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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) VISITOR

Our mission: to know God and follow Jesus Christ

This Sunday, October 29, 3:00 p.m.

All trunk-cars in place by 2:45pm. Treating starts promptly at 3:00pm. Games and fun in Fellowship Hall will last until after 4:00pm.

Get involved:

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.



Special guests at Trunk 'n' Treat are our friends from **WOODHAVEN** and **Mother's Day Out Pre-school**.



19th Annual Election Day Luncheon

November 7, 2017

WE NEED YOU!

The Election Day Luncheon started out with just the women working. However, it has grown to accommodate not only the women, but also men and youth when school is not in session. We enjoy this time we have together!

There will be someone in the Narthex this Sunday to help you sign up to help. Who knows you may make a new friend! If you have questions, please call Brenda Mosby at 442-7507

Christmas Bazaar Saturday, November 18

8am - 2pm Yonker Fellowship Hall

The Christmas Bazaar is on again this year! We will be hosting the Cookie Caravan again and are in need of Christmas cookies, candy and fudge. For our breakfast, served from 8am to 11:30am, we would welcome donations of pumpkin, zucchini, banana and strawberry breads.

Amy Marrero and Janelle Patterson will be in charge of the kitchen. If you can help them anytime from 7am to 3:00pm, that would be greatly appreciated. Our little ones will serve tables. If your little one is younger than nine, we would like an adult or teen to be their partner.

Lunch of taco soup, chicken noodle soup, sandwiches and dessert will be served from 11:30am to 1:30pm. And of course, we are always delighted to have our congregation join us in the festivities.

Someone will be in the Narthex each Sunday with a signup sheet or call Brenda Mosby at 442-7507.





Bit from Brad

Lisa & Vladimir Chernov Wedding: In the picture at right, I'm standing with newlyweds, Lisa & Vladimir Chernov!! I officiated their wedding Saturday, Oct. 21 here at FCC. It was a beautiful, elegant wedding in our sanctuary utilizing our pipe organ, kneeling bench and communion. The bride and groom shared their heartfelt thoughts and promises to the other and made a special point to include Lisa's 14 year old son, Eli, as part of the service. After several counseling sessions, we discovered that Eli and our son, Luke, ran cross-country and played in the band at Gentry together. Later we determined that Eli's best friend and usher in the wedding, Daniel, was in Luke's Cub Scout Pack together. So next thing we know, our whole family attended the wedding! What a wonderfully small world Columbia is!! Watch for Vlad, Lisa and Eli in the coming weeks, I suspect they'll continue worshipping with us here at FCC!

Mom & Carter – My mom, Pat Stagg was admitted to a hospital over the weekend for severe colitis. Please pray for her healing, comfort and protection against complications. Thanks! Also, one of Trish's closest cousins in Houston has a 5 year old grandson, Carter Levell Vincent, who has a mass/tumor in his pelvic region- but having been on chemotherapy most of the past year makes him a risk candidate for surgery. Please pray for him as well!

Bible Resource – Ever looking for a good online Bible? I recommend Bible Gateway at www.biblegateway.com as it has over 50 English translations, plus dozens of other language translations. I love its easy to use search capacity where I can look up multiple passages over multiple translations. I use it all the time either on my laptop or with my mobile phone.

Trunk-n-Treat and Election Day Luncheon – I hope you're making plans to attend one or both of these wonderful events we provide to the larger Columbia community. See the articles in this edition of The Visitor for more details.

Oh, and one last thing; Go ASTROS!!
Blessings, Brad

**Report for Sun., Oct. 22, 2017 Total Offerings \$12,441.29
Attendance 166 (incl. early service-42) (visitors- 7)**

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!



Rev. Stagg with
Lisa and Vladimir Chernov
October 21, 2017



Who am I?

- This girl being crowned is from Belton, MO.
- She is the 4th of 5 kids.
- She sings, acts and is active in the community



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....**Ferd Lightner!**



Worship, Sunday October 29

This Sunday Brad Stagg is back in the pulpit offering a sermon entitled "Love" based upon a text from Matthew 22:34-46. Hymns for the day include *Come Thou Almighty King, How Great Thou Art, and According to Thy Gracious Word.*



Church Basketball Season

Slam dunking, behind-the-back passes, Jesus talking ...and that's just in the parking lot! If hoops are your thing, this is for you. 'Disciples + Basketball' is hosted in the Christian Life Center at Broadway Christian Church. On Sunday afternoons at 4pm, the 5 Columbia area Disciples of Christ churches - Rock Bridge CC, Broadway CC, Olivet CC, Fifth Street CC and First CC will come together for fellowship, fun and free throws! If you're interested in playing, contact the church office or e-mail Rev. Sarah Klaassen at sarah@rockbridgecc.org. Men and women are welcome. Fire off some threes, FCC!



News of People and Places

Last Sunday 18 church folks had lunch together at the Claysville General Store; fried chicken perfection!

Interested in playing recreational basketball? Now is the time to make the call. See the article to the right —>

Keep in your prayers this week the following folks:

Dale Richardson who continues to be a patient at Boone Hospital. The Stagg family requests prayer for Brad's mother, **Pat Stagg** who is a hospital patient in Houston, TX and for Trish's cousin, **5 year old Carter**, who in the midst of chemo treatments has a tumor needing removal.

The ELDERS served together at **Loaves and Fishes** last Monday night. A great menu and lots of hands on deck made it a good night of fellowship and service. Thanks to Paula Hoenes for coordinating.

The time honored **Christmas Pageant gets a new time**. This year the annual Christmas Pageant, set for Dec. 10, will begin at 4:00 p.m. This new time is actually old as it was the start time many years ago. Parents have requested this early time to better facilitate the participation of younger children on a school night and everyone agreed!

A great group of over 20 FCC people attended the annual **Woodhaven** fundraising banquet in support of their strong witness of care in Columbia. Janelle Patterson and other CWFers from FCC helped coordinate the table décor.

Sunday, November 5 will be the annual visit by Columbia College's **Jane Froman Singers**. We will take time in 10:30 worship to recognize our long-standing relationship with Columbia College. That day is also our **All Saint's day** in both worship services, recalling the names of those who have died in the Lord in the past year.

Keep the Sunday evening after Thanksgiving open. A new event of decorating the church, sharing a simple meal, and making advent crafts will be featured for the church family.



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

****Sunday, Oct 29 — CYF** will go out for a pancake supper and see a movie. No school the next day/after Trunk/Treat. CYF will get a text with time and place.

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. Meet at the Target parking lot for an 8am departure! RSVP "St. Charles" on the pew pad or in the church office by Monday, November 6!

SPECIAL INVITATION! BROADWAY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Monday, November 20 at Broadway Christian Church, you're invited to a special Thanksgiving lunch. This is a great opportunity to enjoy some fellowship, fun and great food! RSVP "Thanks" on the pew pad or in the church office by Friday, November 17.

October 30 Daisy Crane, Rachael Fullington and Drew Gieseke

October 31 Richard Hoepfner

November 1 Cherry Hinderberger, Lillian McCormack and Richard Schomaker

November 2 Holly Gieseke

November 3 C.K. Hoenes and Thomas Rose

November 4 Ryley Batterson



I would like to thank the members of First Christian Church for their prayers, cards and healing thoughts while I was hospitalized.

The flowers I received both in the hospital and when at home were beautiful and brightened my spirits.

The frequent visits from Reverend Stagg inspired me to face my life changes with peace and dignity.

I would like to give special thanks to my mom, Carol Slusher. As a church community we know her as a good servant. As a mother, I know her as my constant source of strength. She was right by my side, encouraging me and helping me through this most difficult challenge.

In short, I was blessed with God's perfect love and I give thanks to you all.

Peace and love to everyone,
Paula Slusher

M-I-Z-Z-O-U Spirit Parade for Homecoming

The church office was a place of high energy and excitement last week as some of the



kids from MDO dropped in with fight songs and black & gold apparel! They have the spirit! Go Tigers!

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Return Service Requested

CHURCH CALENDAR OCTOBER 29– NOVEMBER 5

Sunday, October 29

- Chancel Bells Rehearsal, 8:30am, 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
- Trunk 'N' Treat, 3:00pm, FCC Parking Lot
- CYF, 6:00pm, Pancake Supper and a Movie

Monday, October 30

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

Tuesday, October 31

- MDO Halloween Party, 9:00am-1:30pm, Morris Parlor
- Tuesday Bible Study, 10:30-11:30am, **KEYSTONE!**

Wednesday, November 1

- Wednesday Bible Study, 12:05-12:55pm, Bethany Hall
- World Outreach Meeting, 5:00pm, Yonker Hall
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30-6:30pm, Sanctuary

Thursday, November 2

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

Friday, November 3

- Church Dine-Out, 5:30pm, Bob Evans Restaurant

Sunday, November 5

- Election Day Luncheon Setup, Yonker Hall
- NO CHANCEL BELLS OR CHANCEL CHOIR REHEARSAL**
- Columbia College Day at FCC with the Jane Froman Singers
- Chi-Rho, 4:30-6:00pm, Bethany Hall
- CYF, 6:00-7:30pm, Bethany Hall

SERVING SCHEDULE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

Bus Driver: Carol Slusher
Office Receptionist: Pat Rybolt
Welcome Station: Jennifer Alexander
Flower Ministry Arranged by: Cindy Rose
Delivered by: Harlan Hackett

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts:

Mike Randerson, Susan Gray and Carole Harris Randerson

Elder: Jerry Daugherty

Offering Counters: Mary Moeller and Sarah Storm

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Prep:

Gerald & Susan Ramsey and Elayna Mottaz

Liturgist: Tracy Evers

Elders: Jay & Chris Creasy and Sarah Read

Deacons: The Beary Team **Ushers:** The Mountjoy Team

Greeters:

Fred Mottaz (*N. Door*) Mary Jane Anderson (*S. Door*)

Dan Gieseke (*Atrium*) Holly Gieseke (*Portico*)

Banner Bearers: Lillian McCormack and Kira Hoenes

Candle Lighters: Paige Freed and Sam Pine

Children's Worship:

Jessica Humble (*ldr.*) Cindy Rose (*hlpr.*)

Offering Counters: Janelle Patterson and Brenda Martin