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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) VISITOR

Our mission: to know God and follow Jesus Christ



Sunday, October 29 — Trunk 'n' Treating starts promptly just after 3:00 p.m. When we run out, we run out! Games and fun will last until after 4:00 p.m.

Decorate a trunk? Bring a decorated trunk and don't forget candy to pass out!

Bring a baked good? The "Cake Walk" is a favorite activity at Trunk 'n' Treat. Will you bring a baked good to offer? (please package in small quantities of cookies/cupcakes.)

Bring a favorite snack? The food this year will be a lighter afternoon snack (no chili/hotdogs). Is there a fun snack you could provide for participants to snack on during the event? A snack buffet will be fun with your help.

Reserve all of the above by contacting the church office or on the Sunday pew pad this week!

Special guests at Trunk 'n' Treat are our friends from **WOODHAVEN!** Bringing trunks and fun costumes make their folks welcome!



**19th Annual Election Day Luncheon
November 7, 2017 Sign Up Today!**

Just another reminder!!
We need your help!

There is plenty of work to be done before and on election day, and it will be here in just a few short weeks. There are tickets to be sold. Pies need to be baked or you can donate money for others to bake them for you!

We have a lot of fun working together and serving our community. Did you know that this is the primary fund-raiser for CWF and its many service projects?

Drop by our table in the narthex on Sunday and sign up. We will find a place for you to serve.

If you have questions, please call Brenda Mosby at 442-7507.

Lunch served 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

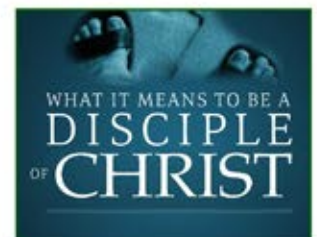
\$8 lunch of chili/soup, sandwich, pie and drink
Advance tickets, delivery and carry-outs are available

Worship, Sunday October 20

The Gospel of Matthew was written to bring the words of Jesus to God's people of the first century C.E. Living in a time and story of great controversy, Jesus says a few things about tax reform. Fast forward to this coming Sunday in Columbia, MO and a message to bring the words of Jesus to God's people in October 2017, C.E. Living in a time of great controversy, a few things must be said about how we view tax reform and the face on the coin. Rev. Jimmy Spear will bring the week's preaching on a text found in Matthew 22: 15-22. Hymns this week include the big *Marching to Zion*, spiritual *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot* and moving table hymn *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether*. Join us!

FINAL WEEK!

9:35am Sunday
Rev. Brad Stagg's Office





Bit from Brad

Brad Stagg

Righteous Living (an edited excerpt from Sunday's sermon, *The Parable of the Wedding Banquet*)

Last Friday night I attended Love INC's (Love in the Name of Christ's) annual banquet at The Crossing. Love INC is a Christian social service agency, matching social services for the poor with church resources. They vet individuals needing assistance and optimize congregational resources for those needs. One new program is a jobs ministry, of which you may want to consider being a part; but that's for another time.

Pictured above is me with Pat McMurray, Love INC's staff member who proposed the potential jobs ministry opportunity.

We heard several speakers that evening; one was the lead teaching pastor from The Crossing, Dave Cover. Dave shared how he attended the most recent meeting of Columbia Chamber of Commerce. There the city manager, Mike Mathis, discussed Columbia's unemployment rate. Columbia often presents its low unemployment rate as a badge of honor- 2.8% - half the national average. But that's not as good as it sounds. Mathis also pointed out that in this city where unemployment is so low that the unemployment rate for African-Americans in our same city is 16%; then the pastor said he was so appreciative of when the city manager stood before 400 Columbia business leaders and challenged them to work to cut that rate in half. It might mean training and life skills and other education, but he challenged those leaders to intentionally, actively pursue that noble cause. Allowing inequalities, like those unemployment rates, to exist is unrighteous living; doing something about them is righteous living. God sees us for who we truly are.

Another speaker that night celebrated various shared ministries throughout Columbia: Room at the Inn, Turning Point, etc. Then they put up a slide celebrating of all the participants of the Jail Ministry of Columbia, a weekly ministry at the county jail. There were Cherry Hinderberger and Millard Thomas standing among the dozen folks of the Jail Ministry. In the midst of unrighteous living, there were two disciples working for justice, loving mercy, and courageously witnessing.

I know Cherry and Millard are not the only FCC disciples working for justice, mercy, and faith, but they are two who were most recently celebrated in a large assembly and I wanted to share with you the praise they received.

Breakfast for our Brethren

FCC serves the local poor by partnering with other local congregations by providing breakfast, toiletries, clothing, and other needs every Saturday morning when many agencies are not open. FCC helps out being responsible for collection, preparation, and distribution for food and various sundries two months of the year, October and May. As such, this important ministry is desperately low on men's clothing; specifically: t-shirts (XL & larger); pants; sweatshirts; socks; and packages of underwear. If you can help supply these items, please bring them by the church office. Thank you!

Blessings, Brad



Who am I?

- This man normally sits near the center aisle.
- He has been a member of FCC since 1964.
- His son, daughter-in-law and grand-daughter all sing in the Chancel Choir

The answer will be in next week's VISITOR!

If you would like to submit a picture, 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!

Last issue's "Who Am I" was....**Peggy Veatch!**



First Christian Church
101 N. 10th - Downtown Columbia

Christmas Bazaar

Saturday
November 18
8am-2pm, Fellowship Hall

Arts & Crafts
Coffee & Breads 8-11am
Lunch Served 11:30am-1pm
(soup-sandwich-dessert \$7)
Christmas Sweets

A Christian Women's Fellowship Project

White Nationalism: New Voices with an Old Message

Presented by the
Rev. Dr. Larry Brown

7:00pm
Monday, October 30, 2017

First Presbyterian Church
16 Hitt Street, Columbia
FREE and open to the public



October 23
Susan McCarty

October 24

Brenda Mosby

Allie Schomaker

Roy Seltsam

Luke Stagg

October 25

Matthew Taylor

October 26

Judy Hall

Diana Provenzano

Sue Wright

October 27

David Potthast

Kurt Schaefer

Your Special Anniversary



Richard and Sue Underwood, 58 Years, Oct. 24, 1959

REMINDER: Collections for VAC's Warm Up Columbia program will be taken through **Tuesday, October 31.**

Please deposit any donations at the Church (see collection container marked "WARM UP COLUMBIA" which is located outside the Church office) or contact **Sarah Storm @ 573-289-0072** if you have any questions!



Drennan group will meet on Tuesday, October 24 at 1:00 in the Fireside Lounge at Lenoir Woods. Marsha Rawlings will give the program and worship.



News of People and Places

Thanks to **Royce and Susan Palmer** for hosting the 35 kids and slew of parents last Sunday's Hayride and Bonfire. Perfect location, hayrack wagon, classic JD tractors, and lots of fun yard space beyond the fire pit. We WILL come back next year. Thanks Palmers!

The **Evangelism Department** recently sponsored what has now become a yearly activity for our newest young members—this year's baptism class. They group were led by Evan. Dept. Chair, **Lexy Bell**, and Jimmy Spear enjoyed a Friday night of Mexican food and bowling at Lazer Lanes.

Thank you to our 12 FCC members that traveled to Mexico to hear the music of the "Memories Band". Our Veterans really enjoyed it! It was a delightful day of music & fellowship. (pictured below) ~Bette Scavone & Tommie Ross



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
Oct. 22		X	X
Oct. 29	Trunk	n	Treat
Nov. 5		X	X
Nov. 12	X		X
Nov. 19		X	X



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



November 9 (Thursday) - ST. CHARLES

Get set for a full day of fun in historic St. Charles. Details are coming soon regarding this wonderful trip. Sign up today!

Hannibal Trip Fun for All

The STARS had lunch at the famed Mark Twain dinette. Fried pickles, maid-rites, and tenderloins were perfect.



The group enjoyed a ride on the mighty Mississippi aboard the Mark Twain Riverboat. They also viewed the hills and a little color along the scenic river road Hwy. 79 between Louisiana and Hannibal.

FCC Youth enjoyed a bonfire and hayride last weekend at the Palmer place north of town. S'mores, campfire songs, hotdogs and many hayrack rides made a great afternoon. Thanks to many parents who partnered.



Report for Sun., Oct. 15, 2017 Total Offerings \$8507
Attendance 169 (incl. early service-31) (visitors-16)

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Return Service Requested

CHURCH CALENDAR OCTOBER 22-28

Sunday, October 22

- Coffee Hour, 9:20-10:20 a.m., Yonker Hall
- Sunday School, 9:30am, Child/Youth, 3rd Flr;
Adults, 2nd Flr, Keystone
- Discipleship Class, 9:35-10:20am, Rev. Stagg's Office
- Chancel Choir Warm-up, 9:45-10:20am, Morris Parlor
- Lenoir Healthcare Worship, 3:30pm, FCC Elders
- Chi-Rho, 4:30-6:00pm, Bethany Hall
- CYF, 6:00-7:30pm, Bethany Hall

Monday, October 23

- Elders serve at Loaves and Fishes
- Church Office Staff Meeting, 2:00-3:00pm, Keystone

Tuesday, October 24

- Tuesday Bible Study, 10:30-11:30am, Morris Parlor
- Drennan, 1:00-2:00pm, Lenoir

Wednesday, October 25

- Wednesday Bible Study, 12:05-12:55pm, Bethany Hall
- Brummett-Harrah Group, 1:30pm, Lenoir
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30-6:30pm, Sanctuary

Thursday, October 26

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

Friday, October 27

- MDO Halloween Party, 9:00am-1:30pm, Education Bldg.
- Landmark Bank Private Event, 6:00-10:00pm, 3rd Flr. Cinema

Saturday, October 28

- Breakfast for our Brethren, 7:00-9:00am, Yonker Hall

Sunday, October 29

- TRUNK 'N' TREAT, 3:00pm, FCC Parking Lot

SERVING SCHEDULE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

Bus Driver: Dan Gieseke

Office Receptionist: Carol Slusher

Welcome Station: Lexy Bell

Flower Ministry Arranged by: Colleen Nilges

Delivered by: Cherry Hinderberger

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts: Tom & Carol Hughey and Eli Gaffney

Elder: Tommy Gay Evans

Offering Counters: Kim Reardon and Doug Smith

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Prep:

Marion Storm and Brice & Mary Moeller

Liturgist: Lexy Bell

Elders: Steve & Cheryl Lightner and Sarah Storm

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

Greeters:

David Potthast (*N. Door*) Debbie Potthast (*S. Door*)

Bill Carney (*Atrium*) Sonya Carney (*Portico*)

Banner Bearers: Amelia Leon-Rudy and Ryley Batterson

Candle Lighters: Izzy Arnett and Delaney Batterson

Children's Worship:

Eric Arnett (*ldr.*) Brad Volmert (*hlpr.*)

Offering Counters: Cindy Smith and Sarah Storm