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THE VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Our mission: to know God and follow Jesus Christ

Worship for Sunday, Sept. 23

"God's Wisdom and Friendship" is the title of the sermon Rev. Stagg will bring this Sunday based upon a continued study of James (3:13-4:10).

"Vision" will be the theme connecting the hymns of the day. They include *O God of Vision* sung to the familiar tune LOBE DEN HERREN. The iconic *Be Thou My Vision* at the Invitational and *O God, Unseen Yet Ever Near* will round out the time at the table.

Playground Ribbon Cutting Tuesday, Sept. 25



Make plans to join us on Tuesday, September 25, as we celebrate the departure of sand and the introduction of the wonderful rubber mat surface and playground equipment! Local dignitaries will be present as will a representative of the Department of Natural Resources, who helped fund the project with grant monies. It all starts at 1:45pm in Yonker Hall with a brief presentation and then we will go outside to cut the ribbon. Let's have a big crowd! Questions? Contact the church office.

It's so good to be back. Summer creates great opportunities for the youth to be together - around Columbia and in far-away places.

However, our kids have been focused on getting the school year started

with their classes and extra-curricular events over the last weeks of August. With the arrival of September, we have returned to youth groups on Sunday nights. (cont. page 2)

JYF - Chi-Rho - CYF



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↑ CYF (High School Youth Group)

← JYF (Elementary Youth Group)

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(Youth Ministry News cont. from page 1)

For the past two Sundays we have gathered with kids from 3rd grade through college and it has been good to be back!

JYF (Junior Youth Fellowship) welcomed a whole crew of new 3rd graders and the **CYF** has overflowed the couch area of Bethany Hall. They are pictured here en masse. A positive piece of these two and last weeks' **Chi-Rho (middle school)** groups is the influx of guests – friends that our kids have invited. As these groups get underway so does a new schedule and the second year in a new space. The older three groups are now based out of Bethany Hall. It has the space, accessibility, and food prep qualities that complement our groups' use.

The college group (**DOC – Disciples on Campus**) has chosen Sunday nights from 8:30-10:00pm as their meeting time. We also have had new folks attending school in Columbia and attending the past two weeks. This does make a nice package of Student Ministry being the focus on Sunday nights 4:30-10:00pm. That is a total potential based on current numbers of 45 people in a ministry group on Sunday nights added to the 15 that attend the Sunday morning youth class. What a great start to this school year.

The Student Ministry Department has made plans for special events for the youth throughout the school year and has taken the lead on updating the Bethany Hall space for a more youthful population. While Bethany Hall will remain a primary ALL-church usable space, it now also has an emphasis and priority on student ministry.

Fall Touring Season



September 27: Kansas City

Hallmark Museum and interact with a writer, Bonner Springs, KS - tour the Moon Marble Co, tour the National Agriculture Museum & Hall of Fame
8:00am departure from Target parking lot.
\$10 travel fee. RSVP by Sept. 23. 2 spots in bus left!



Thank you to our church family for the love and healing you provided at Bob's memorial service. A very grateful thanks to Janelle Patterson and her team for the reception and wonderful family luncheon afterwards.

We cherish you all!

~Muriel and Kirsten Leach

NEWS OF & PEOPLE PLACES

Congrats!

Hartley Rogers was elected to the National Franchise Advisory Council Board of Dairy Queen International. He will be the representative

for the Heartland Region which is one of 10 Regions represented on the International Board of 15 members.



Shhhh!! It's a Card Shower request for **Mary Richardson** (**Anne Campbell's** mother) who will celebrate her 100th birthday on October 4th. Please share your congratulations with Mary by sending her a card at: 3705 Shadow Glen Ct., Columbia, MO 65203. Thanks very much.

The CYF & Chi-Rho Mission Teams will present their summer **mission stories** and pictures on **Sunday, Oct. 7** in the 9:30 hour. Join them for coffee, donuts and mission!

If you would like to contribute to **disaster relief** connected to hurricane Florence you can bring offerings this Sunday that will be sent to Week of Compassion or log on to www.weekofcompassion.org at anytime to donate.

Words simply cannot express my appreciation to all of you for your concern and prayers for my mom, Jean Floyd. She is doing very well and the cancer is in remission. She sends her regards and thanks for the shawl, the cards and well-wishes. She also thanks you for putting up with me. HA! I know prayer works. Thanks for putting it to work for my wonderful mom! My extended family at FCC is the best.

~Robert Floyd

Your Special Birthday

Ray Lansford 98 years on September 25



Weekly Calendar

DATE	Youth GROUP
Sept. 23	CR, CYF
Sept. 30	NO MEETINGS
Oct. 7	JYF, CYF
Oct. 14	CR (hayride), CYF
Oct. 21	JYF, CYF
Oct. 28	Trunk 'N' Treat
Nov. 4	NO MEETINGS
Nov. 11	CR, CYF
Nov. 18	JYF, CYF
Nov. 25	Xmas Decorate

JYF in Yonker Hall.
Chi-Rho & CYF in Bethany Hall
JYF (grades 3, 4, 5) and Chi-Rho (grades 6, 7, 8) will meet twice a month on Sundays 4:30-6:00pm.
CYF (grades 9-12) meets weekly, Sunday 6-7:30pm.

- September 23** Dorothis Gilpin, Cheryl Stevens
- September 24** Ashley Chandler, Steven Lightner
- September 25** Ray Lansford, David Nichols
- September 26** Mimi McRoberts
- September 27** Becky Beary
- September 29** Keller Martin





Christian Outreach In Columbia...and Beyond

Warm Up Columbia

Fall officially begins at the end of this week. Fall for many

of us brings colorful leaf changes, football, bonfires and a break from the heat. However, for some people fall also brings the idea that winter will soon be here and the question of how to stay warm during our cold Missouri winter. We need your help to keep people in Columbia warm! Do you have a coat or blanket around your house that used to keep you warm but is now just cluttering up your space? When you are doing your winter clothes shopping, could you pick up an extra set of gloves or a hat? These are all items that could be given to low-income families, elderly, homeless, and disabled individuals to help them stay warm throughout the winter. In 2017, thousands of items were collected during Warm Up Columbia and VAC was able to help over 800 local people in need!

At FCC will be collecting **clean** and **gently used** coats, gloves, hats, scarves, socks and blankets until October 28. There is a collection container with "Warm Up Columbia" set up outside the church office where you can place any items you wish to donate. These items will be distributed to people in need on Saturday, November 3rd at the Armory. If you have questions, get in touch with Sarah Storm. Please help us Warm Up Columbia!

Breakfast for Our Brethren

During the month of October, FCC will be opening our doors every Saturday morning to provide breakfast for people in need. We need your help to make this month's Breakfast for Our Brethren a success!

There are a variety of ways that you can help!

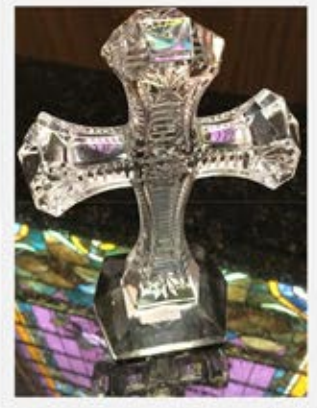
- You can provide food items. There are sign up sheets in the binder in the church office for each Saturday with items that are needed for each breakfast.
- You can help serve at one or all the breakfasts. Breakfast will be served starting at 7:00 am on October 6, 13, 20 and 27.

You can donate toiletries and personal items. For specifics contact Colleen Nilges.

As FCC opens our doors to serve a hot meal for people in need, we are asking you to open your heart to help support this ministry by either donating time, food or personal items. We need your support to make the October Breakfast for Our Brethren a success!

A Glorious Gift

As you come past the church office, take a look at the beautiful Waterford crystal cross that was given by Kathryn Allen. She had received it as a sympathy gift when her husband, the late William C. Allen, MD, passed away. His family had a long relationship with the Christian Church in Ohio and since they spent almost forty of their fifty-nine years together in Columbia, Kathryn expressed her wish to give the cross to the congregation of First Christian Church in her husband's memory. Kathryn said, "It is a beautiful symbol of the kind of people who worship there; folks like my husband's family: Christian, friendly and kind." Thank you, Ms. Allen, and to Tommy Tomlin for putting her in touch with FCC. The cross and a copy of her letter are in the showcase by the office door entrance.



Picture courtesy of Robert Floyd

Festival of Sharing 2018



First Christian Church, Columbia has supported the Festival of Sharing in many different ways over the years. Our youth have attended over night to help repackage food. We have sent people to represent us at the different booths, such as Heifer International and we have collected items for various kits over the years. This year the Festival has changed in that it will not just be on one Saturday in October. This year it will be held at different locations around the state of Missouri over 8 weekends. Since they are meeting on September 22 in Tipton (which would be our location to attend) we have decided to ask you to make a monetary donation to the Festival of Sharing this year instead of collecting items for School Kits or Health Kits. We will be able to send the money to the local office to be used in needed ways, such as shipping costs to get the kits to where they need to be.

If you would like to attend the annual Quilt Auction it will be held in Columbia on October 27, 2018 at the Knights of Columbus Hall on North Stadium Boulevard. Preview of quilts begins at 9:00 a.m. with the auction starting at 12:30 p.m. This is always a fun event and there are always beautiful quilts. So if you would like to make a donation make the check to First Christian Church and put Festival of Sharing in the memo section and drop your check in the Sunday morning offering or by the church office. We will accept checks through October 27th. If you want to know more go to www.festivalofsharing.org Thank you from your World Outreach Department.

Report for Sunday, September 16, 2018

Attendance 179 (guests- 27)

Total offerings: \$9875.25

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Return Service Requested

SERVING SCHEDULE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23	CHURCH CALENDAR SEPTEMBER 23-29
<p>Bus Driver: Dan Gieseke Office Receptionist: Carol Slusher</p> <p>Welcome Station: Trish Stagg Flower Ministry Arranging/Delivery: Colleen Nilges and Cherry Hinderberger</p> <p>Servers for 8:30 Worship Service Worship Assistants: Will & Donna Houston and Eli Gaffney Elder: Mary Daugherty Offering Counters: Kim Reardon and Mary Daugherty</p> <p>Servers for 10:30 Worship Service Communion Prep: Steve & Tracy Evers and Ryan Hunsaker Greeters: Will Houston (N. Door) Donna Houston (S. Door) Russ Palmer (Atrium) TBD (Portico)</p> <p>Banner Bearers: Kaedon Wheatley and Alex Johnson Candle Lighters: Sam Pine and Lillian McCormack</p> <p>Liturgist: Kim Leon Elders: Larry Veatch and Tommy Tomlin Deacons: The Hunsaker Team Ushers: The Scott Team</p> <p>Children's Worship: Holly Gieseke (ldr.) TBD (hlpr.) Offering Counters: TBD and Debbie Taylor</p>	<p>Sunday, September 23 -Handbell Choir Rehearsal, 8:30am, 3rd Floor Bell Room -Coffee Hour Fellowship, 9:20-10:20am -Sunday School Classes, 9:30am -Chancel Choir Warm-up, 9:45am, Music Room, 3rd Floor -CROP Walk, 1:30pm, Stephens Lake Park -Lenoir Healthcare Worship, 3:30pm, Rev. Stagg -Chi-Rho (grades 6-8), 4:30-6:00pm, Bethany Hall -CYF (grades 9-12), 6:00-7:30pm, Bethany Hall -DOC (Disciples on Campus), College Group, 8:30pm, Bethany Hall</p> <p>Monday, September 24 -Church Office Staff Meeting, 2:00pm, Keystone Room</p> <p>Tuesday, September 25 -Tuesday Bible Study, 10:30-11:30am, Morris Parlor -Drennan, 1:00-2:00pm, Lenoir -Playground Ribbon Cutting, 1:45pm, begin in Yonker Hall</p> <p>Wednesday, September 26 -Wednesday Bible Study, 12:05-12:55pm, Bethany Hall -Brummett-Harrah, 1:30pm, Lenoir -Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30pm, Sanctuary</p> <p>Thursday, September 27 -STARS KC Trip, leave at 8:am from Target</p>