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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Our mission: to know God and follow Jesus Christ



Christmas Bazaar

Saturday
November 17
8am-2pm, Fellowship Hall

Worship for Sunday, Nov. 18

On the Sunday before Thanksgiving we shall sing the songs of that important season and know the prayers of grateful hearts. Rev. Brad Stagg will preach a sermon on Hebrews 10:11-25 entitled "Provoking Love and Good Deeds"

Hymns of the day will include *Come Ye Thankful People Come*; *Let All Things Now Living*; and *God of Life*. The Chancel Choir will bring an anthem and special music in 8:30 will be presented by Harlan Hackett.

A member of the World Outreach Department will invite us to the time of Stewardship with an emphasis on the annual Christian Church (DOC) special offering for Higher Education Ministries.



Voluntary Action Center Families to Adopt for Christmas this Sunday

December is right around the corner, which means that it is time to start thinking about selecting a name off the Angel Tree for families in need in Columbia (Voluntary Action Center Program). If you take a person/family, you commit to providing \$50-100 worth of gifts AND \$15 for meal. (You purchase the gifts and give FCC the \$15 for the meal)

The Angel Tree will be set up in the Narthex on **November 18** and **25**. All donations need to be **returned by December 2** to First Christian Church. Instructions will be available this Sunday.

Join us as we share the giving spirit of Christmas this year.



Christian Outreach in Columbia...and Beyond

DECORATE *fcc*

Decorate * Create * Eat



We hope you will join us on Sunday after Thanksgiving!
Come out and help get the church building ready for one of our very best seasons.

We'll decorate the sanctuary with greens, a large tree with lights and chrismons, another tree for the Fellowship or Bethany Hall and setup the outdoor stable. We need active ladder people for sure — the tree is tall! Families are most welcome and we will have activities for children while parents are helping put up the decorations. Ornament making and special Christmas Veggie Tale watching is in store for our kids. Childcare for really little ones is also on the list. We will end the night with a light chili supper in Yonker Hall. All ages welcome.

Sunday, Nov. 25

4:00 - 6:00pm

[RSVP this Sunday
on the Pew Pad so
we can ready the food]

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Bit From Brad

FCC Holidays-at-a-Glance

With the recent snow clinging to the ground and trees outside and the calendar in front of me inside, it appears the Holidays have arrived!

With Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas upon us, we continue our FCC traditions of thanksgiving and celebration for Christ's coming into the world, for Jesus' birth! In the midst of all the events for schools, work and social groups, remember to calendar the various holiday events and programs here at First Christian Church. Please note that the church offices will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday & Friday, Nov. 22 & 23.


Things kick-off this Saturday, 11/17 with the CWF's Christmas Bazaar. Then, Decorate FCC happens Sunday afternoon, Nov. 25 at 4:00pm. Next, Advent begins on Sunday, December 2 with Hanging of the Greens at both worship services as we prepare our hearts and the Sanctuary for the season. Our Blue Christmas Service for those grieving during the holiday season happens at 4:00. That next Friday, Dec. 7 is the Living Nativity with the Capital Campaign's Commitment Sunday to follow on Sun, Dec. 9. The following Sunday, Dec. 16 is our annual Christmas Pageant (4:00) and Tasting Party (to follow). And finally, Christmas Eve on Monday, Dec. 24 at 5:00 the sanctuary opens for Meditation followed by our Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service at 7:00. Please make every effort to attend as many of these wonderful traditions as possible; each holds promises for you and your loved ones to meet God! See you there!!

Music Staff

As most of you know, Dr. Laura Mayes Schweibacher answered the call to be FCC's Interim Director of Choirs, re-established rehearsals, and directed the Chancel Choir at last week's worship service. We've agreed that she'll serve in that position for November & December, then month-to-month as the Search Committee progresses in finding a permanent staff person for that position. Please introduce yourself to Dr. Laura when you have a chance. Welcome Dr. Laura!!

The Early Worship Musician Search Committee, chaired by Pat Rybolt, is established, the job description finalized, and now posted on www.Indeed.com. If you know of any musicians possibly interested in playing for our 8:30 service, please ask the potential candidate to submit their resumé and a cover letter to the church office, Attention: Pat Rybolt and Early Service Musician Search Committee as soon as possible. Resumés are beginning to arrive.

The Director of Choirs Search Committee, chaired by Debbie Taylor, has also been formed, the job description completed,

DATE	Youth GROUP	
Nov. 18	JYF, CYF	
Nov. 25	Xmas Decorate	
Dec. 2	Chi-Rho 12-2 CYF 6:00pm	

JYF (grades 3, 4, 5)
Chi-Rho (grades 6, 7, 8)
Sundays 4:30-6:00pm
CYF (grades 9-12)
every Sunday 6-7:30pm

News of People & Places



Prayerfully this week we recall the following friends:

Cliff Tompson has been moved to Lenoir's REACH unit. **Muriel Leach** had successful hip surgery and is recuperating at Lenoir's REACH unit. **Sharon Winner** was recently diagnosed with cancer. She will begin radiation and chemotherapy treatments. We uplift the family of **David Keithley** who died on Nov. 5. Arrangements are through Parker-Millard.

You ask: **"How did the social media blitz day go last Sunday in support of the Capital Campaign?"** It was great! Church members posted great pics of the church and its people on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts.

The youth of the church used a newly created Instagram account "firstchristian.como" and Snapchat to get the word out to the world about the church they are a part of and love. We continue to support the Facebook page (see front cover of Visitor for address). You can still post using the hashtag #FccComoCapCam18

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and will soon be posted to www.Indeed.com. If you know of any choir directors interested in directing voice and hand bell choirs, please ask those potential candidates to submit their resumé and a cover letter to the church office, Attention: Debbie Taylor and the Director of Choirs Search Committee as soon as possible. In spite of not having posted the position, inquiries and resumes are also arriving.

Also, our beloved Organist, Mary Bancroft returns to rehearsal Nov. 28 and to Sunday worship, December 2. Please pray for our entire music ministry staff and programs during this transition time!

~Blessings, Brad

A big thank you to all that helped with Tommy Gay's reception. There were many compliments from the family. Working together we had good fellowship, fun and a feeling of accomplishment.

Thank You

Ecclesiastes 4:9 "Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labor."

~Janelle Patterson

Steve and I would like to express our appreciation to our FCC family for the many kindnesses extended to our family during my mother's illness and passing. We are especially grateful to Jimmy and Brad for their visits at Boone Hospital and Lenoir. We also appreciate Will and Donna Houston's visit to deliver the beautiful flowers and prayer shawl. Thank you, everyone, for your cards, prayers, calls and other expressions of sympathy. We are very grateful.

Sincerely,
Sharon & Steve Smith and family



Capital Campaign Update

Last Sunday, November 11th, over 50 people attended the Capital Campaign Event in Yonker Fellowship Hall.

After watching a video tour with Brad Stagg, the attendees engaged in a time of questions and answers. There were lots of good questions and the attendees saw first hand the need for the Tier Two Capital Campaign.



Have you attended a Capital Campaign Event? Remember there are only two more events.

-Sunday, November 18th, 11:45 a.m. in Yonker Fellowship Hall

-Thursday, November 29th, 1:30 p.m. at Lenoir (please RSVP by 11/26).

Volunteers will hand out Commitment Packets, Sunday, November 18th in the Narthex before and after the services. Be sure to get yours!

In Next Week's Visitor:

The Advent & Christmas Season

A calendar for worship, outreach and fellowship.

November 18 Dalton Whipple

November 21 Laura Crane, Jamie Estes



Report for Sundays, November 4 & 11, 2018

11/4 Attendance 175 (guests- 19)

11/11 Attendance 190 (guests- 18)

Total offerings: \$11,204.84

THANKSGIVING OFFERING NOV 2018

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of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Seminaries & Divinity Houses
of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Higher Education & Leadership Ministries
of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Women's Brunch

Saturday, December 1 at 9:00am
Yonker Fellowship Hall at FCC
*Enjoy great food and fellowship
Casseroles, salads, desserts, drinks and blessings!*

RSVP by November 28
in the church office.

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Return Service Requested

SERVING SCHEDULE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Bus Driver: Carol Slusher
Office Receptionist: Kim Leon
Welcome Station: Pat Rybolt and Jeff Underwood
Flower Ministry Arranging/Delivery:
Dan Backues & Lisa Zimmer

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service
Worship Assistants:
Brice & Mary Moeller and Eric Seaman
Elder: Pat Rybolt
Offering Counters: Mary Moeller and Doug Smith

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service
Communion Prep:
Hartley Rogers, Coleman Rogers, David Nichols
Greeters:
Joyce Stanley (N. Door) Bette Scavone (S. Door)
Linda Ridgeway (Atrium) Doris Neidhardt (Portico)

Banner Bearers: Kenzie Von Talge and Ryley Batterson
Candle Lighters: Aubrey Schomaker and Ava Martin
Liturgist: David Read
Elders: Eric Seaman and Sally Robinson
Deacons: The Underwood Team **Ushers:** The Rose Team

Children's Worship: Hayley Batterson (ldr.) TBD (hlpr.)
Offering Counters: Debbie Taylor and Sarah Storm

CHURCH CALENDAR NOVEMBER 18-NOVEMBER 24

Sunday, November 18

-Bell Choir Rehearsal, 8:30am, Bell Room
-Coffee Hour Fellowship, 9:20-10:20am
-Sunday School Classes, 9:30am
-**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN LUNCH**, 12:00-1:00pm, Yonker Hall
-JYF, 4:30-6:00pm, Yonker Hall
-CYF, 6:00-7:30pm, Bethany Hall

Monday, November 19

-STARS Thanksgiving Lunch, 12:00pm, Broadway CC
-MDO Thanksgiving Fundraiser, 1:00-2:00pm, Yonker Hall
-Church Office Staff Meeting, 2:00pm, Keystone Room
-Cap. Camp. Mgmt. Team Mtg., 6:00-7:00pm, Morris Parlor
-Evangelism Department Mtg., 6:30-7:30pm, Keystone Room

Tuesday, November 20

-Tuesday Bible Study, 10:30am-12:00pm, Morris Parlor
-MDO Thanksgiving Fundraiser, 1:00-2:00pm, Yonker Hall

Wednesday, November 21

-Youth Raking Day
-Shawl Ministry, 9:30am, Donna Houston's House
-Wednesday Bible Study, 12:05-12:55pm, Bethany Hall
-Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30-6:30pm, Choir Room

Thursday, November 22

-HAPPY THANKSGIVING! Church Office Closed

Friday, November 23

-Church Office Closed