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**4th Sunday
of Lent
March 26**

The Blind Man.
 A cross encounter as found in the gospel of John (Ch. 9:1-41) will be the theme of our worship time this Sunday. Come and see Jesus' light and vision.

Hymns for the day include: *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven; Open My Eyes, That I May See; In Remembrance of Me* and *Blest Be the Tie that Binds*.

Congregational Meeting



**March 26th after
each Worship Service**

**Spring Training 2017
FINAL SCORE**

**Red Bird Disciples 441
Royal Blue Christians 386
Thanks for playing!**



**Palm Sunday - April 9
Downtown Palm Blessing
& Choral Cantata**

**Maundy Thursday - April 13
Communion & Tennebrae**

**Easter Worship - April 16
Two Services with Brass**



Administrative Assistant

Kay

thanks

**We will honor retiring
Administrative Assistant
Kay Beissenherz
this Sunday, March 26
with special thanks and gifts
in the 10:30 worship service
and a reception in Yonker Hall
following worship.**



(Kay is pictured with Brad, Fred, & Jimmy.)

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.

**The Garage Sale
Highlights and Thanks**

Highlights from this year's sale include:

Set up went fast and easy. Church people honored the drop off times!

Good items were donated! The amount of items donated that were unsellable was at an all-time low. This was evident in the "discard" pile after the sale being the lowest ever in recent years.

The two day model proved to work well. Notes have been taken on improvements for future sales.

The clothes this year were donated to "REMAINS" a group that will receive our clothes and the clothes from the Habitat Sale at Broadway CC in April. Remains is a group that sends clothing to places with needs around the world. Thanks to Sandy Stallman for making this possible.

The proceeds as of close of sale were around \$4,000. Sunday donations toward the sale have yet to be tallied. The sale proceeds fully fund the Student Ministry Mission Trips for this summer and next winter.

A full list of those who helped is on page three labeled "Garage Sale Thanks."

Bit from Brad

A special bond exists between ministers and congregations. Sometimes the call lasts decades, especially for founding pastors; other times, the calling is shorter-lived, maybe lasting but a year as is often the case for fresh out of seminary preachers. Either way, both parties grow in spirit and wisdom; each indelibly shaped by the other. Between minister and church there exists a communion unlike any other relationship. Most of us living the church life together know this communion.

Alongside clergy and congregation, often, there exist other relationships, namely, beloved staff. Musicians, administrators, managers, and custodians, these personalities broaden and deepen our life together as church. Sometimes these relationships are every bit as important as the relationships formed with the clergy. Special moments, bonds of friendship, and/or working side-by-side for Christ creates community and, therefore, communion. The bonds formed shape us for the rest of our lives.

One communion-shaper for our community, Kay Beissenherz, retires March 31st. After nearly 15 years of faithful, devoted service as First Christian Church's Administrative Assistant, Kay has left an indelible mark on this congregation and in the hearts of all who worked alongside her. While we wish her a wonderful retirement, as it is well-earned, we will miss Kay's dependability, undying support, wise counsel, attention to detail, and compassionate heart. We thank her for the tens of thousands of newsletters, worship bulletins, funeral bulletins, Board Notebooks and Nominating Notebooks, photocopy machine trouble-shooting, folding machine upkeep and countless phone calls and doorbells answered and the million times she responded to "Kay, do you have a minute?"

Kay, on behalf of First Christian Church and those served by you over the past 15 years, thank you for your service to this congregation as together we served Christ Jesus, our Lord. May God bless you as you begin this next chapter in your life; may it be filled with love, laughter, joy, and peace! We will remember you with gratitude in our hearts! Godspeed!!!

Join me this Sunday, March 26 at the 10:30 Service and a reception to follow, as we celebrate Kay Beissenherz' ministry and retirement.
~Blessings, Brad



Twiddle Muff Volunteer Recognition

On Wednesday, March 15, the volunteer efforts of Millie Bolman, Donna Houston, and Anita Houston were recognized at an award ceremony hosted by Serve, of Callaway County. Contributing over 2,200 hours in 2016, these women created, decorated and delivered Twiddle Muffs throughout Central Missouri.

The Twiddle Muff Project distributed almost 700 muffs to Alzheimer, Dementia, CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) and special needs recipients in 2016. The project is already off to a roaring start in 2017 with 180+ muffs delivered.

The Twiddle Muff project is still reliant on and grateful for donations of clean yarn, buttons, beads, ribbons, lace and Beanie Babies. Knitters who would like to participate in this project can contact Donna Houston for additional information.

A big thank you to Bonnie Fay for lots of yarn, to Barb Rothenberger for ribbon, etc. and to Jan Davis for knitting for the cause!

Report for Sun., March 19, 2017

Offering - \$6,974
Attendance - 151
(includes: early service - 40; visitors - 20)

News of People & Place

Frances Brown shares that her son, Ken Brown, was featured in an art show in Munich. Ken's name and the title "The Sun Shall Rise Again" were all the English Frances could read on the brochure but she is mighty proud nonetheless.

Our new prayer requests this week are gathering around **Jim Silvey** (hospitalized, no visitors please), **Wilkie Wilkerson** (hospital), and **Jeff Wheeland** (biopsy this week).

First Christian Church was recognized this week by **VAC-Voluntary Action Center**, at its' inaugural **Bridge Builders Society** Reception. The Society was founded to give special recognition to VAC donors who provide \$500 and above in yearly support of the many services provided to those in need. FCC is one such founding member. The FCC budget, through the Church in Society Dept. gives \$1,000 annually to VAC plus donations toward the Christmas Family Gift Project.

Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, April 9, 3pm Rogers' Lawn

Sponsored by the Children's
Ministry Department

Happy Birthday!



March 26
Libby Weber

March 27
Kira Hoenes

March 28
Robert Dewey
Monica Palmer

March 29
Ferd Lightner
Bradley Snyder

March 30
Russell DeVenney
Sarah Storm

March 31
Chad Holliday

April 1
Josh Provenzano

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Columbia, Missouri

FOR ELECTION OF OFFICERS 2017-2018

Candidates below are presented for a vote by the Congregation on March 26, 2017.

They are submitted by the Nominating Committee, and have been approved by the Administrative Board.

SERVICE BOARD NOMINEES

(for an indefinite term)

Elders

Bill Carney
Sonya Carney
Chris Creasy
Jay Creasy
Vicki Johnson
Diana Provenzano

Deacons

Mary Jane Anderson
Linda Chandler
Jan Davis
Robert Floyd
Eli Gafney
Janet Mountjoy
Tori Pine
Opal Stites

Junior Deacons

(for a 1-year term)

Jadie Arnett
William Bower
Derrick Evers
Aiden Fullington
Cole Galbraith
Max Gregory
Emma Hawkins
Ava Hoenes
Lauren Hoffman
Lexi Hofmann
Jonathan LaHue
Julia LaHue
Maddie Marrero
Elayna Mottaz
Kimberly Potthast
Abigail Reardon
Coleman Rogers
Hunter Rogers
Wyatt Rogers
Wolfgang Schaefer
Audrey Snyder
Andrew Stormer
Conner Stormer
Delany Tevis

EMERITUS AND HONORARY

Elder Emeritus

Deb Batterson

Deacon Emeritus

Helen Stemmons

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD NOMINEES

(for a three-year term)

Elders

Susan Gray
Steve Humble
Genie Rogers

Deacons

Holly Wheatley (2 yr term)
Becky Baumgartner
Brad Beary
Tracy Evers
Kim Leon
Kathy Miller
Mary Moeller
Brad Volmert

Chair/Co-Chairs of Elders

(for a one-year term)
Fred Mottaz
Jessica Humble

Chair/Co-Chairs of Deacons

(for a one-year term)
Amy LaHue

Trustee

(for a three-year term)
Rich Montgomery

OFFICERS of the Administrative Board/Congregation

(for a one-year term)

Moderator: C.K. Hoenes
Vice Moderator: Eric Arnett
Secretary: Jan Davis
Treasurer: Dan Gieseke



Easter Lilies

Easter lilies will be ordered through the church's Ministry of Flowers. If you would like to furnish a lily for Easter Sunday, fill out the form and return it to the church office with \$7.00 for each lily **no later than April 9.**

Total Easter Lilies given # _____ @ \$7.00 each

In Memory of:

AND/OR

In Honor of:

Please list my name as donor:

Summer Church Camp: REGISTER NOW

Please use the instructions below for a painless camp registration process. This year we register online, pay our church, and give copies of insurance card/immunization to Jimmy Spear.

You can register online for all camps at www.mid-america-disciples.org/summer.
(See Jimmy Spear for the paper copy, or print from the above website.)

Look for "NEOLA CAMPS." Pick the camp. Note it is for "grade completed."
(NEOLA are the camps we have usually attend. All others listed are available if you are interested in different dates/locals.)

CYF (grades 9-12) June 4-9 at Camp Jo-Ota in Clarence MO, **\$160**

All others NEOLA camps are at Covenant Point in Holt's Summit:

Elementary (grades 2, 3) June 20-22, **\$90**

Junior (grades 4, 5) June 20-24, **\$143**

That Camp About God & Sex (grade 8) June 25-July 1, **\$160**

Try-It (grades k-2) July 14-16, **\$90** (fee is for 1 adult & 1 child; extra adult \$35, extra child \$25)

Chi Rho (grades 6, 7) July 16-21, **\$160**

When registering online:

Local Congregation: First Christian, Columbia

Pastor's Name: Jimmy Spear

Payment: First Christian Church will pay half of all camp registrations fees. **Here how it works:**

Register online, click box for "pay later," send the church a check for payment (see prices above), attention Jimmy Spear. Make check payable to: First Christian Church. Memo: camp, *camper name*

DEADLINE to register and get payment, insurance form, immunization to Jimmy: **ALL by APRIL 23**

Cancellations: Received by May 15 receive a full refund less \$30. Cancellations 30-15 days before camp receive a 50% refund. No refund for cancellations 14 or less days before camp. No refund for cancellations after June 10.

Youth Gatherings 2017

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.

**Vacation Bible School
June 25 - 29**



In less than 35 days First Christian Church will join forces for the second year serving with FORCOLUMBIA.

ForColumbia is...

- 48 churches
- Over 2,000 volunteers
- Dozens of work sites
- Hundreds to serve
- One name to honor (Phil. 2:9-11)

Event will be held Saturday, April 29.

This website will tell you more:
www.forcolumbia.com

This weblink will get you signed up:
<http://forcolumbia.dogooderhq.com>

If you prefer to sign up on paper, a table will be in the narthex on coming Sundays.

Would you like to be the FCC leader/liaison for April 29? Talk with Jimmy Spear.



Tammy & Eric Arnett, Steve McCormack, Jessica Humble, Dan & Holly Gieseke, Cindy Rose, Mary Moeller, Jason & Trish Gregory, Mary Daugherty, Pat Rybolt, Chris Creasy, Rachel Fullington, Logan Garton, Stacia Schaefer, Anglea Nance, Tommy Gay Evans, Jan Davis, Monica Palmer, Vicki Johnson, and various youth group (middle and high school) members.

Checkout Stars: (those who worked checkout during the 2 hour rush Friday) Susan Ramsey, Sarah Storm, Sonya Carney, and Amy LaHue.

Garage Sale Thanks Con't

Thanks to the following folks who showed up to make the Garage Sale happen.

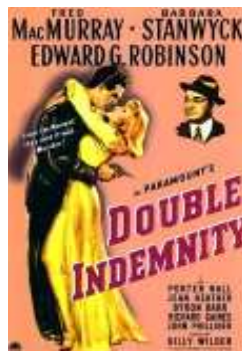
Grand Champions: (multiple hours over multiple days) Barb Rothenberger, Donaleigh Richardson, and Jimmy Spear.

Champions: (more than two hours!) Bill & Sonya Carney, Sarah Storm, Amy LaHue, Carol Hughey, Cherry Hinderberger, Brianna Shepard, Susan Ramsey, Dave & Debbie Potthast, Donna Kessell,



Pictured above are four volunteers who were sporting their church shirts on Saturday of the sale. Holly and Jimmy in the "new" shirts, Tammy and Debbie sporting the tried and true "originals."

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.

STARS

...the 55+ Fellowship Group

Springfield, IL

A-two day overnight trip for all things Lincoln! Museum, monument, grave, homes etc.

Wed.-Thurs, 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.

**May 18 – Thursday
St. Louis**

Options include: Magic Chef Mansion, US Grant Home "Whitehaven," Griot Black History Museum – a final plan will be in April versions of this newsletter.



The Visitor

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SERVING SCHEDULE Sunday, Mar. 26

Van Driver: Eric Seaman

Office Receptionist: Carole Randerson

Flower Ministry - Arranged by: Will and Donna Houston

Delivered by: Will and Donna Houston

Welcome Station: Jan Davis and Steven Humble

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts: Susan Gray, Will and Donna Houston

Elder: Tommy Gay Evans

Offering Counters: Moeller and Doug Smith

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Preparation: Chuck Scott, Joe and Kim Reardon

Liturgist: Jacki Davidson

Elders: Paula Hoenes, C.K. Hoenes, Brenda Martin

Deacons: The Hunsaker Team *Ushers:* The Scott Team

Greeters: Steve Humble (*N. Door*), Jessica Humble (*S. Door*)

Pat Ritchie (*Atrium*), Paul Ritchie (*Portico*)

Banner Bearers: Cullen Snow, Elizabeth Martin

Candlelighters: Carleigh Snow, Kate Volmert

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

Offering Counters: Sarah Storm and Cindy Smith

CHURCH CALENDAR Mar. 26 - April 1

Sun., March 26

- Bell Choir, 8:30 a.m., Bell Room (3rd floor Ed. Bldg.)
- Coffee Hour, 9:20-10:20 a.m., Yonker Hall
- Congregational Meeting after each worship service
- Retirement Reception for Kay Beissenherz after 10:30 worship
- Lenoir Healthcare Worship, 3:30 p.m.

Mon., March 27

- Mother's Day Out not in session this week (Spring break)
- Newsletter deadline & Church Staff Mtg., 2:00 p.m.

Tues., March 28

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

Wed., March 29

- Wed. Bible Study, 12:05-12:55 p.m., Bethany Hall
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Thr., March 30

- College Town Hillbillies Jam Session, 6:30 p.m., Bethany Hall