



**THE**  
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# First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) VISITOR

**Our mission: to know God and follow Jesus Christ**

## Worship for Sunday, November 12

*The Parable of the Bridesmaids* will be the topic of Rev. Stagg's sermon based upon Matthew 25:1-13. Hymns for the day will include the ever favorite *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*; *I Love to Tell the Story*; and *In This Very Room*. **Communion Connection** will be shared by Elders and Deacons with members who are unable to attend worship in person.



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 \$8)  
Christmas Sweets

A Christian Women's Fellowship Project

## Holiday Shopping at its Best!

The Christmas Bazaar is fast approaching and we need your help! We can use your specialty candies and cookies, sweets and breads for the morning coffee, and kids to help serve food. **Make sure to register in the narthex!**

This year will be extra special. There will be table after table of handmade gifts, arts and crafts...and a few surprises! Get here early and stay late; we'll even feed you for a mere \$8! It will all be in Yonker Hall, so get the family shoppers together and start the season during our Christmas Bazaar. You'll be glad you did!

## Singers Raise Spirits

The Jane Froman Singers of Columbia College joined us on All Saints' Sunday and shared God's sweet gift of the human voice! Their songs uplifted the congregation and it was a pleasure to continue our on-going relationship with Columbia College. What a joy to have such talented young people in God's house!



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# DECORATE!

What is new this year during advent at First Christian Church?

## *The way we decorate the sanctuary.*

For many years one large extended church family took on the task of getting the greens, large sanctuary tree and other décor out of storage and placed it all for the advent season. For a long time it was the Creasy/Nichols families, then the Mills/Barnes clans in recent years. Perhaps it was others long ago. The outdoor “stable” for the Living Nativity was much the same way — with Jay Creasy to thank.

Things change, years go by and families are ready to share opportunities with others. In most churches the whole church helps decorate for Advent and Christmas. Our church is now working toward a similar model. We ALL will help get the place decorated!

A night for such shared preparation has been created. We hope you will join us. Come out and help get the place ready for one of our very best seasons.

The sanctuary greens, large tree with lights and chrismons, another tree for the Fellowship or Bethany Hall and setting up the outdoor stable.

We need active ladder people for sure — the tree is tall!

Families are most welcome and we will have activities for children while parents are helping put up the decorations. Ornament making and special Christmas Veggie Tale watching is in store for our kids. Childcare for really little ones is also on the list.

We will end the night with a light chili supper in Yonker Hall.

# DECORATE *fcc*

## Sunday, November 26

### 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.

*decorate, create, eat*

Report for Sunday, November 5, 2017

Total Offerings \$11,521.50

Attendance 216 (incl. early service-45) (visitors- 46)

Last issue's "Who Am I" was....Lorene Trickey!

## The Votes are in... Election Day Luncheon a BIG Success!

It takes a lot of hard work to prepare 90 pies and a record number of 218 delivered meals, setup, ticket sales, serving hundreds at tables and cleanup! The folks of FCC certainly went above and beyond the call of duty this Tuesday for the annual Election Day Luncheon. There are so many people who deserve thanks for all their hard work, so we will just say THANK YOU to everyone who helped make this the biggest Election Day Luncheon EVER!





## News of People and Places

The Administrative Board will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 14.

Prayerfully we recall this week that **Dale Richardson** has now left the hospital and is recuperating at The Neighborhoods.

We all sang out to wish **Dabney Doty** a happy 99th birthday last Sunday in the 10:30 service. Dabney is our oldest attending member. He sure doesn't seem a day past 84 as he drives daily and maintains an active social calendar.

**Christy Von Talge** teaches the 4 year olds at FCC's Mother's Day Out. She recently asked **Rev. Jimmy Spear** to offer a little bible time for her class. He is pictured here sharing stories with them about Psalm 23. The book "Found" (about a shepherd and his sheep) is now among the children's books in the games/reading room on the west end of the 3rd floor. Jimmy will be sharing special bible stories with children twice a month.



## Voluntary Action Center Christmas Project

November is here, which means the holiday season is right around the corner. Each year there are parents who are not able to provide Christmas presents or dinner for their families. The Voluntary Action Center (VAC) has a Holiday Program. The Holiday Program is VAC's single largest program. It provides families, elderly and disabled individuals with gifts and food for the holidays that they may not have had otherwise. In addition to toys, books and games, families often receive needed clothing and household supplies.

Each year First Christian Church adopts families (this year 50 persons) from the Holiday Program and sets up an Angel Tree in the Narthex. To make this outreach project successful we need your help! Please stop by the Angel Tree on **Sunday, November 19 or 26**, to select a person for which to shop. This would be a perfect opportunity for families, Sunday School groups, etc. to come together to adopt a person/family. **Gifts need to be purchased and brought back to church by Dec. 3.** If you are unable to shop but would like to give a monetary donation to support this cause the CYF Group will go and shop for you! Thank you for your support for the VAC Holiday Program!

~Elizabeth Mottaz

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



**SPECIAL INVITATION!** **Thanksgiving Meal at Broadway CC**  
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; bring a dish to share, please! The cost is only \$7. RSVP "Thanks" on the pew pad or in the church office by **Tuesday, November 14.**

## FCC Member Honored

At the 45th Anniversary of Meals on Wheels, and during the Annual Volunteer Appreciation dinner, Lorene Trickey was honored with the Carol and Dale Sechler Spirit Award. She is the first person to receive this new award for her faithful service of delivering meals for 45 years (and counting). There several from FCC who are volunteer drivers and have been for quite a while. Congratulations, Lorene!



- November 12** Dan Gieseke and Stephanie Mottaz
- November 13** Dietrich Arnett
- November 14** Dan Backues and Pat Wright
- November 16** Amy La Hue
- November 17** Rich Montgomery
- November 18** Dalton Whipple



*All Saints Sunday*  
November 5, 2017

We remember the following members of First Christian Church who have died and raised in Christ since October 31, 2016.

Kent Kurtz	11/1/2016
Serena White	11/10/2016
Don Seltsam	11/17/2016
Helen Polly	12/22/2016
Phil Mueller	2/1/2017
Floyd Marcum	2/28/2017
Judy Wood	5/1/2017
Ed Coffman	7/17/2017
Larry Caringer	8/22/2017
Freda Martz	8/31/2017
Marvellee Ridgeway	10/26/2017

Apologies to Audrey Shock. Her name was misspelled in last week's Visitor. Sorry, Ms. Audrey!



**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 9-12**  
weekly 6:00-7:30pm  
Bethany

Nov 12—JYF and CYF meet  
Nov 19—Chi-Rho and CYF meet

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**Return Service Requested**

**CHURCH CALENDAR NOVEMBER 12-18**

**Sunday, November 12**

- Communion Connection
- Chancel Bells Rehearsal, 8:30am, Bell Room
- Coffee Hour, 9:20-10:20am, Yonker Hall
- Sunday School, 9:30am, Child/Youth, 3<sup>rd</sup> Flr;  
Adults, 2<sup>nd</sup> Flr, Keystone
- Chancel Choir Warm Up, 9:45am, Morris Parlor
- JYF, 4:30-6:00pm, Bethany Hall
- CYF, 6:00-7:30pm, Bethany Hall

**Monday, November 13**

- Elders Diversity Committee, 11:30am-12:30pm, Bethany
- Church Office Staff Meeting, 2:00-3:00pm, Keystone
- Drennan Singers Rehearsal, 5:30-6:30pm, Sanctuary
- Worship Department Meeting, 6:30-7:30pm, Sanctuary

**Tuesday, November 14**

- Tuesday Bible Study, 10:30-11:30am, Morris Parlor
- ADMIN. BOARD MTG, 6:30-7:30pm, Morris Parlor

**Wednesday, November 15**

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

**Thursday, November 16**

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

**Friday, November 17**

- CHRISTMAS BAZAAR SETUP

**Saturday, November 18**

- CHRISTMAS BAZAAR, 8:00am-2:00pm, Yonker Hall

**SERVING SCHEDULE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12**

**Bus Driver:** Russ Palmer

**Office Receptionist:** Jeff Wheeland

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

**Flower Ministry Arranged and Delivered by:**  
Mary Jane Anderson

**Servers for 8:30 Worship Service**

**Worship Assts:**

Tom & Carol Hughey and Jan Davis

**Elder:** Mary Daugherty

**Offering Counters:** Mary Daugherty and Sarah Storm

**Servers for 10:30 Worship Service**

**Communion Prep:**

Holly Wheatley, Valerie Freed and Ruth Ann Obrecht

**Liturgist:** Kameron Freed

**Elders:** Bill & Sonya Carney and Bragg Stanley

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

**Greeters:**

Trish Stagg (*N. Door*) Jacki Davidson (*S. Door*)

Gerald Ramsey (*Atrium*) Susan Ramsey (*Portico*)

**Banner Bearers:** Cullen Snow and Kenzie Von Talge

**Candle Lighters:** Kate Volmert and Kayla Von Talge

**Children's Worship:**

Kim Boger (*ldr.*) Kim Leon (*h/pr.*)

**Offering Counters:** Jerry Miller and Diana Provenzano