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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) VISITOR

Our mission: to know God and follow Jesus Christ

Capital Campaign Progress



Sanctuary Carpet

The church has selected new carpet for the sanctuary. A new color has been decided upon with a unique pattern for the Narthex and a solid for the Sanctuary. After some hard work, those tasked with this project have chosen BLUE. In the Narthex, you can see the samples and read the reasoning behind the choice of blue.

Morris Parlor Gets Closer to Completion

With the walls and ceiling repaired, the room was ready for a whole new look. A fresh coat of paint brings in a touch of color to the walls and beams that complements the new carpet. Window shades are in and the eight new light fixtures are next. At this time, some of the previous furnishings will return to the room, while others are being planned for the future to best match the new colors and style. The room is different! If you have ever entered the main meeting/gathering/hospitality/teaching space of any renovated church in recent years, this room is right up to par.

2nd & 3rd Floor, Fellowship Hall

The restrooms/kitchenettes on the 2nd and 3rd floors have now been completely removed and framing has started in these areas with great accessibility, functionality and beauty. Yonker Fellowship Hall is next — the floor will be replaced.

True North Product Drive

Church in Society Outreach

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.

This is a DOUBLE ISSUE of the Visitor!

(Save it, as there is none next week)

DEADLINE FOR NEXT EDITION:

MONDAY, JULY 29



Special Recognition Awards

Sunday, July 7, we offered special recognition awards to many who have served uniquely in the life and ministry of First Christian Church in the last year and over the years. A complete list of people and reasons is found on page 3.

Pictured left to right are: **Jennifer Alexander, Dan Gieseke, Jan Davis, Bob Hutton, Elizabeth Mottaz, Carol and Tom Hughey and Eric Seaman**

(Chairperson of this year's Nominating Committee)

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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

News of People & Places



Prayers of Comfort, Wellness, and Sympathy...

Prayers of wellness for **Marsha Rawlings** who will have surgery on July 17.

Brad Beary died unexpectedly early Tuesday, July 10. We hold in prayer Brad's wife **Becky** and their daughter and family—**Bobbi, Steve, Joseph and Lillian McCormack**. Brad had been a lifelong member of First Christian Church, served as a Board member, Deacon, and in recent years, was a Deacon Team Leader. He had great pride in his church and loved to share it with his grandchildren. A celebration of his life was held on Saturday, July 13, in the church sanctuary.

Upcoming...

Two fellowship opportunities that connect with outreach will be offered in August at the "After Worship Hour of 10:45 am." Refreshments will be served. You can note the ads for this in this Visitor. **Youth groups** will present the stories of their **mission trips on August 11**. The Church in Society Department will have **Muffins for Mission on August 25** with a short presentation on **True North**. Church in Society concludes its product drive for True North on that day. Join us!

Other News of the People...

It was great to have former church friends **Derek and Elizabeth Updegraff** visiting from California on Sunday, July 7, along with their now three daughters **Itsel, Miletta and Sylvie**. Derek's mother was along, too. They are pictured here with Rev. Spear. --->



It has been years since former Associate Minister **Michael Crouch** was in Columbia. He and wife **Jan**, their daughter and grandson, **Rev. Erin and Peyton Curtis**,



were with us in worship on July 14! Mike served from 1978-1991. We were so happy to welcome him and his family back after so many years. We made sure to take a photo after worship - from left to right is **Sarah Storm, Erin, Peyton, Mike, Jan and Mary Bancroft**. How good it was to see them and worship with them again!

I would like to share my new address with everyone. I am now living at The Terrace Retirement Community, 408 Business Loop 70 West, Apt E114, Columbia, MO 65202. Same cell phone and email. It was great to visit with **Sally Robinson** and **Jean Hall** yesterday. I have also met a Disciples member from the Mexico, Mo. FCC congregation, and have visited with one of our former members **Joyce Marcum**. Hope to see you all soon, **Sharon Winner**

Friday Night Classics!

3rd Flr Cinema
or Bethany Hall*
Friday, June 26
7:00 pm

*Location subject to change due to construction on 3rd floor.



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Starring MARK HAMILL HARRISON FORD CARRIE FISHER
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Shawl Ministry Honored

We honored the faithful stitches of the First Christian Church Shawl Ministry on Sunday, June 30. The ministry started in 2005 under the leadership of **Mary Tompson** and **Sarah Yonker**. They gathered others who wanted to knit and crochet. Some came with a lifetime of expertise and others with a readiness to learn. The group was about the ministry of warmth — offering a handmade shawl or the like to those who needed most the warmth of spirit and the love created with each shawl. The prayers of the women who made them



go along with each shawl. The combination of warmth proved to be just the right touch with folks in the hospital, nursing home, in the midst of unique life changes or just in need of friendship.

Several members are known for their prolific work. **Millie Bolman** was determined in her use of a signature dark red for her shawls and others used a large variety of stitches, yarns and patterns. Millie was honored for her more than 100 shawls by 2008 and innumerable more in the last ten years. She also created the fundraising scarves in red, of course, and creates at least 10 to 15 Twiddle Muffs a month for the Alzheimer's Association.

Pamela Hoepfner makes shawl/lap blankets for the high school graduates and bright pastel blankets for newborns.

The group members knit or crochet in neutral colors. So far this year, they have made around 30 caps and scarves for the Operation School Bell program of The Assistance League. There have been many scarves and caps for Room at the Inn and lap shawls for residents of The Bluffs. The group meets once a month on a Wednesday morning and welcomes others (at all skill levels) to join the effort!



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



Jerry and Mary Daugherty

July 5, 50 Years - Congratulations!

Our apologies: We neglected to include their name in the last edition of the Visitor.

Special Recognitions (cont'd from page 1)

Member	Reason(s) for Recognition
Jennifer Alexander	Christmas Pageant Leadership
Hayley Batterson	Children's Worship, Membership Committee, Christmas Pageant Leadership
Jan Davis	With thanks for service as Administrative Board Secretary
Dan Gieseke	With thanks for service as Administrative Board Treasurer
Cherry Hinderberger	Jail Ministry and Christmas Pageant Tasting Party
Carol Hughey	Christmas Pageant Tasting Party
Tom Hughey	Christmas Pageant Tasting Party
Bob Hutton	Property Chairman and Property volunteer
Amy LaHue	Christmas Pageant Leadership
Elizabeth Mottaz	Christmas Pageant Leadership
Carol Thomas	Jail Ministry
Millard Thomas	Jail Ministry

July 21 - Bryant White, Peyton Humble

July 22 - Gerald Ramsey

July 23 - Lexy Bell, Judy Longaker

July 24 - Audrey Snyder

July 25 - Larry Dietzel, Jennifer Rose Hallam, Julia LaHue

July 27 - Derrick Evers, Bradley Volmert

July 28 - Mark Martin

July 29 - Shane Bower

July 30 - Nancy Davis, Donna Heinen, Matthew Thomas

July 31 - Hayley Batterson

Aug. 3 - Brad Beary, **Frances Brown (91!)**, Lauren Hofmann, Ryan Hughey, Brian Mottaz





Chi-Rho Mission Trip Recap

11 6th & 7th graders, along with Holly Gieseke and Jimmy Spear, found themselves in Springfield, Mo., for this summer's Mission Trip. From June 30 through July 2, the group did an assortment of activities from packing diapers for local families to playing bingo and lots of other board games with seniors in a nursing home. They even got to play some miniature golf. What a fun trip this was!

For anyone who'd like to hear more about this mission trip or the CYF mission trip, please mark your calendars for the **Summer Youth Mission Trip Presentation** on **Aug. 11**, following 9:30 worship in Yonker Hall. Lots more stories to tell!

SERVING SCHEDULE SUNDAY, JULY 21

Bus Driver: Dan Gieseke
Office Receptionist: Don Mosby
Welcome Station: Pat Rybolt and Jeff Underwood
Flower Arranging/Delivery: Carol Slusher

Servers for One Service 9:30 Summer Worship

Communion Prep: Jordan Barnes, Cindy and Liam Rose
Greeters: Diana Provenzano (N. Door) – Bonnie Fay (S. Door)
 Mary Ann Atteberry (Atrium) – Jeff Wheeland (Portico)
Banner Bearers: Ava Martin and Gabe Palmer
Candle Lighters: Ann Volmert and Aubrey Schomaker
Liturgist: Gabe Palmer
Elders: Pamela and Richard Hoepfner -Joyce Stanley, Balcony
Deacons: The Underwood Team
Ushers: The Scott Team
Childrens Worship: Jessica Humble (Ldr) TBD (Hlpr)
Offering Counters: Cindy Smith and Jerry Miller

CHURCH CALENDAR JULY 21 - JULY 27

Sunday, July 21
 -One Worship, 9:30 am
 -Drennan Singers, 9:30 Worship
 -General Assembly, Des Moines, IA

Monday, July 22
 -Staff Meeting, 2:00-3:00 pm, Keystone
 -General Assembly, Des Moines, IA

Tuesday, July 23
 -Tuesday Bible Study, 10:30-11:30 am, Keystone
 -General Assembly, Des Moines, IA

Wednesday, July 24
 -Wednesday Bible Study, 12:00-12:55 pm, Bethany Hall
 -General Assembly, Des Moines, IA

Friday, July 26
 -Friday Night Classics!, 7:00 pm, Location TBD

Report for July 7, 2019
Attendance: 125
Total offerings: \$4,117

Report for July 14, 2019
Attendance: 128
Total offerings: \$22,121

SERVING SCHEDULE SUNDAY, JULY 28

Bus Driver: Eric Seaman
Office Receptionist: Pat Rybolt
Welcome Station: Trish Stagg
Flower Arranging/Delivery: Dan Backues and Lisa Zimmer

Servers for One Service 9:30 Summer Worship

Communion Prep: Larry Dietzel, Gerald and Susan Ramsey
Greeters: Will Houston (N. Door) – Donna Houston (S. Door)
 Jane Ann Hackett (Atrium) – Chuck Scott (Portico)
Banner Bearers: Kaedon Wheatley and Alex Johnson
Candle Lighters: Sam Pine and Lillian McCormack
Liturgist: Fred Mottaz
Elders: Jean Hall and Eric Seaman –
 Marilyn Schappert, Balcony
Deacons: The Hunsaker Team
Ushers: The Burnam Team
Childrens Worship: Hayley Batterson (Ldr) TBD (Hlpr)
Offering Counters: Debbie Taylor and Deb Batterson

CHURCH CALENDAR JULY 28 - AUGUST 3

Sunday, July 28
 -One Worship, 9:30 am
 -Scholarships Awarded, 9:30 am Worship
 -Lenoir Healthcare Worship, 3:30 pm
 -Program Leadership Taskforce Mtg, 6:30 pm, Keystone

Monday, July 29
 Deadline for Visitor Submissions
 -Staff Meeting, 2:00-3:00 pm, Keystone

Tuesday, July 30
 -Tuesday Bible Study, 10:30-11:30 am, Keystone
 -Cabinet Meeting, 6:30 pm, Keystone

Wednesday, July 31
 -Wednesday Bible Study, 12:00-12:55 pm, Bethany Hall
 -Capital Campaign Mgmt Mtg, 6:00 pm, Keystone

Friday, August 2
 Visitor Double Issue Publication Day
 -Church Dine Out, 5:30 pm, Bob Evans

YOUTH MISSION TRIP

(Chi-Rho Springfield, MO & CYF Macon, GA)

PRESENTATIONS

Sunday, August 11

10:45 am, Yonker Hall

Refreshments served!

MDO Job Opportunity

Monday - Friday
8:30 am - 2:00 pm

WANTED: Kind and loving teacher to work at Mother's Day Out Preschool (at First Christian Church) in the "Twos" classroom. Contact MDO Director, Tracy Westhoff with any questions or interest. TracyWesthoff23@gmail.com

WE'RE HIRING!



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Return Service Requested



August 2019						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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!

JYF - Chi-Rho - CYF
YOUTH
 First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Columbia, MO

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

Mark your calendars! Youth Groups will resume for the fall session beginning **September 8th!** Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks!