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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) VISITOR

Our mission: to know God and follow Jesus Christ

CHURCH PICNIC
Sunday, September 24
NOON Twin Lakes Park & Shelter
2500 Chapel Hill Road
ALL FOOD is potluck!
Wear picnic clothes to church this day!
Invite friends to worship then join us for the picnic fun!
Want to help setup? Talk to Jimmy Spear.
Bring your own chair if you like. There are picnic tables.
Plasticware, cups, drinks & paper products provided

WORSHIP SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant found in Matthew 18 will be the text and theme of the day's message. Congregational singing this day will include Bach's hymn tune HYMN TO JOY in the ever popular *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*; *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*; and at communion time *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

We offer a warm welcome to **Ashton Long** and **Cassie Rohe** who joined FCC last Sunday in the 8:30 a.m. worship service. They have been guests in recent months to the early service and have plans to be married in the sanctuary next spring. Cassie comes by transfer of membership from a church in Fulton, MO and Ashton comes by transfer from a church in Peoria, IL. Welcome Ashton and Cassie!



SEMESTER OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HAS BEGUN!

All Children and Youth Classes 3rd floor of the Ed. Bldg.
Children PreK-5th : meeting first in the Children's Worship Room to divide into two classes.

PreK-2nd Grade: teachers Hayley Batterson, Christy Von Talge and Jessica Humble

3rd-5th Grade: Brenda Mosby and Carol Hughey

Youth 6th-12th Grade: Mark Mills and Jordan Barnes

The Youth Class meets in the Youth Room near the Elevator.

Adult Class in Keystone Room on the 2nd floor of the Education Bldg.

"*More Than Words: 10 Values for the Modern Family*" led by Jimmy Spear thru Nov 1. Books are available in the church office.



This book study is a part of **DISCIPLE U: Christian Living 200 level**. **DISCIPLE U** is FCC's approach to teaching church history, theology, bible, Christian living, stewardship, spirituality and prayer in different venues throughout the year.



Ladies, You
Are Invited
DINNER

Monday, September 18, 2017
6:00pm Yonker Hall

SIGN UP in the FCC Church Office

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Bit from Brad



Hurricane Relief – It's hard to believe that I'm writing about Hurricane Relief two weeks in a row, but now with Hurricane Irma striking Florida and Caribbean islands following so closely on the heels of Hurricane Harvey's impact on the Gulf Coast, I'm compelled by mercy and compassion. Once again I recommend supporting the relief effort through our denomination, Week of Compassion, our ministry agency designed for catastrophic occasions like these. You can direct just how narrow or broad you want your support to go. For instance, if you want your funds to go solely for Hurricane Irma relief, then you can write your check payable to "First Christian Church" and on the Memo line write: "WOC: Hurricane Irma." In the same way for Hurricane Harvey, make your check payable to "First Christian Church" and on the Memo line write: "WOC: Hurricane Harvey." Or, if you wish to donate to all hurricane relief efforts, then make that check payable to "First Christian Church" and on the Memo line write: "WOC: Hurricane relief."

To those who have already donated, THANK YOU SO MUCH!!! Your compassion and mercy makes God's world a better place for humanity! For those still considering whether to contribute through Week of Compassion, be reassured that 100% of all your designated money for hurricane relief goes strictly for hurricane relief. None goes to administrative overhead at our denomination. All goes to relief agencies for food, shelter and other aid needed in crises like these. God bless you!

Warm Up Columbia! It is once again time for the annual **Warm Up Columbia** collection program, sponsored by D&H Drugstore and offered through Voluntary Action Center (VAC). This program provides winter items for our neighbors in need. Please bring your **gently used, clean** coats, jackets, blankets, hats, gloves, scarves and socks to the Church (see collection container marked "**WARM UP COUMBIA**" located outside the Church office). If you have any questions or are unable to bring items to the Church office, contact Sarah Storm @ 573-289-0072. **DEADLINE: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31**

Church Picnic – I hope you're making your plans to attend the annual All Church Picnic on Sunday, September 24. Trish, the kids and I will be there and we hope you will be too! The Picnic is a great time to visit, catch up, and hang out with one another. Be sure to think about what you'll bring since it is potluck this time! I hope Trish will bring her Cashew & Cabbage Salad and maybe her "Sinful Brownies," a double layer of fudge brownies with Hershey's Symphony candy bar between each layer. Definitely "sinful!" What will you bring? See you there!
Blessings, Brad

Report for Sun. Sept 3 & Sept 10, 2017 Total Offerings \$18,866.95

Attendance Sept 3- 177, Sept 10- 191

(incl. early serv) Sept. 3- 38 Sept. 10- 45

(Visitors Sept. 3, 8 - Sept. 10, 11)

Week of Compassion offerings for hurricane relief \$3,252.01



Bill and Betty Moon

September 21, 2017 65 years

WHO AM I?

- This woman survived a tractor accident at 12 years old.
- She had a herd of sheep as a child.
- She was a Paris, MO Coyote.



The answer will be in next week's VISITOR!

If you would like to submit a baby picture, elementary or high school picture, or simply a fun guess-who shot, e-mail it to fcc@firstchristian.org or bring it by the office and we'll scan it and give it right back! Happy guessing!

The previous "Who am I?" was... **Janelle Patterson!**



Returning home over the weekend, **Rich Montgomery** is recovering after a recent heart surgery. **Cliff Tompson** continues to fight pneumonia at Boone Hospital. **Marge Carter** was admitted to Boone Hospital over the weekend for tests. **Paula Slusher** continues to improve from recent surgery at University Hospital.

Administrative Board Reminder: Meeting Tuesday, September 19, 6:30 p.m., Morris Parlor

Thanks to **Brenda Mosby** for many days work around the church last week. She was Jimmy's cohort in the setting up of rooms, moving stuff, and preparing many spaces for children, youth and adults' first day back to Sunday School. Thanks to **Hunter and Wyatt Rogers** for giving a few hours last Friday after school to move a ton of furniture to get Bethany Hall prepared for Sunday and the semester of youth group meetings.



Don't miss the 2017 CROP Walk at Stephens Lake Park this Sunday, September 17! Registration begins at 1pm with the walk beginning at 2pm. This half-mile walk will symbolize our solidarity with the world's hungry people, and your donations will help those in need. Come and picnic before the Walk--meat will be provided. Hear the proclamation issued by Mayor Brian Treece designating Sunday, September 17, 2017 "Columbia CROP Hunger Walk Day." Turn in your CROP Hunger Walk donations. Our Walk honors the 50 years of hunger-fighting work of Rev. Cleo Kottwitz. Together, we can help end hunger in our community and around the world! For more, contact Brad Boyd-Kennedy at 573-424-5999.

September 16 Donaleigh Richardson

September 17 Bryan Hickey and Madeline Marrero

September 19 Brad Stagg

September 20 Kyle Boger and Carleigh Snow

September 21 Bob Hutton, Justin Sheppard and Lisa Zimmer



BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

Each Sunday morning at the start of the 10:30 a.m. worship service the light is brought in. For us it symbolizes that light of faith in Jesus Christ as Light of the World. The light is placed on the communion table. The candle lighters are followed by banner bearers who bring in banners that remind us of the liturgical season and offer a softer scene flanking the wooden chancel. Youth who are in 4th-6th grade enthusiastically serve in these important worship-serving positions. Pictured here are those who served last Sunday (l to r): Ryley, Kenzie, Kayla, and Kate.



FESTIVAL OF SHARING

This year FCC will take part in the annual Festival of Sharing in the following way: Sundays September 24, October 1 and 8, the CYF will sponsor a table in the Narthex for folks to pick up little cards of items being collected for "Missouri Student Dental Packs and Missouri Youth Personal Care Packs." The items must be returned to the church by Oct 10. The CYF will pack/bag the items up and get them ready to send to Festival of Sharing. Monetary donations will also be accepted — to purchase items not donated and to send to FoS for shipping. Check out the Festival of Sharing story from literature in the narthex or at www.festivalofsharing.org



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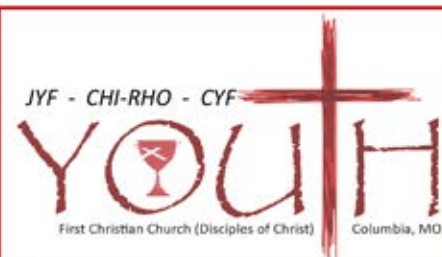
The best kept secret in our church is "The Shawl Ministry."

We knit hugs for everyone! The shawls you use to keep warm in our sanctuary were knitted by members of our ministry. Our shawls go to shut-ins, hospital residents and new babies. Do you have a loved one that needs a shawl or lap robe? Let us supply one. Call 234-1921 or see Donna Houston during coffee hour.

What the mind can conceive and believe, it can achieve! I have conceived and believed that the power of prayer is the most powerful thing we have here on earth and it truly works miracles! I love and thank all of you for your powerful messages on my behalf. Thanks to those of you who visited and for the flowers. A big thank you to Rev. Stagg for his steadfast support. We are truly blessed. In the words of the late singer, James Brown, "I feel good!"
Rich Montgomery

MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

Would you like to participate in a serving opportunity one afternoon a month? The Central Missouri Food Bank offers a Mobile Food Pantry at Indian Hills Park northeast of Columbia on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Serving time is 3:30-6:15 p.m. FCC youth staffed it in July and found it to be a great experience. Now that the school year is in swing, youth can't swing that time of day to serve. We will be offering it our DOC college students but also knew the great people of FCC might be interested. Talk to Jimmy Spear today!



JYF grades 3, 4, 5
bi-weekly 4:30-6:00pm—Yonker

Chi-Rho (CR) grades 6, 7, 8
bi-weekly 4:30-6:00pm—Bethany

CYF grades 9,10,11,12
weekly 6:00-7:30 p.m.—Bethany

DATE	JYF	CR	CYF
Sept. 17		X	X
Sept. 24	X		X
Oct. 8		X	X
Oct. 15	X		X
Oct. 22		X	X
Oct. 29	Trunk	n	Treat
Nov. 5		X	X
Nov. 12	X		X
Nov. 19		X	X



STARS

...the 55+ Fellowship Group

Sign up in the office or on the pew pad in the worship services.

September 28 (Thursday)- SEDALIA (Katy Depot & Daum Museum)

This outing includes lunch in Sedalia, a visit to the college campus and much more. Leave at 8:30am from Target. Fee- \$15.

October 12 (Thursday)- HANNIBAL

Tour the sights, enjoy a wonderful lunch and- get this- a fun one-hour riverboat ride at 1:30pm or a 14-mile trolley ride to several points of interest! Return to Columbia by 5:45pm. Fee-\$30.

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Return Service Requested

CHURCH CALENDAR September 17– September 23

Sunday, September 17

- Bell Choir practice, 8:30-9:30am, Bell Room
- Coffee Hour, 9:20-10:20 a.m., Yonker Hall
- Sunday School, 9:30am, Child/Youth, 3rd Flr; Adults, 2nd Flr, Keystone
- Chancel Choir Warm-up, 9:45-10:20am, Morris Parlor
- CROP Walk, 2:00pm, Stephens Lake Park
- Youth Groups, Chi-Rho (grds 6-8), 4:30-6pm;
CYF (grds 9-12), 6-7:30pm

Monday, September 18

- Elders Diversity Meeting, 11:30am-1:30pm, Bethany Hall
- Church Staff Meeting, 2-3pm, Keystone
- CWF Ladies Dinner, 6-8pm, Yonker Hall

Tuesday, September 19

- Tuesday Bible Study, 10:30-11:30am, Morris Parlor
- BOARD MEETING, 6:30-8:00pm, Morris Parlor

Wednesday, September 20

- Shawl Ministry, 9:30am, Millie Bolman's House
- Wednesday Bible Study, 12:05-12:55pm, Bethany Hall
- CWF Board Meeting, 5-6pm, Yonker Hall
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30pm, Sanctuary

Thursday, September 21

- NEW NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
- DOC, 4:30-6pm, Bethany Hall

Friday, September 22

- Columbia College Board of Trustees, 8:30am (Brad)

SERVING SCHEDULE Sunday, September 17

Bus Driver: Russ Palmer

Office Receptionist: Jeff Wheeland

Welcome Station: Pat Rybolt and Jeff Underwood

Flower Ministry

Arranged and Delivered by: Dan and Holly Gieseke

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts: Tom & Carol Hughey and Will Houston

Elder: Jerry Daugherty

Offering Counters: Kim Reardon and Doug Smith

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Prep:

Hartley Rogers, Coleman Rogers and Jan Davis

Liturgist: Kim Leon

Elders: Jennifer Alexander, Jacki Davidson and Don Mosby

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

Greeters:

Susan Klockow (*N. Door*) Amy La Hue (*S. Door*)

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

Banner Bearers: Gabe Palmer and Alex Johnson

Candle Lighters: Amelia Leon-Rudy and Ryley Batterson

Children's Worship: Jessica Humble (*ldr.*) Trish Gregory (*hlpr.*)

Offering Counters: Debbie Taylor and Deb Batterson