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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) VISITOR

Our mission: to know God and follow Jesus Christ

Connecting to God: The Moses Connection Sunday, March 11

The "Connecting to God" sermon series continues this week with Rev. Stagg's sermon, "The Moses Connection," based on Numbers 21:4-9 and John 3:14-21 when Jesus conversed with Nicodemus at night. This alludes to Moses lifting the bronze serpent and the people are saved because of their faith in God. Come and see how God does the same in Jesus Christ.



Friday Night Classics Return March 16 7:00pm 3rd Floor Cinema

John Wayne stars as an American boxer who returns to the village of his birth in Ireland, where he finds love. Maureen O'Hara co-stars as the sassy spinster of the town and her beauty shines in this Oscar-winning showpiece. Join the Giesekes on Friday night, March 16 at 7:00pm in the 3rd floor cinema.



Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Mid-America Regional Assembly, April 20-21, 2018 Hannibal, MO
 Sign-up details, lodging, events and more
DETAILS INSIDE THIS ISSUE!



Property Work Day Saturday, March 17 8:00am

Get your tools ready; shovels, rakes, clippers, gloves, hands, blowers, etc! We need your help. Whether you can work for an hour or all morning, make plans to get FCC ready for spring and Easter! Get all the details by contacting Mike Randerson at 573-424-4858 or e-mail him at dmranderson@mchsi.com.



Time Change This Weekend

Spring forward, fall back...who can keep track? Make sure to set your clocks one hour *forward* on Saturday night (officially at 2:00am- will you be awake then?) so you get to your favorite time of worship at FCC.

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Hours:

Fri., Mar. 9 4:00-8:00pm
Sat., Mar. 10 8:00-11:00am



2018 FCC Baptism Class

This year nine young people will learn what it is to be baptized and be disciples. Pictured L to R: Cullen Snow, C.K. Hoenes (Mentor), Ava Martin, Izzy Arnett, Chase Hofmann, Brett Kuhn, Kate Volmert, Kayla Von Talge, Kira Hoenes, and Delaney Batterson (not pictured are Mentor Deb Batterson and Leader Jimmy Spear)

Thank you to Sarah Storm and Sarah Read for their hard work to make the Black History Month movie showings a success. This evangelism effort brought a nice turnout; even people from outside FCC attended! We are proud of you!



Have You Seen It Yet?

Make sure you go by the wonderful Easter display on the second floor of the Education building. Joyce Stanley does such an incredible job with these displays. Sometimes they're educational; sometimes they're illustrative. They're always beautiful. Well done, Joyce!



- March 12** Liam Rose
- March 14** Donna Houston and Pat Rainey
- March 15** Mary Dysart
- March 16** Jordan Barnes, Ed Bright and Wilson Hickey



Mid-America Men Ozarks Getaway & Retreat May 4-6 Shannondale, MO

Men of FCC, if you've been searching for an opportunity for spiritual growth, fellowship, mentoring, recreation, fun and— of course— great food, this is the event for you. Transportation will be worked out after we get a head count. Please RSVP to the church office or to Larry Veatch at LV1942@gmail.com to **secure your spot by April 1st.** (\$20 deposit needed. \$75 total for the event)

STARS plans: Spring 2018



Fayette: re-scheduled!
Thursday, March 22.

Reserve your spot "FAYETTE" on pew pad or in the office by March 20. It was icy so we didn't go in February. We will eat lunch at Emmets and see art at the Central Methodist University Museum

Regional Church Gathering: Mid-America Assembly April 20-21. See info on the next page of the Visitor...

Meal, worship, workshops, riverboat cruise. Church bus will go. Talk to Jimmy Spear.

St. Louis: re-scheduled! St.Louis Art Museum & Zoo Thursday, April 26

Morning: STL Art Museum exhibit-*Sunken Cities: Egypt's Lost Worlds* Afternoon: St. Louis Zoo tour by Zoo Train
Depart at 8am and back at 6pm

Claysville for Lunch (ALL are invited!) Sunday, May 6

Overnighter to Lamar and Carthage

Historic and scenic touring of Lamar and Carthage Mo. Harry Truman home, Precious Moments Chapel, etc.
May 16-17

Mary Poppins at the Lyceum (featuring FCC's Gabe Palmer)

Thursday, June 7; 2pm show; \$35
Reserve your spot and pay by April 1. To Carol Slusher.



**ORDER YOUR
Easter lily TODAY**



Make sure to get your Easter lilies ordered by Tuesday, March 27 for inclusion in the Easter honor/memorial list. Please use the sheets in the narthex, in the office, or the insert enclosed. Delivery will be made on Good Friday to the sanctuary. They are \$7 each and multiple quantities are available.

Report for Sunday, March 4, 2018
Attendance 189 (includes early service— 32) (visitors— 14)
Total offerings: \$12,609.75



News of People and Places

Bob Leach returned to The Bluffs following his hospital stay for an infection.

Glenn Rainey (94) died last Saturday, Feb. 24; we offer our sympathy to his family, especially his wife **Pat**. Glenn and Pat relocated to Shelbina; thus his services are Saturday, March 10, 2018 at 12pm at the Greening-Eagan-Hayes Funeral Home in Shelbina, Missouri. Visitation will precede the service from 11am to 12pm.

Jim Ross, who died Dec. 4, will have his memorial service, Saturday, March 10 at 2:30 at Lenoir. Our sympathy goes out to his family, especially his wife, **Tommie**.

Mary Bancroft had surgery on Monday, March 5 and is home recovering. Mary asks for our prayers and that we welcome Schuyler Wheeler back to the organ bench for the next several weeks.



Fire Education for MDO Kids

Last week our MDO kids got a special visit from firefighter Brian Strong of the Columbia Fire Department, Station 1. He taught the importance of fire safety, what firefighters do and showed some of their cool equipment— including some of the alarm sounds that really had the office staff jumping!



Regional Assembly - April 20-21 Hannibal, MO

Get set for a unique opportunity to connect and reconnect to our family of Disciples in Hannibal during the Regional Assembly. **Registrations are requested by March 20!** **New this year: meals are included with your \$75 registration!** The church bus will go and so will the STARS group. Please contact the office or Rev. Spear with any questions or to register. Information regarding lodging and a few of the events is listed below.

Friday, April 20 **NOTE: these are just a few of the numerous events!**
10:15am

Bible Study and Opening Worship

6:00pm

Dinner, Cruise, Mark Twain Riverboat and Worship Preacher:

Rev. Teresa Hord Owens

Saturday, April 21

11:00am

"A Movement for Wholeness in a Fragmented World"
by **Rev. Teresa Hord Owens**

Noon

All Assembly Luncheon

1:00pm

Mission Sharing— Our Time is Now

2:45pm

Closing worship and installation of **Rev. Dr. Paul Koch**



Workshops

- 1-Maintaining Disciples Identity in a Changing Culture
- 2-With Meaning, Expression and Tradition
- 3-How the Disciples Care Team Will Support Your Congregation
- 4-How Your Church is Vital for Disaster Preparedness and Response
- 5-Becoming Open and Affirming
- 6-What's New & What's News-Reconciliation and Racial Justice Ministry Team Members
- 7-Making the Most of Your Financial Resources
- 8-Updating Your Church on Woodhaven's Progress

Location and Lodging

Quality Inn & Suites— 120 Lindsey Dr., Hwy 36, Hannibal 573-221-4001; host hotel with free breakfast-40 rooms blocked-\$100 per room per night
Sleep Inn—105 Lakeside Drive, Hannibal 573-221-1500; 20 rooms blocked-\$89 per room per night
Also available are a Comfort Inn & Suites and a Best Western. There are not blocked rooms at these hotels. Ask for details.

Youth Group Times

JYF (grd 3-4-5)
Chi-Rho (grd 6-7-8)
(on alternating weeks)
4:30-6:00pm

CYF (grd 9-12)
6:00-7:30pm

CYF - Spring Break:
Mar. 28, 3:30-6pm
Serving at Mobile Food Bank

Mar. 11	Chi-Rho/CYF
Mar. 18	JYF/CYF
Mar. 25	Sprg BREAK
Apr. 1	EASTER Day
Apr. 8	Chi-Rho/CYF
Apr. 15	JYF/CYF
Apr. 22	Chi-Rho/CYF
Apr. 29	JYF/CYF

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Return Service Requested

CHURCH CALENDAR MARCH 11-MARCH 17

Sunday, March 11

- Bell Choir Rehearsal, 8:30am, 3rd Floor Bell Room
- Coffee Hour, 9:20-10:20am, Yonker Hall
- Sun. School, 9:30am, Child/Youth, 3rd Flr; Adlts, 2nd Flr
- Chancel Choir Warm Up, 9:45am, Morris Parlor
- Chi-Rho, 4:30-6:00pm, CYF, 6:00-7:30pm, Bethany Hall

Monday, March 12

- Church Office Staff Meeting, 2:00-3:00pm, Keystone
- Worship Department Meeting, 6:30-7:30pm, Bethany Hall

Tuesday, March 13

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

Wednesday, March 14

- Ladies' Book Club, 12:00pm, Bethany Hall
- Wednesday Bible Study, 12:05pm, Morris Parlor
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30pm, Sanctuary

Thursday, March 15

- NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
- DOC (Disciples On Campus), 4:30-6:00pm, Bethany Hall
- Book Study "Very Married", 7:00-8:00pm, Bethany Hall

Friday, March 16

- Friday Night Classics, "The Quiet Man", 7:00pm,
3rd Floor Cinema

Saturday, March 17

- Mo. Federation of Music Clubs, ALL PIANO LOCATIONS
7:30am-5:00pm
- Church Property Work Day, 8:00am

SERVING SCHEDULE SUNDAY, MARCH 11

Bus Driver: Dan Gieseke

Office Receptionist: Valerie Freed

Welcome Station: Chris Creasy and Valerie Freed

Flower Ministry Arranged &

Delivered by: Carol Slusher

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assts:

Jerry & Mary Daugherty

Elder: Jerry Daugherty

Offering Counters: Kim Reardon and Mary Daugherty

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Prep:

Brad Beary and Russ & Monica Palmer

Liturgist: Natalie Barnard

Elders: Diana Provenzano and Hayley Batterson

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

Greeters:

Nannie Lou Mallett (*N. Door*) Larry Burnam (*S. Door*)

Eva Bright (*Atrium*) Ed Bright (*Portico*)

Banner Bearers: Chase Hofmann and Brady Marrero

Candle Lighters: Ava Martin and Kaedon Wheatley

Children's Worship:

Hayley Batterson (*ldr.*) Brad Volmert (*h/pr.*)

Offering Counters: Janelle Patterson and Harlan Hackett

Warming Station Hosts: Colleen Nilges and Dan Gieseke

Bus Driver: Jeff Wheeland



ORDER YOUR
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Easter lilies will be ordered through the church's Ministry of Flowers. If you would like to furnish a lily for Easter Sunday, fill out the form and return it to the church office with \$7.00 for each lily **no later than Tuesday, March 27.**

Total Easter Lilies given # _____ @ \$7.00 each

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