



THE
September 22, 2017
Vol. 76, No. 7

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

VISITOR

Our mission: to know God and follow Jesus Christ



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



Come
Worship
with us

Worship Sunday, September 24
How big is God's love for us? Do you receive and share God's love with others? This Sunday, in Matthew 20, we hear Reverend Stagg delve into The Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard, learning that the last shall be first, and the first shall be last.
There will be special music from the Chancel Choir and beautiful congregational singing; We Call Ourselves Disciples and An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare.
Join us at 8:30 and 10:30am! The table is open to all!

Breakfast for our Brethren

Serving Hot Breakfast Saturdays in Yonker Hall

Beginning October 7- and for one month- FCC provides a free, hot breakfast for those in need. Join us every Saturday morning from 7:00-10:00 a.m. in Yonker Hall.

We call it *Breakfast for our Brethren*.

Volunteers are needed:

- Donate food.
- Cook early on Saturday morning.
- Serve and offer hospitality.

There is a binder in the church office with a sign up of different items needed and ways to serve on each Saturday in October. Please look through the binder and sign up for what you would like to donate. If shopping or making items doesn't work for you, you may give a monetary donation and we will do the shopping for you.

During the month of October, help us provide a place inside for some people in our community to come and enjoy a good meal. Email or call the office during the week, or check it out Sunday. We could also use some toiletry and clothing items! Ask for specifics by contacting Colleen Nilges at c_colleen@yahoo.com.

WE 
VOLUNTEERS



- Church in Society Department

It has been an age since we filled the Keystone room on a Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. with adults in study. That age is now over. For the past two weeks 22 adults have committed to reading a book and sharing in conversation around the subject of words. *More Than Words, 10 Values for the Modern Family*, by Rev. Erin Wathen, Pastor of St. Andrew Christian Church in Olathe KS, has brought 17 families into conversation around the words that describe their values. The words are Christian words, faith words, old words with new meanings used to navigate parenting, church life, and living in God's world.

I am so excited to be sharing a 45 minute journey every Sunday with this group. When this book is over in November another is on the way. Sharing in theological, relevant, faith-family driven conversation is a must for a church like ours in this day. We will be about it this year.

Connected, oh so very connected, to this story is one of our children and youth learning just a floor above their parents. 22 adults in class means over 30 children and youth in class learning the stories of God. We will be about it this year.

Youth groups have started this year and have moved to Bethany Hall (the BH). Chi-Rho, CYF and DOC now all use the BH as a home base. JYF continues to gather in Yonker Hall. All the groups will use Yonker and the entire building as needed.

I had not realized how "transient" youth stuff was around our church until things were last week all in one place. There are no amount of carts or containers that make up for having a place that is set aside for a purpose. Student ministry is very supply/set up heavy. From the days when there was no AC in the youth rooms, to the "bird fiasco" year, the students and I have tired of being nomads. We are now, for an undetermined time, landing in "the BH" and are ready to see how that feels for our program. Two weeks in and the students are liking it.

Connected to this is the church at large using Bethany Hall in the time to come. It has been set up for optimal use of 4 weekly student groups. If you or your group has it scheduled please be kind and put it back the way you found it. The food in the BH is for planned student group use. There is plenty of couch space and table/chair space for meetings and gatherings for us all. If foosball or air hockey is your thing, please, by all means give it a go.

That's the mid-September story of us. We ARE indeed about it this year. — Jimmy Spear

Report for Sun. Sept 17, 2017

Total Offerings \$6274.50

Attendance 164

(incl. early serv-38)

(Visitors- 9)

Week of Compassion offerings
for hurricane relief \$3,897.01

YOUR SPECIAL BIRTHDAY!

September 25

Ray Lansford 97

September 30

Emmy Croll 96



Who am I?



- This woman has been a member of FCC for 59 years.
- She was born in a farmhouse just south of Centralia.
- She and her two siblings are in the picture with a pony named Midget, a.k.a. "Bump-Bump".

The previous "Who am I?" was... **Brenda Mosby!**



Columbia's "Memories" Big Band Sunday, October 8 - 1:30pm at the VA home in Mexico, MO

FREE and open to the public, featuring '40s favorites from Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Benny Goodman and more!
Bette and Nat Scavone will be hosts for FCC guests!

Come to early church, and then join with others via FCC bus or private vehicle and depart from the church at 10:30am to have lunch before going to the event.

Join us for fun and great music!

Sign up in the church office by Oct 1.



Semester of Christian Education Sundays 9:30-10:15AM

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.

Youth 6th-12th: Youth room near the elevator.

Adults: Keystone room on the 2nd floor of the Ed. Bldg.

September 23 Dorothea Gilpin and Cheryl Stevens

September 24 Ashley Chandler, Steve Lightner
and Rachell Oliver

September 25 Ray Lansford and David Nichols

September 26 Mimi McRoberts

September 27 Becky Beary

September 29 Keller Martin

September 30 Emmy Croll and Azure Stevens



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



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.



**News of the
People and Places**

Cliff Tompson and **Marge Carter** are both now recuperating from recent surgery at Lenoir's Reach. **Paula Slusher** is now home recuperating.

Peggy Veatch and **Mary Daugherty** are planning a WEEDING PARTY here at the church Wednesday, September 27. Please arrive between 4:30-5:00 pm that afternoon to help weed one last time before the cold weather sets in. Bring your gloves and weeding tools (we will have extras) and give us an hour (or whatever time you have) and it will be done. Many hands make fast work so come have some fun with your fellow gardeners and bring a smile!

Drennan Group will meet on Tuesday, September 26 1:00 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge at Lenoir Woods. **Brenda Mosby** will present the program and worship.

Thanks to **Larry Burnam** for his hard work keeping the NUMEROUS hard-to-access filters changed so our HVAC system keeps running smoothly.

Ken and Nancy Watson celebrated their 50th anniversary this summer. They would love to hear from their FCC friends; [1241 Legacy Greene Ave., Wake Forest, NC 27587](http://1241LegacyGreeneAve.com) or kwatson123@gmail.com for anyone wanting to keep in touch.



**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 3:30-6:15pm. 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!

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 COLUMBIA" 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



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

	DATE	JYF	CR	CYF
<p>JYF grades 3, 4, 5 bi-weekly 4:30-6:00pm—Yonker</p> <p>Chi-Rho (CR) grades 6, 7, 8 bi-weekly 4:30-6:00pm—Bethany</p> <p>CYF grades 9,10,11,12 weekly 6:00-7:30 p.m.—Bethany</p>	Sept. 24	X		X
	OCTOBER	1	NO	GRPS
	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

The Visitor
First Christian Church
101 N. 10th Street
Columbia, MO 65201
573-449-7265

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Columbia, MO
Permit No. 75

Ministerial Staff:

Rev. Brad Stagg, Senior Minister
brad@firstchristian.org
Rev. Jimmy Spear, Associate Minister
jimmy@firstchristian.org

Music Staff:

Mary Bancroft, Coordinator of Music & Organist
maryebancroft@yahoo.com
Adriene Floyd, Director of Chancel & Bell Choirs
adriene@firstchristian.org

Mother's Day Out Pre-School:

Tracy Westhoff, Director
tracy@firstchristian.org

Columbia Area Older Adult Ministry:

Rev. Sally Robinson, Chaplain
sallyarobinson16@gmail.com

Support Staff:

Robert Floyd, Office Manager
fcc@firstchristian.org
Fred Mottaz, Business Manager
fred@firstchristian.org
Keith Picker, Custodian

Minister Emeritus:

Dr. John J. Yonker

Return Service Requested

CHURCH CALENDAR September 24– September 30

Sunday, September 24

- Bell Choir practice, 8:30-9:30am, Bell Room
- CYF Festival of Sharing pack donations rec'd, 8:30am-1pm, Narthex
- 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
- ALL-CHURCH PICNIC, 12:00pm, Twin Lakes Park & Shelter**
- Lenoir Healthcare Worship, 3:30pm, Rev. Sally Robinson
- Yth. Grps, JYF (grds 3-5), 4:30-6p; CYF (grds 9-12), 6-7:30p

Monday, September 25

- Church Office Staff Meeting, 2:00-3:00pm, Keystone

Tuesday, September 26

- Tuesday Bible Study, 10:30-11:30am, Morris Parlor
- Drennan Group (Brenda Mosby program), 1:00-2:00pm, Lenoir
- MDO Picnic, 5:00-7:00pm, Rock Quarry Park

Wednesday, September 27

- Wednesday Bible Study, 12:05-12:55pm, Bethany Hall
- Brummett-Harrah Group, 1:30pm, Lenoir
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30pm, Sanctuary

Thursday, September 28

- NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
- STARS Sedalia Trip, 8:30am-5:00pm, meet at Target
- DOC, 4:30-6pm, Bethany Hall
- MDO Parent Training, 6:00-9:00pm, MDO Room, 2nd Floor

SERVING SCHEDULE Sunday, September 24

Bus Driver: Dan Gieseke
Office Receptionist: Carol Slusher
Welcome Station: Lexy Bell
Flower Ministry
Arranged and Delivered by: Tommy Gay Evans

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts: Brice & Mary Moeller and Eli Gaffney
Elder: Carol Hughey
Offering Counters: Sarah Storm and Mary Daugherty

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Prep:
Kim Leon, Larry Dietzel and Tori Pine
Liturgist: Debbie Taylor
Elders: Erin Bower, Larry Burnam and Janelle Patterson
Deacons: The Hunsaker Team **Ushers:** The Scott Team
Greeters:
Angela Nance (*N. Door*) Russ Palmer (*S. Door*)
Diana Provenzano (*Atrium*) Wyatt Rogers (*Portico*)
Banner Bearers: Izzy Arnett and Delaney Batterson
Candle Lighters: Lillian McCormack and Kira Hoenes
Children's Worship: Kim Boger (*ldr.*) Trish Stagg (*hlpr.*)
Offering Counters: Cindy Smith and Janelle Patterson