



Our mission: to know God and follow Jesus Christ



Nine CYF (grades 9-12) attended the annual CYF Conference Summer Camp at Camp Jo-Ota in Clarence, Mo., from June 23-28. (Pictured above L-to-R) Mia Gregory, Ava Hoenes, Wyatt Rogers, Maddie Marrero, Kameron Freed, Allie Pigg, Coleman Rogers, Hunter Rogers and Max Gregory. Our apologies to the Gregory siblings -- we neglected to include their names on our list in the previous Visitor!

Recaps from



← FCC was represented by two youth (grades 2 & 3), and a counselor at Elementary "Crazy" Camp! From June 24-28, Cole Freed and Dietrich Arnett (pictured, L-to-R) and Valerie Freed (not pictured) serving as a counselor, enjoyed a week away at Covenant Point in Holts Summit, Mo.

What was the survey we were handed last Sunday morning?

The Open & Affirming Exploration Survey was handed out last Sunday.

We were remiss in letting you know more about it at that time. This Sunday, July 7, more explanation will be shared in worship. See the article on page 3 for much more about this important survey. Thanks!

Worship for July 14

The 4th Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Jimmy Spear, preaching

Galatians 6:1-10 & Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

One of the greatest challenges in the life of the church is getting disciples — the greatest challenge, not only because it is sometimes a hard journey, but because it is a challenge that is indeed great! This Sunday, Rev. Spear will be back in the pulpit offering a word on what it is for us to be disciples who are about "Business Travel."

Worship for July 21

The 5th Sunday after Pentecost

Rev. Jimmy Spear, preaching

Psalms 25:1-10 & Luke 10:25-37

Big themes will be a part of worship on July 21 — neighbors and eternal life. The treatment of our neighbors is the topic at hand currently. With migrants at the border and the coming election, the talk on the street these days is treatment of our neighbors. Rev. Spear will offer the sermon "Interpreting the Law" as we consider Jesus' instruction on how to inherit eternal life. The good Samaritan will help too!

This is a
DOUBLE ISSUE
of the Visitor!



(Save it, as there is none
next week)

**DEADLINE FOR NEXT
EDITION: MON., JULY 15**



True North Product Drive

True North's vision is for Columbia to be a community free from domestic and sexual violence, where healthy relationships thrive. To help with this vision, there is an emergency shelter that is able to house 25 women and children. This safe shelter is available to victims of abuse and their minor children 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

The **Church in Society committee** wants to encourage you to help support True North by providing urgent need items this summer. We are collecting **baby wipes, forks & spoons, new socks and underwear** (various sizes) for women & children, **deodorant, and bleach**. You can place items in the Church in Society tub outside the church office. Please help True North by donating to this product drive during July and August. Any questions? Contact Elizabeth Mottaz.

Chancel Flowers Dates Available



Thank you to everyone who has signed up to donate chancel flowers for the 2019-2020 season. We have completely filled the slots for 2019, but we still have 10 weeks open in 2020 (in February, March, April, May and June). **Anyone who**

wishes to sign up for donating flowers for the chancel (only \$30) can contact the church office to find out which weeks are still available. We would love to fill all the slots! Thank you in advance for your generosity and support. Already signed up? Please get your money and form turned in to the office ASAP, or via the Sunday Offering! Thanks!

Join the Adopt-A-Spot Team!

Adopt-a-Spot volunteers can be seen around our church, digging dandelions, watering plants and pulling stubborn weeds. All around our church, they are quietly working.

Carol Hughey and Cherry Hinderberger could easily be mistaken for flowers out front among the hydrangeas, hostas, peonies and lilies.

Brenda Mosby has added hens and chicks to her shady bed by the kitchen door. Along with **Mike and Carol Randerson**, she has created a lovely path leading from the curb to the walkway on the west side of the building. **Mike Randerson and Bob Hutton** have wrestled with the Bermuda grass problem on either side of the Higbee Center. **Valerie Freed and Laura Crane** were pulling out stubborn weeds by Bethany Hall early one morning. You probably didn't see them. **Perry and Helen Stemmons** and Bob and **Linda Hutton** have kept the peony hedge dead-headed and neat. Iris beds and daylilies are clearly weed-free. **Susan Gray and Mary Moeller** have tended the plantings around the sign on the front lawn. **John Rogers**, our newest volunteer will be tending the shrubbery against the front of the building between two entrances. Now is where YOU come in! There are still a few places that need to be adopted. If this is something you would like to do, see Mary Daugherty or Peggy Veatch...and please, stop and smell the flowers!



-- Peggy Veatch

News of People & Places



Thank you to all who helped with **Loaves and Fishes** on **June 24**. It was a HUGE success! We served about 80 first servings, 20 second servings, and 10 to-go. There were several new helpers this time, and we hope to see them again! Our team of cooks, transporters, servers, runners, dish crew and clean up worked together to make this happen. Once again, THANK YOU! 1 Corinthians 12:14 "For the body is not one member, but many."

Blessings, **Janelle Patterson**

Prayers of Comfort, Wellness, and Sympathy...

Brad Beary was admitted to Boone Hospital on Thursday, June 27, to begin his second round of chemotherapy. We hold **Tracy Westhoff**, MDO Director, and her family in our prayers following the sudden passing of her mother. She passed away on June 27, at the age of 92.

Extending our Congratulations...

On Wednesday, June 26, Dr. Stagg officiated the wedding of



Stephanie Mottaz and Ben Vens. In a lovely intimate ceremony, the couple was married on her parents' wedding anniversary. Stephanie is the daughter of Fred and the late Ellen Mottaz and sister of Elizabeth and Brian Mottaz. Congratulations to the Mottaz-Vens newlyweds!

Derrick Evers was nominated for a "Tribby" award for his outstanding performance in baseball this year. The Tribbys, Best of Prep Awards, take place every year to recognize exceptional high school athletes in the Columbia area. Congrats Derrick!

Steve Smith was named "Outstanding Citizen of the Year" by the Columbia Chamber of Commerce. Steve is the President and CEO of Job Point.

Upcoming...

Special Recognition Sunday has been rescheduled and will take place during worship this **Sunday, July 7**. We will honor members of our church family who have gone above and beyond helping in the life of the church.

Other News of the People...

Dr. Stagg and his family will be on vacation, road-tripping to Southern California from July 3-17! We pray the Staggs have a safe, restful, and most importantly, FUN couple of weeks exploring their numerous stops along the way!

We have received word that former church friends **Derek and Elizabeth Updegraff** will be visiting from California this Sunday, July 7 along with their now three daughters. It will be good to see them.

Former Assoc. Minister **Michael Crouch**, along with his family, will be worshipping with us on July 14! Mike served from 1978-1991. Please wear your name tags, and if you were here back in those days, make sure you find Mike and Jan and say hello!

Open & Affirming Survey Now Available



The Congregational Survey regarding the church's exploration of becoming more open and affirming especially toward the LGBTQ community is now available for you to fill out. It will be available every Sunday at the 9:30 worship service in the Narthex and it is available online at the church's website at the following link: <http://firstchristian.org/2019/open-affirming-survey/>.

As the exploration team has stated, we want to hear from everyone on this matter, so please take a few minutes to complete and submit the survey. There will be a box in the church office where it can be dropped off, or if you wish to mail it, you may mail it to: First Christian Church, 101 N. 10th Street, Columbia, MO. 65201. If it is completed online, you may also email it to fcc@firstchristian.org, or print it off and either mail it or drop it by the church office.

You may pick up as many surveys as you need for your household or you may use one form for multiple responses. For example, if a couple agrees on a response, just place two checkmarks by that response. If each person differs, they may each select their own response.

This is an anonymous survey. No home or e-mail address will be tied/linked to the survey. Your open and candid responses will be honored and appreciated.

If you have any questions feel free to contact: Bragg Stanley (JBStanley_2000@yahoo.com) or Linda Hutton (LHutton60@gmail.com), co-chairs of the Open and Affirming Exploration Team. Thank you for taking the time to give us your input on this important matter!

-- Bragg Stanley



July 11 – **POSTPONED!** - Movie Day with Lunch

August 15 – Midway Antique Mall, lunch at The Park

9:00 am, Meeting at Target Parking Lot

**RSVP to Church Office or Sunday Pew Pad



Will and Donna Houston

65 years on July 4

Bud and Deb Batterson

55 years on July 18

Congratulations!



Construction Quiz: What was this room?

- A. Jimmy's Office
- B. The Nursery
- C. Second Floor Restroom

**Demolition is under way!
We're making progress, folks!
(hint: "better flushing!")**

July 7 - Jack Estes

July 8 - J.D. Estes, Barb Rothenberger, David Weber

July 9 - Erin Bower, Adriene Floyd

July 10 - Judith Creasy, Shawn Von Talge

July 11 - Ava Martin, Teddy Nichols

July 13 - Eric Seaman, Bragg Stanley, Chris Stormer,
Richard Underwood

July 14 - Anne Campbell

July 15 - Tammy Arnett, Kathy Miller,
Tommie Ross (95!)

July 16 - Micki McGuire-Kirkham, Connie Street

July 17 - Cullen Snow

July 18 - Kim Boger, **Ellyn Brothers (92!),**
Judy Cunningham

July 19 - David Beem, Sonya Carney, David Ross

July 20 - Thomas Hughey



SERVING SCHEDULE SUNDAY, JULY 7

Bus Driver: Eric Seaman
Office Receptionist: Kim Leon
Welcome Station: Debbie Garton
Flower Arranging/Delivery: Don and Brenda Mosby
Servers for One Service 9:30 Summer Worship
Communion Prep: Amy and Maddie Marrero, Elizabeth Martin
Greeters: Dan Backues (N. Door) – Lisa Zimmer (S. Door)
 Susan Klockow (Atrium) – Amy LaHue (Portico)
Banner Bearers: Alex Johnson and Sam Pine
Candle Lighters: Lillian McCormack and Jodie Silverwood
Liturgist: Bryan Garton
Elders: Debbie Taylor and Brenda Mosby – Don Mosby, Balcony
Deacons: The Potthast Team
Ushers: The Burnam Team
Childrens Worship: Holly Gieseke (Ldr) Stacy Silverwood (Hlpr)
Offering Counters: Deb Batterson and Diana Provenzano

CHURCH CALENDAR JULY 7 - JULY 13**Sunday, July 7**

-One Worship, 9:30 am
 -**Special Recognition Awards, 9:30 Worship**

Monday, July 8

-Staff Meeting, 2:00-3:00 pm, Keystone
 -Drennan Singers Practice, 5:30 pm

Tuesday, July 9

-NO TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, July 10

-NO WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Report for June 23, 2019

Attendance: 126
Total offerings: \$6,720

Report for June 30, 2019

Attendance: 157
Total offerings: \$6,317

SERVING SCHEDULE SUNDAY, JULY 14

Bus Driver: Russ Palmer
Office Receptionist: Steve McCormack
Welcome Station: Chris Creasey and Valerie Freed
Flower Arranging/Delivery: Jane Ann Hackett
Servers for One Service 9:30 Summer Worship
Communion Prep: Jay and Chris Creasy, Steve Evers
Greeters: Jerry Miller (N. Door) – Kathy Miller (S. Door)
 Richard Barnard (Atrium) – Russ Palmer (Portico)
Banner Bearers: Brady Marrero and Kenzie Von Talge
Candle Lighters: Ryley Batterson and Paige Freed
Liturgist: Dan Gieseke
Elders: Diana Provenzano and Pat Rybolt –
 Janelle Patterson, Balcony
Deacons: The Beary Team
Ushers: The Rose Team
Childrens Worship: Eric Arnett (Ldr) TBD (Hlpr)
Offering Counters: Janelle Patterson and Harlan Hackett

CHURCH CALENDAR JUNE 14 - JULY 20**Sunday, July 14**

-One Worship, 9:30 am

Monday, July 15

Deadline for Visitor Submissions
 -Staff Meeting, 2:00-3:00 pm, Keystone
 -Drennan Singers Practice, 5:30pm

Tuesday, July 16

-NO TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, July 17

-NO WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY
 -Shawl Ministry, 9:30 am, Millie Bolman's House

Friday, July 19

Visitor Double Issue Publication Day

Saturday, July 20

General Assembly Begins, Des Moines, IA



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They're Off to Church Camp!

Junior (Grades 4 & 5)

Covenant Point - Holts Summit, MO

July 8: Brady Marrero, Audrey Koch
 Jack Creasy, (counselor)

Chi-Rho (Grades 6 & 7)

Camp Jo-Ota - Clarence, MO

July 15: Izzy Arnett, Paige Freed, Kira Hoenes,
 Kayla Von Talge, Thomas Wheatley, Timmy Choat
 Valerie Freed (counselor) & Jimmy Spear (Director)

Interested in sending campers mail? Please contact the church office to be provided with the necessary details. Thanks!

July 2019						
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August 2019						
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25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Circled dates are remaining **Publication Days** for the Summer Edition of the Visitor. *Please have submissions in by the Monday prior. Thanks!*