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# First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) VISITOR

Our mission: to know God and follow Jesus Christ

**WORSHIP  
SUNDAY**



## Worship Sunday, October 8

This looks to be an exciting Sunday! We will hear more of Jesus' teachings in Matthew with "The Parable of the Wicked Tenants". We will also have two children blessed and dedicated in the 10:30 service— Eli Denver Barnes, son of Jesse and Jordan Barnes, and Rowan Makenna Mooney, daughter of Jade Mooney. What a joy Sunday will bring! The table is open to all!

## Breakfast for our Brethren

*Breakfast for our Brethren* provides breakfast every Saturday morning for people in need and is so beneficial to our community! FCC is hosting this breakfast throughout October. There are many ways for you to help that will allow this event to be a success! You can choose a Saturday morning to come and serve (7:00-9:00 am), provide food and drink (please sign-up in the church office), donate small toiletry items, and/or provide a monetary donation to have items purchased on your behalf.



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Oct.  
8, 15, 22

9:35am

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE A  
DISCIPLE  
OF CHRIST

Rev. Brad Stagg will offer a three-week class in October based on the basics of discipleship and membership at First Christian. This class is for prospective members, new members, or members who are needing a refresher course. This is your chance to grow in faith and discover what makes Disciples of Christ, well...disciples!

## Warm Up Columbia!

*Warm Up Columbia* is an annual drive coordinated by Voluntary Action Center and churches in our community. Warm items such as coats, blankets, scarves, gloves, hats and socks are collected and given to low-income families and to elderly, homeless and disabled individuals. Last year, more than 4,000 winter items were collected for more than 700 local people. Each year FCC supports this program by collecting these items. Please bring in your gently used coats, blankets, scarves, gloves, hats and socks to church and place them in the tubs that are outside the church office.

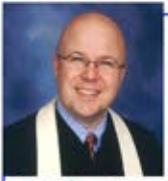


## Festival of Sharing

FCC is wrapping up the 2017 Festival of Sharing. **The donated items must be returned to the church by Tuesday, October 10.** The CYF will pack/bag the items and get them ready to send to Festival of Sharing. Check out the Festival of Sharing story from literature in the narthex or at [www.festivalofsharing.org](http://www.festivalofsharing.org)



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## Bit from Brad *Brad Stoy*

### Discovering the Disciples of Christ class:

I look forward to meeting with new and potentially new members of First Christian Church in my office at 9:35 for the next three Sundays (Oct. 8, 15 & 22). This conversational-style class explores faith in Jesus Christ, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and membership at First Christian Church. It allows an opportunity for new and potentially new members to meet with me, the Senior Minister, and ask and receive answers to questions you have about faith, church, and membership. If you're interested in knowing more about faith in Christ, our faith tradition, and First Christian, I look forward to seeing you in my office this Sunday and the next two following!

**The Elders:** Monday, October 2, 36 Elders gathered for one of their three meetings for the year, led by our new Elder Chair, Fred Mottaz. Fred reminded the Elders that one of their roles is to teach the faith, and shared how he hopes the Elders will re-commit themselves to this vital aspect of being a church elder. The Elders re-committed to: help lead worship on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month at Lenoir Health Care Center; continue the Flower Ministry and deliver communion to various members (through their Communion Connection ministry) who cannot physically make it to worship; and serve the poor through the Loaves and Fishes ministry. Sarah Storm updated the Elders on the progress made by the Welcoming Subcommittee as it continues to explore and study how we might be more open to people of diverse backgrounds. Then the Elders divided into three breakout groups: 1-new Elders gathered around the Communion Table for orientation on how to serve at the Table on Sunday mornings; 2- discussion of Lenoir HCC worship services; 3- discussion of Elder responsibilities regarding Christian Education. It was a good —and well attending—meeting of the Spiritual Leaders of your congregation!

**New Water Spigots:** In case you have not heard, new water spigots were installed for ease of watering flower beds and lawn areas. For security purposes, the shut-off valves are located indoors. One spigot is located on the west side of Bethany Hall; the other is located on the south wall of the sanctuary building.

**Capital Campaign – Tier One:** As of Oct. 2, \$798,518 has been received of the \$816,998 pledged, leaving a difference of \$18,480 to meet our goal by our target date of December 31, 2017. Thank you First Christian Church for being so generous and getting behind your church as together we meet the property needs of our facilities. Only four more projects remain to be completed: updating our fire & security alarm system (which is in progress), installing several sets of handrails throughout the building, installing a safer balcony railing, and restoring or replacing the south exterior doors by the Chapel. Altogether, those projects were budgeted for a total of \$65,000. Given that we have \$47,314 on hand plus the anticipated \$18,480 totals \$65,794, which should be enough to cover these remaining projects. If you have not yet completed your pledge, please consider doing so! If you have but would like to ensure FCC meets its target goal of \$816,988 by our target date, please consider doing so! And to all who have given to FCC's Tier One Capital Campaign – thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

Blessings, Brad

### Don't forget:

Coffman-Watson CWF  
7:00pm, Oct. 9,  
Susan Gray's Home  
416 W. Lathrop Road

### Report for Sun., Oct. 1, 2017

**Total Offerings \$7711**  
**Attendance 175** (incl. early serv-31)  
(Visitors-9)



**Sunday, October 29**  
**3:00 p.m.**  
**Church Parking Lot**

In partnership with Woodhaven, FCC will host a Trunk 'n Treat on Sunday, October 29 at 3:00pm. Join us for the fun of an all-church fall festival featuring church members' open, decorated car trunks - offering treats to kids in costume on parade. Plan your costumed trunk and get the candy ready! All are welcome.

Dear FCC Congregation,

Thank you so much for your continued support of me and my endeavors, even as I have progressed through college. I was very excited to receive both the Tommy L. Kubach and the John Ridgeway scholarships! They have already been extremely useful and relieved much of my stress regarding financial concerns. So far the scholarships have been used to pay for books and course fees, however, they serve the larger purpose of allowing me to work fewer hours so that I may participate in various unpaid volunteer positions. I love that through volunteering I can practice the values of FCC, even from afar in Massachusetts!

Sincerely,  
Delaney Tevis



## 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Election Day Luncheon

November 7, 2017

When we started our Luncheon, we had three goals: 1. Be a presence in our community. 2. Work together to become closer as a Church family. 3. Make money to use for the missions of Disciple Women's Ministries. We still have these same goals. And, thanks to all of you who volunteer, this happens. Please sign up in the Narthex Sunday, we have plenty of work for everyone. Looking forward to working with you! If you have questions, please call Brenda Mosby at 442-7507.

A BIG thank you is extended from my heart to the choir, Adriene Floyd and Mary Bancroft for their beautiful delivery of "Here I Am, Lord" last Sunday. It was simply beautiful and a wonderful way to share your ministry of music with the rest of us. Your talents do not go unnoticed! Your music was always the highlight of the service for my mother-in-law, Judy, and our family will forever be grateful for each one of you. Your blessings are many!

Chris Creasy

## Dorothy Golson, 94 & Louise Meyer, 90

October 13



**October 8** Marcy Douglas, Sara Klockow, Cheryl Lightner and Michael Snyder

**October 9** Lynn Klotz and Mona Stevenson

**October 10** Alexander Johnson and Julie Nichols

**October 11** Mark Embry, Brady Marrero

Elizabeth Martin, Nina Oliver and Joy Overacre

**October 13** Thelma Beem, Robert Floyd, Dorothy Golson and Louise Meyer

**October 14** Tracy Evers





# News of People and Places



## Don't Miss It!

The FCC Handbell Choir will be playing next Sunday the 15th!

The wedding party was just that! Eight of us worked hard and finished in record time Wednesday afternoon. Thanks to **Brenda Mosby, Valerie Freed, Harlan Hackett, Fred Mottaz, Susan Gray and Keith Picker** for their wonderful help. The church grounds will be in shape until spring. Next time, consider joining us. Fellowship makes work easy and enjoyable.

In our church's care, **Peggy Veatch and Mary Daugherty.**



October means Halloween, Columbus Day... and Clergy Appreciation Month! This month all members are asked to make a special effort to thank our ministers for their many hours of work every day to help the church, its people and guests "Know God and Follow Jesus Christ". Write a note, send an e-mail, pray for them. We are blessed to have **Brad, Jimmy and Sally** (as well as retired ministers) as examples of dedicated, loving and caring leaders in our church. **Joyce Stanley**



## Friday Night Classics

**Rear Window**  
Friday night  
October 6  
7:00pm, 3rd Floor  
Cinema

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! Leave from Target at 8:30. Return to Columbia by 5:45pm. Fee-\$30.

## October 22 (Sunday) - CLAYSVILLE FOR LUNCH

Join us for a Sunday lunch at the Claysville General Store. Fried chicken and country ham with all the sides served family style. RSVP by Sun. Oct. 15.



The STARS bunch enjoyed a trip to Sedalia and toured Longfellow Nursery and the Sedalia Depot and Museum. While passing the firehouse, they received a call from our own **Christian Hulen**, who saw the bus drive past. He offered a tour of the firehouse and new fire truck, so they got a bonus excursion! Be sure to join STARS for the next trip and enjoy FCC fellowship and fun.



## Who am I?

We need your pictures! This segment has been enjoyed by many as they tried to guess who was in the picture. Regardless of your age; high schooler to seasoned FCC member, we would love your pics from when you were younger.. e-mail them to [fcc@firstchristian.org](mailto:fcc@firstchristian.org) or bring it by the office and we'll scan it and give it right back!

The previous "Who am I?" was... **Laura Crane!**



Sunday, Oct. 15 at the Palmers for JYF & CR—late afternoon — more details to come to parents in an e-mail this week.



**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. 8  |       | X   | X     |
| Oct. 15 | X     | X   | X     |
| Hayride | TBA   | TBA | TBA   |
| Oct. 22 |       | X   | X     |
| Oct. 29 | Trunk | n   | Treat |
| Nov. 5  |       | X   | X     |
| Nov. 12 | X     |     | X     |
| Nov. 19 |       | X   | X     |

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Dr. John J. Yonker

**Return Service Requested**

**CHURCH CALENDAR OCTOBER 8-14**

**Sunday, October 8**

- Bell Choir practice, 8:30-9:30am, Bell Room
- Festival of Sharing pack dropoff, Narthex
- Coffee Hour, 9:20-10:20 a.m., Yonker Hall
- Sunday School, 9:30am, Child/Youth, 3<sup>rd</sup> Flr;  
Adults, 2<sup>nd</sup> Flr, Keystone
- Chancel Choir Warm-up, 9:45-10:20am, Morris Parlor
- Chi-Rho, 4:30-6:00pm, Bethany Hall
- CYF, 6:00-7:00pm, Bethany Hall

**Monday, October 9**

- Church Office Staff Meeting, 2:00-3:00pm, Keystone
- Stewardship & Finance Meeting, 6:00-7:30pm, Morris
- Worship Department Meeting, 6:30-7:30pm, Bethany Hall
- Coffman-Watson, 7:00-9:00pm, Susan Gray's Home

**Tuesday, October 10**

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

**Wednesday, October 11**

- Mid-America Meeting, 10:00am-3:00pm, Keystone Room
- Ladies' Book Club, 12:00pm, Bethany Hall
- Wednesday Bible Study, 12:05-12:55pm, Morris Parlor
- World Outreach Meeting, 5:00-6:30pm, Keystone
- D.A.R. Board-Nora Dietzel, 6:00-8:00pm, Bethany Hall

**Thursday, October 12**

- NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
- STARS Hannibal Trip, 8:30am-6:00pm
- DOC, 4:30-6pm, Bethany Hall
- Rock Bridge Cross Country Dinner, 4:30-6:00pm, Yonker Hall

**Saturday, October 14**

- Breakfast for our Brethren, 6:30-10:00am, Yonker Hall

**SERVING SCHEDULE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8**

***Bus Driver:*** Eric Seaman

***Office Receptionist:*** Don Mosby

***Welcome Station:*** Chris Creasy and Valerie Freed

***Flower Ministry***

***Arranged and Delivered by:*** Gerald and Susan Ramsey

**Servers for 8:30 Worship Service**

***Worship Assts:*** Brice & Mary Moeller and Tommy Gay Evans

***Elder:*** Cherry Hinderberger

***Offering Counters:*** Doug Smith and Sarah Storm

**Servers for 10:30 Worship Service**

***Communion Prep:***

Amy Green and Steve & Bobbi McCormack

***Liturgist:*** Robert Floyd

***Elders:*** TBD, C.K. & Paula Hoenes

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

***Greeters:***

Coleman Rogers (*N. Door*)      Chuck Scott (*S. Door*)

Carol Slusher (*Atrium*)      Brad Volmert (*Portico*)

***Banner Bearers:*** Ava Martin and Kaedon Wheatley

***Candle Lighters:*** Cullen Snow and Kenzie Von Talge

***Children's Worship:*** Kim Boger (*ldr.*) Lauren Karr (*hlpr.*)

***Offering Counters:*** Sarah Storm and Debbie Taylor