



**THE**  
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# First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) VISITOR

**Our mission: to know God and follow Jesus Christ**

## February 4 Outreach and fellowship, too!

*Sign up for these special Sunday luncheon events!*

**Sunday, February 3**      Meal: Baked Potato Bar      Focus: LOVE, INC

About Love, INC: There's not a simple solution to poverty. Every person faces different challenges. Some people need information while others need assistance but most of the time they need both. Having all the puzzle pieces isn't enough if you don't know what the finished jigsaw puzzle looks like. A caring relationship becomes a bridge between today's difficulties and tomorrow's successes. Encouragement and love are what people need as well as practical information and resources. Love is the answer. At Love INC, Columbia volunteers and staff lovingly help anyone in need. Sometimes they provide resources, other times they provide counsel but always, help – on the road to sustainability!

**Sunday, February 10**      Meal: Soups and Bread

Focus: RAINBOW HOUSE

**Sunday, February 17**      Meal: Italian Village Pizza & Salad

Focus: WELCOME HOME

**Sunday, February 24**      Meal: Carry-In/Potluck

Focus: WEEK OF COMPASSION



**4 Sundays at Noon    4 Different Menus    4 Outreach Organizations We Support**

Come share a simple lunch meal in the noon hour and hear a focus presentation by one of the organizations we as church support with budget money, fundraising efforts and volunteers. Eat, learn, fellowship — all on the Sundays in February!

A short program will accompany lunch and we will be out the door by 1:15/30pm.

### Worship this Sunday, Feb. 3

How do you speak of love?  
It is not always romantic. Sometimes it is just about us and the other person—maybe a neighbor, a church member, a stranger on the road or a life-long friend. It just might be about God.

Love is...  
Love is not...  
Without love...

This Sunday our study of 1 Corinthians will take us to chapter 13. We will consider the famous text on love and fill in the above statements of faith. Rev. Jimmy Spear will bring the sermon entitled "Getting a Jump on Feb 14."

Music this week will include hymns whose subject is love. They are *The Gift of Love; Fill the World with Love; and Help Us Accept Each Other.*

**RSVP for lunch** on the pew pad each week, write the date; i.e. "Feb. 10", etc. OR to the office by Thursday prior to the event.

**Cost? FREE.** An offering will be taken with any surplus funds above food costs to the day's focus organization.

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## Find Your Pace



The topic last Sunday night in all three student groups centered around the words of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Each year in mid-January we spend time with his words and witness to make sure they are still before us as disciples of Jesus Christ.

*"If you can't fly, then run, if you can't run, then walk, if you can't walk, then crawl, but whatever you do, you have to keep moving forward." -MLK Jr.*

Moving forward. In race relations. In striving to be a more tolerant community. In strengthening our own faith while learning about another faith. In pondering the significance of sexual orientation in church membership. In considering the plight of immigrant children. Moving forward.

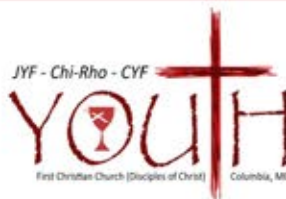
I have never been a runner. I have tried, oh how I have tried. I just can't get enough air. So, I walk. That is my pace. But not with everything. There are occasions where running is called for. Flying even. When the situation is so dire or so critical to another person's life sometimes we must go faster. Is that the case for us when we are called upon to move in defense or support of another?

As the students pondered this words they noted how moving forward really is a theme they can relate to. Moving forward in relationships, school decisions, career choices, and in today's societal concerns they don't want to be behind. They don't want to be stagnant. Why? Because they know the story of people and what it is to be hurt or excluded. They know the pain of being lost and the stress of having to go it alone. They have seen prejudice. So they move forward. We have taught them to do so.

We have taught them that the God who loves us, the God we love, has great promise for us. We have assured them that God does not create junk or any person that is lesser than another. Every Sunday we talk of Jesus and that Spirit whose witnesses of acceptance, forgiveness and welcome of all people are at the core of our faith.

And so we are challenged to remind our students AND ourselves over and over again that we must move forward — it is our calling. To be an anti-racist, pro-reconciling, open table, open door and open pew disciple. Moving forward that our heart, mind, and spirit would be open, too.

~Jimmy Spear



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

### Youth Group 2019 Calendar

This Sunday, **Feb 3** – Due to Super Bowl, YOUTH GROUPS will be DIFFERENT – time/places:

**Chi-Rho – 4:00-5:30 p.m.** At church.

**CYF – Superbowl Party – 6:00 p.m**  
**at the Hoenes Home**

For a ride on the church bus: meet Jimmy/BUS at the WEST HYVEE on W. Broadway., **6:00 p.m.**

Meet at Hoenes Home: GPS directions available. See Jimmy.

Feb. 10: JYF & CYF

Feb. 17: Chi-Rho Lock In—Sunday night times TBA.  
No CYF

Feb 25: Chi-Rho & CYF

Summer Mission Trip Dates:

**CHI-RHO Mission Trip:** June 30-July 2

**CYF Mission Trip:** August 4-10

Shirley Owen (Perry Stemmons' sister— 97 years of age) passed away on Saturday, Jan. 12 in Eureka, IL. She was buried at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery near New Franklin on Jan. 23. She & Carter were married at FCC in 1938. **Thank you for all of your prayers and wishes of sympathy.**

Kindly,  
Perry & Helen Stemmons

### Report for January 27, 2019

**Attendance 144** (8:30 service— 38, guests— 23)

**Total offerings: \$4514.25**

#### February 4

Susan Palmer

#### February 7

Nathaniel Pine  
Lorene Trickey

#### February 8

Ruth Ann Obrecht

#### February 10

Jennifer Alexander

**David Chrisman, 92**

Steve Humble  
Steven Smith



## News of People & Places

**Dabney Doty** had a recent fall on the ice and sustained injury. After a hospital stay he is now in rehab at RUSK.

**Millie Bolman** will turn 100 years old on Saturday, February 2. A party is planned from 2-4pm at the Lenoir Community Center's Fireside Room. All are welcome.

The **balcony** is just about ready! It looks finished but we await the final go-ahead from the contractors.

## DOC Student Further Reflects Winter Break Mission Trip

Despite spending most of our time volunteering in the basement of Compton Heights Christian Church, there weren't many lows on the annual Disciples On Campus mission trip in early January.



From January 1 to January 5 the college-aged group spent time volunteering with the St. Louis based Isaiah 58 Ministries, whose goal is serving the homeless. DOC helped Isaiah 58 sort, box, and distribute several hundred pounds of food. Good times were abundant as we joked and conversed with the patrons as well as other volunteers. Artistic talent shone through when it came time to repaint the walls to in a more ergonomic fashion. Several lines with arrows directed people through the basement of Compton Heights, to the thrift store, the fellowship hall, and the food pantry.

Real reflection took place as well from shared devotional times with our whole group of 11 to quiet times alone enjoying the sunrise at the top of the host church, Union Avenue Christian Church. Some sightseeing occurred as well and we took a trip down the road to the Cathedral Basilica, which houses one of the largest collections of mosaics in the world. Throughout the week we were constantly reminded of our privileges and we grew everyday in our faith.

~Reid Glenn  
Sophomore at MU, DisciplesOnCampus (DOC)

## Current News of Global Ministries Centro Romero

Since its founding, Centro Romero has been a leader in the field of practical theology with a special interest in immigration issues, migrant advocacy, sex trafficking, economic justice, and environmental justice. Since 2015, Centro Romero has worked on the U.S./Mexico border in Tijuana, Mexico and Southern California. They welcome migrant children traveling on their own, single mothers traveling with their children, and other vulnerable populations. Centro Romero provides housing, food, medical attention, psychological support, and pastoral care for families and individuals seeking political asylum and affected by current United States immigration policies.



Most families arriving at Centro Romero are originally from Central America, including Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala. Another large constituency receiving support from Centro Romero are individuals from Haiti and Africa. Centro Romero provides for the immediate relief, but also works to promote family empowerment and reunification, and assists in gaining access to legal services for families.

In addition to these services for migrant families, the Centro Romero offers a community lecture program and hosts fact-based discussions on the factors driving migration from Central America. They also train and provide volunteer opportunities for individuals in both Tijuana and San Diego to represent refugee families and provide advocacy training.

*Pastoral Note: In recent months we have heard of lot of what goes on at the southern border. Rarely do we get the news from the church's perspective. Our own GLOBAL MINISTRIES partners are actively engaged helping people in need, and working for justice and peace. This story is from the ongoing news feed [www.globalministries.org](http://www.globalministries.org)* -js

### RATI UPDATE

Room at the Inn moved to the United Methodist Church on Sunday evening January 27 and will continue to operate there until Sunday morning February 10. Any help you could provide would be greatly appreciated ... volunteer for shifts, drop off/pick up laundry at University Hospitals, provide financial donations. For more information, please go to [roomattheinncomo.org](http://roomattheinncomo.org) or call/text Sarah Storm @ 573-289-0072.



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**Return Service Requested**

SERVING SCHEDULE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3	CHURCH CALENDAR FEBRUARY 3-FEBRUARY 9
<p><b>Bus Driver:</b> Eric Seaman    <b>Office Receptionist:</b> Kim Leon  <b>Welcome Station:</b> Debbie Garton  <b>Flower Arranging/Delivery:</b>            Barb Rothenberger/Dan Backues &amp; Lisa Zimmer</p> <p><b>Servers for 8:30 Worship Service</b>  <b>Worship Assistants:</b>            Bob &amp; Linda Hutton and Mary Daugherty  <b>Elder:</b> Mary Daugherty  <b>Offering Counters:</b> Mary Daugherty and Kim Reardon</p> <p><b>Servers for 10:30 Worship Service</b>  <b>Communion Prep:</b>            Tammy Arnett, Betsy Hofmann, Kim Rogers  <b>Greeters:</b> Bill Carney (N. Door) Sonya Carney (S. Door)            Fred Mottaz (Atrium) Mary Jane Anderson (Portico)  <b>Banner Bearers:</b> Sam Pine and Lillian McCormack  <b>Candle Lighters:</b> Ann Volmert and Aubrey Schomaker  <b>Liturgist:</b> Bryan Garton  <b>Elders:</b> Pat Rybolt and Jacki Davidson  <b>Deacons:</b> The Garton Team    <b>Ushers:</b> The Wright Team  <b>Children's Worship:</b>            Hayley Batterson (Ldr.), Brad Volmert (Hlpr.)  <b>Offering Counters:</b> Harlan Hackett and Jerry Miller  <b>Warming Station Hosts/Driver:</b>            C.K. Hoenes and Mike Randerson/Janelle Patterson</p>	<p><b>Sunday, February 3</b>            -Warming Station for RATI, 6:45am, Yonker Hall            -Coffee Hour Fellowship, 9:20-10:20am            -Sunday School Classes, 9:30am            -February Outreach &amp; Fellowship Luncheons, 12:00pm, Yonker Hall  <i>(3rd) Baked Potato Bar &amp; Focus: LOVE INC</i>            -Student Ministry Groups            Chi-Rho, 4:00-5:30pm            CYF, 6:00pm, Off Site- Super Bowl Party            DOC, 8:30pm, Bethany Hall</p> <p><b>Monday, February 4</b>            -Church Office Staff Meeting, 2:00pm, Keystone Room            -Coffman-Watson, 7:00-8:00pm, Susan Gray's Home</p> <p><b>Tuesday, February 5</b>            -Cintas Kitchen Hood Inspection, 10:00am, Kitchen            -Tuesday Bible Study, 10:30am-12:00pm, Morris Parlor</p> <p><b>Wednesday, February 6</b>            -Wednesday Bible Study, 12:05-12:55pm, Morris Parlor            -World Outreach Dept. Mtg., 5:00-6:00pm, Keystone Room            -Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30-6:30pm, Choir Room            -Baptism &amp; Discipleship Class, 6:30-8:00pm, Keystone Room</p> <p><b>Thursday, February 7</b>            -Men's Ministry Core Group Meeting, 6:30-7:30pm, Bethany Hall</p> <p><b>Upcoming Sundays, February 10, 17, 24</b>            -February Outreach &amp; Fellowship Luncheons, 12:00pm, Yonker Hall  <i>(10th) Soups and Bread</i>  <i>(17th) Italian Village Pizza and Salad</i>  <i>(24th) Carry-In/Potluck</i></p>