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**3rd Sunday
of Lent
March 19**

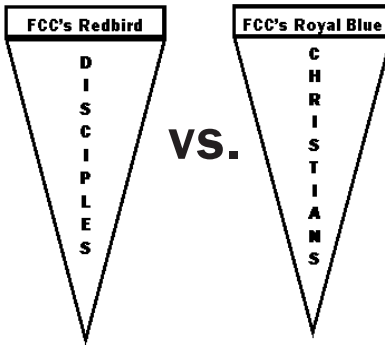
The Woman at the Well will be the cross encounter this week as we focus upon a text from John 4:5-42.

Hymns for Sunday include:

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past
Fill My Cup, Lord
Seed, Scattered and Sown
Blest Be the Tie...*

Rounding third and headed for home, the FCC Redbirds are in the lead...

**pts so far:
351 284**
(101 last Sunday 100)



**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**

All-Church



March 17 - 18

Sale Times

Friday 3 - 6 pm

Sat. 8 am - 2 pm

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



Administrative Assistant
Kay

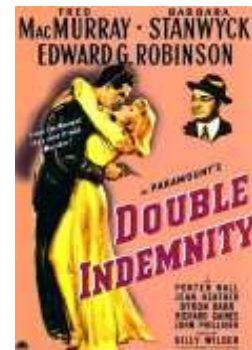
thanks

We will honor retiring Administrative Assistant Kay Beissenherz on Sunday, March 26.

We will honor Kay with special thanks and gifts in the 10:30 worship service and a reception in Yonker Hall following worship.

Please continue to contribute to the love offering being collected for Kay - please mark it for KAY in the offering or in the office via Fred Mottaz.

**Friday Night
Movie Classics**



**“Double Indemnity”
Friday, March 24th
7:00 p.m.**

3rd Floor Cinema at FCC

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

Bit from Brad

What a fun, wonderful contest between the Redbird Disciples and the Royal Blue Christians for our Spring Training '17 Visitor Campaign!! Your participation, both attendance and bringing visitors, has been tremendous!! How fun to see so many new faces in worship!!

With three of the four innings finished, we now approach the final inning this Sunday, March 19! Who will raise high the trophy this year? So far the score is: The Redbird Disciples lead with $113+137+101=351$ and the Royal Blue Christians trail with $89+95+100=284$ meaning the Disciples have a 67 point advantage. As Yogi Berra said, "It ain't over till it's over." So hang in there Royal Blue Christians and don't rest on your laurels Redbird Disciples; there's one more inning left to play, so let's play strong!!

What fun it is seeing the jerseys and hats, everyone showing off their colors!! But more importantly is watching the faces of the Evangelism Team members who have so many visitors to contact resulting from this Campaign. I'm so proud of the creativity, follow-through, and teamwork displayed by our Evangelism Team working on this project! It shows what can happen when committed, intentional Disciples work together to share with others about our church and Jesus Christ.

This week's sermon is about the same themes. When Jesus stops to get a cup of water in a foreign, hostile Samaritan village, he ends up transforming hundreds of lives, people who go forth sharing that Jesus is the Savior of the World!!

As you prepare for Lent, consider how you will share with others about Jesus and his church, in particular, your congregation, First Christian Church. Invite others to "Come and See" 80-90% of all people who join a church do so because a friend or family invited them to church. Who have you invited lately? Are you ready to play ball? Jesus is sure ready for you to take the field. After all, he says, the harvest fields are ready!

It's the final inning and you're up to bat!

~Blessings, Brad

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".

If you are signed up for the April 5 trip to KC and The New Theater production of Boeing Boeing, here are the details: \$43 fee for travel and theater/lunch ticket Depart from Target at 8:45 a.m.

Report for
Sun., March 12, 2017

Offering - \$4,607

Attendance - 186

(includes: early service - 36; visitors - 16)

Congregational Meeting



March 26th after
each Worship Service



News of People & Place

Ed Bright is home from The Bluffs, pain-free and recovering nicely.

Kelly Holman, who had her lung removed a couple months ago, begins her first of four rounds of precautionary chemotherapy.

Freda Martz is home from hospital recuperating from her COPD.

Listen In...

Radio Spots M-W-F

KFRU-1400 AM @ 6:55 am

KBXR-102.3 FM @ 7:20 am



Drennan Meets
Tuesday, March 21
1:00 p.m.
Lenoir Woods

Happy Birthday!



March 19

Cari Sapp

March 23

Jared Swope

March 21

Beckett Karr

Russ Palmer

Lexie Ruffolo

Wolfgang Schaefer

March 24

Jonathan LaHue

Kirsten Leach

Helen Stemmons

March 22

Grace Henry

March 25

Natalie Barnard

Featured Department: Worship

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 Worship Dept. so that the congregation would take greater ownership and knowledge.

WORSHIP:

Nora Dietzel, Chair

The department facilitates the corporate and individual worship experiences for regular and special services. Throughout the liturgical seasons the department shall work with the ministerial and music staff and utilize the talents of members in implementing vital, creative and inspirational worship, consistent with the practices of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) tradition. The department:

- Assists staff in planning worship services
- Supports and assists the music ministry
- Assists the Chair of the Elders and the Chair of the Deacons and ministerial staff in the training for and scheduling of:
 - √ Preparing and serving Communion
 - √ Ushers and Greeters, Banner Bearers and Candlelighters
 - √ Liturgists and Flower Ministry
- Assists with Special Worship Services for the Seasons of the Church Year (Easter, Maundy Thursday, Ash Wednesday, Christmas Eve)
- Provides Lenten and Advent Prayer booklets

Youth Gatherings 2017

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

Summer Camp sign up will happen the week after the Garage Sale!



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.



A big Thank You for the church-wide involvement in the Green Pot Luck and Talent Show, and what talent we had! All the way from bringing food, setting up, helping serve and cleaning up so we could transition into the garage sale was very helpful and greatly appreciated.

~Rich & Betty Montgomery
 Membership Dept. Chairs



Local Hands-On Mission

We are participating in ForColumbia 2017, a city-wide, multi-church service opportunity on April 29. You won't want to miss this chance to love on the residents of Columbia during this family-friendly event. In addition to receiving a free t-shirt, lunch will be provided for all volunteers, as well as childcare for infants-5th grade from 8:30-1:00 p.m. Sign Ups will be coming soon!

ForColumbia is the practical outworking of a vision to unite Christian churches from all over our community to show the love of Christ to our neighbors through a weekend of service. On April 29, we are gathering with other church groups /believers in Columbia to be salt and light to our community. It is time we found a way to work together, share lunch, and even an after-party for food and fellowship with other churches in Columbia. We are excited to be a partnering church and we can't wait to share this experience with you and your family!

Sign up on Sundays in the Narthex. Look for the ForColumbia table.

Save the Date!
April 29, 2017
Serving Columbia,
side by side



Palm Sunday - April 9
Downtown Palm Blessing
& Choral Cantata

Maundy Thursday - April 13
Communion & Tennebrae

Easter Worship - April 16
Two Services with Brass



The Visitor

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

SERVING SCHEDULE Sunday, Mar. 19

Van Driver: Carol Slusher
Office Receptionist: Carol Slusher
Flower Ministry - Arranged by: Mary Tompson
Delivered by: Cliff and Mary Tompson
Welcome Station: Pat Rybolt and Jeff Underwood

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts: Steve and Sharon Smith

Elder: Carol Hughey

Offering Counters: Sarah Storm and TBD

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Helen Stemmons, Susan Klockow and
Kim Leon

Liturgist: Derrick Evers

Elders: Debbie Taylor, Mark Mills, Marilyn Schappert

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

Greeters: Bud Batterson (*N. Door*), Doug Smith (*S. Door*)

Cindy Smith (*Atrium*), Lorene Trickey (*Portico*)

Banner Bearers: Chase Hofmann, Annie Stagg

Candlelighters: Ava Martin, Kaedon Wheatley

Children's Worship: Holly Gieseke (*ldr.*) Cindy Rose (*hlpr.*)

Offering Counters: Brenda Martin and Deb Batterson

CHURCH CALENDAR Mar. 19 - 25

Sun., March 19 Visitor Campaign Week 4

- 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 Room
- Chi-Rho Youth Group (grades 6-8), 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- CYF Youth Group (grades 9-12), 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Mon., March 20

- Elders Diversity Committee, 11:30-1:30 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Newsletter deadline & Church Staff Mtg., 2:00 p.m.

Tues., March 21

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

Wed., March 22

- Wed. Bible Study, 12:05-12:55 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Baptism & Discipleship, 5:30-7:00 p.m., Yonker Hall & Keystone
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary
- Evangelism Dept., 6:30 p.m., Bethany Hall

Thr., March 23

- STARS KC Trip, 8:15 a.m., leaving from Target parking lot

Fri., March 24

- Friday Night Movie Classics, 7:00 p.m., FCC 3rd Floor Cinema,
Showing: "Double Indemnity"