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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) VISITOR

Our mission: to know God and follow Jesus Christ



HOLY WEEK



Palm Sunday — April 14

Join us Palm Sunday for the triumphant joy shared in the news of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. Rev. Jimmy Spear's sermon, "Oh the Triumph!" will reflect upon the news of Jesus' fulfillment of scripture as he is cheered by the palm-waving crowd.

Downtown Blessing of Palms - Parade at 10:20

Members of our congregation are invited to join the other downtown congregations in the Ecumenical Blessing of the Palms Service on Palm Sunday morning. We will gather in the Narthex to get orders of worship and palm branches at 10:20 and then process together out through the Bell Tower entrance, west on Walnut and down 9th Street to Broadway for the 10:30 service. Bring a friend and join us for this event which is a witness to the unity in Christ shared with our brothers and sisters from other churches! If you don't join the Downtown Blessing of Palms, join us in the Sanctuary at 10:30 for a hymn sing prior to a late start of worship.

Maundy Thursday — April 18

Holy Communion & Service of Tenebrae

6:30 p.m.

Childcare (up to 5 yrs) available.

Easter Celebration of the Resurrection — Sunday, April 21

Come celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ at one of our two services at either 8:30am or 10:30am. Both services will feature music by the Chancel Choir and special music of the brass quartet. Childcare is offered all morning in the nursery for children up to age 5.

*Please note – NO SUNDAY SCHOOL classes this day.

Charitable Giving Strategies Workshop - April 14th

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.

Friday Night Classics!

3rd Floor
Cinema
Friday, April 12,
7:00pm



Easter Egg Hunt

Sun., April 14th, 3:00pm

The Rogers' Lawn

1400 Business Loop 70 East

Ages: pre-K to 5th grade

Rain location: Church



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Serving Opportunity

It's our turn to serve at **Loaves and Fishes** on Monday, April 22. The CYF will cook on Friday, April 19. Our college group, DOC, will serve the food, but we still need more volunteers to help as well on Monday evening 4:30-6:30pm. That's where you come in! If you'd like to help serve, help with the dishes and clean up, etc. please contact Elizabeth Mottaz for further details.

News of People & Places



Notes of Gratitude...

We send heartfelt gratitude for the outpouring of concern and support from our First Christian family following the death of Linda's father, **Duane Sublett**. Too many to list made time to call, send cards, visit and/or attend the funeral. It was incredibly touching! The arboricola plant is most lovely. Thanks to Jimmy for a truly wonderful service!

Sincerely, **Linda and Bob Hutton**

Micki and I are grateful for all the calls, texts, messages, cards, and visits following my recent stroke. We are especially thankful to Larry Veatch and Jimmy for their hospital visits and prayers and also to Cliff and Mary Tompson for their visits, meals, and constant support. The beautiful flowers brought by Ben and Beth Nelms, Marion and Sarah Storm, Larry and Peggy Veatch, and Jane Ann Hackett and Susan Klockow were also comforting. Thank you all for your outpouring of love and care.

~**Gene Kirkham**

As we pray for Brad Beary...

I started my Chemo treatments Friday April 5, 1 of 6 on road to recovery. It went well. I seemed to tolerate the infusions quite well. No side effects during or after. Today, I'm pretty tired and some nausea but not bad. Please let everyone know I greatly appreciate the support, cards and prayers. Know the prayers are working, I'm not anxious or worried- I know that GOD has taken on my yoke and is going to get me thru this just fine. Love to everyone.

Thank You, **Brad Beary**

Other News...

Communion Connection will take place on Sunday, April 28. Elders and deacons will be commissioned to go out and share communion with our folks in homes and centers. The Elder leaders work from a list, but if there are others you know could use Communion Connection please call Fred Mottaz, Elder Chairperson in the church office.

It is Scholarship Season — the **annual application for church scholarships** is now in motion. Current seniors and any students that Jimmy Spear has email addresses for will be sent the form. If you or your undergraduate church member student would like to apply please email the church office for the application form or pick one up in the office. Deadline for applications is Monday, May 13.

No Sunday School on Easter and over summer: There will not be classes on Easter morning for adults or children/youth. Classes will resume on April 28 and continue until May 19. Sunday School will be on summer break from May 26 through September 1.

Upcoming...

The sacrament of **Baptism** will take place on Easter Sunday in the 10:30am worship service. **Recognition of High School Seniors & Sunday School teachers/leaders** will take place on Sunday, May 19 in the 10:30am worship service.



Capital Campaign Progress



Sanctuary Plaster

Plasterers from Imhoff have begun repairing the plaster directly above the chancel area. The scaffolding will be set up and taken down each week so as not to interfere with worship services. Hopefully all sanctuary plaster and touchup painting will be completed in the next two to three weeks.

Morris Parlor Closed

Most of the wall repair has been completed. The ceilings of Morris will have to be tended, which were not part of the original scope of work. It appears that at least three of the five ceiling bays will require significant repairs. Fortunately, the overages raised will easily cover these additional costs. We are especially thankful no one was injured when a large 7 ft. by 3 ft. piece of plaster fell from the ceiling last week. The Keystone/Library has been expanded and set up for bible study groups and meetings.

Library & Keystone Room Work To Commence

As work in Morris Parlor continues, the plaster crew will begin work in the Library and Keystone rooms to repair the plaster work required on those walls.

Gathered to Celebrate the Life of Muriel Leach

It was good to have old friends — the kids who grew together at FCC years ago — gather among many others to celebrate the life of Muriel Leach. Pictured are Mary Rogers, Patricia Richie, Corel and Kirsten Leach and Luann Langley.





New Weekly Men's Bible Study

Heads up, men! The *FCC Brotherhood of Men* is launching a weekly men's bible study on Saturdays at 7:00am in Bethany Hall. It will begin on May 4 and run for six weeks. The initial topic will be "Masculinity: Will the Real Jesus Stand Up?" Each session will conclude by 8:00 am. Coffee will be waiting.

Join STARS in 2019



The April trip is filling up. Three spots left!

Join us *April 25* for a day excursion to **Excelsior Springs & Lawson Missouri**. The day will include touring the famous Hall of Waters recently showcased on the PBS show "Missouri Life." We always find good local lunch along with other shops and stops of interest.

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

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

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

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 this 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.

Adult Class Book Study

April 28 — May 19, 9:30am
Keystone Room on 2nd floor

Sarah Read will be leading a book study for adults focusing on the New York Times Bestselling book, "What Is the Bible?" by Rob Bell. If you are interested in participating, please sign up in class this week or let Sarah or Jimmy know by April 22 so they can provide the necessary number of books.

New York Times Bestseller

What Is the Bible?

How an Ancient Library of Poems, Letters, and Stories Can Transform the Way You Think and Feel About Everything

Rob Bell

New York Times Bestselling Author of Love Wins

ORDER YOUR Easter lily TODAY



Easter lilies will be ordered through the church's Ministry of Flowers. If you would like to furnish a lily for Easter Sunday, fill out the form found in the Sunday bulletin and return it to the church office with \$7.00 for each lily **no later than Tuesday, April 16.**

CALENDAR—SPRING 2019

Apr. 14: Chi-Rho: 12:00, lunch, then hiding Easter Eggs till 2:30pm
JYF: Easter Egg Hunt at 3:00pm
CYF: usual time
Apr 21: Easter—no mtgs
Apr. 28: Chi-Rho & CYF
(last meetings of the sch. year)

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

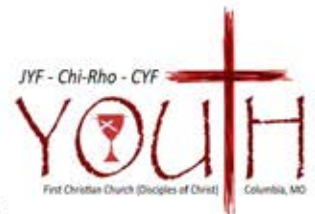
SUMMER CAMP SIGN UP:

DEADLINE IS THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 14.

TALK TO JIMMY IF YOU NEED TIME

EXTENSION. Checks payable to the church also due.

Additionally, last call on mission trip sign-up.



VBS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 9-13

**MORE INFORMATION TO COME.
SAVE THE DATES!**

April 15 - Kate Volmert

April 16 - Brock Mottaz, Emily Scott

April 17 - William Green Jr., Joshua Humble, Deborah Scott

April 18 - Betty Montgomery

April 21 - Elizabeth Flanders





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SERVING SCHEDULE SUNDAY, APRIL 14

Bus Driver: Dan Gieseke
Office Receptionist: Kim Leon
Welcome Station: Chris Creasey and Valerie Freed
Flower Arranging/Delivery: Bob and Linda Hutton
Servers for 8:30 Worship Service
Worship Assistants: Donna and Will Houston, Carol Hughey
Elder: Cherry Hinderberger
Offering Counters: Doug Smith and Mary Moeller
Servers for 10:30 Worship Service
Communion Prep: Royce and Suzy Palmer, Eli Gaffney
Greeters: Judy Longaker (N. Door) – Ron Longaker (S. Door)
 Jane Anne Hackett (Atrium) – Joyce Stanley (Portico)
Banner Bearers: Lillian McCormack and Jodie Silverwood
Candle Lighters: Brady Marrero and Kenzie Von Talge
Liturgist: Harlan Hackett
Elders: David and Sarah Read, Bragg Stanley (Balcony)
Deacons: The Beary Team **Ushers:** The Burnam Team
Children's Worship:
 Cindy Rose (Ldr.), TBD (Hlpr.)
Offering Counters: Jerry Miller and Diana Provenzano

CHURCH CALENDAR APRIL 14 - APRIL 21

<p>Sunday, April 14 Palm Sunday -Coffee Hour Fellowship, 9:20-10:20am, Yonker Hall -Christian Education, 9:30am -Stewardship & Finance Workshop: Charitable Giving, 11:45am-12:45pm, Yonker Hall -Easter Egg Hunt, 3:00pm, Rogers' Lawn (see cover) -Student Ministry Groups: -Chi-Rho, 12-2:30pm, Lunch & Hide Eggs -CYF, 6-7:30pm, Bethany Hall -DOC, 8:30pm, Bethany Hall</p> <p>Monday, April 15 -Church Office Staff Meeting, 2:00-3:00pm, Keystone Rm -Evangelism Department Meeting, 6:30-7:30pm, Keystone</p>	<p>Tuesday, April 16 -Tuesday Bible Study, 10:30am-12:00pm, Keystone Rm -Cabinet Meeting, 6:30-7:30pm, Keystone Rm</p> <p>Wednesday, April 17 -Shawl Ministry, 9:30am, Millie Bolman's House -Wednesday Bible Study, 12:05-12:55pm, Keystone Rm -CWF Board Meeting, 5:00-6:00pm, Yonker Hall -Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30-6:30pm, Choir Rm</p> <p>Thursday, April 18 -Maundy Thursday Worship of Communion and Tenebrae, 6:30pm</p> <p>Sunday, April 21 Easter Services w/Brass Quartet Sacrament of Baptism</p>
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Report for April 7, 2019

Attendance: 177 (8:30 service- 33) Total offerings: \$11,449