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Our mission: to know God and follow Jesus Christ

LENT 2019 BEGINS Soup & Worship March 6



Soup for the Soul

"A simple meal of soup and bread with friends"

Yonker Fellowship Hall, 5:30-6:20 p.m.

RSVP to church office/put "SOUP" on the Sunday pew pad.

Worship Service

"A service for repentance & receiving of ashes"

Sanctuary, 6:30 p.m.

The Lenten season begins with a service of hymns, prayers, a brief meditation and the imposition of ashes.

Worship, Sunday, March 3

For Transfiguration Sunday, Rev. Stagg examines the Apostle Paul's perspective on the glory of God as revealed through "Unveiled Faces"; comparing how Moses veiled his face after encountering God at St. Sinai but now how we Christians do not veil our faces or our hearts after encountering Jesus and his gospel. How might we live unveiled lives for Christ? Come and see! Sunday's passages are Exodus 34:29-35 and 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2.



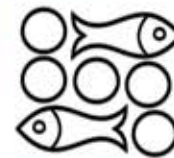
Disciples 6

Christians 8

Bring a guest, invite a guest to worship in the these weeks of our annual Spring Training Visitor Campaign. The pulpit-side Redbird Disciples and lectern-side Royal Blue Christians compete to see which side can bring the most guests!

Loaves & Fishes Served

We served dinner at Loaves and Fishes soup kitchen on Monday, February 25. The CYF cooked the meal on Sunday, 12 others including 4 DOC students served it up. Pictured here are just some of the volunteers. The Shepherd's Pie was hot and well received.



The total of 12 folks serving made all the difference. Dishes (no longer using paper/plastic products) could be washed, food replenished, dining room cleaned and maintained all at the same time. Not to mention it is more fun to serve as 12. *Didn't Jesus say that once?* Thanks to Paula Hoenes for shopping and organizing the cooking and serving.

YOU. ME. EVERYONE. GARAGE SALE

Look inside this issue for all the times, dates, and news of the **Garage Sale.**

The sale week begins in a week, March 10.

See page 3.

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Bit From Brad

The Season of Lent & Easter

As Christians, disciples of Christ, followers of Jesus, we constantly strive to be more like Jesus Christ, our Lord. We must constantly remember to ask: how can I think more like Jesus? How can my actions be more like the way Christ would act? How might my feelings, choices, dreams, goals, aspirations be the same as Jesus? How might I be more Christ-like in all that I say, do, think, and feel? While Disciples of Jesus should always think about these matters daily; Lent is a time of communal intentionality to be more Christ-like, individually and collectively. Hence, we at the church set aside more opportunities to aid you in your discipleship. Please read through this newsletter to help you choose some of the many examples we offer at FCC; I'm listing a few in my column.

Visitor & New Member Q&A

Part of being more Christ-like is living one's faith in a community of fellow believers, that community is called the church. Christ wants us to join and actively engage in a local congregation. For those looking for a church and considering FCC or for those who have joined but still looking to be more involved we are offering a Visitor and New Member Question & Answer on Sunday, March 17 (St. Patrick's Day), 9:35-10:20 in Bethany Hall to meet with me and some other church leaders. This Q&A is an opportunity for you to ask me any question you want regarding FCC so you might better understand who we are and help determine if FCC is for you! All are welcome!!

Ash Wednesday Service

Another way to be more Christ-like is to worship God in a communal setting. One way to do just that is attend and participate in the annual Ash Wednesday Service on March 6 at 6:30 in the Sanctuary. This special service provides silence, scripture, confession, and the imposition of Ashes; as reminders to turn away from the world and to turn toward God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit. I hope I see you there!!

Sharing Christ a.k.a., evangelism

Christ shared the message of the kingdom of God during his earthly ministry, as Disciples we share the gospel. One easy way to share the gospel is inviting others to church where they can hear the gospel. At FCC, we've come up with a fun, light-hearted way to invite others to church called Spring Training, one side is for the Redbird Disciples, the other side is for the Royal Blue Christians. The object is to invite as many friends, family and acquaintances to church in the next three weeks in hopes that some will stay for Easter or even join our church. So be more like Christ and invite folks to church!

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News of People & Places



Thanks received...

Ron went into the Missouri Orthopedic Institute Monday, the 18th, for a complete knee replacement. Mary and Mike Bancroft were kind enough to sit with me all day till Ron got to his room, and keep me distracted and calm. The next day Jimmy came for a visit and to give him a beautiful shawl from the Shawl Ministry, made by our friend Millie herself. Then we got a call from Brad almost as soon as we got home on Wednesday evening, expressing concern and offering any resources we might need. We've received cards and calls from several members and they mean so much. First Christian is the most caring church family anyone could imagine and we are so grateful for each and every one of you. God bless.

~Ron & Judy Longaker

Sympathy — change of date...

The memorial service for **Muriel Leach** has now been changed to Saturday, April 6, 11:00am in the church sanctuary.

Other news...

Ed and Eva Bright are now moved in and making themselves right at home in their new home. The fire of last summer destroyed their home but not their determination for this day — when they could extend the invite to all — to come out and see their place. We are so glad for the "Bright new day!"

RATI Extends a Week: Closure of Room At The Inn (RATI) has been postponed from Sunday, March 3 to Saturday, March 9 due to the forecasted cold temperatures. Broadway Christian Church will again host from Sunday evening Mar. 3 to Sat. March 9. Volunteers for this additional week are needed as well as food items. Suggested food items: peanut butter/cheese crackers, granola bars, pop tarts, chips, cookies. For more information contact Sarah Storm 2 573-289-0072 or go to www.roomattheinncomo.org



The **VAC Trivia Night** found 30 tables of participants from all over the community. Rev. Jimmy Spear joined clergy friends for the event and they won first place! Question: Where were all the Disciple trivia buffs from FCC?? Rockbridge Christian Ch. and First Baptist Ch. were represented. Come on out folks!

Rev. Mike and Jan Crouch have sent their yearly greetings. The letter is on the bulletin board outside the church office.

Next week's Visitor will include the new Spring-Summer 2019 schedule for STARS activities, a letter from the CWF, and a way to nominate someone for a special church award.

Doctoral Degree Update

Folks have asked, "How is your Doctoral project coming along, Brad?" Well, things are progressing nicely! On Monday, February 18, I submitted my "Zero Draft"; essentially a draft before the First Draft, which is a major milestone. My advisor has already returned it with feedback saying, I need to attend to some stylistic matters, shorten Chapter Five and beef up Chapter Six, but other than that he said, "For a Zero Draft, it's solid work and right on track for graduating in May." Hallelujah!! So, what's next? I'll submit two more drafts during the month of March, complete my Oral Defense in early April, make any recommended changes which my Advisor says all candidates should expect in mid-April, and then with those changes submitted, I can plan to attend graduation on May 17 in Evanston, Illinois. As one person said, "You can see the light at the end of the tunnel, right?" Oh yeah!!!

Blessings, Brad

CALENDAR 2019

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

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

Summer Camp Sign Up
coming soon! Watch email.



(whole church project - donate, set-up, volunteer)

Donation Drop-Off: Mar. 10-11



Sun. Mar. 10 - Youth set up starts at 12:00pm

**ALL donations dropped off:
Sunday, Mar. 10, 12:00-3:00 pm**

(Youth will unload cars)

Mon. March 11, 8:00am-8:00 pm

Not accepted this year: computers, monitors, televisions. Please donate clean items.

Volunteer for Setup & Pricing: March 11-13



Volunteers are welcome and needed at any of the following times. Please sign up in the narthex, church office, or see Jimmy Spear.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

Day & Evening Workers 8am -8pm

*Thursday is a rest day — we are done till sale.

Come to the Sale & Tell Others!



Friday, Mar. 15, 4-8pm

Saturday, Mar. 16, 8-12pm

The Garage Sale fully funds all summer/winter student mission trips. This sale is a serving opportunity for the whole church and is sponsored by the Student Ministry Department.

A **Congregational Meeting** will be held on Sunday, March 24 for the purpose of electing leaders for the 2019-20 church year. It will be briefly held following both worship services.



March 4 - Sharon Ronchetto

March 5 - John Hamilton,
Brice Moeller, Khons Volmert

March 6 - Andy Janssen

March 7 - Michael Taylor

March 8 - Valerie Freed,
Andrea Smith

Report for Feb. 24, 2019

Attendance: 172

(8:30 service— 40)

Total offerings: \$9,390

Week of Compassion

Offerings collected:

\$2,440

(2/24 Lunch \$796)





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SERVING SCHEDULE SUNDAY, MARCH 3

CHURCH CALENDAR MARCH 3 - MARCH 9

Bus Driver: Russ Palmer **Office Recept.:** Steve McCormack
Welcome Station: Debbie Garton
Flower Arranging/Delivery: Bud and Deb Batterson
Servers for 8:30 Worship Service
Worship Assistants: Will and Donna Houston and Eli Gaffney
Elder: Mary Daugherty
Offering Counters: Mary Daugherty and Doug Smith
Servers for 10:30 Worship Service
Communion Prep: Susan Klockow, Max and Mia Gregory
Greeters: Russ Palmer (N. Door) –Lisa Zimmer (S. Door)
 Janelle Patterson (Atrium)-Laura Crane (Portico)
Banner Bearers: Brady Marrero and Kenzie von Talge
Candle Lighters: Ann Volmert and Aubrey Schomaker
Liturgist: Frances Brown
Elders: Steve Lightner, Nora Dietzel, Marilyn Schappert, Balcony
Deacons: The Garton Team **Ushers:** The Wright Team
Children's Worship:
 Jessica Humble (Ldr.), Brad Volmert (Hlpr.)
Offering Counters: Cindy Smith and Debbie Taylor
Warming Station Hosts/Driver:
 Colleen Nilges, Mike Randerson/Janelle Patterson
 Flowers Given by Fred Mottaz in honor of the FCC Elders

Sunday, March 3

- Warming Station for RATI, 6:45am, Higbee Hall
- Coffee Hour Fellowship, 9:20-10:20am Yonker Hall
- Christian Education Classes, 9:30am
- Spring Training
- Student Ministry Groups
 - JYF, 4:30-6:00pm, Yonker Hall
 - CYF, 6:00-7:30pm, Bethany Hall
 - DOC, 8:30pm, Bethany Hall

Monday, March 4

- Church Office Staff Meeting, 2:00pm, Keystone Room
- Coffman-Watson Group, 7:00pm, Susan Gray's home

Tuesday, March 5

- Tuesday Bible Study, 10:30am-12:00pm, Morris Parlor

Wednesday, March 6

- Wednesday Bible Study, 12:05-12:55pm, Bethany Hall
- World Outreach Department, 5:00pm, Keystone Room
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30-6:30pm, Choir Room
- Baptism & Discipleship Class, 6:30 attending Ash Wed. Service
- Ash Wednesday**
 - Soup Meal, 5:30-6:20pm, Yonker Hall
 - Worship Service, 6:30pm, Sanctuary