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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) VISITOR

Our mission: to know God and follow Jesus Christ

Worship this Sunday, Feb. 10

"Christ's Resurrection" will be the theme of the 1 Corinthians focus finding us in chapter 15. Rev. Brad Stagg will bring the sermon. Hymns of the day will include *Crown Him with Many Crowns*; *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*; and *These I Lay Down*. It will almost seem like the season of Easter.



The Administrative Board approved the creation of the Open and Affirming Exploration Team to discover how our congregation can be more welcoming, inclusive and affirming to more members of our community, especially in regards to those with differing sexual orientations and gender identities. The team will be calling representative members of the congregation to get their input and all members will have the opportunity to complete a congregational assessment in the near future. The team wants to hear back from as many members as possible through the assessment and conversations. This will be a very deliberate process and it will take time. The team will be keeping the congregation informed as we move forward. If you know you would like to be a part of the conversations contact Bragg Stanley, Chair of the Open and Affirming Exploration Team, at 573.808.5504 or e-mail at jbstanley_2000@yahoo.com

Team members include: Bragg Stanley, Chairperson, Linda Hutton, Vice Chairperson, Eric Arnett, Eric Seaman, Kim Leon, Debbie Taylor, Fred Mottaz, Larry Veatch, Harlan Hackett, Deb Batterson, Diana Provenzano, Geoff Karr, Mike Randerson, Kameron Freed, Maddie Marrero

February 4
Outreach
and fellowship, too!

Sign up for these Sunday luncheon events!

Sunday, Feb. 10

Meal: Soups and Bread
Focus:

The Rainbow House mission: To keep children safe and to support families in crisis through prevention, assessment and intervention in child abuse and neglect. The Rainbow House Includes a Children's Emergency Shelter, Regional Child Advocacy Center (CAC), and Homeless Youth Program called "Sol House."



Rainbow House
REGIONAL CHILD ADVOCACY CENTER
CHILDREN'S EMERGENCY SHELTER
HOMELESS YOUTH PROGRAM

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

Sunday, Feb. 17

Meal: Italian Village Pizza & Salad Focus: 

Sunday, Feb. 24

Meal: Carry-In/Potluck Focus: 

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

RSVP for lunch on the pew pad each week, write the date; i.e. "Feb. 17", 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.

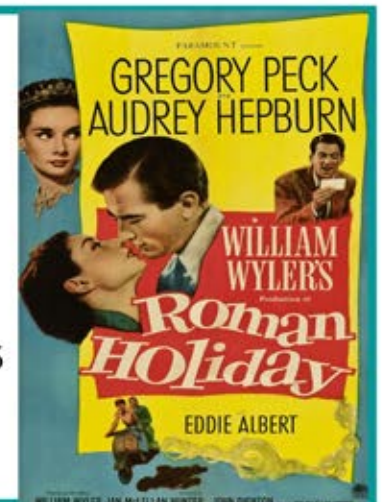
Co-sponsored by **World Outreach & Church in Society**

Friday Night Classics

3rd Floor Cinema

Friday, February 15

7:00pm



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Bit From Brad

Visitor and New Member Q&A: the Evangelism Department will host a Q&A Time for all Visitors and New Members to FCC with the Senior Minister and other leaders in Bethany Hall on Sunday morning, March 17th from 9:35 -10:20. This informal Q&A time is an opportunity to ask me and other leaders any ques-

tions you may have about First Christian Church. Perhaps you would like to know what we offer for children and youth, how you might be more involved in certain areas, how certain things happen, or why we believe what we believe or do what we do. No question is too small or insignificant! If those present cannot answer your question we'll find someone to get answer to you as soon as possible, and that's a promise! For long-time members, please refer the visitors and new members you know to attend this informal but informative gathering. We'll all wear some green for St. Patrick's Day and together we'll discover more about God, the church and one another!! I hope to see you there!!

Property Matters: The balcony railing is nearing completion. The glass panels and brass railing are installed; we await final drying and inspection. Once that's complete, we'll share word on how and when we'll celebrate the reopening of the Balcony!! It should be soon!!

The heater in the playground restroom broke during the sub-zero weather causing those water pipes to freeze, break and flood the kitchen. A big thank you goes to Bob Hutton, Keith Picker, Robert Floyd and Fred Mottaz for quickly responding in such a timely manner so that no damage occurred in the kitchen. The heater has been repaired and all is well again!

Property leaders will begin meeting in next week to prioritize the Tier Two Capital Projects which FCC overwhelmingly responded to in our latest Capital Campaign. Keep a look out for the Priority List in coming issues of the newsletter. Like Tier One, we will keep you posted on all Capital Projects as they progress.

The Nominating Committee, chaired by Eric Seaman, has met twice as we look for our future leaders, trusting God's guidance and calling will direct our search. You can help us hear God's call by nominating individuals you believe we should prayerfully consider to be a Deacon, Elder, or receive a Special Recognition. Please do so by contacting the Church Office to receive a copy of the Nomination Form. All nominations must be received in the church office by 5:00pm, Monday, Feb. 25.

~Blessings, Brad

February 13

Olivia Johnson

February 14

Russ Chandler

February 15

Royce Palmer, Sally Robinson, Suellen Wells, Sarah Yonker

February 16

Bonnie Backues, 95

Charles Dysart,
Sally Kessell

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

News of People & Places



Vlad Chernov recovers from recent back surgery at University Hospital. **Muriel Leach** continues to welcome prayers of healing as she battles shingles and continued recuperation. **Cliff Tompson** had a recent hospital stay and is home improved. **Dabney Doty** continues to recoup at RUSK.

Ed and Eva Bright have celebrated their first meal in their rebuilt (new) home. They have come a long way since the fire of last July. We are glad for the Bright's new day!

Prayers of sympathy are extended to: **Chris Creasy** in the death of her grandmother Joy Zumwalt (97); **Willie Mae and Jeff Wheeland** in the recent death of Willie Mae's brother Leo Carroll of St. Louis.



Millie Bolman's 100th Birthday Celebration included family and so many friends filling the Fireside Room at Lenoir Woods on Feb. 2.



A note to let all of you know how much I have enjoyed getting the cards and notes that I have received since my heart surgery. The flowers from church also brightened my room and we were certainly appreciative to get the cookies. Thanks so much for thinking of me. One more thanks—to Jimmy for his visit and bringing the pretty red shawl made by the ladies! It sure is nice to have around and it is being put to good use! I hope to be back at church soon. I miss being there. (We both do.)

~Sue Wright

My mother taught me it was never too late to say thank you. Yes, that was many years ago but I do still remember. In the midst of a typically hectic Christmas season I found myself rushing to the church to arrange the poinsettias late on a Friday afternoon. Much to my surprise, I found the sanctuary abloom with poinsettias, perfectly placed. It was revealed to me that Keith Picker had been the benevolent soul, happy that he had pleased. This was not Keith's only act of kindness, as the landscape committee has been the target of his multiple acts of kindness. Many of our office staff, Fred and Robert among those, have offered kindnesses to me and many others in completing tasks for the church. How fortunate we are for those fine folks! So, Mom, it is belated, but never forgotten: THANK YOU, dear office staff friends!

~Mary Daugherty



Meet the Wardrobe Angels

"... I was naked and you clothed me ..." Matt 25

On January 27 Ben and Beth Nelms hosted an Open House for the Wardrobe volunteers. During that time together we paid tribute to Tommy Gay Evans who faithfully served with us for many years. She will be remembered for her personal interest in each shopper and her boundless energy. We will miss her working along with us.

We invite you to join the Wardrobe Angels as we sort, hang, sell—even shop for—clothes. We volunteer in shifts from 11:00-4:00 on the second Friday of each month. Any one of the following volunteers will be happy to tell you more about our service there. It is a happy place indeed.

Sue and Rich Underwood, Chuck and Emily Scott, Deb Batterson, Mary Bancroft, Judy Longaker, Gene Kirkham, Barbara Rothenberger, Sarah Storm, Sandy Stallman and Beth Nelms ednelms7@gmail.com or 446-0062.

"... be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind ..." Phil 2



Spring
Training
Starts
Feb. 24

The Student Ministry Department presents

"The Garage Sale"

Set Up and Drop off: March 10

Sale: March 15-16

Report for February 3, 2019
 Attendance 172 (8:30 service— 48, guests— 26)
 Total offerings: \$7565.00

Get it while it is hot!



What a great idea hatched by the members of the two outreach ministry departments of the church. Tasked with getting the message of our outward mission connections to our people, they came up with and are making happen "February 4 Outreach" —making Sundays in February about learning AND fellowship too.

In the cold and house bound nature of February, wouldn't it be great to linger longer while already out at church and have fellowship over a good hot lunch? Could we learn something about our community at the same time? You mean we can do all this and be home by 1:30?

That is the hope. Last Sunday we learned so much about the ministry of LOVE INC. This week is Rainbow House. (See page one for the rest.) I might add, this is the church wide event for the month — this is the fellowship you asked for. This is the connection we are known for.

I am a little disappointed in the response. Why the low attendance at what seems to be a perfect fit for us in this winter months? **This is it friends!** Jump on board with us and find yourself better for it. Otherwise, see you at the picnic in August — when it really is hot.

Keeping the challenge ever before us,
 ~Rev. Jimmy Spear

Youth Group 2019 Calendar

- Feb. 10: JYF & CYF
- 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
- Mar. 17: JYF & CYF
- Mar. 24: NO Mtgs—Spring Break
- Mar. 31: CYF only
- Apr. 7: Chi-Rho & CYF

Summer Camp Sign Up coming soon! Watch email.

Summer Mission Trip Dates:

CHI-RHO Mission Trip: June 30-July 2

CYF Mission Trip: August 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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Return Service Requested

SERVING SCHEDULE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Bus Driver: Kim Leon **Office Receptionist:** Pat Rybolt
Welcome Station: Chris Creasy and Valerie Freed
Flower Arranging/Delivery:
Mary Jane Anderson and Diana Provenzano

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assistants:

Tom & Carol Hughey and Jerry Daugherty

Elder: Susan Gray

Offering Counters: Sarah Storm and Doug Smith

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Prep:

Andrew, Candace & Chris Stormer

Greeters: Doug Smith (N. Door) Cindy Smith (S. Door)
Frances Brown (Atrium) Richard Barnard (Portico)

Banner Bearers: Jodie Silverwood and Brady Marrero

Candle Lighters: Kenzie Von Talge and Ryley Batterson

Liturgist: Mary Jane Anderson

Elders: Jennifer Alexander, Bragg Stanley, Rich Hoepfner

Deacons: The Beary Team **Ushers:** The Burnam Team

Children's Worship:

Cindy Rose (Ldr.), Trish Gregory (Hlpr.)

Offering Counters: Cindy Smith and Janelle Patterson

Warming Station Hosts/Driver:

Debbie & David Potthast/Bill Carney

CHURCH CALENDAR FEBRUARY 10-FEBRUARY 16

Sunday, February 10

COMMUNION CONNECTION SUNDAY

- Warming Station for RATI, 6:45am, Yonker Hall
- Coffee Hour Fellowship, 9:20-10:20am
- Sunday School Classes, 9:30am
- Feb. Outreach & Fellowship Luncheons, 12:00pm, Yonker Hall**
(10th) Soups and Bread Focus: Rainbow House
- Student Ministry Groups
JYF, 4:30-6:00pm, Yonker Hall
CYF, 6:00-7:30pm, Bethany Hall
DOC, 8:30pm, Bethany Hall

Monday, February 11

- Church Office Staff Meeting, 2:00pm, Keystone Room
- Property Dept. Mtg., 6:30-7:30pm, Keystone Room

Tuesday, February 12

- Tuesday Bible Study, 10:30am-12:00pm, Morris Parlor
- Cabinet Meeting, 6:30-7:30pm, Morris Parlor

Wednesday, February 13

- Ladies' Book Club, 12:00pm, Bethany Hall
- Wednesday Bible Study, 12:05-12:55pm, Morris Parlor
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30-6:30pm, Choir Room
- Baptism & Discipleship Class, 6:30-8:00pm, Keystone Room

Thursday, February 14

- Happy Valentine's Day!

Friday, February 15

- Friday Night Classics Roman Holiday, 7:00pm, 3rd Floor Cinema

Upcoming Sundays, February 17 & 24

- February Outreach & Fellowship Luncheons, 12:00pm, Yonker Hall
(17th) Italian Village Pizza and Salad Focus: Welcome Home
(24th) Carry-In/Potluck Focus: Week of Compassion