



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 remaining dates and films are:

March 31: Lilo & Stitch April 7: Brother Bear



Final Score:

**Disciples 33
Christians 41**

Way to go!

Worship this 3rd Sunday in the Season of Lent, March 31

We did a little switch of Sunday texts, themes and hymns between March 24th and 31st. Thus, this Sunday will see the liturgy reflect the following:

**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 responsive sharing of Psalm 32.

LENT

preparing with paul

Easter Egg Hunt
Help Us Fill Eggs!
Pick up: this Sun., Mar. 31
Return: Sun., April 7th
Please fill your eggs with small stickers, toys, coins or nut-free pre-packed candy. (The less chocolate to melt the better.)
NO Jelly Beans, please.
Join us for the hunt!
Sun., April 14th, 3:00pm
The Rogers' Lawn
1400 Business Loop 70 East





Bit from Brad

Tuesday, March 19, the Admin Board met. These are highlights of the meeting, not minutes.

The Administrative Dept. reported on staff changes. FCC hired two new music staff, Travis MacFarlane as the 8:30 Musician & Matthew

Felts as the Director of Choirs. FCC hired Laura Shirey as Interim Office Manager. Laura works part time (M-W, 8-5 and Th-F 5-9). A Search Committee for a permanent Office Manager will commence soon.

The Board approved a contract proposed by the Property Dept. for termite protection with Demming.

Property reported on the two remaining Tier One Capital Campaign projects. 1) The Balcony Railing is completed and paid off. 2) The stairwell handrails are in the manufacturing phase.

A significant amount of attention was devoted to Tier Two Capital Campaign projects and moving forward.

- Property presented an itemized timeline to complete all Tier Two projects by mid-fall 2019, it was approved unanimously.

- The Treasurer reported the Permanent Fund Trustees and the Stewardship & Finance Department unanimously recommended that the Board reactivate the church's Line of Credit (\$500,000 at 5.25%) with Wells Fargo to finance the Tier Two projects while the pledges come in over the next three years, much in the same manner as was done with the Tier One projects. The motion to reactivate the Line of Credit was approved unanimously.

- With the timeline and financing approved, Property proposed a contract with SOA (Simon & Oswald Architects) to draw up architectural and engineering plans for the plumbing work at a cost approx., \$23,000. The motion was approved unanimously.

Rev. Jimmy Spear's Sabbatical Plans were shared and approved.

The Board also discussed at length the motion to return to the ONE Worship Service for the Summer of 2019 (as occurred last summer), where both services consolidate to one worship time at 9:30am beginning Memorial Day Weekend Sunday (5/26) through Labor Day Sunday (9/1). Much discussion surrounded what the style of the ONE Service as last year it was identical to the 10:30. The decision about style was put off til later, when I volunteered to manage that component. A motion to have ONE Service at 9:30am from 5/26 through 9/1 was approved with one dissenting vote.

The Nominating Committee brought forth its slate. The motion passed unanimously. Of historical note, and as I spent significant time discussing in last Sunday's sermon, this Nominating slate is important in the life of our congregation. In nominating James Taylor as a new deacon, FCC authorizes, for the first time in our 187 year history, an African American to serve as a deacon. While in no way does this solve the matter of racial reconciliation in our community, it certainly is an important milestone along the way, and I thank Debbie and James Taylor for their courage, faith, and hope in our congregation and the church of Jesus Christ.

Blessings, Brad

News of People & Places



Millie Reflects on her 100th

I simply have not found words that could tell you how I have enjoyed every thing that has been said or done for me. I am still on Cloud 9. Thank you. Love ya.

~ Millie Bolman

Prayers of our people: Recently out of the hospital, **Ray Lansford** is at Lenoir REACH, **Tommie Ross** is at Rusk. **Gene Kirkham** is at home from a short hospital stay and getting back to normal after a minor stroke. **Brad Beary** has been recently diagnosed with Lymphoma. **Sue Moon Smith** had a successful hip surgery but we have also learned **Betty Moon** recently took a fall, fracturing her pelvis. Prayers extended to all.

Reminder: A Celebration of Life Service will be held at church for **Rev. Muriel Leach** on Saturday, April 6th at 11:00am.

Don't Forget:



The Christian Women's Fellowship Silent Bazaar. Funds will go toward church projects, women's/ children's charities, and CWF activities/events. 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!

Church Property Work Day, 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 dmanderson@mchsi.com or call him at 573-424-4858. Volunteers are reminded to bring sunscreen, gloves, water & favorite gardening tools.



Join STARS in 2019

The STARS, 55+ fellowship 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. We strive to keep STARS trips economical while also getting out of Columbia to see things of quality.

April 25 – Excelsior Springs & Lawson Missouri

RSVP— "stars Apr" on the pew pad or in the office

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

Charitable Giving Strategies Workshop - April 14

Want to learn ways to be more effective in your charitable giving? We will cover different strategies that might be able to help you reach your charitable giving objectives in a way that could save you additional taxes. There are different strategies that can help you at any age. If interested, plan to attend the Charitable Giving Strategies Workshop on Sunday, April 14 at 9:30am in Bethany Hall, presented by Joe Reardon. This 30-45 minute workshop includes time for your questions. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to attend "Charitable Giving" in the church office or in the Sunday pew pads.

Spear Sabbatical 2019

How time flies when you are having fun. That is not a direct quote, but the general feeling Rev. Jimmy Spear recently shared as he received approval for a sabbatical in 2019. His last time off was in 2014 and is due every five years. This year's sabbatical will be divided up in the following ways as Rev. Spear wants to ensure the continuous programs for youth in summer and fall as they are currently set: May 2-17 (2 weeks), May 24-June 28 (5 weeks), August 11- Sept 7 (4 weeks) = 11 weeks/12 Sundays (He will attend General Assembly in July—the 12th week). Summary: May-3 weeks, all of June and August.

This schedule will allow for uninterrupted youth meetings and for camps and mission trips to proceed as planned. (Student groups end at the end of April as usual. Camps and trips will be in July/August as planned. Student groups will start September 8 as usual.)



Palm Sunday - April 14

Downtown Blessing of Palms at 10:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday - April 18

*Holy Communion & Service of Tenebrae
6:30 p.m.*

Easter Celebration of the Resurrection April 21

Two Services with Brass

New Elected Officers for 2019-2020

SERVICE BOARDS

New Elders

Larry Dietzel
Debbie Garton
Dan Gieseke
Kim Leon
Steve Smith
Christy Von Talge

New Deacons

Bryan Freed
James Taylor
Lisa Zimmer

Freshmen Junior Deacons

Jack Bower
Elizabeth Martin
Ella Rogers
Lena Schaefer
Ryley Silverwood
Carleigh Snow
Annie Stagg

EMERITUS & HONORARY

Honorary Deacon

Laura Crane

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Bragg Stanley

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Ryan Hunsaker
Steve McCormack
Dave Nichols
David Potthast
Kurt Schaefer
Dan Tevis

Chair of Elders

Fred Mottaz

Chair of Deacons

Amy LaHue

Trustee

Holly Gieseke

CALENDAR—SPRING 2019

Mar. 31: CYF only
Apr. 7: Chi-Rho & CYF
Apr. 14: Chi-Rho lunch and then
hiding Easter Eggs till 2:30pm
JYF: Easter Egg Hunt at 3pm
CYF: usual time

SUMMER SIGN UP is underway. Parents check your email and get it done!

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



Report for March 17, 2019

Attendance: 186 (8:30 service— 35) Total offerings: \$5,976

Report for March 24, 2019

Attendance: 173 (8:30 service— 44) Total offerings: \$4,940

April 1 - Josh Provenzano

April 2 - Elizabeth Restrepo

April 3 - Eric Arnett, Karen Poe,

Paul Ritchie (94 Years Old!)

April 4 - Laura DeVenney, Carol Thomas

April 5 - Jennifer Gwinner





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SERVING SCHEDULE SUNDAY, MARCH 31

Bus Driver: Eric Seaman
Office Recept.: Jeff Wheeland
Welcome Station: Jennifer Alexander
Flower Arranging/Delivery: Will and Donna Houston

Servers for 8:30 Worship Service
Worship Assistants: Bob and Linda Hutton, Carol Hughey
Elder: Susan Gray
Offering Counters: Mary Moeller and Sarah Storm

Servers for 10:30 Worship Service
Communion Prep: Julia LaHue, Steve and Sharon Smith
Greeters: Susan Klockow (N. Door) – Bonnie Fay (S. Door)
 Jerry Miller (Atrium) – Kathy Miller (Portico)
Banner Bearers: Paige Freed and Ava Martin
Candle Lighters: Ann Volmert and Aubrey Schomaker
Liturgist: Diana Provenzano
Elders: Bill and Sonia Carney, Pam Hoepfner (Balcony)
Deacons: The Garton Team **Ushers:** The Rose Team
Children's Worship:
 Cindy Rose (Ldr.), Stacy Silverwood (Hlpr.)
Offering Counters: Cindy Smith and Sarah Storm

CHURCH CALENDAR MARCH 31 - APRIL 6

Sunday, March 31

- Coffee Hour Fellowship, 9:20-10:20am, Yonker Hall
- Christian Education Classes, 9:30am
- Student Ministry Groups:
 - CYF, 6:00-7:30pm, Bethany Hall
 - DOC, 8:30pm, Bethany Hall

Monday, April 1

- Church Office Staff Meeting, 2:00-3:00pm, Keystone Rm
- Coffman-Watson Group, 7:00-8:00pm

Tuesday, April 2

- Tuesday Bible Study, 10:30am-12:00pm, Keystone Room

Wednesday, April 3

- Wednesday Bible Study, 12:05-12:55pm, Bethany Hall
- World Outreach Dept. Mt, 5:00-6:30pm, Keystone Rm
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30-6:30pm, Choir Room
- Baptism & Discipleship Class, 6:30-8:00pm, Keystone Rm

Thursday, April 4

- Children's Education Dept. Mtg., 6:30pm, Yonker Hall

Friday, April 5

- Church Dine-Out, 5:30pm, Bob Evans

Saturday, April 6

- Muriel Leach Memorial Service, 11:00am, Sanctuary