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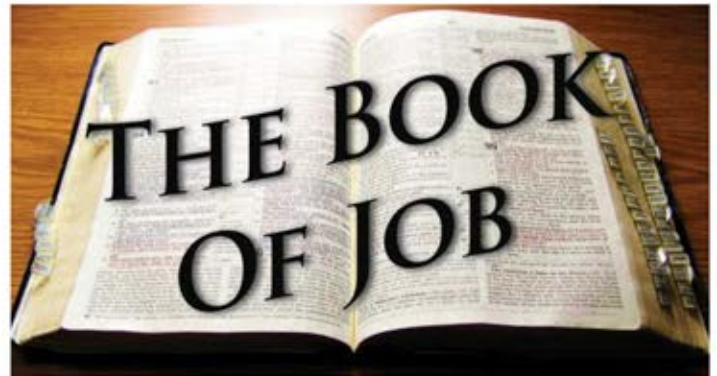
First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) VISITOR

Our mission: to know God and follow Jesus Christ

Worship for Sunday, October 7

A new month long look at the book of Job will guide the preached word starting this Sunday. "Job, the Afflicted Innocent" will bring the series with Job 1:1, 2:1-10 as the focus.

Among the familiar hymns *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* and *Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread*. We will sing a hymn new to us *Jesus, Stand Among Us* at communion time.



Do you ever wonder why God allows bad things to happen to good people? Wonder why innocent suffer? Where is God in the midst of suffering? Can I complain to God about it or am I being disrespectful to God? Are there simple answers to these questions? Through the Book of Job the people of God have addressed these tough questions since 700B.C.

For the month of October the Lectionary takes us through the Book of Job, hailed by many Jewish and Christian scholars as the finest in wisdom literature of both Old and New Testaments.

Over the next 4 Sundays, our ministers, Stagg & Spear preach from Chapters 2, 23, 38, and 42. First Rev. Stagg opens the Job Series with the primary inquiry of Job, "Where is God when innocent people suffer?" in his sermon "Job, the Afflicted Innocent," based on Job 1:1, 2:1-10. In the second week, Rev. Spear preaches on Job 23:1-9, 16-17 in "Job's Bitter Complaint" wrestling with where complaining as prayer and spirituality. Third, Rev. Stagg returns to pulpit for Job 38:1-7, 34-41 and his sermon, "Holy Other" as we listen and learn from God's response to Job's complaint. Finally Rev. Stagg concludes the Series from Job's final chapter, 42:1-6, 10-17 in "Mystery and Restoration" as we witness God's final response to Job.

Admittedly, spending four weeks on this 42-chapter saga allows only a cursory examination of the book's highlights; thus, Rev. Stagg recommends making time to read all 42 chapters over the next month for the full effect of this Scripture. See you in church!

Join us for...

Summer Youth Mission Teams

Stories and Slide Show* from the
CYF trip to Keokuk, IA Chi-Rho trip to St. Louis, MO

Sunday, October 7

9:35am Yonker Hall

Donuts, Biscuits, Milk & Coffee served

Sponsored by the Student Ministry Department

*In previous years this event was an Ice Cream Social.

This year the full fall student ministry calendar did not provide such an opportunity, thus this Sunday morning event was created.



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Bit From Brad

Mary Bancroft Annual Fall Leave

We wish Mary Bancroft and her husband, Mike, a safe and restful leave this October and November. As per Mary's arrangement with FCC, she takes two months off each fall so that she and Mike may find the rest and renewal both have earned after 30+ years of church service. We especially pray it will help her health given the long stint of chemotherapy she's endured this past year. Mary and Mike, may you both enjoy your time together in South Texas!

Columbia College's Schiffman Lecture Series

Made possible by the generosity of Althea and John Schiffman, Disciples of Christ from the St. Louis area and friends of Dr. John and Sarah Yonker, Dr. Anthony Alioto will deliver the 2018 Columbia College Schiffman Lecture in Religious Studies. Having recently retired from 37 years at Columbia College and a dear friend of First Christian Church, Dr. Tony Alioto will present, "*Genesis: The Science and Art of Biblical Scholarship*" on Tuesday, October 9 at 11:00am in Launer Auditorium on Columbia College's campus at 1001 Rogers Street.

The Tuesday Bible Study group has elected to forego our usual 10:30 Tuesday class that day so we might attend Dr. Alioto's lecture. All are welcome; we hope you will come and join us!! If you're interested, Dr. Alioto will sign his latest book. We assume copies will be available at the Lecture. See you there!

Capital Campaign Volunteer Organizational Meeting

Also on Tuesday, October 9 at 6:00, there will be a Volunteer Organizational Meeting to launch our Tier 2 Capital Campaign. A light dinner will be provided and all are invited! With our December 9th Commitment Sunday just around the corner, our campaign will shift into overdrive in the next 10 weeks so we can raise the necessary funds to restore the electrical, plumbing, flooring, and other updating our church facilities so desperately need. To do that requires as many informed and enthusiastic volunteers as possible to help spread the word and share the story and need for this important endeavor to the short and long term needs of our congregation. Darryl Prater, our consultant will lead the meeting! Please make plans to attend this important launch!!

Playground Consecration and Ribbon-cutting

What a blessed day it was last Tuesday, Sept. 25th when we consecrated the recently renovated Playground with a ribbon cutting ceremony!! As a Missouri Department of Natural Resources Scrap Tire Surface Material Grant recipient, First Christian Church was recognized by the city and state as being good stewards of God's natural resources. Approximately 306 scrap tires were reused to create the new playground surface. Given that only 20% of organizations applying for this grant are awarded the Scrap Tire Surface Material Grant, it is a tribute to the hard work and visionary initiative of our wonderful church staff members, Fred Mottaz and Tracy Westhoff, who applied and managed this grant process! Thank you and well done Fred and Tracy!! We're all so very proud of you!!

Blessings, Brad

ALTHEA W. AND JOHN A. SCHIFFMAN

Lecture in Religious Studies



"Genesis: The Science and Art of Biblical Scholarship"

DR. ANTHONY M. ALIOTO

Author, retired professor & former Althea W. and John A. Schiffman Chair in ethics, religious studies and philosophy

Tuesday, October 9, 2018

11:00 a.m.

Launer Auditorium • Columbia College Campus • 1001 Rogers Street
Doors open at 10:00 a.m. • Tickets not required
Book signing and reception immediately follows in the Lee Room, Dulany Hall

Note: The Tuesday Bible Study Group will be attending this event! (No regular bible study.)



20th Annual Election Day Luncheon November 6, 2018

It doesn't seem possible but it's that time again! We need your help in making the Election Day Luncheon a success! There will be someone in the Narthex this Sunday before and after worship. You can help with sanitizing the kitchen, decorating the hall, making pies, preparing the food, serving our friends, selling tickets, etc. Maybe your workplace would like meals delivered? We can do that. There is room for anyone who would like to help. Don't forget both women and men are welcome! Let's have a great day! Call Brenda Mosby at 442-7507 if you have questions or to sign up.

DATE	Youth GROUP
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



← Weekly Calendar

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 every
Sunday 6-7:30pm.



Coming...
October 28



**Celebrating Woodhaven
A New Version of the Banquet
Thurs. Nov. 1 6pm**

This is not your traditional fundraising dinner-it is different this year, but still a celebration of the abilities of all people. Featuring live music, dancing, heavy hors d'oeuvres, a wine pull, guests will learn about Woodhaven and their programs. New this year is a ticket price of \$75—which is a great start to our annual gift! Questions? Talk to Jimmy Spear or Sally Robinson about making a reservation and joining in on the FCC table at the annual event.

Fall Touring Season  **STARS**

Thurs., October 25: *...the 55+ Fellowship Group*
The Fall Color Drive

We will take Highway 94 to Herman, MO for lunch and touring. Sign up in the church office or on the pew pad in both worship services.



Christian Outreach in Columbia...and Beyond

During the month of October, FCC will be opening our doors every Saturday morning to provide breakfast for people in need. There are lots 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.

Sign up in the narthex this Sunday or contact Colleen Nilges at c_colleen@yahoo.com.

**Breakfast
for Our
Brethren**

NEWS OF & PEOPLE PLACES

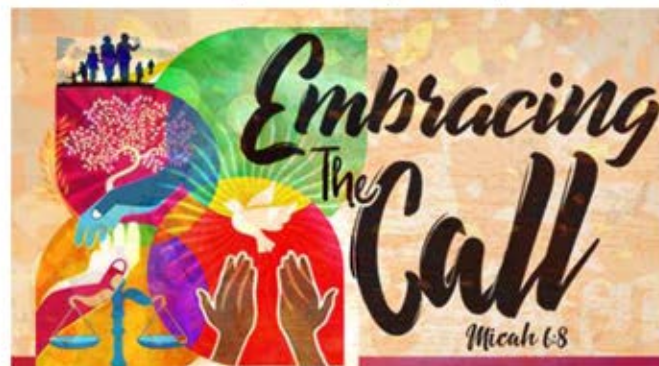
We grieve in the death of **Yvonne Clark** who died on Sept. 30 at the age of 81 after a short illness. Yvonne and her late husband Larry were members since 1988 and longtime MU people. Services are pending.

Healing prayers: **Richard and Sue Underwood** are recovering from an auto accident in their travels from Hot Springs, AR to home. Richard is currently in a hospital near there and trying to shake off pneumonia. **Jim Baumgartner** will have knee replacement surgery Oct. 5.

We celebrate with **Brianna Shepard and Lloyd Pooler** in their recent marriage (Sept. 28) in the church sanctuary.

Reconciliation Offering

Last weekend, we found out from Rev. Spear some of the many ways our regional congregation helps those in need. It's the way we, as Disciples of Christ, answer the call on a larger scale. Embrace God's Call with your gifts to support Reconciliation Ministry this Sunday. Thank you!



- October 7** Pam Hoepfner
- October 8** Sara Klockow, Cheryl Lightner, Michael Snyder
- October 9** Lynn Klotz, Mona Stevenson
- October 10** Alexander Johnson, Julie Nichols
- October 11** Brady Marrero, Elizabeth Martin, Joy Overacre
- October 13** Thelma Beem, Robert Floyd, Dorothy Golson, Louise Meyer



YOUR SPECIAL BIRTHDAY

Dorothy Golson, 95
Louise Meyer, 91



Report for Sunday, September 30, 2018
Attendance 175 (guests- 23) Total offerings: \$8543.28

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Return Service Requested

SERVING SCHEDULE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

Bus Driver: Eric Seaman
Office Receptionist: Janelle Patterson
Welcome Station: Debbie Garton
Flower Ministry Arranging/Delivery:
Mary Jane Anderson/Will & Donna Houston

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assistants:
Richard Barnard and Opal Stites
Elder: Eric Seaman
Offering Counters: Sarah Storm and Kim Reardon

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Prep: Jeff, Amy & Julia LaHue
Greeters:
Mary Ann Atteberry (N. Door) Chuck Scott (S. Door)
Carol Slusher (Atrium) Brad Volmert (Portico)

Banner Bearers: Paige Freed and Ava Martin
Candle Lighters: Gabe Palmer and Kaedon Wheatley
Liturgist: Jessica Humble
Elders: Jacki Davidson and Jennifer Alexander
Deacons: The Garton Team **Ushers:** The Wright Team

Children's Worship: Hayley Batterson (ldr.) TBD (hlpr.)
Offering Counters: Harlan Hackett and Janelle Patterson

CHURCH CALENDAR OCTOBER 7-OCTOBER 13

Saturday, October 6

-Breakfast for Our Brethren, 7:00-9:00am, Yonker Hall

Sunday, October 7

-Special Offering Sunday "Embracing the Call"
-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
-JYF (grades 3-5), 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

Monday, October 8

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

Tuesday, October 9

-NO Tuesday Bible Study

Wednesday, October 10

-Ladies' Book Club, 12:00pm, Bethany Hall
-Wednesday Bible Study, 12:05-12:55pm, Morris Parlor
-Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30pm, Sanctuary

Saturday, October 13

-Breakfast for Our Brethren, 7:00-9:00am, Yonker Hall