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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) VISITOR

Our mission: to know God and follow Jesus Christ

Echoes of the Gospels: In Adult Class, Sunday mornings, 9:30am

Disney films are very popular among children but they also have lessons for adults too. In this four session course we will watch portions of selected Disney films and talk about the religious themes in them. Rev. Larry Veatch will facilitate the class time on Sunday mornings, 9:30am in the Keystone Room on the 2nd floor. The dates and films are:

March 17: Peter Pan **March 24: Pocahontas**
March 31: Lilo & Stitch **April 7: Brother Bear**



Current Score:

Disciples 22
Christians 21
1 week to go!

Worship this 2nd Sunday in the Season of Lent, March 17

To stand firm in the faith and have resiliency of spirit gets to the heart of the apostle Paul's message to the Philippians in chapter 3:17-4:1. Rev. Brad Stagg will bring the sermon, "Heavenly Citizens." The responsive first reading will come from Psalm 27.

On this Sunday, the moving hymn *How Firm a Foundation* will start the singing with *Here at Thy Table Lord* sung at the table. The second hymn will be new to us with the words of *Some There Are Who by Their Living* sung to the familiar tune NETTLETON (*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*). Don't forget it isn't too late to pick up Lenten devotional available in the Narthex. This Sunday is the last installment of the annual Spring Training—Visitor campaign. Notice the close score on the upper right of this page.



preparing with paul

Worship the 3rd Sunday in the Season of Lent, March 24

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Standing on the Promises
In Memory of the Savior's Love

Do you get the idea? The worship theme found in these hymns and connected to the apostle Paul's teaching found in 1 Corinthians 10:1-13 will be RETURNING TO THE LORD—repent—be forgiven. "No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and will not let you be tested beyond your strength. (13a)" Rev. Stagg will bring the sermon. The first reading will be a sharing of the Disciples Affirmation in shared response.

Joins us on this Sunday as we begin Spring Break in worship on this half way mark through the season of Lent.

This is a
DOUBLE ISSUE
of the Visitor
(save it, as there is none next week)

NOTE:

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING
Tues. March 19

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
Sunday March 24
After both services.

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Lots of church people made the Garage Sale happen March 10-16. The setup day was amazing and so too the sorting and pricing Monday-Wednesday. The was SO MUCH STUFF!

When you get this Visitor, remember there is time to come shop Friday and Saturday. Also, the clean up begins at 12:00 Saturday and it is hoped to be complete by 2:00pm. The more workers and trucks the better. Thanks.

Fri. March 15, 4-8pm
Sat. Mar. 16, 8am-12pm
 (\$1 a bag at 11am)



- March 18** - Kathy Richardson **March 19** - Cari Sapp
March 21 - Beckett Karr, Russ Palmer, Lexie Ruffolo, Wolfgang Schaefer
March 22 - Grace Henry
March 23 - Mary Rogers, Jared Swope
March 24 - Jonathan LaHue, Kirsten Leach, Helen Stemmons
March 25 - Natalie Barnard **March 26** - Libby Weber
March 27 - Kira Hoenes **March 28** - Monica Palmer
March 29 - Bradley Snyder, **Ferd Lightner 90 years old**
March 30 - Russell DeVenney, Sarah Storm
March 31 - Chad Holliday



News of People & Places



Best News Ever...

It's been a long journey since November, and I sure missed all the holiday traditions, lots of birthday celebrations and memorials. I had 5 chemo treatments and 28 external and 2 internal radiation treatments through January. My hysterectomy February 6th gave us the wonderful news that I am **CANCER FREE**. I feel so blessed and thankful. Thank you for all the prayers, cards, good wishes, and emails. I appreciate them all so much and am thankful for my Church Family. As many of you know, the chemo and radiation is not fun. Thank goodness the hysterectomy was done laparoscopically. Now it's rest and get my strength back for the next couple of months. I take walks through Lynn's house with a cane and take naps. Still can't walk too far, effects from radiation. Jan and Jill have been here to help when Lynn and Daryl are out of town for Devin's bowling. The grandkids have taken their turns too. Could not have had a better support family team. Am looking forward to getting back to Church. I want to see the new balcony railing. Again, thank you one and all.

Love and God Bless, Sharon Winner

Visitor & New Member Question & Answer Event:

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 Brad and other church leaders. This Q&A is an opportunity for folks to share time over any question regarding FCC to better understand who we are and how to be further connected. All are welcome!!

Other News...

Dr. Bryan Garton recently received the CFAES Distinguished Alumni Award from Ohio State University. Bryan is currently associate dean of academic programs in the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources (CAFNR) at the MU.

The annual **EASTER EGG HUNT** will be held on Sunday, April 14 in the afternoon.

CALENDAR 2019

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| Mar. 15-16: Garage Sale Hours | JYF (grades 3, 4, 5) |
| Mar. 17: JYF | Chi-Rho (grades 6, 7, 8) |
| | Sundays 4:30-6:00pm |
| Mar. 24: NO Mtgs, Spring Break | CYF (grades 9-12) |
| Mar. 31: CYF only | every Sunday 6-7:30pm |
| Apr. 7: Chi-Rho & CYF | |
| Apr. 14: Chi-Rho lunch and then hiding of Easter Hunt Eggs till 2:30 | |
| JYF: Easter Egg Hunt at | |

Summer Camp Sign Up
 coming soon! Watch email.



Calendar of 2019 Plans

A good planning session was held recently to calendar fellowship trips and opportunities for 2019. The calendar below offers some highlights to get on the calendar. Details will be offered in the weeks prior to the event. The schedule offers city and countryside, touring and theater, always lunch! The STARS group welcomes new folks to help us fill the 13 spots in the mini-bus. Join us for our next adventure. We always have a good time together!

You can reserve your spot by signing up in the church office or on the Sunday pew pad as indicated prior to a trip. Note some theater RSVP's are needed soon. We strive to keep STARS trips economical while also getting out of Columbia to see things of quality.



March 21 – Missouri Governor's Mansion & Central Dairy Ice Cream in Jefferson City

9:15am departure from Target parking lot.
RSVP by Mar. 19. \$5 travel fee.

April 25 – Excelsior Springs & Lawson Missouri

May 23 – St. Louis: Jefferson Barracks, Glass Blowing, Blueberry Hill for lunch

June 6 – Lyceum Theater, Arrow Rock: Cinderella

RSVP by March 19 to Carol Slusher. \$40 ticket/fee.

July 11 -- Movie Day with Lunch, FCC Cinema

August 15— Midway Antique Mall with lunch at The Park

September – Overnight trip for touring the sights of St. Joseph, Westin, and Marceline, Missouri

October 10 – Maples Theater, Macon:

"Church Basement Ladies"

October 24 – Color Tour to Clinton via Truman Lake Area



Church Property Work Day Sat., Apr. 13

Help spruce up and prepare our church grounds in preparation for Easter and the subsequent spring and summer growing seasons on Saturday, April 13th. Work will begin at 8am and will end no later than 12pm or earlier with a good turnout of volunteers. Our work team will be directed by Adopt-a-spot creators Mary Daugherty and Peggy Veatch. If you are able to join us for the day please mark your calendar & contact Mike Randerson at dmranderson@mchsi.com or call him at 573-424-4858. Volunteers are reminded to bring sunscreen, gloves, water & favorite gardening tools.

Ashes to Ashes

March 5, 2019 — a giving report from WEEK OF COMPASSION



When Mrs. F evacuated her home near Redding, CA to escape the Carr Fire, she didn't know when she would be able to return. And she was fairly certain that when she did, she would be returning to ashes. Her home was, in fact, one of the 1200 homes destroyed by the fire.

Mrs. F had insurance on her home, but her settlement will not be enough to rebuild. Meanwhile, she was denied FEMA assistance and is in the process of appealing the decision. At this point, more than six months out from the fire, hope can be fleeting, but small encouragements keep Mrs. F --and others like her-- moving forward. The role of community is priceless; both for practical, immediate needs, and for ongoing emotional and spiritual support. Your gifts to Week of Compassion mean that we can support people like Mrs. F at every phase of the journey towards recovery.

As the Church prepares experiences the Ashes of Lent, we are mindful of God's presence with us through all seasons. Through times of joy and celebration; through heartbreak and loss; through times of tragedy and into days of rebuilding. As we receive the sign of ashes, we remember our own mortality, as well. We remember that life is fleeting, and that all we have will one day return to the dust. But more importantly, we remember that in Christ, all things are made alive--and that the God who made us will not leave us to the dust.

We carry that powerful symbol on our bodies, so that we move through the season looking for signs of life.

Several months after the fire, Mrs. F made another visit to her home, still expecting nothing but dust and ashes. "I went back with her to the house to sift through the rubble," a fellow member of First Christian Church, Redding recently told Week of Compassion staff. "It was amazing. You know, she had this rose bush in her yard...and it looked totally burned, like everything else. But there, at the base of the vine, a new shoot was growing."

For new shoots growing--and for the transforming love of community-- we give thanks to God. We give thanks for your gifts to Week of Compassion. With your support, we help make many kinds of new growth possible; in every season.

Save the Date:

All Church Canoe Float Sunday, June 30th



To: The Women of First Christian Church and Friends who would like to Honor them

Spring is almost here and at this time the Christian Women's Fellowship Board begins planning the 2019-2020 budget. We begin with what we call a 'Silent Bazaar.' ***Silent because we are not asking anyone to make, buy, or sell anything-how easy is that! Just this letter asking for your monetary donations.***



There are two major fund raisers that help support our many worthwhile projects: the Election Day Luncheon in the Fall and the Silent Bazaar around the coming of Spring. These make up the majority of our budget and we also receive some donations from CWF group offerings.

Who do we donate the money to?

It is divided, as equally as possible, between donations to these three areas:

- 1) **Church projects:** FCC Youth Projects, FCC Vacation Bible School, Youth Mission Trips, Woodhaven, Disciples Mission Fund and the Shawl Ministry.
- 2) **Local Women's/Children's Charities:** Coyote Hill, United Cerebral Palsy Hartland Day Center, May Lee Johnston Community Center, Nora Stewart Early Learning Center, True North, Youth Enrichment, Assistance League and Columbia Area Older Adults Ministry.
- 3) **CWF Activities & Events:** Election Day Luncheon, Fall Women's Dinner, Christmas Women's Brunch, Spring Garden Tour and Luncheon, Speaker Honorariums, Study Materials, Yearbooks, Supplies, Postage and other miscellaneous as needed.

With some additional monies given in the past few years, we have also been able to support Room at the Inn, Welcome Home Veterans, and the Woodhaven Capital Campaign. Praise be to God!

Please give prayerful thought and consideration when giving your donation so we can join together in fulfilling the mission of our church and in honoring Christian Women's Fellowship!



Please make checks payable to **First Christian Church** and note **CWF** in the memo and if cash, place in an envelope marked CWF. Return to the church office or place in the offering plate by April 21st so we can complete the 2019-2020 budget.

Thank you!

Blessings to all,

Susan Gray and Janelle Patterson,
CWF Co-Presidents 2018-2019

SERVING SCHEDULE SUNDAY, MARCH 17

Bus Driver: Kim Leon **Office Recept.:** Janelle Patterson
Welcome Station: Pat Rybolt and Jeff Underwood
Flower Arranging/Delivery: Dan Backues and Lisa Zimmer

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assistants: Tom & Carol Hughey, Mary Daugherty
Elder: Jerry Daugherty
Offering Counters: Kim Reardon and Mary Daugherty

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Prep: Hunter, Wyatt and Kim Rogers
Greeters: Bud Batterson (N. Door) – Doug Smith (S. Door)
 Cindy Smith(Atrium)-Lorene Trickey (Portico)
Banner Bearers: Kaedon Wheatley and Alex Johnson
Candle Lighters: Sam Pine and Lillian McCormack
Liturgist: Joyce Stanley
Elders: Colleen Nilges, Hayley Batterson,
 Paula Hoenes (Balcony)
Deacons: The Underwood Team **Ushers:** The Rose Team
Children's Worship:
 Eric Arnett (Ldr.), Bradley Volmert (Hlpr.)
Offering Counters: Diana Provenzano and Debbie Taylor

CHURCH CALENDAR MARCH 17 - MARCH 23

Sunday, March 1 -Spring Training —> final Sunday
 -Coffee Hour Fellowship, 9:20-10:20am, Yonker Hall
 -Christian Education Classes, 9:30am
 -Visitor & New Member Q & A, 9:35-10:20am, Bethany H.
 -Student Ministry Groups
 -JYF, 4:30-6:00pm, Yonker Hall
 -CYF, 6:00-7:30pm, Bethany Hall
 -DOC, 8:30pm, Bethany Hall

Monday, March 18

-Church Office Staff Meeting, 2:00-3:00pm, Keystone Rm
 -Piano Competition, 4:00-8:00pm,
 -Open & Affirming Team Meeting, 6:00-7pm, Bethany Hall
 -Evangelism Depart. Meeting, 6:30-7:30pm, Keystone Rm

Tuesday, March 19

-Tuesday Bible Study, 10:30am-12:00pm, Morris Parlor
 -Admin. Board, Nominating Report, 6:30-7:30pm, Morris P.

Wednesday, March 20

-Mid-America Regional Meeting, Morris Parlor
 -Shawl Ministry, 9:30am, Millie Bolman's Home
 -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 Rm

Thursday, March 21

-STARS trip to Jefferson City, 9:15am, Target parking lot

SERVING SCHEDULE SUNDAY, MARCH 24

Bus Driver: Carol Slusher
Office Recept.: Linda Hutton
Welcome Station: Trish Stagg
Flower Arranging/Delivery: Jane Ann Hackett

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service

Worship Assistants: Brice and Mary Moeller, Susan Gray
Elder: Eric Seaman
Offering Counters: Doug Smith and Mary Moeller

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service

Communion Prep: Chuck & Emily Scott, Brianna Shepard
Greeters: Steve Humble (N. Door)-Jessica Humble (S. Dr)
 Pat Ritchie(Atrium)-Paul Ritchie (Portico)
Banner Bearers: Jodie Silverwood and Brady Marrero
Candle Lighters: Kenzie VonTalge and Ryley Batterson
Liturgist: Luke Stagg
Elders: Bragg Stanley, Joyce Stanley, Fred Mottaz (Balcony)
Deacons: The Hunsaker Team **Ushers:** The Scott Team
Children's Worship: Hayley Batterson (Ldr.), TBD (Hlpr.)
Offering Counters: Harlan Hackett and Sarah Storm

CHURCH CALENDAR MARCH 24- MARCH 31**Sunday, March 24**

-Congregational Meeting after each worship service
 (Nominating/Election)
 -Coffee Hour Fellowship, 9:20-10:20am, Yonker Hall
 -Christian Education Classes, 9:30am
 -Lenoir Healthcare Worship, 3:30pm
 - NO youth groups: Spring Break

Monday, March 25

-Staff Meeting, 2:00-3:00pm, Keystone Room

Tuesday, March 26

-Tuesday Bible Study, 10:30am-12:00pm, Morris Parlor
 -Drennan Group, 1:00-2:00pm, Lenoir

Wednesday, March 27

-Wednesday Bible Study, 12:05-12:55pm, Bethany Hall
 -Brummett-Harrah Group, 1:30pm, Lenoir

Thursday, March 28

-CAOAM Advisory Board, 5:30-6:30pm, Yonker Hall



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 John 15: 1-5

2019 General Assembly, July 20-24
 Des Moines, Iowa

First Christian Church welcomes members to attend the national church convention. Would you be a voting representative of FCC? Talk with Brad or Jimmy for information.

Report for March 10, 2019
Attendance: 168 (8:30 service— 38)
Total offerings: \$7,465