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Our mission: to know God and follow Jesus Christ

All Are Invited to the Bright's!

To express their gratitude for the care shown to them after their house burned down last year, Ed & Eva Bright are inviting the whole church to lunch at their newly rebuilt home on **Sunday, May 5** following the 10:30 service. If you plan to attend, please **RSVP to the Brights at 1 (573) 544-6852**. Their address is 1695 County Road 342 Fulton, MO 65251.

Rev. Stagg Leads Church Tour

In order to familiarize those who have recently joined, as well as showing the progress that has been made and is to come with Tier 2 of the Capital Campaign, Rev. Brad Stagg will lead a church tour for any and all that are interested. The tour will take place this **Sunday at 9:40a.m.** between services.

Sunday, May 4 **The 3rd Sunday of Easter**

To celebrate the third Sunday following the Resurrection of our Lord, and the second Sunday of our annual Stewardship Campaign, Rev. Stagg will preach from Psalm 30 and John 21:15-19 on "Christ-Like Compassion." Jesus and Peter's conversation allows us to reflect on the depth of their loving friendship that existed between them. As Jesus expresses his compassionate love for his friend, Peter, Jesus also calls Peter to "Follow him!" by loving others with the same compassionate love.

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 breakfast 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, contact Elizabeth Mottaz (refer to your directory for contact info.)



2019-20 **STEWARDSHIP** **CAMPAIGN**



Apr. 28-May 19

WEEK 1: CHRIST-CENTERED COMMUNITY **BY EVA BRIGHT**

(Eva Bright shared the following stewardship reflection last Sunday as the annual stewardship campaign kicked off.)

As most of you know, Ed and I have only been together nine years. This church family has helped us through many situations in those nine years. Namely, the loss of Ed's son, Ken, Ed's back surgery, four hip surgeries, knee surgery, my near-death episode of pancreatitis and the latest – our home burning down.

This church family has supported us with prayers, bringing food to our home, cards, clothing, items needed for personal hygiene, phone calls, personal visits, and last but not least, money and gift cards.

I have been involved with several different churches, but have never felt such an outpouring of love before.

This congregation is committed to being a community of lifelong Christians seeking to do Christ's work. This has been in evidence to Ed and me many times. We are blessed to be apart of this Christian Church family.

Thank you!

NEXT SUNDAY: CHRIST-LIKE COMPASSION **BY ELIZABETH MOTTAZ**

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Bit from Brad

Church Tour: All are invited to join me for a short tour of FCC this Sunday at 9:40am. We'll meet in the Narthex. The tour serves two purposes: 1) to acquaint new members and visitors to our building and 2) to see the progress on the Tier 2 Projects to date. A month ago, the

Evangelism Team hosted a New Member and Visitor Q&A session and the question came up, "Do you all do tours? People talk about parts of the building, but we don't know what area is being talked about. Can you show us around?" To which Debbie Garton and her team said, "Absolutely!!" It will not be a very long tour as I have to be back in my office by 10:15 to prepare for worship. All are invited to join us!

Ed & Eva Bright's Home Party Invitation: Trish, the kids, and I are going to Ed & Eva Bright's home this Sunday, May 5, following worship and I highly, highly encourage you to join us! Ed & Eva very much want to express their deep appreciation, gratitude and pride for how much they love their church. Your outpouring of love after their house burned to the ground last summer means so much to them that they want everyone to join them for lunch. Eva has already prepared lots and lots of food and she will be disappointed if we don't come and eat it up! **Please RSVP to the Brights at 1 (573) 544-6852** so that Eva knows exactly how many to plan for. If you need assistance traveling to the Bright's, please call the Church Office or talk to me Sunday morning so arrangements can be made. Also for those interested, they have a large, well-stocked pond behind their home and all are invited to bring fishing poles, tackle and bait and see if the fish are biting. We're bringing our fishing gear!

Doctor of Ministry Graduation, May 17: By the grace of God, your encouragement, and the support of Trish and the kids, I received final confirmation Tuesday that all requirements for my Doctor of Ministry (D.Min.) degree has been completed and that I'm set to graduate from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary (GETS) on Friday, May 17 at 10:00am at First United Methodist Church, Evanston, Illinois. GETS is the United Methodist affiliated seminary on the campus at Northwestern University. Specific to my degree, the "Doctor of Ministry in Congregational Leadership," I completed two-thirds of my coursework at GETS and the other third at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management. Additionally I am the first D.Min. student at GETS to have one of my faculty readers on my Doctoral Research Project come from Kellogg, Dr. Robert Wolcott. I am deeply indebted to FCC and all its leaders who prayed, encouraged, and supported me through this wonderful endeavor! Sometime after graduation, we will think about a way to celebrate at church the completion of this milestone; but for the meantime, we're packing our bags for Chicago and getting all the last minute things done for a four-day trip to the Windy City. I just wanted to take this moment to update you on the latest and to once again offer you my deepest thanks!

Blessings, Brad

News of People & Places



Prayers of Healing/Recovery...

This week we pray for **Brad Beary** as his chemo treatments continue. Doctors say he is handling treatments very well; **Carol Slusher** had thyroid surgery on April 25, but this didn't stop her from attending church the Sunday following her surgery! We pray for her continued healing; **Doris Neidhardt** celebrated her 93rd birthday on May 2, but is fighting an illness; **Don Mosby** had Aortic Valve Surgery on Wed., May 1. Prayers for a speedy recovery.

Janelle Extends Her Gratitude...

I want to thank my wonderful church family for being with me during this difficult time. Brad and Jimmy's many visits were very special. All of your cards, notes, emails, flowers and prayers meant so much to me. I know you will always be there with your support and love as I continue my journey. With all my love to my church family, **Janelle Patterson**

Upcoming...

FCC Brotherhood of Men is launching their weekly bible study this Saturday, May 4, at 7am in Bethany Hall. The initial topic will be "Masculinity: Will the Real Jesus Stand Up?" They will meet for 6 weeks through June 8.

Graduates will be listed in an end of May Visitor. 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 next **STARS trip** is on **May 23**. St. Louis: **Jefferson Barracks, Glass Blowing, Blueberry Hill for lunch**. RSVP— "stars May" on the pew pad or in the office.

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!

Mark Your Calendar: One Worship Service

9:30 a.m.

May 27-Sept. 2

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JULY 20-24, 2019
Des Moines, IA
GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2019

Abide in Me
Demouras en moi - Permanescan en mi
Tê youn ak mwen - 네 안에 계시라
John 15: 1-5

Contact the church office for more information!



Butterfly Garden

Late Asters, coneflowers, coreopsis, wild bergamot, phlox, Joe Pye weed, marigolds and sunflowers have been planted outside the playground fence on Walnut Street to delight the children and feed butterflies. Hopefully by mid-summer our Butterfly Garden should be in full bloom! Thank you to those who helped add beauty to our church property.

Circling Back

My article in a recent issue of this newsletter has caused concern. The news I reported about the garage sale in the first half concerning the success and thanks to all those who helped make it happen, was true. I meant it.

One paragraph that reflected on my role has been viewed by some as inappropriate for the Visitor of which I now understand. I had hoped that speaking to a church that I have worked in for 12 years would allow the hearing of words and tone as intended as I voiced my concern. For some that was not the case and yet I have had others say to me "thank you for finally saying it."

I am sorry for any misunderstanding or hard feelings. That was not the intention. The Student Ministry Department worked well together to make this sale happen of which I am appreciative.

-Rev. Jimmy Spear

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. Please RSVP interest to Pat Rybolt at pat@musicsuite.net.



May 6 - Delaney Tevis, Sue Underwood

May 9 - Tori Pine, Ann Rogers

May 10 - Harlan Hackett, Laura Hutton, Wayne Meyer, Sharon Winner

May 11 - Mary Bancroft, Makali Hawkins

May 4 - Jacy Alexander, Ben Nelms

Pancake Breakfast

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



Sunday, June 2 at 10:30 am

Yonker Fellowship Hall

menu: Pancakes, Sausage Juice/Coffee



CYF SEASON Ender

If anyone ever wonders what hour of the week on the church property fosters the most laughter, friendship, and continuity of community, they would be hard pressed to find one greater than CYF on Sunday nights.

Meeting weekly from 6:00-7:30pm, their 24

meetings throughout the school year are indeed filled with learning, prayer, service, challenge, adventure, and much laughter. This group is always a joy — they each bring it. If they don't bring it, they definitely go away with joy, for someone else brought plenty to share. This last Sunday we sent off our seniors pictured here in row one, Wyatt, Coleman, Hunter Rogers (fitting these three sit together for this picture, we thought), and in row two, Allie Pigg, Cole Galbraith, and Derrick Evers. This group has journeyed through JYF, Chi-Rho, VBS, Sunday School, Mission Trips, Baptism and CYF with dedication and spirit.

We are glad to have this one more summer with them before each heads to college. Pictured at right is the "fun" picture





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SERVING SCHEDULE SUNDAY, MAY 5	CHURCH CALENDAR MAY 5 - MAY 11	
<p>Bus Driver: Russ Palmer Office Receptionist: Richard Barnard Welcome Station: Debbie Garton Flower Arranging/Delivery: Perry & Helen Stemmons</p> <p><u>Servers for 8:30 Worship Service</u></p> <p>Worship Assistants: Mike and Carole Randerson, Eric Seaman Elder: Susan Gray Offering Counters: Doug Smith and Sarah Storm</p> <p><u>Servers for 10:30 Worship Service</u></p> <p>Communion Prep: Roy and Rachel Fullington, Cole Galbraith Greeters: David Potthast (N. Door) – Debbie Potthast (S. Door) Bill Carney (Atrium) – Sonya Carney (Portico) Banner Bearers: Sam Pine and Lillian McCormack Candle Lighters: Jodie Silverwood and Brady Marrero Liturgist: Amy LaHue Elders: Jay and Chris Creasy – Tracy Evers, Balcony Deacons: The Garton Team Ushers: The Wright Team Childrens Worship: Holly Gieseke (Ldr.) TBD (Hlpr.) Offering Counters: Cindy Smith and Deb Batterson</p>	<p>Sunday, May 5 CWU May Friendship Day -Coffee Hour Fellowship, 9:20-10:20am, Yonker Hall -Christian Education Classes, 9:30am -Luncheon at Bright's (see cover for details) -Student Ministry Groups: -DOC, 8:30pm, Bethany Hall</p> <p>Monday, May 6 -Church Office Staff Meeting, 2:00-3:00pm, Keystone Rm -Open and Affirming Meeting, 6:00pm, Bethany Hall -Coffman-Watson Meeting, 6:00pm, Red Lobster</p> <p>Tuesday, May 7 -Tuesday Bible Study, 10:30am-Noon, Keystone</p>	<p>Wednesday, May 8 -Wednesday Bible Study, 12:05-12:55pm, LOCATION CHANGE: 3rd Flr Chi-Rho Rm -Ladies' Book Club, 12:00pm, Bethany Hall -Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30-6:30pm, Choir Room</p> <p>Thursday, May 9 -Muffins for Mother's Day, 9:00-10:30am</p> <p>Friday, May 10 -Muffins for Mother's Day, 9:00-10:30am</p> <p>Saturday, May 11 -Men's Bible Study, 7:00-8:00am, Bethany Hall -Breakfast for the Brethren, 7:00-10:00am, Yonker Hall</p>
<p>Report for April 28, 2019 Attendance: 157 (8:30 service– 43) Total offerings: \$10,978</p>		