



**THE**  
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# First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) VISITOR

## Palm Sunday

Join us this April 9, Palm Sunday, for the triumphant joy shared in the news of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Hymns of the day: *All Glory, Tell Me the Stories of Jesus*, and *I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table*.

The Chancel Choir will present, in both services, the story of the passion in a unique and moving cantata entitled "*Upon This Rock: The Passion, The Question, The Call*" by Pepper Choplin.

## Downtown Blessing of the Palms!

Members of our congregation are invited to join the other downtown congregations in the Ecumenical Blessing of the Palms Service on Palm Sunday morning. We will gather in the Narthex to get orders of worship and palm branches at 10:15 and then process together out through the Bell Tower entrance, west on Walnut and down 9th Street to Broadway for the 10:30 service. Bring a friend and join us for this event which is a witness to the unity in Christ shared with our brothers and sisters from other churches!

If you don't join the Ecumenical Blessing of Palms downtown, join us in the Sanctuary at 10:30 for a hymn sing prior to a late start of worship.



# Holy Week

## Maundy Thursday

Join us Thursday, April 13, at 7:00 p.m. for a worship service focused on Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples and the events that followed - prayer, betrayal, trial, crucifixion and death. A series of scriptures, hymns, special music, the extinguishing of lights and communion will help us journey through the stories that tell of the end of Jesus' life. Childcare for infants through pre-school will be provided in the nursery.

## Easter Sunday

Come celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at one of our two services at either 8:30am or 10:30am. Both services will feature music by the Chancel Choir and all our hymns will be accompanied by a brass quartet. Children's Worship will be offered during the 10:30 service. Childcare is offered all morning. There will be Sunday School at 9:30 am!

# 2 HUNTS

Little-Kindergarten  
(you know if your  
child can do it)  
and  
1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade

**THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 9**

**3:00pm**

Please bring your own pail or basket.



**Lawn of Hartley, Kim and Genie Rogers**

## CHURCH YARD WORK DAY THIS SATURDAY



### 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

### Report for Sunday, April 2, 2017

Offering - \$9,866

Attendance - 177

(includes: early service - 39; visitors - 16)

## Is that really Higbee?



### HIGBEE ASSEMBLY ROOM

Couches with broken-down cushions: gone.  
Folding chairs that leave marks on the floor: gone.  
The Higbee Center has been given a facelift.

Every day this room is used by those who need help.  
Now those who confront the pitfalls of life have a more comfortable space when they come into FCC.

## VBS JUNE 25-29



### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April 9 Yvonne Clark  
April 10 Laura Daugherty  
Erich Unterschutz  
April 14 James Spear  
April 15 Kate Volmert



## Youth Gatherings April 2017

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.

youth  
@fcc

JYF (grades 3-5)

Chi-Rho (grades 6-8)

4:30-6:00 pm

CYF (grades 9-12)

6:00-7:30 pm



## TAKE NOTE



Susan Woodbury,  
Hand Bell & Chancel Choir Member

***"I wish I had started ringing bells years ago. It's a lot of fun and I think you'll like it, too!"***

To find out more about serving God with your musical talents please contact Adriene Floyd at our church e-mail address:  
fcc@firstchristian.org.



## **NOW IS THE TIME!**

In less than 25 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.



**May 18 – Thursday**

**St. Louis**

Morning:

Ulysses S. 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

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Dr. John J. Yonker

Return Service Requested

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

### SERVING SCHEDULE Sunday, April 9

*Van Driver:* Dan Gieseke

*Office Receptionist:* Carol Slusher

*Flower Ministry - Arranged by:* Tommy Gay Evans

*Delivered by:* Tommy Gay Evans

*Welcome Station:* Chris Creasy & Valerie Freed

#### Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

*Worship Assists:* Linda & Bob Hutton and Jerry Daugherty

*Elder:* Jerry Daugherty

*Offering Counters:* Kim Reardon and Mary Daugherty

#### Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

*Communion Preparation:* Natalie & Richard Barnard  
and Brianna Shepard

*Liturgist:* Tracy Evers

*Elders:* Steve Lightner, Cheryl Lightner, Sharon Winner

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

*Greeters:* Susan Klockow (*N. Door*), Amy LaHue (*S. Door*)

Jerry Miller (*Atrium*), Kathy Miller (*Portico*)

*Banner Bearers:* Jack Bower, Delaney Batterson

*Candlelighters:* Lillian McCormack, Kira Hoenes

*Children's Worship:* Kim Boger (*ldr.*) Jan Davis (*hlpr.*)

*Offering Counters:* Brenda Martin and Deb Batterson

### CHURCH CALENDAR April 9 - 16

#### Sunday, April 9

- Bell Choir, 8:30am, Bell Room (3rd floor Ed. Bldg.)
- Coffee Hour, 9:20-10:20am, Yonker Hall
- Baptism & Discipleship Class, 9:30-10:20am, Keystone Room
- Chancel Choir, 9:45am, Morris Parlor
- Chi-Rho Youth Group (grades 6-8), 12:00-3:00pm
- Easter Egg Hunt, 3pm, The Rogers' Lawn
- CYF Youth Group (grades 9-12), 6:00-7:30pm

#### Monday, April 10

- Newsletter deadline & Church Staff Mtg., 2:00pm
- Stewardship Annual Campaign Mtg., 5:30pm, Keystone

#### Tuesday, April 11

- Tuesday Morning Bible Study, 10:30am, Morris Parlor
- Trustees Mtg., 12:00pm, Glenn's Café
- Cabinet Mtg., 6:30pm, Morris Parlor

#### Wednesday, April 12

- Ladies' Book Club, 12:00pm, Bethany Hall
- Wed. Bible Study, 12:05-12:55pm, Bethany Hall
- Church in Society Mtg., 5:00-6:00pm, Yonker F'Ship Hall
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30pm, Sanctuary

#### Thursday, April 13

- College Town Hillbillies Jam Session, 6:30-8:30pm, Bethany Hall
- Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00pm, Sanctuary

#### Friday, April 14

Good Friday