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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) VISITOR

Our mission: to know God and follow Jesus Christ

Worship this Sunday, Feb. 17

To discuss Christ's resurrection is one thing, but what about *our* resurrection? The biblical witness speaks of the believer's resurrection in terms we will grapple with in 1 Corinthians 15. Rev. Stagg will bring the message. Join us this Sunday.

February 4
Outreach
and fellowship, too!

Sunday, Feb. 17

**Meal: Italian Village
Pizza Luncheon**

Welcome Home is a non-profit Veteran-centric organization with a community-based approach that empowers homeless and at-risk Veterans to return to society as productive self-supporting citizens.



Focus:

WELCOME HOME
A COMMUNITY FOR VETERANS

This Veteran-only transitional living program facilitates recovery through social responsibility, personal engagement and individualized programming based upon the needs and goals of the Veteran. Additional wrap-around services for clients address three main long-term goals: **residential stability, increased skill level and/or income and greater self-determination of participants.**

Come and learn about this vital community outreach this Sunday at noon.

Sunday, Feb. 24

Meal: Carry-In/Potluck

Focus:



(Pulled Pork Provided: bring a side/dessert)

Sign up for the last luncheon on the pew pad. Write the date "Feb. 24", etc. OR contact 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.

Co-sponsored by **World Outreach & Church in Society**

The Balcony Opens Sunday!

YES. Yes. Oh yes... Just when people had settled into life on the main level of the sanctuary, they are welcome to return to higher places. The glass safety rail is now complete which means we can resume use of the sanctuary balcony.

View: *clear*

Temp: *warm*

The people:
pleasant

Come on up.



2019 Planning

Have some ideas for STARS trips in 2019? We will eat lunch at the Columbia Senior Center on **Thursday, Feb. 28 at 11:30am** and make plans. A month later, the weather surely will be good? YES!

Spring Training To Begin

Our 3rd annual Spring Training Visitor Campaign which encourages members to invite friends and family to worship at FCC, **begins Sunday, Feb. 24th**. The pulpit-side Redbird Disciples and lectern-side Royal Blue Christians compete for four weeks to see which side can bring the most guests! So, break out your red and blue, start thinking about whom you can invite to the friendliest church in Columbia, and let's get ready to play ball!!



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This coming week is...

THE WEEK OF COMPASSION

The annual Week of Compassion outreach focus will be **February 17-24** and celebrated with offering collected and a special program over lunch on February 24.

Sunday—pick up a little box for all the spare change of the week or maybe some deliberate shifting of funds.

Monday—become aware of the vital ministry of Week of Compassion and check out news of compassion at www.weekofcompassion.org

Tuesday—pray for the places in the world that need help; know that WOC is there helping.

Wednesday—remember that it's not all disaster relief. There are many clean water projects, too!

Thursday—isn't it great to know that 100% of our gifts go to the need? Low overhead and good management make WOC a leader in the field disaster relief.

Friday—find confidence in your gift knowing WOC partners with great organizations around the globe to make the donation have the highest impact.

Saturday—can you name the most recent hurricanes? Those storms PLUS floods, fires, drought and tornadoes—are no match for our shared generosity through WOC.

Sunday—bring your monetary gifts ready to offer them during the stewardship time in morning worship.

A first hand story from...

THE WEEK OF COMPASSION

Everyone in the area knows Maria Trinidad (pictured in the WOC graphic below). For years they have come to her home at the top of a hill in Ciales, Puerto Rico, for school uniforms and party dresses, for trouser hems and alterations. Mrs. Trinidad could look out the window above her sewing machine and see the whole neighborhood. For over four decades, she has looked out over the place she calls home as she has created clothes for her neighbors.

In September of 2017, Mrs. Trinidad's home was destroyed. When Hurricane Maria hit Puerto Rico, Mrs. Trinidad took shelter with her sister in the back room of the house--the only part of the structure made of concrete--as the wind and rain howled through the hills. After the storm, the two women found the rest of the house in ruins. Debris was strewn everywhere. Yet, in the middle of the fractured rafters and twisted roofing stood a table and on it, Mrs. Trinidad's sewing machine.

In partnership with Week of Compassion, the Iglesia Cristiana (Discípulos de Cristo) en Puerto Rico is helping her piece things back together. Though she received financial assistance from federal programs, the funds would not cover the cost of the extensive repairs. Mrs. Trinidad did not know what else to do when a neighbor referred her to the local Disciples congregation. Disciples leaders soon met with Mrs. Trinidad and began coordinating resources and volunteers to rebuild her home so she can get back to the sewing she loves.

Through the Programa Edifiquemos, your gifts to Week of Compassion are strengthening congregations for disaster response, rebuilding homes damaged by the hurricanes, and helping restore communities. Your gifts do more than we can imagine!



News of People & Places

Prayers this week are extended on behalf of: **Muriel Leach**, as of 2/11/19 is back in the hospital and in a serious condition. **Dabney Doty** has moved to Lenoir's REACH unit for further rehabilitation. **Cheryl Lightner** is a patient at Boone Hospital as the most recent chemo treatment has had ill effects. No visitors please as she regains health. **Dave Beem** had an outpatient procedure on Feb. 12 at the VA.

After the recent passing of her brother, Leo Carroll, **Willie Mae Wheeland** has been notified her eldest sister, Sammi Correll of St. Louis, is terminal. We offer our prayers and support.

Home Centered Communion, canceled because of the ice last Sunday, will be held this coming Sunday, Feb. 17.

With the position of church Office Manager now open we ask your patience as we navigate day-to-day operations with less staff. Jimmy Spear will deal with worship bulletins and the Visitor newsletter. All other office-related work will be done by the entire staff and volunteers until the position is filled. Thanks.

Thanks to **Bob Hutton** for giving the playground restroom a complete rebuild after a water leak and other damage.

Church Staff Changes: Office & Music

Robert Floyd Takes New Position

Office Manager Robert Floyd has accepted a position at Missouri United Methodist Church responsible for tech, audio-video, and building supervision. His last day at FCC was February 12. Robert tendered his two week notice on Tuesday, Jan. 29. Leadership immediately rallied the Officers, Admin Dept., and Stewardship & Finance Dept. to prepare a counter-offer to MUMC's significantly larger offer. After a special called meeting of the Board on Thursday, Feb. 7, a counter-offer was submitted to Robert Floyd. Rev. Stagg met with Robert on Friday, Feb. 8, and on Monday, Feb. 11, Robert notified FCC that he accepted MUMC's offer and graciously declined our offer. Robert assures us that he appreciates FCC, the staff and members, but felt God is calling him in a new direction.

Robert has brought positive growth to the First Christian office as we moved from the position of Administrative Assistant/Secretary to Office Manager. His attention to the wide variety of tasks was greatly appreciated, leaving his mark around the place in many ways. We also say thanks to Robert for his good spirit in the church office. He really kept the positive focus for the staff and all who came through the door. He is friendly and kind to the core.

Robert and Adriene Floyd will retain their membership at FCC and Robert will continue chairing the Communications Department. So while we will miss Robert in the office immensely, we are not saying "good-bye" to him (or Adriene). But will simply be with them in a new way at church!!

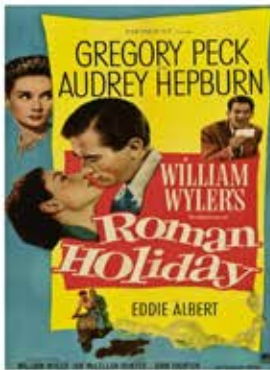
Thank you from the bottom of my heart for accepting an ol' TV guy into the FCC church office. Although I've been called to make a change, you are still my church family and I love all of you! Not 'goodbye'— it's 'see you soon!'
~Robert

February 17 - Patti Freeman,
Brian McCarty, Jenny McCarty, Kim Potthast,
Dan Tevis
February 18 - Mark Mills
February 19 - Sue Fink,
Audrey Koch, Cullen Rose
February 20 - Heather Mottaz, Landon Quinlan
February 23 - Jim Campbell,
Jacki Davidson, Brooke Storm



Friday Night Classics

3rd Floor Cinema
Friday, Feb. 15, 7:00pm



Thank you to Dr. Laura Mayes-Morrow

A most sincere thanks to Laura Mayes Morrow for taking on the position of Interim Director of Choirs. Dr. Laura was able to quickly pull together a whole Advent season of music for the Chancel Choir, Bell Choir, and Drennan Singers when we needed just that - a speedy solution to choral and bell music in a high holy season. We wish Laura well and offer a hearty thanks.



Loaves & Fishes Serve on Monday Feb 24

FCC will serve dinner at Loaves and Fishes soup kitchen on Monday, February 24. The CYF will cook/prep the meal on Sunday and a team of people are needed to transport and serve the meal on Monday night; 4:30 transport, serving from 5:00-6:30pm. Please contact Paula Hoenes if you are interested in volunteering. You can call/text her at 573.424.3165 or email pmhoenes@gmail.com

Set Up and Drop off:
Sun. March 10
Sale Hours:
Fri./Sat., March 15-16



Youth Group 2019 Calendar

Feb. 17: **Chi-Rho Lock-In: Sunday 8pm till Monday 8am**
Also known as "12 hours of awesome"
1 friend welcome. Bring a snack and 2-2L drinks. Bring sleeping bag/pillow/coat. RSVP to Jimmy.
No CYF on Feb 17.

Feb. 24: Chi-Rho & CYF
Mar. 3: JYF & CYF
Mar. 10: Chi-Rho & CYF → Garage Sale Setup 12—3pm
*No evening groups
Mar. 15-16: Garage Sale Hours

Summer Trip Dates: **CHI-RHO Mission Trip:** Jun. 30-July 2
CYF Mission Trip: Aug. 4-10

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



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SERVING SCHEDULE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17	CHURCH CALENDAR FEBRUARY 17-FEBRUARY 23
<p>Bus Driver: Carol Slusher Office Recept.: Richard Barnard Welcome Station: Pat Rybolt and Jeff Underwood Flower Arranging/Delivery: Cindy Rose and Mary Daugherty</p> <p><u>Servers for 8:30 Worship Service</u> Worship Assistants: Susan Gray and Will & Donna Houston Elder: Cherry Hinderberger Offering Counters: Mary Moeller and Mary Daugherty</p> <p><u>Servers for 10:30 Worship Service</u> Communion Prep: Olivia Johnson and Luke & Trish Stagg Greeters: Ron Longaker (N. Door) Judy Longaker (S. Door) Trish Stagg (Atrium) Jacki Davidson (Portico) Banner Bearers: Paige Freed and Ava Martin Candle Lighters: Gabe Palmer and Kaedon Wheatley Liturgist: Sarah Read Elders: Harlan Hackett and Vicki Johnson Deacons: The Underwood Team Ushers: The Rose Team Children's Worship: Holly Gieseke (Ldr.), TBD (Hlpr.) Offering Counters: Diana Provenzano and Sarah Storm Warming Station Hosts/Driver: Valerie Freed, Jeff & Amy LaHue/Bill Carney</p>	<p><u>Sunday, February 17</u> COMMUNION CONNECTION SUNDAY (originally Feb. 10) -Warming Station for RATI, 6:45am, Yonker Hall -Coffee Hour Fellowship, 9:20-10:20am -Sunday School Classes, 9:30am -Feb. Outreach & Fellowship Luncheon, 12:00pm, Yonker Hall -Student Ministry Groups No CYF Chi-Rho Lock-in, 8:00pm-8:00am, entire church DOC, 8:30pm, Bethany Hall</p> <p><u>Monday, February 18</u> -Chi-Rho Lock-in ends- 8:00am -Church Office Staff Meeting, 2:00pm, Keystone Room -Evangelism Dept. Mtg., 6:30-7:30pm, Keystone Room</p> <p><u>Tuesday, February 19</u> -Tuesday Bible Study, 10:30am-12:00pm, Morris Parlor -Administrative Board Meeting, 6:30-7:30pm, Morris Parlor</p> <p><u>Wednesday, February 20</u> -Shawl Ministry, 9:30am, Millie Bolman's House -Wednesday Bible Study, 12:05-12:55pm, Bethany Hall -CWF Board Meeting, 5:00-6:00pm, Yonker Hall -Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30-6:30pm, Choir Room -Baptism & Discipleship Class, 6:30-8:00pm, Keystone Room</p> <p><u>Thursday, February 21</u> -MDO Pajama Day and a Movie, 12:00-2:00pm, 3rd Flr Cinema</p> <p><u>Friday, February 22</u> -MDO Pajama Day and a Movie, 12:00-2:00pm, 3rd Flr Cinema</p>

