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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)  
**VISITOR**

Our mission: to know God and follow Jesus Christ

**Starting This Sunday!**  
**One Worship Service**

**9:30 a.m.**  
**May 26–Sept. 1**

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

**DEADLINE FOR**  
**NEXT EDITION:**  
**MON., JUNE 3**

**Pancake Breakfast**



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

**Sunday, June 2 at 10:30am**  
 (following 9:30am worship)

**Yonker  
 Fellowship Hall**

**menu: Pancakes, Sausage  
 Juice/Coffee**

The church office will  
 be **CLOSED**  
 in honor of  
 Memorial Day, on  
 Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.



**Inside this issue:**  
 A listing of this year's gradu-  
 ates, a final word on the an-  
 nual stewardship campaign,  
 serving schedules for the next  
 two weeks and much more!

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# News of People & Places



## Prayers of Wellness and Healing...

Carol Slusher had a heart ablation procedure on Thur., May 23rd. Larry Veatch is home from the hospital recovering from flu-like symptoms he experienced last week.

## Prayers of Sympathy...

Mary Richardson, 100, died at home on May 20. Mary is the mother of Anne (Jim) Campbell. Mary came to Columbia some 25 years ago in late retirement. She was active in the church, a member of the Coffman-Watson CWF group, and was the primary proof reader for each week's Visitor news-letter (she even edited it last week!) for well over 20 years. Mary, along with Edith Taylor, were the church librarians for many years. Services are pending for a later date.

## Upcoming...

The final Men's weekly bible study of May is this Saturday, at 7:00am in Bethany Hall. Coffee will be served!



Mark your calendars! **Vacation Bible School is coming!** Please join us as we journey *To Mars and Beyond!* Your kids and your help are needed!

As you know, VBS takes a TREMENDOUS amount of volunteers to make it a great week for the kids. Please call me at 573-808-6394 or e-mail me at [humblejess@aol.com](mailto: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!

**REGISTER KIDS soon! Register online at:**

**[www.tmab.cokesburyvbs.com/fccolumbia](http://www.tmab.cokesburyvbs.com/fccolumbia)**

-- Jessica Humble, VBS Director

# 2019-20 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN



## WEEK 4: CELEBRATION OF CHRIST BY C.K. HOENES

Our fourth and final topic of this year's Stewardship Campaign is the Celebration of Christ.

We often talk about the challenges of our building, operations, or membership, but rarely do we take the time to stop and tell the stories of faith that give us reason to celebrate the work of Christ in our lives and Church.

I love the story of our children, that go from accepting Christ into their lives at Baptism, to learning experiences on Mission Trips and Summer Camps, and finally to scholarships and graduation. A true celebration of Christ as they go out into the world to do great things as Disciples.

Maybe it is something as simple as the flower ministry or as important as Communion Connection, Christ is at work in us and our church and it is to be celebrated.

Our Church in Society Department does tremendous work locally through Loaves and Fishes, Breakfast for Our Brethren, the Wardrobe, and our warming station in the winter.

The World Outreach Department helps fund numerous programs outside our local community spreading our resources and support worldwide.

I would like to share my personal celebration as I watch my daughters grow in their faith and realize they are the fourth generation to be blessed by the church. The fourth generation to learn how to know God and follow Jesus Christ. Now *that* is worth celebrating.

Come, be a part of the celebration of Christ as you complete your commitment cards and interest surveys.

***If you have not already, please turn in "Interests and Information" Surveys along with "Estimate of Giving" Cards by mail or to the Church Office this week. Thanks!***

# Join Disciples for a Civil Rights Pilgrimage – Aug. 2019

Join other Mid-America/Columbia Christian Church (DOC) congregations in a pilgrimage to various historical civil rights sites in Tennessee, Alabama, and Mississippi August 8-14, 2019. The estimated cost is \$600. Additional information on the trip as well as registration forms are located on the counter in the Church Office. Contact Rev. Dr. Paul Koch, Regional Minister @ 636-221-7065 or Don Day (Broadway CC) at 573-819-7779 for more info. NOTE: RSVP deadline DEPOSIT is soon. \$50 IS DUE BY JUNE 1!

# Breakfast for Our Brethren

Every Saturday in May, Yonker Fellowship Hall

In May, FCC has been serving Breakfast for our Brethren every Saturday. A huge thank you to Colleen Nilges, Janelle Patterson, Chuck Scott, Will Houston, Fred Mottaz, Jeff Wheeland, and Harlan Hackett for their willingness to help cook and serve breakfast every Saturday. Also, thank you to all who have donated food. We could not do this without you!

Not only are we providing a hot breakfast for people in need but also an opportunity for people to get clothes and personal items that are much needed. Thank you to Mary Moeller, Jean Juba, Debbie Potthast, and Richard & Faye Binsches for manning the clothing and personal items tables. Plus, Sarah Storm for her continuous support of this ministry. If you would like to volunteer, we would love your help this **Saturday, May 25 (7-10 a.m.)** for our last breakfast! Please stop by the church office to sign up to volunteer or donate breakfast items. Any and all help is much appreciated! Any questions, contact Elizabeth Mottaz. 573-489-9887



## All Church Canoe Float Trip

Sunday, June 30th

Float the Current River down at Shannondale with friends from church. All ages welcome. Children and youth must be accompanied by an adult.

In order to reserve the necessary number of canoes and equipment, we need to hear from you if you're interested in attending!

Please RSVP interest to Pat Rybolt at [pat@musicsuite.net](mailto:pat@musicsuite.net) ASAP.



## Celebrating Rev. Dr. Brad Stagg

We are honored as a church to have our minister, Rev. Brad Stagg, receive his Doctorate from Garrett Theological Seminary. This is a big milestone in the life of Brad, his family, and our church.

To recognize the hard work he has put into this endeavor, it is traditional for congregations to present the minister with his doctoral robe. The robe is about \$500 which is our fundraising goal. The robe will be presented on June 16 in church with his parents and his family.

You may place donations in the Sunday offering envelopes with "Robe" in the memo or you can mail in your donation to the church office. A small donation from each family should help us meet our goal quickly. Thank you.



-- Genie Rogers

## Friday Night Classics!

3rd Floor  
Cinema  
Friday, May 31  
7:00pm

JAMES STEWART  
KIM NOVAK  
IN ALFRED HITCHCOCK'S  
MASTERPIECE



VERTIGO

May 27 - Bud Batterson III

May 28 - Isabella Arnett,  
Peggy Veatch

May 29 - Abigail Reardon

May 30 - Kameron Freed, Amanda Holman

May 31 - Timothy McCarty

June 3 - Sarah Hoffman, Michael Provenzano, Alan Street

June 4 - Ronald Hall, Jr.

June 5 - Joni Cupp

June 7 - Chris Creasy, Ken McCarty, Molly Ring,  
Candace Stormer

June 8 - Wyatt, Hunter, & Coleman Rogers, Richard Wells

HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY

# Worship: Sunday, May 26

## The 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Our summer One Worship schedule begins this Sunday, May 26 at 9:30. Both services convene into one large worship service for the summer so folks from both services can unite in voice, heart, and spirit to worship the Almighty God, the Lamb of God, and the Holy Spirit.

To launch this summer's One Worship, Rev. Dr. Brad Stagg will preach from Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 when all God's children draw together as One Body to worship God and the Lamb in endless praise.

The sermon is entitled, "The City of God." During the Pastoral Prayer, we will also remember all those who have fallen in service for our nation to commemorate Memorial Day. Hymns for the week are *Come, Christians, Join to Sing; For the Healing of the Nations*; and *When You Do This, Remember Me*.

# Worship: Sunday, June 2

## The 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Make plans to spend extra time at church on June 2, as the Men's Group serves up a Pancake Brunch following worship. Remember: One Worship begins at 9:30 and the Pancake Breakfast should begin around 10:45.

The Scripture passages for that day are: Psalm 97 and Acts 16:16-34. Dr. Stagg's sermon "Unfastened Chains" is based upon Paul and Silas released from prison by God. The hymns are *We Gather Together; If You Will Trust in God to Guide You*; and *O God Unseen, Yet Ever Near*.

## Open & Affirming Team Update

The O & A Exploration Team has been using the winter and spring months to have conversations with members of the congregation on becoming more open and affirming within the community. To date, Over 120 conversations have been scheduled and the team is actively working to complete this phase of the exploration process. In the near future, every member of the congregation will have the opportunity to complete a survey. The intention is to have this completed by the end of the summer. Contact the co-chairs Bragg Stanley or Linda Hutton if you have any questions.

## H.S. Seniors Honored



What a great day it was to honor our high school graduates last Sunday in 10:30 worship. Bibles and shawls were gifted to each along with the prayers and appreciation of the congregation. The group pictured were all active in the life of the church in their own way — Junior Deacons, Sunday School, Youth Groups, Summer Camps, and Mission Trips.

# Graduate Recognition



## HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

### Ben Creasy

Son of Jeff & Lottie Creasy. Grandson of Judy Creasy.

### Alexandra Estes

Daughter of J.D. Estes & Laura Estes

### Derrick Evers

Son of Steve & Tracy Evers

*Headed to Rockhurst University, Kansas City*

### Cole Galbraith

Son of Bill & Sonya Carney, & John Galbraith

*Headed to Lawrence University, Appleton, Wisconsin*

### Allie Pigg

Daughter of Matt & Angela Pigg

*Headed to MIZZOU*

### Wyatt, Hunter, & Coleman Rogers

Sons of Hartley & Kim Rogers. Grandsons of Genie Rogers.

*Wyatt and Hunter to MIZZOU/Coleman to MIZZOU-MACC*

### Wolf Schaefer

Son of Kurt & Stacia Schaefer

*Headed to University of Alabama*

### Bradley Snyder

Son of Mike Snyder & Lisa Montgomery Snyder. Grandson of Rich and Betty Montgomery.

### Erich Unterschutz

Son of Gary & Cheryl Unterschutz. Grandson of Sue Haynes.

## OTHER GRADUATES

### Delaney Tevis

Cellular and Molecular Biology, Harvard

### Lexie Ruffolo

Doctor of Medicine, MIZZOU



Pictured first row (l to r) Cole Galbraith, Hunter Rogers, Wyatt Rogers. Second row (l to r) Coleman Rogers, Rev. Jimmy Spear, Allie Pigg, Derrick Evers. Not pictured: Wolf Schaefer.

**SERVING SCHEDULE SUNDAY, MAY 26**

**Bus Driver:** Kim Leon  
**Office Receptionist:** Bobbi McCormack  
**Welcome Station:** Trish Stagg  
**Flower Arranging/Delivery:** Gerald and Susan Ramsey

Servers for One Service 9:30 Summer Worship

**Communion Prep:** Debbie Taylor, Trish and Luke Stagg  
**Greeters:** Trish Stagg (N. Door) – Jacki Davidson (S. Door)  
 Gerald Ramsey (Atrium) – Susan Ramsey (Portico)  
**Banner Bearers:** Lillian McCormack and Jodie Silverwood  
**Candle Lighters:** Ann Volmert and Aubrey Schomaker  
**Liturgist:** David Read  
**Elders:** Hayley Batterson and Jeff Underwood –  
 Fred Mottaz, Balcony  
**Deacons:** The Hunsaker Team  
**Ushers:** The Scott Team  
**Childrens Worship:** Hayley Batterson (Ldr)  
 TBD (Hlpr)  
**Offering Counters:** Jerry Miller and Debbie Taylor

**CHURCH CALENDAR MAY 26 - JUNE 01**Sunday, May 26

**One Worship Begins (9:30am)**

*No Coffee Hour Fellowship Over Summer Months*

-Lenoir Healthcare Worship, 3:30pm

Monday, May 27

**Memorial Day—OFFICE CLOSED**

Tuesday, May 28

-Tuesday Bible Study, 10:30-11:30am, Keystone Room

Wednesday, May 29

-Wednesday Bible Study, 12-12:55pm, Bethany Hall

-Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30-6:30pm, Choir Room

Thursday, May 30

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Friday, May 31

-Friday Night Classics! "Vertigo," 3rd Flr Cinema

Saturday, June 01

-Regional Board Meeting, 9:00am-3:00pm, Keystone Room

**Coffee Break Til Fall**

It has been decided to take the summer months off of preparing the Coffee Hour Fellowship, so **there will not be**

**Coffee Hour Fellowship until the two worship services resume in the Fall.** Thank you, Opal Stites and others for all the hard work you put into hosting that wonderful time of fellowship every week!

Report for May 19, 2019

**Attendance: 183** (8:30 service– 36)

**Total offerings: \$6,316**

**SERVING SCHEDULE SUNDAY, JUNE 02**

**Bus Driver:** Eric Seaman  
**Office Receptionist:** Janelle Patterson  
**Welcome Station:** Debbie Garton  
**Flower Arranging/Delivery:** Don and Brenda Mosby

Servers for One Service 9:30 Summer Worship

**Communion Prep:** Ava Hoenes, Mike and Janet Mountjoy  
**Greeters:** Cherry Hinderberger (N. Door) –  
 Doris Neidhardt (S. Door) Linda Ridgeway (Atrium) –  
 Bette Scavone (Portico)  
**Banner Bearers:** Brady Marrero and Kenzie Von Talge  
**Candle Lighters:** Ryley Batterson and Paige Freed  
**Liturgist:** Brenda Mosby  
**Elders:** Harlan Hackett and Cindy Rose –  
 Joyce Stanley, Balcony  
**Deacons:** The Garton Team  
**Ushers:** The Wright Team  
**Childrens Worship:** Holly Gieseke (Ldr)  
 TBD (Hlpr)  
**Offering Counters:** Janelle Patterson and Sarah Storm

**CHURCH CALENDAR JUNE 02 - JUNE 08**Sunday, June 02

**One Worship (9:30am)**

*No Coffee Hour Fellowship Over Summer*

-FCC Men's Ministry Pancake Breakfast, 10:30am, Yonker

Monday, June 03

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

Deadline for Visitor Submissions

Tuesday, June 04

-Tuesday Bible Study, 10:30-11:30am, Keystone Room

Wednesday, June 05

-Wednesday Bible Study, 12-12:55pm, Bethany Hall

-Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30-6:30pm, Choir Room

Thursday, June 06

-STARS Arrow Rock, Lyceum Theatre: Cinderella

Friday, June 07

Visitor Double Issue Publication Day

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

Saturday, June 08

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**"TRUE GRIT"**

*A Tribute to the Brummett-Harrah Women's Group  
 written by Donna Houston*

A movie came out several years ago  
 featuring the Duke, John Wayne.  
 He supposedly had strength, courage, and bravery.  
 His 'true grit' an outlaws bane.  
 Well, I'll put the gals from Brummett-Harrah right up beside  
 the Duke.  
 Some have lost spouses, battled the big 'C', lost children too,  
 had heart attacks, both medical and emotional,  
 and still the Grit comes through.  
 They occupy themselves with other's needs,  
 Are conscious of a friend's pain.  
 Helpful, when not even asked,  
 no one waits in vain.  
 The strength of the group sustains us  
 through moves and loss of 'stuff'  
 With 'true grit' we face the future  
 With God, that will be enough.  
 That, my friends, is strength, courage and bravery.  
 So, Mr. Wayne, just back off a bit.  
 Our gals have the strength to endure-  
 and that's what is known as 'TRUE GRIT'.

-- I.D. Houston