



Our mission: to know God and follow Jesus Christ

Worship this 5th Sunday in the Season of Lent, April 7th

In the season of spiritual preparation and reflection, there is a need for hope. The anticipation of a new day, a relief that is connected to forgiveness and mercy is a strong spiritual movement. This Sunday, our text of Philippians 3:4b-14 helps us prepare for the good news of Easter with anticipating hope. Join us.

The hymn of Invitation will include new words to us from a most creative hymn *Your Words to Me Are Life and Health*.

Vs. 1 "Your words to me are life and health;
pour strength into my soul; enable,
guide, and teach my heart to reach
its perfect goal!" - plus much more!
Don't worry the tune is the easy and
familiar WINCHESTER OLD.

Other hymns for the day will include: *Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*; and *A Hymn of Joy We Sing*.

LENT

preparing with paul

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.

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.

Easter Egg Hunt

Fill Eggs!

**Return filled eggs
this 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





HOLY WEEK

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

Capital Campaign Progress

Morris Parlor, Library & Keystone

Work has begun in these rooms with new electrical wiring, steam radiator removal, plaster repair, and system/décor planning. Paint, carpet, and lighting are being selected. The plaster repair will also move to the Sanctuary ceiling in coming week(s).

Restrooms Renewal

The four restrooms on the two hallways of the Lemmon building will get a complete rework for accessibility and systems that function. Plans with engineers are being created for the best use of the space. New toilets! New toilets are coming!

Volunteers Help and Save \$

Getting the old radiators out of the rooms and hallways to be renovated on the 2nd floor was made possible by a valiant crew led by Bob Hutton.

(pictured here yanking a pipe through concrete. Yes, Bob is strong.) Perry Stemmons, Mike Randerson, and Will Houston spent many hours hauling them to the dumpster — quick work of the hard work. Mary Daugherty helped with the clean up. Thanks!



More to come!



News of People & Places



Sympathy is extended...

Linda Hutton's father Duane Sublett, 92, died Monday, April 1 in Jefferson City. Rev. Spear conducted a service at Memorial Funeral Home on Friday, April 5.

Tu Le passed away in Phoenix, AZ, on March 21, 2019. Tu, his wife, Phung, and children Hoa, Mai, Tien and Phuc, were relocated in 1980 from Viet Nam to Columbia by First Christian Church. The children all graduated from high school in Columbia and three graduated from MU. The Le children live in TX, IN, MI and CA. Former FCC member, **Judy Cunningham**, has maintained contact with the family and reports that they continue to be very grateful to FCC for all that the church had done for them.



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

The Garage Sale Report

We made the mission money! Proceeds from the sale of items was approximately \$4,500. An additional very generous donation was given in memory of Tommy Gay Evans, by daughter Diana to a cause important to TGE. With over \$6,000 we are fully funding the summer and winter mission experiences for our student groups.

THANKS to all who donated such quality items that made good sales and to all those who helped each step of the week's journey. Indeed, we have the garage sale process down! The sale was ahead of schedule the entire week of preparation due to good volunteer groups each day. The room was over filled and sold well. We have spent the last two weeks trying to secure places to take the large amount of excess. There was so much left.

I would like to list all those who helped and especially those who came to help over and over again throughout the week. They know who they are and that they made all the difference. Having Colleen, Donaleigh, and Mary show up to just help with clean up was wonderful. They brought the crew, on for days, have much needed help at the finish. —> con't next column

I Cried Wolf Too Many Times. Here is the deal: it should be different. There needed to be a fuller participation from the church, the youth, and parents: while many helped, some didn't help enough, some never helped. Some walked out and left others to finish. I work in a *"we are in it together till it is done"* model for work projects and fundraisers. As there is no way to enforce such a model, it doesn't happen. As your pastor, I should not work in such a dynamic. If folks drop off dirty trash for us to deal with, don't help, leave me and others holding the bag to finish — it is hard to effectively be your pastor at other times. I cannot be your pastor while nickel-diming over prices and deals, reasons for skipping out, pre-sales and cleaning up the never ending pile of trash. These dynamics are not good for our pastoral relationship.

The Student Ministry Department took on the sale with great interest but the reality is this: they are all full time workers with full time family commitments. They do not have the time needed to pull off such a week — hence my full time involvement in the sale in recent years. The garage sale needs to be as it was, in the hands of church members who love doing it and who have the time to spend weeks and days making it happen. But I send a warning: it will wear one or two people out. Completely. Don't do that. It must be a large team.

Apparently I have said before I will not be involved in a garage sale ever again. I guess I "cried wolf" a few too many times. I am serious this time. Let me be clear here as I was with the Cabinet last month. I will not be involved in a garage sale again. Furthermore, it should not be a "Jimmy does/doesn't want to do the sale" question. It is a church decision about funding and program. For me, the loss of work time in the critical month of March makes our Lent and Easter uneventful, and puts us behind on pastoral care and summer program planning. Plus I lose a week after the sale just recovering from the sinus infection caused by the G-S dust and lack of sleep. That is all bad stewardship. We cannot afford that again.

Well friends, that is the story: A success this year, big thanks to so many and a future story that will be different.

~Jimmy Spear

Echoes of the Gospels: In

Adult Class, Sunday morning, 9:30am

Disney films are very popular among children but they have lessons for adults too. Join us for the final film in this series as we watch films and discuss the religious themes in them. Rev. Larry Veatch facilitates the class time on Sunday mornings, 9:30am, in the Keystone Room on the 2nd floor.

This Sunday's final film will be: **Brother Bear**

Friday Night Classics!

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



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

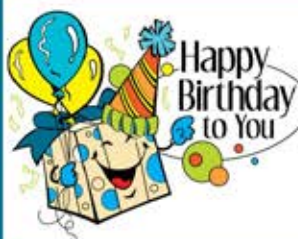
First Christian Church welcomes members to attend the national church convention. Would you be a voting representative of FCC this coming July? Now is the time to register. Talk with Brad or Jimmy for information.

CALENDAR—SPRING 2019

- 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
- Apr 21: Easter—no mtgs
- Apr. 28: Chi-Rho & CYF
(last meetings of the sch. year)

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



- April 8** - Bill Carney, Chuck Scott
- April 10** - Laura Daugherty,
Erich Unterschutz
- April 14** - Rev. Jimmy Spear



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SERVING SCHEDULE SUNDAY, APRIL 7

Bus Driver: Russ Palmer
Office Receptionist: Diana Provenzano
Welcome Station: Debbie Garton
Flower Arranging/Delivery: Jennifer Alexander and Fred Mottaz
Servers for 8:30 Worship Service
Worship Assistants: Susan Gray and Eli Gaffney
Elder: Mary Daugherty
Offering Counters: Kim Reardon and Mary Daugherty
Servers for 10:30 Worship Service
Communion Prep: Kim Leon, Kim Rogers
Greeters: Frances Brown (N. Door) – Dan Backues (S. Door) Lisa Zimmer (Atrium) – Chuck Scott (Portico)
Banner Bearers: Gabe Palmer and Kaedon Wheatley
Candle Lighters: Alex Johnson and Sam Pine
Liturgist: Elizabeth Mottaz
Elders: Tommy Tomlin and Eric Arnett, Janelle Patterson (Balcony)
Deacons: The Garton Team **Ushers:** The Rose Team
Children's Worship:
 Jessica Humble (Ldr.), TBD (Hlpr.)
Offering Counters: Deb Batterson and Debbie Taylor

CHURCH CALENDAR APRIL 7 - APRIL 13

Sunday, April 7

- Coffee Hour Fellowship, 9:20-10:20am, Yonker Hall
- Christian Education Classes, 9:30am
- Student Ministry Groups:
 - Chi-Rho, 4:30-6:00pm, Bethany Hall
 - CYF, 6:00-7:30pm, Bethany Hall
 - DOC, 8:30pm, Bethany Hall

Monday, April 8

- Church Office Staff Meeting, 2:00-3:00pm, Keystone Rm

Tuesday, April 9

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

Wednesday, April 10

- Ladies' Book Club, 12:00pm, Bethany Hall
- Wednesday Bible Study, 12:05-12:55pm, Keystone Rm
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30-6:30pm, Choir Rm

Friday, April 12

- Friday Night Classics "Roman Holiday", 7:00pm, Cinema

Saturday, April 13

- Church Property Work Day, 8:00am-12:00pm

Report for March 31, 2019

Attendance: 165 (8:30 service– 44) Total offerings: \$2,687