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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) VISITOR

Our mission: to know God and follow Jesus Christ

2019-20 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN



Apr. 28-May 19

WEEK 2: CHRIST-LIKE COMPASSION BY ELIZABETH MOTTAZ

(Elizabeth Mottaz shared the following stewardship reflection last Sunday for the annual stewardship campaign.)

When I was asked to speak today I was a little nervous that I wouldn't be able to find the right words to share with you during this moment of stewardship, but then, when I realized that I was speaking about compassion, the words came to me.

Compassion is one of my "why's" for being a member of First Christian Church. A few years ago, I was asked to join the Church in Society committee, and I agreed, but I was afraid of the commitment that it would take on my hectic life of being a mom and a teacher. However, as I started to become more involved with Loaves and Fishes (a volunteer organization that serves dinner to the homeless or low-

income families) I realized that this type of work was important for me to be a part of.

As I was looking through the insert in the bulletin, a sentence resonated with me. "Our compassion for people who are spiritually lost should also extend to those who need food, shelter, or bandages for wounds." The Church in Society committee that we have at First Christian Church shows this type of compassion! Whether compassion is shown through serving food or coffee, collecting and distributing warm clothes, donating presents to low-income families at Christmas, or providing financial donations to other organizations in Columbia that also supports our vision of humanity—our church is a place where compassion lives in the hearts of its members.

Compassion is just one of my "why's" for being a member of First Christian Church. I want to leave you with this quote, "Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them, humanity cannot survive."

NEXT SUNDAY: CHRIST-LED COURAGE BY JAMES AND DEBBIE TAYLOR

The Congregation will receive by mail an invitation to give, pledge card and information update and mission survey.

Sunday, May 12 The 4th Sunday of Easter

Celebrate **Mother's Day** by bringing mom to church! She'll love you for it. We will recognize all mothers and mother-figures during the Prayers of the People and the Pastoral Prayer during both services. Rev. Stagg's sermon, "Christ-Led Courage" comes from Psalm 23 and Revelation 7:9-17. John the Revelator promises hope to all who live sacrificial lives and keep faith in Jesus, for it shall be the Lamb of God himself who will wipe away the tears of all who endure ordeals and tribulations.

Mark Your Calendar: One Worship Service

9:30 a.m.
May 26–Sept. 1

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News of People & Places



Many Thanks to Be Shared...

Ron and I want to thank all our friends at First Christian for the kind cards and encouraging calls after his toe amputation. Poor guy hadn't even finished his knee replacement rehab when they decided the toe on the opposite side needed to come off. Now he can't decide which side to use the cane on! Once again, Mary Bancroft sat with me the entire time he was in surgery and that was so appreciated. Truly God brought us to First Christian when we moved to Columbia and we are grateful every day for our family there.

— Ron and Judy Longaker

I want to thank everyone who helped me the day of my accident. Especially Fred Mottaz for taking me to Boone Hospital and then safely home again after, Will and Donna Houston for bringing me towels, Dr. Jill Murphy for putting the stitches in, Dr. Randy Mueller for taking the stitches out, Frances Brown for bringing me soup, and Kirsten and Corl Leach for bringing flowers from Muriel Leach's memorial service.

Sincerely, Shirley Park

What a blessing to have such wonderful ministers and friends at First Christian Church! Brad and Jimmy, thank you for the time you spent with me and my family during and after my surgery. Jane Ann and Opal, thank you for being with my family during surgery. Will and Donna, the muffins and visit at home were much appreciated. Helen and Perry, thanks so much for bringing flowers. The calls and cards have been wonderful! Again, thank you for being such a wonderful family!

- Don Mosby

Upcoming...

Graduates will be listed in a Visitor at the end of this month. If your family member is graduating beyond our current senior class please let the office know—name, institution, degree.

Scholarship applications for church scholarships will be due Monday, May 13. Please contact the church office for an application form. Completed forms need to be turned in to the office or emailed to the main church fcc@firstchristian.org

The **Mother's Day Out Pre-School** currently has openings for Fall 2019: Infants - 2 spots on Fridays; Toddlers - 2 spots (mixed). Church members and friends are welcome! (5% discount available.)

Adult Class Book Study, (April 28 — May 19) Sarah Read is leading a book study for adults focusing on the New York Times Bestselling book, "What Is the Bible?" by Rob Bell. **The class will meet in Bethany Hall.** Join them at 9:30am!

FCC Brotherhood of Men has begun their **weekly bible study** every Saturday, at 7am in Bethany Hall through June 8. The initial topic is "Masculinity: Will the Real Jesus Stand Up?" Meetings will last one hour and coffee will be included.

Bit from Brad



Graduation Invitation: Pictured here is a copy of my invitation for my Doctor of Ministry degree. While I have no expectation that any of you can make the 400 mile journey from Columbia to Chicago/Evanston, please know that you and your family are genuinely, sincerely, invited to join me, Trish, and the kids for the commencement service. Just in case you happen to be in the neighborhood!

*The Trustees, the Faculty and the Graduating Class
of*

Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary

announce that

Bradley Scott Stagg

is a candidate for the degree of

Doctor of Ministry

with a Specialization in Congregational Leadership

at the

162nd Annual Commencement

*Friday morning, May seventeenth, Two thousand nineteen
ten o'clock*

First United Methodist Church

516 Church Street - Evanston, Illinois

Thanks to the Brights: Thank you, Ed & Eva Bright for inviting the church into your home and for serving such a sumptuous lunch! Barbeque, pie, potato casserole, more pie, veggies, fruit salad, still more pie, hot dogs, venison sausage, cheese, and even yet more pie! Your generosity of spirit reflects the love of true Christian fellowship. On behalf of all of us, thank you so much!

Department Budget Deadline, May 19: Just a reminder to all department and service board chairs, your 2019-20 budgets are due to the Church Office by Sunday, May 19. Thanks!

Tier 2 Capital Projects Update: The plaster work in Morris Parlor, the Library, Keystone classroom and Sanctuary Balcony are now complete. This means Library and Keystone are once again available for use. Next step for Morris Parlor: picking out paint, carpet and lighting.
~Blessings, Brad

Summer Means Double Issues of Visitor!

Seeing as the summer months are quickly approaching we will be publishing double issues of the Visitor, meaning there will be a **newsletter coming out two times a month**. Take note of the following publication dates so you know if/when you need to submit anything you would like to have published over the summer ahead of time.

May 24, June 7, June 21, July 5, July 19, Aug. 2, Aug 16.

Thanks!

— Your Humble Visitor Publication Team

Pancake Breakfast



A Men's Ministry FUNDRAISER for
the FCC Scholarship Fund
(donations welcomed)

Sunday, June 2 at 10:30am

Yonker Fellowship Hall menu: Pancakes, Sausage
Juice/Coffee



Mark your calendars now! Vacation Bible School is set for
June 9 – 13 from 5:30–8:00p.m. Please join us as we journey
To Mars and Beyond!

As you know, VBS takes a TREMENDOUS amount of volunteers
to make it a great week for the kids. Please call me at 583-808
-6394 or e-mail me at humblejess@aol.com to volunteer.

The following positions are needed:

- Preschool Crew Leaders — Elementary Crew Leaders
- Kitchen Helpers — Dessert Bakers
- Registration Helpers — Decoration Helpers

Thank you so much for your participation! -- Jessica Humble

Breakfast for Our Brethren

Every Saturday in May
Yonker Fellowship Hall



FCC serves Breakfast for Our Brethren
every Saturday morning in May. We
need your help either by serving break-
fast or donating food. Please stop by the
table in the narthex this Sunday, to sign up. Sign up sheets will
also be in the church office now through May 24. We need
YOU to make these breakfasts a success! Any questions, con-
tact Elizabeth Mottaz (refer to your directory for contact info.)

STARS

...the 55+ Fellowship Group

The next STARS trip is approaching - **May 23**. The group is
heading to **St. Louis: Jefferson Barracks, Glass Blowing,**
and will have lunch at **Blueberry Hill**. RSVP— "stars May" on
the pew pad or in the office. Spots are filling up!

Upcoming Trips for 2019...

- July 11 -- **Movie Day with Lunch, FCC Cinema**
- August 15— **Midway Antique Mall, lunch at The Park**
- September (Date TBD) – **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
Lyceum Theater, Arrow Rock: Cinderella**



All Church Canoe Float Trip

Sunday, June 30th

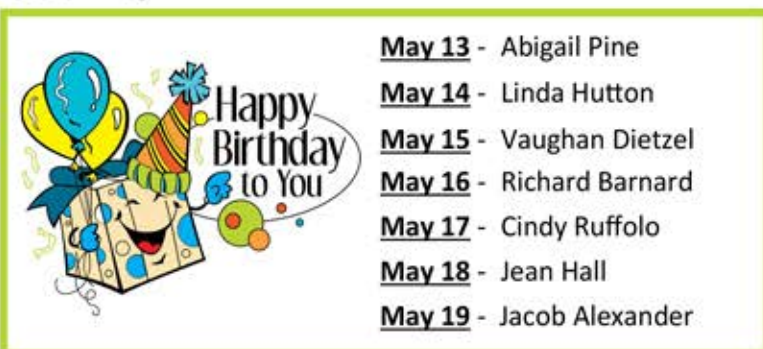
Float the Current River down at Shan-
nondale with friends from church. All
ages welcome. Children and youth
must be accompanied by an adult.
Please RSVP interest to Pat Rybolt at
pat@musicsuite.net.



Don and Brenda Mosby:

56 Years of marriage
on May 12th!

Congratulations!



- May 13** - Abigail Pine
- May 14** - Linda Hutton
- May 15** - Vaughan Dietzel
- May 16** - Richard Barnard
- May 17** - Cindy Ruffolo
- May 18** - Jean Hall
- May 19** - Jacob Alexander



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| SERVING SCHEDULE SUNDAY, MAY 12 | CHURCH CALENDAR MAY 12 - MAY 18 |
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| <p>Bus Driver: Dan Gieseke Office Receptionist: Carol Slusher Welcome Station: Chris Creasy and Valerie Freed Flower Arranging/Delivery: Chris Creasy</p> <p><u>Servers for 8:30 Worship Service</u></p> <p>Worship Assistants: Will and Donna Houston, Susan Gray Elder: Pat Rybolt Offering Counters: Mary Daugherty and Kim Reardon</p> <p><u>Servers for 10:30 Worship Service</u></p> <p>Communion Prep: Trish and Luke Stagg, Pat Wright Greeters: Fred Mottaz (N. Door) – Mary Jane Anderson (S. Door) Peggy Veatch (Atrium) – Larry Veatch (Portico) Banner Bearers: Kenzie von Talge and Ryley Batterson Candle Lighters: Paige Freed and Ava Martin Liturgist: Harlan Hackett Elders: Julie and John Hickey – Jeff Underwood, Balcony Deacons: The Beary Team Ushers: The Burnam Team Childrens Worship: Cindy Rose (Ldr.) TBD (Hlpr.) Offering Counters: Harlan Hackett and Janelle Patterson</p> | <p><u>Sunday, May 12</u> Mother's Day -Coffee Hour Fellowship, 9:20-10:20am, Yonker Hall -Christian Education Classes, 9:30am -Student Ministry Groups: -DOC, 8:30pm, Bethany Hall</p> <p><u>Monday, May 13</u> -Church Office Staff Meeting, 2:00-3:00pm, Keystone Room -Scholarship Application Deadline</p> <p><u>Tuesday, May 14</u> -Tuesday Bible Study, 10:30-11:30am, Keystone Room</p> <p><u>Wednesday, May 15</u> -Shawl Ministry, 9:30am, Millie Bolman's House -Wednesday Bible Study, 12:00-12:55pm, Bethany Hall -CWF Board Meeting, 5:00-6:00pm, Yonker Hall -Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30-6:30pm, Choir Room</p> <p><u>Friday, May 17</u> -Dr. Brad Stagg's Commencement!, 10:00am, Chicago, IL</p> <p><u>Saturday, May 18</u> -Men's Bible Study, 7:00-8:00am, Bethany Hall -Breakfast for the Brethren, 7:00-10:00am, Yonker Hall</p> |

Report for May 5, 2019

Attendance: 167 (8:30 service– 30) Total offerings: \$9,078.84