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Our mission: to know God and follow Jesus Christ



Single Summer Service

**Memorial Day Weekend thru
 Labor Day Weekend**

A single worship service will be offered this summer as proposed by the Worship Dept. and affirmed by church leadership. The single summer service will be held at 9:30 a.m. We are excited to see how members and guests will take on this new thing, tell others and see how worship will be enhanced over the summer months by the combined voice and energy of our 8:30 & 10:30 worship groups, musicians, and lay leadership. We will return to two services in September.

Worship for April 8 The 2nd Sunday of Easter

In the season of Easter, the second Sunday of Easter, we will continue to be inspired by the news of the empty tomb and the power of the resurrection. The sermon by Rev. Stagg will focus for a few weeks on church — this week, “Church: Sharing.” Texts from Psalm 133 and Acts 4:32-35 will guide us.

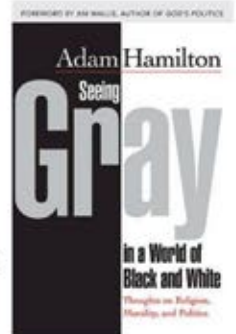
The day will include a hymn of resurrection and exaltation, unsung in our church for some years but long respected in hymn circles, *I Know That My Redeemer Liveth*, sung at the Invitation.

The 10:30 worship service will include the Blessing and Dedication of a Child. Noah and Gina Shonka will bring their son Gage for the shared congregational blessing.



With the start of major league baseball, the Evangelism Department is proud to announce the 2018 version of spring training at FCC! How will we “play ball”? **Come to worship and invite guests!** Over the course of four Sundays (April 8, 15, 22 and 29) the congregational visitors will be added up on Sunday mornings in both worship services. Based upon your signing the weekly pew pad, scoring will be based how many visitors are brought in. The sides of the sanctuary will serve as “teams” - the lectern side will be the Red-bird Disciples and the pulpit side the Royal Blue Christians. Follow the great commission of Jesus to go and make disciples and let your light shine. Wear team colors, pick your side, and invite guests! Play ball!

Five Week Study
The Adult Class
Sunday Mornings
9:30-10:20 a.m.
The Keystone Room
April 8—May 6



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Bit from Brad



Holy Week Thanks!

Friends, what a wonderful Holy Week we had this year! In spite of CPS, CC, and MU scheduling Spring Break over Holy Week, those who remained in town for Palm Sunday, Maundy-Thursdays, and Easter experienced depth and joy celebrating the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Special thanks to Harlan Hackett, Jean Hall, and Schuyler Wheeler for lead-

ing our joyous Hymn Sing during the downtown Palm Parade. Also, a super-big shout-out of gratitude to Adriene & Robert Floyd, the Chancel Choir, the Worship Department, all the special readers, Deacons, Elders, and Rev. Jimmy Spear for the all the hard work, practicing, coordinating and talent to pull off an outstanding Maundy-Thursdays Tenebrae (Service of Shadows) worship service! What a profound experience reminding us of the depth of God's love to sacrifice his own Son! Thank you! And yet another big THANK YOU to the Deacon Teams and Captains, Elders, Communion Preparers, Chancel Choir, Greeters, Ushers, Jean Hall, Schuyler Wheeler, Adriene Floyd, and Rev. Jimmy Spear for such a passionate, uplifting Easter Service celebrating the resurrection of Christ! Thank you one and all!!

Property: Department Chair

Also, another big thanks goes to Hartley Rogers for serving as our Property Chair for the past year and a half. Due to an increase workload with IDQ (International Dairy Queen), Hartley is stepping away so he can tend to those responsibilities. Thank you, Hartley, and we wish you all the best!! Thankfully, Bob Hutton has agreed to step up to be our new Property Chair and we thank Bob for coming on board and wish him all the best in this leadership role!!

Property: Projects

Currently several projects are in various stages of progress. As you'll see in this Visitor, there are pictures of the nearly completed bi-fold doors replacement in Yonker Fellowship Hall. The old doors were beyond salvaging and had to be replaced and are now nearly finished.

Construction begins this week on the 3rd Floor Room, which formerly housed the CYF, to repair/replace the ceiling joists, which had separated from the rafters, creating a potentially dangerous situation. Fortunately tests revealed no asbestos so construction can continue and no abatement is necessary. Thank you Lord!

Property: Tier One Projects

Bids for the Glass Balcony Railing have been received and now go to the Property Department for bid comparison and a decision by the department to recommend to Board which contractor should be selected for the project. Hopefully a decision by the committee will be reached in the next couple of weeks. Bids have also been received for replacement of the South Sanctuary Doors and a decision needs to be reached on which contractor to use.

May you experience Christ's resurrection power this week in your life!

Blessings, Brad

Your Special Anniversary

Bob & Muriel Leach, 63 years

April 8, 1955




FEED THE COMMUNITY

Concert & Silent Auction

An outreach ministry of Fifth Street Christian Church

Friday, April 27

6:00pm

at First Christian Church, 101 N. 10th Street

Apr. 8	Chi-Rho/CYF
Apr. 15	JYF/CYF
Apr. 22	Chi-Rho/CYF
Apr. 29	JYF/CYF



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)



VBS June 10-14 (Sun.-Thurs.)



April 8 Bill Carney & Chuck Scott

April 9 Yvonne Clark

April 10 Laura Daugherty
& Erich Unterschutz

April 14 Jimmy Spear

Report for Sunday, April 1, 2018

Attendance 346 (includes early service- 122) (visitors- 49)

Total offerings: \$11,319.00

We also collected the **Special Easter Offering** for the General Ministries of The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of **\$1,219**. The church heard the call for supporting the mission and ministry of our denomination.

Playing Ball

As I read our front page ad for Spring Training I note an important phrase in bold. "Come to worship and invite guests." Come to worship. What would it look like if we in this post-Easter season of 4 weeks "came to worship" — four weeks in a row? If you were in the 10:30 service on Easter you will recall the great feeling when we passed the plates all the way across. It is so doable. It really could be.

First Christian Church has become like many churches in this era—a home for worship and commitment: learning, worshiping, fellowship, outreach, and giving. We know who is with us, we just don't see them every week. Many of our most committed folks are on a once or twice a month worship schedule. Now, as your pastor I have to say it — that is missing half and that is not enough. Missing half of the hymns, the words, the images, the prayers, the sharing, and the learning that is key to our faith formation and strength. Half. Half of the God message so needed in today's world by today's disciples.

I ask: If an athlete/dancer/band/team-group member missed half the practices and games or concerts, would they even get to participate/play/survive? The same goes for the soul, the heart, and the mind.

Bringing a guest is a great thing. We love our Spring Training experience. Wouldn't it be great for our guests to know the ALL of us that is First Christian? I imagine all being present for four weeks in a row (okay, let's count Easter — see I can I be reasonable!) would bode well for these weeks of guest inviting and for the spirit of who we are as disciples. We might even find it to be a practice worth repeating. Thanks for reading and considering this challenge.

~Rev. Jimmy Spear

News of People and Places

Sympathy is extended to **Marcus Reynolds** and two children of the home in the death of wife and mother **Erin Reynolds**. Marcus and Erin were for some years, co-pastors of our sister church, 5th St. Christian. Erin died unexpectedly last weekend at the age of 40. Services will be arranged through Parker-Millard in Columbia.

Eva Bright had emergency surgery on Monday, April 3 and as of Wed. continues to be a patient at Boone Hospital.

CK Hoenes and family are in our prayers as he has gone to Florida to be with his paternal father as he has been placed under hospice care.

Where cancer is being fought hard: **Mary Bancroft** reports she will be back to the organ bench on April 15 and is still managing treatment plans. **Cheryl Lightner** is recuperating from a procedure last week.



CYF Spring Break Serving

The CYF members who were home over spring break served last Wednesday afternoon at the Mobile Food Pantry. The truck was parked at Indian Hills Park in NE Columbia and served several hundred. Our youth were the whole of the volunteer team that day distributing and helping carry food to cars. (not pictured in group above, Wyatt and Hunter Rogers)

Join us for...

St. Louis/Art Museum & Zoo

Thursday, April 26

(cost \$35) Leave Target at 8:00am

Morning: STL Art Museum exhibit-*Sunken Cities: Egypt's Lost Worlds*; Afternoon: STL Zoo tour by Zoo Train



Claysville for Lunch, Sunday, May 6

Join us for great food and even better fellowship! We will leave at noon. Put "Claysville" on the pew pad or office.

Thanks to all the wonderful Coffman-Watson ladies who prepared and served a fine breakfast on Easter Sunday for our Chancel Choir, the brass ensemble, and organist, Schuyler Wheeler. Thank you, Janelle Patterson, Sarah Storm, Susan Klockow, Brenda Martin, Mary Moeller, Betty Montgomery, Diana Provenzano, Colleen Nilges, Sarah Read, Pat Rybolt, Anne Campbell, Susan Gray and Debbie Taylor.

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Return Service Requested

CHURCH CALENDAR APRIL 8-APRIL 15

Sunday, April 8

- Evangelism Spring Training starts!
- Blessing and Dedication of Gage Shonka, 10:30am
- Handbell Choir rehearsal, 8:30am, 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, 4:30pm; CYF, 6:00pm, Bethany Hall

Monday, April 9

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

Tuesday, April 10

- Tuesday Bible Study, 10:30am, Morris Parlor
- Cabinet Meeting, 6:30-7:30pm, Morris Parlor

Wednesday, April 11

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

Thursday, April 12

- NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
- DOC (Disciples On Campus), 4:30-6:00pm, Bethany Hall

Sunday, April 15

- Handbell Choir rehearsal, 8:30am, 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
- ALICE Training, 12:00pm-5:00pm, Sanctuary
- JYF, 4:30pm, Yonker Hall; CYF, 6:00pm, Bethany Hall

SERVING SCHEDULE SUNDAY, APRIL 15

Bus Driver: Dan Gieseke
Office Receptionist: Carole Harris Randerson
Welcome Station: Chris Creasy and Valerie Freed
Flower Ministry Arranged & Delivered by: Gene Kirkham

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Communion Prep: Will & Donna Houston and Susan Gray
Elder: Cherry Hinderberger
Offering Counters: Mary Daugherty and Mary Moeller

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Prep: Candace & Chris Stormer
and Andrew Stormer (JR)
Liturgist: Jean Hall
Elders: Larry Burnam and Pat Rybolt
Deacons: The Beary Team **Ushers:** The BurnamTeam
Greeters:

Susan Klockow (N. Door) Amy La Hue (S. Door)
Jerry Miller (Atrium) Kathy Miller (Portico)

Banner Bearers: Paige Freed and Sam Pine
Candle Lighters: Chase Hofmann and Brady Marrero
Offering Counters: Deb Batterson and Jerry Miller
Children's Worship:
Jessica Humble (Ldr.), TBD (Hlpr.)