Janelle Patterson** who was helpful in every possible way, and others who offered to help as well. Each one of you is appreciated. Soup, bread and fellowship felt right as we headed into the Ash Wednesday service to begin our Lenten journey together.

~Chris Creasy

## STARS

...the 55+ Fellowship Group

### 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".

**DATE CHANGE:** Springfield, IL - two day overnight trip to Springfield, IL for all things Lincoln!

**New date: April 19-20**

Sign up in the office or pew pad "Lincoln".

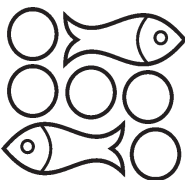
### Report for Sun., March 5, 2017

**Offering - \$12,475**

**Attendance - 207**

(includes: early service - 45; visitors - 29)

## Loaves & Fishes Report



I'm sharing with you the names of bible study friends that made feeding 107, plus about 25 seconds or carryout meals at Loaves & Fishes on Monday Feb. 27th possible.

Thank you to:

Preparers: **Helen & Perry Stemmons, Donna and Will Houston, Angela Nance, Barb Rothenberger, Janelle Patterson.**

Servers: **Chuck Scott, Perry Stemmons, Janelle Patterson, Jean Juba, Donaleigh Richardson, Joyce Stanley.**

We served fresh fruit (strawberries, grapes, apples), hot dogs/brats, two kinds of soup (vegetable beef or baked potato) and cupcakes.

This was one of the best groups ever and recipients offered much appreciation to us.

~Carol Slusher

## News of People & Place

**Ed Bright** was hospitalized this past week and continues to be in our prayers.

As we prepare to celebrate our Administrative Assistant, **Kay Beissenherz**, who will retire at the end of March, we are making available the chance for church folks to contribute to a "love offering" to be presented to Kay on Sunday, March 26th's reception in her honor. If you would like to donate please mark "**Kay's Love Offering**" on your check or envelope to the attention of Fred in the church office.

Nine **CYF**, pictured below in the fullness of Jesse Hall's auditorium, spent last Sunday afternoon together at the T/F Film Festival. They saw the documentary "Quest."



The beautiful birthday bouquet of flowers, arranged and delivered by Lisa Zimmer and Dan Backues, is a warm expression of love from First Christian Church and so appreciated. To all of my church friends, a heartfelt thank you.

~Elizabeth Hensley



**March 12**  
Liam Rose

**March 14**  
Donna Houston  
Pat Rainey

**March 16**  
Jordan Barnes  
Ed Bright  
Wilson Hickey

**March 18**  
Kathy Richardson

## Featured Department: Property

The ministry and mission of First Christian Church are carried out through the organizational structure of an Administrative Board, Cabinet, and Departments. This week we feature a description of the Property Dept. so that the congregation would take greater ownership and knowledge.

### PROPERTY:

Hartley Rogers, Chair

The department oversees the maintenance of the Church property, buildings and grounds. This department will:

- identify, organize and oversee maintenance and construction (make minor improvements; recommend major improvements)
- organize Church-wide work days;
- complete small maintenance projects;
- oversee contracts and services;
- oversee, review, and recommend changes to property use policies;
- oversee property, auto and liability insurance coverage;
- monitor utility consumption;
- oversee van operation and policies.

## Youth Gatherings 2017

Mar 12 Talent Show/Potluck  
JYF families invited to sit together at lunch/Talent Show  
**CYF: G. Sale Set Up 2-5 p.m.**  
Mar 17-18 Garage Sale (see front)  
Mar 19 CR & CYF  
Mar 26 & Apr. 2 NO youth – Spg Brk  
Apr 9 - CR & CYF  
Apr 16 - NO youth - Easter  
April 23 - CR & CYF  
April 30 - JYF & CYF



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.

## Warming Station



Another successful Warming Station season has passed. We hosted about 211 guests over 8 Sundays.

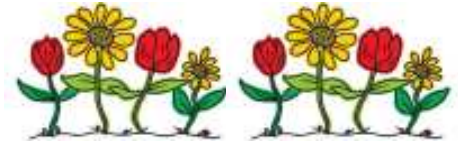
A big THANK YOU for our hosts and drivers, **Gene Kirkam, Sarah Storm, Chuck Scott, Julia and Erin Bower, Jeff Wheeland, Mike Randerson, Jerry Miller, Eric Seaman, Colleen Nilges, Russ Palmer, C.K. Hoenes, Tammy Arnett, and Dan Gieseke** for your time (being at Church by 6:00 AM on Sundays), effort and commitment for this humanitarian cause. God bless you.

~Janelle Patterson

# VBS

Vacation Bible School

June 25-29



## Dear gardening friends -

Thank you for helping us with the landscaping at church last year! All of you have helped in some way. **Valerie and her children** came on their bikes and worked all one Saturday morning last spring along with **Harlan, Doug, Dan, Brenda, Mike, Fred, Larry, Linda** and others. **Eric, Jerry, Joyce, Dan and Don**, as well as **Marion, Sarah, Diana, Susan, Opal** and several others helped us move plants, pull weeds, water beds, deadhead and spread mulch. **Mike** pruned trees and bushes (give a man loppers and he will work!) **Opal** was on her knees planting Grape Hyacinth bulbs from the park to the front beds by the Hostas. **Mary Bancroft** donated her Hosta bed that was to be torn out. **Don, Brenda** spent hours transplanting Vinca from the park and laying stone by the kitchen door...later to be demolished by the parking lot. **Marion, Larry and Harlan** worked on a cold, rainy day moving Vinca to the beds by Bethany Hall. **Debbie** helped dig plants and **Susan** spent an afternoon trying to find tulip bulbs in the beds by the corner park. **Carol and her grandchildren** adopted the spot by the sidewalk on 9th Street. **Mary and Peggy** had given up trying to keep it watered. **Bob Hutton** watered the Peony Hedge by hand when it got so dry and hot and the hose wouldn't reach.

So many hands brought this landscape into being and we are so thankful to all of you. It was a lot of work and it is beautiful! If you are able to help us again this coming season, please let us know. We need all the help we can get, as well as your suggestions. Call or email us and let us know if you will be part of the team.



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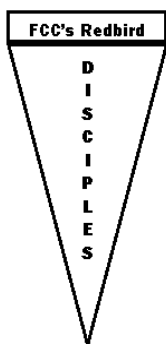
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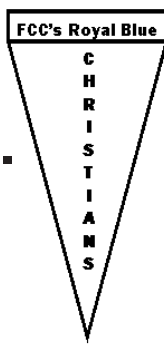
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## Spring Training '17 Visitor Campaign

In worship - every member worth a run, a visitor worth two.  
Wear team colors, pick your side, and invite guests!  
Play ball!

Sundays - 8:30 & 10:30  
Feb. 26 - Mar. 19



# The Visitor

## First Christian Church

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### Ministerial Staff:

Rev. Brad Stagg, Senior Minister  
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### Music Staff:

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**Mother's Day Out:** Tracy Westhoff, Director  
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### Columbia Area Older Adult Ministry:

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Keith Picker, Custodian

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

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## Return Service Requested

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

## SERVING SCHEDULE Sunday, Mar. 12

*Van Driver:* Dan Gieseke

*Office Receptionist:* Gene Taylor

*Flower Ministry - Arranged by:* Dan & Holly Gieseke

*Delivered by:* Dan & Holly Gieseke

*Welcome Station:* Chris Creasy & Valerie Freed

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

*Worship Assts:* Tom and Carol Hughey, Eli Gaffney

*Elder:* Susan Gray

*Offering Counters:* Moeller and Doug Smith

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

*Communion Preparation:* Gerald & Susan Ramsey and  
Wolfgang Schaefer

*Liturgist:* Natalie Barnard

*Elders:* Steve Humble, Jessica Humble, Bryan Garton

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

*Greeters:* Nannie Lou Mallett (*N. Door*), Larry Burnam (*S. Door*)

Eva Bright (*Atrium*), Ed Bright (*Portico*)

*Banner Bearers:* Lillian McCormack, Kira Hoenes

*Candlelighters:* Ella Rogers, Paige Freed

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

*Offering Counters:* Harlan Hackett and Diana Provenzano

## CHURCH CALENDAR Mar. 12 - 18

### **Sun., March 12** Visitor Campaign Week 3

- Bell Choir, 8:30 a.m., Bell Room (3rd floor Ed. Bldg.)
- Coffee Hour, 9:20-10:20 a.m., Yonker Hall
- Green Potluck and Talent Show, Noon, Yonker Hall
- Garage Sale Setup, 2:00-5:00 p.m., Yonker Hall
- CYF Youth Group (grades 9-12), 2:00-5:00 p.m., Yonker Hall
- Stewardship & Finance, 5:00 p.m., Keystone Room

### **Mon., March 13**

- Garage Sale setup, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. & 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- Newsletter deadline & Church Staff Mtg., 2:00 p.m.

### **Tues., March 14**

- Garage Sale setup, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. & 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., Morris Parlor
- Cabinet Mtg., 6:30 p.m., Morris Parlor

### **Wed., Mar 15**

- Garage Sale setup, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. & 6:00-10:00 p.m.
- Shawl Ministry, 9:30 a.m., Millie Bolman's home
- Wed. Bible Study, 12:05-12:55 p.m., Bethany Hall
- CWF Board Mtg., 5:00-6:00 p.m., Yonker Hall
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- Capital Campaign Follow-up Team, 6:30 p.m., Keystone Rm.

### **Fri., Mar., 17**

- Garage Sale, 3:00-6:00 p.m., Yonker Hall

### **Sat., Mar., 18**

- Garage Sale, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Yonker Hall
- Garage Sale Cleanup, 2:00 p.m., Yonker Hall