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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Our mission: to know God and follow Jesus Christ

Worship for Sundays, Aug. 12 & 19



This Sunday, Aug. 12, we welcome guest preacher **Rev. Dr. R. Wayne Calhoun**, Executive for the Office of Evangelism & Congregational Transformation and Director of the Office of Black Ministries, Disciples Home Missions. Hymns for the day include the bombastic *March to Zion* and *We've a Story to Tell to the Nations*. The moving hymn *These I Lay Down* will invite us to the table. **The Booneslick Chord Busters** will be our special music guests.



Dr. Larry Veatch will be back in the pulpit on August 19 to bring the morning message.

Summer Worship at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary



Youth Group Kick-Off



- * Spaghetti Supper
- * Fun & Games
youth vs. parents,
family vs. family
- * Hear plans for the upcoming youth group season
- * For all JYF/Chi-Rho/CYF youth and parents - play & get to know other families your kids youth group with every week !

Sunday * August 19 * 6:00-7:30pm



CYF Return From Mission to Iowa

High School Youth Served and Learned July 30-Aug. 4 in Keokuk, IA



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News of People and Places



Sympathy is extended to **Muriel Leach** in the passing of her husband **Rev. Bob Leach** who died on July 25 at the age of 88. We hold Muriel and children Kirsten and Cory in prayer in these days. Bob was a rural pastor with great heart and passion for the church, it's people, and world wide mission. His friendliness and compassion for those in need were well known, he never met a stranger. A service in celebration of his life will be held on Saturday, September 15. More information of time and place will be forthcoming.

We uplift **Ed and Eva Bright** whose home burned to the ground on Aug. 3. Many have given donations to help the Brights in these first days. Ed and Eva are so appreciative of the outpouring of love. They are now in a place of getting organized for their near future. We will continue to monitor their needs and make the church family aware as they become known.

David Polach and Tommy Gay Evans continue in our prayers as they face future days and treatments. **Pat Rybolt's son Scott Rybolt** underwent a second surgery on Aug. 1.



Feasibility Study Surveys

By now you should have received the confidential church development study survey in the mail. If not, or if you've misplaced it, please take time to add your input by logging on the church website at www.firstchristian.org and click the red survey button at the upper right of the page. There are also forms in the church office just to the left of the sign-up book (and with postage paid return envelopes!). It's easy. It's fast. It's vital to the next phase of church development for FCC! If you need more information, feel free to contact the church office. Get those surveys back to the church office, thanks!

STARS in August



We will eat at the new **Meriwether Cafe** in Rocheport on Thursday, August 16. We will have breakfast and plan our fall/winter outings. We will leave from the church parking lot at 9:15. Come join us, sign up in the office or on the pew pad Sunday.

CHURCH CALENDAR AUGUST 12-AUGUST 25

Sunday, August 12

- Coffee Fellowship, 9:00am
- SINGLE SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE, 9:30am
- Church Development Focus Grp., 11:00am, Morris Parlor

Monday, August 13

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

Tuesday, August 14

- Cabinet Meeting — **NOT meeting.**
- Columbia Public School Begin

Wednesday, August 15

- Church staff: work day-cleaning offices/rooms day
- Shawl Ministry, 9:30am, Millie Bolman's House
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30pm, Sanctuary

Thursday, August 16

- Newsletter Article Deadline
- STARS Rocheport Breakfast/Planning, meet 9:15am, FCC

Sunday, August 19

- Coffee Fellowship, 9:00am
- Chancel Choir Warm-up, 9:00am, Music Room, 3rd Floor
- SINGLE SUMMER WORSHIP SERVICE, 9:30am
- Communication Department Meeting, 10:45am
- Youth Groups—FAMILY NIGHT—6:00pm, Yonker Hall

Monday, August 20

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

Wednesday, August 22

- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30pm, Sanctuary

All Church Retreat Proposed in November

An all church retreat is being proposed for November 2-4 at Camp Jo-Ota in Clarence, Mo. Camping sights, modern cabins, good food, spiritual retreat, learning, hiking, campfires and time away with church families and friends of all ages. Would you be interested? A day, a day and night, options are open. More to come...



Sunday
August 26
Noon
**All Food is
Potluck!**

Bring Plenty to Share!
Twin Lakes Park & Shelter

(2500 Chapel Hill Road)

Wear picnic clothes to church this day!



Invite friends to worship then join us for the picnic fun!
You can help setup the event— talk to Jimmy Spear
Bring your own chair if you like. There are picnic tables.

Serve With Us This Year

As summer is slowly winding down, as a church, we are starting to gear up for a new year of ministries. Church in Society has a variety of opportunities to serve coming up and for these ministries to be successful we need everyone's help!



Christian Outreach In Columbia...and Beyond

We host Breakfast for Our Brethren in October. This ministry provides breakfast for people in need in Columbia. We will host five breakfasts (each Saturday) in October. Your help is needed to provide food items, help serve, and/or provide personal items. More information will be coming out next month with more specifics!



FCC will be serving at Loaves and Fishes in August, October and December. Loaves and Fishes is an organization which provides a hot dinner for people in need, and FCC serves this meal six times every year. The Coffman-Watson group will be serving on August 27 and the Elders will be serving on October 22. We are also serving on December 24; however, there is not a specific group assigned to this meal. If you are interested in volunteering to help this important ministry, please contact Elizabeth Mottaz (elmottaz@cpsk12.org).

Columbia CROP Hunger Walk will be September 23 at Stephens Lake Park.

This walk supports Loaves & Fishes Soup Kitchen, Russell Chapel CME Church Community Food Pantry, Fifth Street Christian Church Feed the Community Program, Latter House Kingdom Ministries Community Food Pantry, and the Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture. Registration begins at 1:30 and the walk starts at 2:00. If you are interested in supporting this wonderful ministry you can register for the walk or make a donation on their website (<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/columbiamo/>). If you have any questions you can contact Elizabeth Mottaz (elmottaz@cpsk12.org) or talk to Jimmy.



Warm Up Columbia is another ministry that we support in October. Warm Up Columbia is a collection drive of items to keep low-income individuals and families warm during the winter months. Items that we will be collecting will be: coats, gloves, scarves, hats, socks, and blankets.



In November, you will have the opportunity to select a name off the Angel Tree. Every year, FCC supports the Voluntary Action Center's Holiday Assistance Program. This program is designed for families with children, disabled adults, and seniors in need to receive gifts and food for the holidays. Be on the lookout for our Angel Tree and more information in November!



The Warming Station will be starting up in December. This ministry serves as a place for the homeless to stay warm on Sunday mornings for a couple of hours. For this ministry to be successful, we need people to be Warming Station hosts. We will be sharing additional information closer to December.



Our Calling to Serve: Please take a few minutes and think about which of the above ministries are calling to you. The ministries First Christian Church supports are not able to stand on one person's shoulder. However, together, as a church group, we can do so much by building on each other's strengths and passions. So, we ask you: What are your strengths? What are your passions? Which ministry (or ministries) will your strengths and passions support?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

August 12 James Taylor
August 13 Tommy Tomlin
August 14 Janet Mills, Zeke Mottaz, Gina Shonka
August 15 Elayna Mottaz
August 16 Louis Janssen, Joyce Stanley
August 17 Elizabeth Mottaz
August 18 Brock Booska, Nora Dietzel, Sharon Smith
August 19 Quinn Fullington, Carol Hughey, Lillian Schaefer
August 20 Gene Kirkham **August 21** Susan Gray
August 22 Taylor Humble
August 23 Janelle Patterson
August 24 Denice Adkins, Paula Slusher, Ann Teel
August 25 Amelia Leon-Rudy, Roy Overacre

Your Special Anniversary 
Mike & Mary Bancroft 50 years, August 3
Cliff & Mary Tompson 67 years, August 21

Your Special Birthday
Tommy Tomlin 91 years on August 13

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Return Service Requested

SERVING SCHEDULE SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

Bus Driver: Eric Seaman
Office Receptionist: Jeff Wheeland
Welcome Station: Chris Creasy and Valerie Freed
Flower Ministry Arranging/Delivery:
Bob & Linda Hutton
Communion Prep: Dan & Holly Gieseke and TBA
Greeters: Fred Mottaz (N. Door), Dan Backues (S. Door)
Lisa Zimmer (Atrium) Lorene Trickey (Portico)
Banner Bearers: Paige Freed and Sam Pine
Candle Lighters: Chase Hofmann and Brady Marrero

Liturgist: Brenda Mosby **Elders:** Bragg & Joyce Stanley
Deacons: The Beary Team **Ushers:** The Burnam Team

Children's Worship: Holly Gieseke (ldr.)
Amy Marrero (hlpr.)
Offering Counters: Debbie Taylor, Deb Batterson

SERVING SCHEDULE SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

Bus Driver: Russ Palmer
Office Receptionist: Diana Provenzano
Welcome Station: Pat Rybolt and Jeff Underwood
Flower Ministry Arranging/Delivery: Eric Seaman
Communion Prep:
Scott & Shannon Schaefer and William Bower
Greeters: Ed Bright (N. Door) Eva Bright (S. Door)
Laura Crane (Atrium) Joyce Stanley (Portico)

Banner Bearers: Kenzie Von Talge & Ryley Batterson
Candle Lighters: Ann Volmert and Aubrey Schomaker

Liturgist: Bragg Stanley **Elders:** John & Julie Hickey
Deacons: The Underwood Team **Ushers:** The Rose Team

Children's Worship: Eric Arnett (ldr.) Valerie Freed (hlpr.)
Offering Counters: Janelle Patterson, Diana Provenzano

Ladies' Book Club Reading Season Begins

On August 8th The Ladies' Book Club had their end of summer lunch and selection of the 8 books that will be read this year by the group. If you love to read and enjoy a good discussion, plan to join us this coming year. We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from Sept. through May in

Bethany Hall , where there is comfortable seating and sun-light streams through the skylight overhead. We meet from noon until 1:00. Many of us bring a "brown bag" lunch to eat as we enjoy the latest read. We are never at a loss for words...Come join us! Contact me if you would like more information (445-2503/meg4vteach@yahoo.com).

~Peggy Veatch