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**5th Sunday  
of Lent  
April 2**

Lazarus - in the tomb for 4 days and his friend Jesus not showing up till he was good and dead. This story and the meaning behind it for this last Sunday of our Lenten

focus on Cross Encounters will find us in John 11: 1-45. Rev. Jimmy Spear will bring the morning message. Hymns for the day will include *To God Be the Glory*; *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*; and *I Come with Joy*.

**Palm Sunday - April 9**  
*Downtown Blessing of Palms*  
*Chancel Choir's Cantata*  
*"Upon This Rock"*

**Maundy Thursday - April 13**  
*Holy Communion &*  
*Service of Tennebrae*  
 7:00 p.m.

**Easter Worship - April 16**  
*Two Services with Brass*  
*Sacrament of Baptism*



Details on Holy Week will be featured in next week's Visitor.



*Fill them up &  
bring them back  
this Sunday*

Please fill your eggs with small stickers, toys, coins or nut-free pre-packed candy. NO Jelly Beans, please.

*Join us for the hunt!  
Sunday, April 9 at 3pm  
The Rogers' Lawn*



**Honoring Kay Beissenherz**

First Christian Church took the opportunity to honor long time staff member, Kay Beissenherz, last Sunday. Honors and thanks were extended to Kay in the 10:30 worship service and at a reception following in Yonker Hall. We welcomed Kay's husband, Bill, along with her son's family and extended family. The Administrative Department took the lead in providing an appropriate send off - a retirement cake with cruise ship and all! Well wishers and a basket of cards were shared along with a love offering gift from the entire congregation.

We have been glad to share ministry with Kay in these years and pray for her retirement to be restful and full of adventure.

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- Who is new in the church office?
- Church Work Day
- Charlie's Book
- ForColumbia

A note from Kay: *My heartfelt thanks to the friends, members and staff of First Christian Church. I was truly honored by the retirement celebration this last Sunday. Special thanks to those who planned and prepared the lovely reception. The kindnesses and overwhelming generosity of the people of FCC will long be remembered. Thank you for the time we have shared together.* ~Kay Beissenherz

## Calling all (dirty) Hands!

Snow Drops are beginning to bloom by Bethany Hall, and Daffodil's spikey leaves are pushing up into the light on the 9th St. parking strip. Soon we will see a beautiful hedge of Peonies by Yonker Hall. Iris, Daylilies and Hostas will follow.



If you would be willing to join the Gardening Team that tends to our church landscape please let us know.

There are any number of jobs that will need to be done. There will surely be one just for you! Each year we need those who are willing to drag a hose around and keep plants watered. Spaces need weeding occasionally. Plants need deadheading, shrubs need pruning.

Sometimes there is mulch to spread. Other times, like April 8th, a work day will be organized.

Please let us know if you would be willing to join this effort to make our church property beautiful. Many hands have brought it this far. Thank you to those who worked in rain, planted bulbs into frozen ground, hauled mulch, transplanted Vinca and Grape Hyacinths, Daylilies and Irises. It takes a team! Come help at the First Christian work day **Saturday, April 8, 8am til 1:00** or if you can give us even an hour it would help!

~Peggy and Mary



**Coffman-Watson CWF**  
**Monday, April 3, 7 pm**  
**Pam Hunsaker's Home**



**Report for**  
**Sun., March 26, 2017**

**Offering - \$4,370**  
**Attendance - 207**  
 (includes: early service - 38; visitors - 17)


## Welcome Robert Floyd - Office Manager

This week we have welcomed a new member to the church office staff. Robert Floyd is no stranger to our fellowship. Robert, a member of First Christian since September, 2015, is married to Adriene, the Director of the Chancel and Handbell Choirs. Robert has one son, Joshua Floyd of Cape Girardeau, and three step-children; Lauren Sutterer of Columbia, Missouri, Ted Cox of Beverly Hills, California, and Jonathan Cox of Denver, Colorado. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Floyd and has one sister, Jamie Birkman, all of Delta, Missouri.



Robert was a brick laborer through the summers during high school and graduated from Delta High School in 1984 as Valedictorian. He did some post-graduate studies at the (then) University of Missouri-Rolla and Southeast Missouri State University. He began a marketing career in radio in 1985 and since 1987 has been the senior marketing producer for KFVS-12 television in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. He was a writer, videographer, editor, actor, producer, tour director and liaison between clients and their sales staff for twenty-nine years. He served as a State 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President of the Missouri FFA Association in 1984-85 and was Grand Lecturer of Missouri Freemasons. Robert owns his own voiceover company, Gray Rabbit Productions, and you will hear his voice all over the United States.

Robert's experience in communications, volunteer management, and interactions with a wide array of people will serve First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) well. He begins as Office Manager on Monday, April 3, and has been in training with Kay this past week. Welcome, Robert!



**Your Special Birthday!**  
**Paul Ritchie**  
**92 - April 3**

# VBS

## Vacation Bible School



# June 25-29

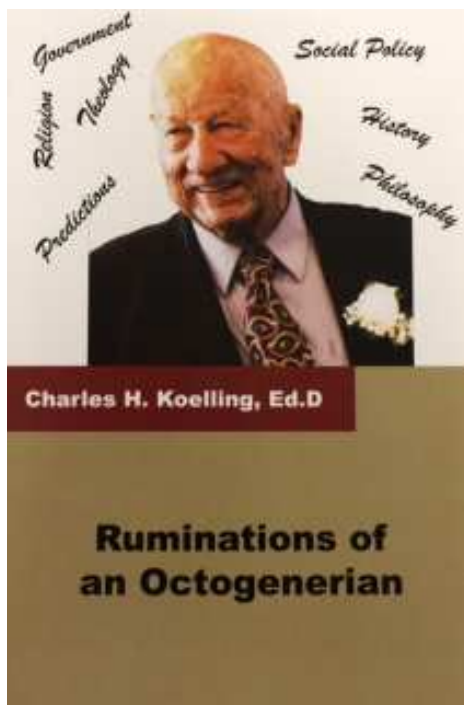
## Happy Birthday!



<u>April 2</u> Liz Restrepo	
<u>April 3</u> Eric Arnett Paul Ritchie	<u>April 5</u> Jennifer Gwinner
<u>April 4</u> Laura DeVenney Carol Thomas Christy Von Talge	<u>April 8</u> Bill Carney Chuck Scott

## Calling All Readers!

Get a humorous, thoughtful and informative look inside the mind of our FCC member and friend, Dr. Charles H. Koelling. His new book, *Ruminations of an Octogenarian*, covers a variety of life experiences in philosophy, history, religion, government, theology, and even offers some insightful predictions! Dr. Koelling's book is available in the church office for a requested \$10 donation to the church.



Many thanks to the people that helped make a special day for our office manager, Kay Beissenherz, celebrating her retirement and the years she has devoted to the church. Special thanks to my co-chair, Joyce Stanley, and to all those who helped us: Will & Donna Houston, Diana Provenzano, Tommy Gay Evans, Jessica Humble, Betty Moon, David Beem and Sarah Storm. Thank you to Mary Jane Anderson for supplying the pretty centerpieces and to Barb Rothenberger for the orchid corsage given to Kay. It was great to see the big crowd in Yonker Fellowship Hall to send Kay off with our good wishes.

~Genie Rogers

## Youth Gatherings 2017

April 2 NO youth – Spg Brk

April 9 - **Chi-Rho** will meet at noon for lunch (provided) and take on the opportunity of hiding 1000 filled eggs for the afternoon's Easter Egg Hunt. They will also take part in some other activities. They will be finished by 3 p.m. (They will not meet at 4:30 p.m.)

**JYF** will be invited to participate in the Easter Egg Hunt at 3 p.m. See front page for details.

**CYF** will meet at their normal time.

April 16 - NO youth - Easter

April 23 - CR & CYF

April 30 - JYF & CYF

Camp Sign Up continues online...

Jimmy Spear will send an email to all parents with a reminder of the process.



JYF (grades 3-5) &  
Chi-Rho (grades 6-8)  
4:30-6:00 p.m.  
CYF (grades 9-12)  
6:00-7:30 p.m.



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](http://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.

## STARS

...the 55+ Fellowship Group



## News of People & Place

Congratulations to **Sharon Winner** on the birth of her first great-granddaughter, the first girl born in the family for 28 years. **Cathleen "Lucy" Hopkins** was born Monday, March 20, at Boone Hospital to **Dan and Kari Salmon Hopkins** and joins her big brother **Samuel**. Kari is the daughter of **Shane and Jill Winner Salmon**, Hermitage, MO, and the great-niece of **Daryl and Lynn Winner Klotz**. Kari, the former Development Director for Coyote Hill Christian Children's Home, will now be working part time as the Special Projects Director.

A **Congregational Meeting** was held on Sunday, March 26. The agenda was the 2017-18 church year's slate of officers. The slate was approved by congregational vote.

**Jim Silvey and Jeff Wheeland** continue in our prayers this week.

## April 5 – Wednesday Kansas City

If you are signed up for the trip to Kansas City 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

Morning: US Grant Home "White Haven"  
Lunch: The Sappington House "Red Barn"  
Afternoon: The Missouri Botanical Garden  
- see the garden via walking or tram.  
Tours/trams/travel fee: \$25  
RSVP on the pew pad/office: "ST LOUIS"

(Sorry, no Magic Chef Mansion - not open)

# The Visitor

## First Christian Church

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

## SERVING SCHEDULE Sunday, April 2

*Van Driver:* Russ Palmer  
*Office Receptionist:* Kim Rogers  
*Flower Ministry - Arranged by:* Colleen Nilges  
*Delivered by:* Fred Mottaz  
*Welcome Station:* Lexy Bell & Trish Stagg

### Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

*Worship Assts:* Mike & Carole Randerson and Mary Moeller  
*Elder:* Carol Hughey  
*Offering Counters:* Bob Hutton and TBD

### Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

*Communion Preparation:* Dan & Holly Gieseke and Cindy Ruffalo  
*Liturgist:* Sue Underwood  
*Elders:* Hayley Batterson, Jean Hall, Janelle Patterson  
*Deacons:* The Garton Team *Ushers:* The Mountjoy Team  
*Greeters:* Angela Nance (*N. Door*), Dan Backues (*S. Door*)  
Lisa Zimmer (*Atrium*), Lexy Bell (*Portico*)  
*Banner Bearers:* Lena Schaefer, Gabe Palmer  
*Candlelighters:* Amelia Leon-Rudy, Izzy Arnett  
*Children's Worship:* Jessica Humble (*ldr.*) TBA (*hlpr.*)  
*Offering Counters:* Janelle Patterson and Jerry Miller

## CHURCH CALENDAR April 2 - 9

### Sun., April 2

- Bell Choir, 8:30 a.m., Bell Room (3rd floor Ed. Bldg.)  
- Coffee Hour, 9:20-10:20 a.m., Yonker Hall  
- Chancel Choir, 9:45 a.m., Morris Parlor  
- NO Youth Groups (Spring break)

### Mon., April 3

- Newsletter deadline & Church Staff Mtg., 2:00 p.m.  
- Coffman-Watson Mtg., 7:00 p.m., Pam Hunsaker's home

### Tues., April 4

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

### Wed., April 5

- STARS - KC New Theater trip (depart 8:45 a.m. from Target)  
- Wed. Bible Study, 12:05-12:55 p.m., Bethany Hall  
- World Outreach Meeting, 5:00 p.m., Keystone Room  
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m., Sanctuary

### Thr., April 6

- MDO Picture Day, 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Keystone Room

### Fri., April 7

- MDO Picture Day, 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Keystone Room  
- Church Women United 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m., Yonker F'ship Hall  
- Church Dine-Out 5:30 p.m., Bob Evans Restaurant