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# THE VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Our mission: to know God and follow Jesus Christ

## Capital Campaign Progress



### A Bright Yonker Hall!

Yonker Hall is just about put together. The floor, walls and systems are in place and looking sharp! The floor space is now safe and plentiful so there is no need to cover the bad spots. Because of that, we have purposely placed the soda machine and not replaced the long table on the south end of the room. If anyone needs an electrical outlet on the north wall or in the center of the room, they are now there. We have so many outlets to use -- we won't need long extensions crossing Yonker Hall ever again! The new LED lighting can be dimmed. Next up, we will clean the stage



and get it ready for the long-awaited curtains provided by the Women's Fellowship funds.

Next week, we will set up

Morris Parlor with the current furniture but we have plans to select some new pieces in the future.

Bethany Hall has been an all-purpose meeting space over the summer during construction. It is now set up for student ministry and other groups that use it regularly. If you or your group use Bethany Hall, please return it - all furnishings - to where you found them. Thank you.

*You're Invited to the Celebration of Mary Bancroft's 38 Years of Music Ministry at FCC*  
**Sunday, September 15**  
*Recognition: 10:30a.m. Worship*  
*Reception to follow in Yonker Hall*  
*(Refreshments will be served.)*

## Worship for September 15

*The 14th Sunday after Pentecost*

*Dr. Brad Stagg, preaching on Psalm 150 & Matt. 25:14-23*

Come celebrate Mary Bancroft's 38 years of music ministry at First Christian Church as she retires after this Sunday's 10:30 Service. The sermon, "Well Done Good and Faithful Servant" reminds us of Jesus' praise for the person of faith who shares their life and talents with others. Come join us in thanking God for the gift of ministry, especially that of Mary Bancroft!

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## The Big Pipes Make Me Cry

When Mary Bancroft pushes the little button labeled “full organ” on the mighty Reuter sanctuary instrument, I usually get choked up. Yes, right there in the midst of the last stanza of *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*, I am unable to sing. The lump in my throat, the weakness of eye, the skip of the soul all happen to me at once. It just does. It is so powerful. It is somewhere in the second phrase of that stanza that I say “Jimmy, pull it together—you love this hymn!” You see, when the opening hymn of worship is a “great hymn of the church” AND if people in the congregation are singing aloud in such a way as to *handle* more organ, Mary Bancroft will kick - it - in. The little button is pushed and WOW we all take a step back.

You see, it takes an organist with skill and sensitivity along with a vast knowledge of church music — the hymn and the singing, to know when to push the little button. Our organist, Mary Bancroft is that kind of organist. And we are grateful.

As we, this coming Sunday, prepare to accept the reality of Mary’s decision to retire from the organ bench, we send her off to many Sundays of rest and freedom. We send her off to know what a “weekend” looks like. We send her off to find leisurely Sunday brunch and a church pew to call her own.

The life of an organist is every Sunday, every Wednesday and many days in between all year long. You see, in the background of every sanctuary gathering, there is music. Two services every Sunday with music throughout. As we sing, as we pray, as we pass the plates and communion, there is music to make it holy. When we die or are wed, there is the right music to help make those moments holy, too. When the seasons of Advent and Lent roll around, there is music in about a dozen more places where the spirit and music create the holy. To have an organist with such dedication to it ALL is to know the blessing of God. Truly. For 38 years, Mary has been that dedicated organist and a blessing to our church. Thank you, Mary, for keeping us in tune to the music of the holy.

As Mary and I have planned the hymns for worship over the last 12 years, I will often say to her, “You know, that hymn could be great with the full organ.” Her reply is always, “Maybe.” Then when Sunday comes and the spirit moves us all just right, it happens — our singing of a great hymn — with Mary at the organ leading us and knowing just the right moments we need more of the mightiness of God.

—Rev. Jimmy Spear, Associate Minister

On Sunday, September 8, we had a special arrangement of flowers in the Alcove during worship. The flowers were in memory of **Karen Hobson’s** sister, Angela Kyte and all those who died on September 11, 2001. We hold all of those who were and continue to be affected by that day’s events -- all these 18 years later -- in our hearts and prayers.



## Attention ALL Members UNDER 65

### We’re missing YOUR survey! Will you help us get a full FCC response?

## The Open & Affirming Survey

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 in the Narthex and church office Sunday’s in September. It can also be found on the church website in the blog area: <http://firstchristian.org/2019/open-affirming-survey/>.

Questions are welcomed: contact co-chairs of the exploration team Bragg Stanley ([JBStanley\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:JBStanley_2000@yahoo.com)) or Linda Hutton ([LHutton60@gmail.com](mailto:LHutton60@gmail.com)). Thank you for taking the time to give us your input on this important matter!

-- The Open & Affirming Team

## News of the People



### Prayers of Comfort and Wellness...

**Chuck Scott** had cataract surgery in both eyes and is home recuperating. **Jeff Wheeland** is now recovering at home after a nearly two week stay at the VA Hospital after falling and breaking his foot and twisting his knee.

### Prayers of Sympathy...

To the family of **David Chrisman**, who died on Friday, Sept. 6. Services took place on Monday, September 9. David was a long time member of the Chancel Choir and was always full of wit and humor.

At the age of 98, **Ray Lansford** died early in the day, September 9, in his home at Lenoir. Services were held on Friday, September 13, at 11 a.m. at Memorial Funeral Home. Ray and his wife Beuna joined FCC in 1957 and were life long members of dedication. Ray was service-minded having a long history with Kiwanis and even served as its International President some years ago.

### Other News of the Church...

**A Celebration of Life for Millie Caringer** has been scheduled to take place in the FCC Sanctuary on Thursday, September 19, at 11 a.m..

### FCC’s Brotherhood of Men

Thursday, September 19, at 6 p.m.  
Bethany Hall.

The meeting will cover a proposal for the Habitat for Humanity Work Day, an evaluation of last year, setting a start date for Saturday Bible Study and more. Contact Larry Veatch with any questions and whether you plan to attend.



Our apologies for unintentionally neglecting to include **Mary Moeller** and **Pat Rybolt** on last week’s list of those who helped set up the Sanctuary and Narthex after the new carpet was installed. Again, thank you to all who helped make that process as smooth as possible!



September 25-26 – Overnight trip for touring the sights of St. Joseph, Westin, and Marceline, Mo.

\*\*Spots still available! Join a fun group for an overnight touring adventure of friendship, sights, and time away! RSVP—ASAP

October 24 – Fall Color Tour to Clinton MO via the Truman Lake Area



Put "COLOR" on the Sunday pew pad or sign up in the office

## Columbia Civil Rights Pilgrimage

**Sunday, September 22, 3:00-6:00 p.m.**  
**Starting at St. Luke UMC**

You are invited to participate in a local Civil Rights pilgrimage! It will begin at St. Luke UMC (204 E Ash) with a hymn sing and devotion. It will proceed to Russell Chapel CME at 3:20 p.m., Second Missionary Baptist at 3:45 p.m., a visit from Annie Fisher at 4:15 p.m., St. Paul AME at 4:45 p.m. and Fifth Street Christian (DOC) at 5 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend! The pilgrimage will conclude with eating dessert together at St. Luke. Please bring a dessert to share. Speak with Sarah Storm for more information. -- Sarah Storm



## Notes of THANKS

Dear First Christian Church,  
Thanks you for your continued investment in my education. Having the support of the church I was raised in means a lot to me. Not only is the money itself very helpful, having my home community behind me is a comfort as well. I will continue to strive to make you proud. Sincerely, **Max Schaefer**

Dear First Christian Church,  
Thank you all for the constant support, both spiritually and through scholarship. I am so blessed to have such a large congregation that I consider family. No matter what I am doing or where I am in life, I know FCC will always be there as a home base. Thank you again for the love and support. Best, **Julia Bower**

To Everyone,  
Thank you! Just two small words to express so much gratitude. Thanks to my church family for all the cards and prayers in the passing of my mother. They were very comforting. In Christ, **Thelma Beem**

Our kitchen looks absolutely beautiful thanks to **Opal Stites, Susan Gray, Mary Ann Atteberry, Jean Juba, Karen Hobson and Emily Scott** who gave their time Thursday, September 12, in helping clean the kitchen. It was a great day working together! Blessings, **Janelle Patterson and Brenda Mosby**

### Fall Calendar:

- Sept. 15: JYF, CYF
- Sept. 22: Chi-Rho, CYF
- Sept. 29: JYF, CYF
- Oct. 6: Chi-Rho, CYF
- Oct. 13: JYF, CYF
- Oct. 20: Chi-Rho, CYF
- Oct. 27: JYF, CYF
- Nov. 3: Chi-Rho, CYF
- Nov. 10: No regular groups Every Sunday 6–7:30 p.m. (Retreat Weekend)
- Nov. 17: JYF or Chi-Rho at altered times TBA, CYF
- Nov. 24: All church advent decorating event

# YOUTH GROUP!

JYF (grades 3, 4, 5)  
Chi-Rho (grades 6, 7, 8)  
Alt. Sundays 4:30-6 p.m.  
CYF (grades 9-12)  
Every Sunday 6–7:30 p.m.



# Habitat for Humanity®

Mark your calendar now!  
**Saturday, Oct. 26, the First Christian Work Day at the local Habitat for Humanity build.**

Sign-ups and specifics coming soon!

# CROP HUNGER WALK

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME



**Sunday, September 15 @ 2:00 p.m.**  
**Stephens Lake Park, Gordon Shelter**

Contact Church in Society Chair, Elizabeth Mottaz, about how you can participate or donate. For more information about registering or donating, visit <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/columbiamo>.

- Sept. 15** - Cindy Smith, Jeff Wheeland
- Sept. 16** - Donaleigh Richardson
- Sept. 17** - Christina DeVenney, Bryan Hickey, Maddie Marrero
- Sept. 19** - Brad Stagg
- Sept. 20** - Kyle Boger, Carleigh Snow
- Sept. 21** - Bob Hutton, Lisa Zimmer





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**Return Service Requested**

**SERVING SCHEDULE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15**

**Bus Driver:** Eric Seaman  
**Office Receptionist:** Carol Slusher  
**Welcome Station:** Bob Dixon  
**Flower Arranging/Delivery:** Gerald and Susan Ramsey  
**Servers for 8:30 Worship Service**  
**Worship Assistants:** Tom and Carol Hughey, Mary Daugherty  
**Elder:** Jerry Daugherty  
**Offering Counters:** Mary Daugherty and Doug Smith  
**Servers for 10:30 Worship Service**  
**Communion Prep:** David and Julie Nichols, Vicki Johnson  
**Greeters:** Susan Klockow (N. Door) – Jane Anne Hackett (S. Door) Jeff Wheeland (Atrium) – Linda Rldgeway (Portico)  
**Banner Bearers:** Noah Stagg and Dietrich Arnett  
**Candle Lighters:** Ann Volmert and Aubrey Schomaker  
**Liturgist:** Harlan Hackett  
**Elders:** Jeff Underwood and Eric Seaman-  
 Marilyn Schappert, Balcony  
**Deacons:** The Underwood Team  
**Ushers:** The Rose Team  
**Children's Worship:** Holly Gieseke (Ldr) TBD (Hlpr)  
**Offering Counters:** Jerry Miller and Cindy Smith

**CHURCH CALENDAR SEPTEMBER 15 - SEPTEMBER 21**

**Sunday, September 15**

-Coffee Hour Fellowship, 9:20-10:20 a.m., Yonker Hall  
 -Christian Education Classes, 9:30 a.m.  
 -Celebration of Mary Bancroft Retirement  
 -Recognition, 10:30 Service -Reception, Yonker Hall  
 -Student Ministry Groups:  
 -JYF, 4:30-6:00 p.m., Yonker -CYF, 6:00-7:30 p.m., Bethany

**Monday, September 16**

-Church Office Staff Meeting, 2:00-3:00 p.m., Keystone  
 -Evangelism Dept. Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Cumulus Media

**Tuesday, September 17**

-Tuesday Bible Study, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Keystone  
 -Administrative Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Morris Parlor

**Wednesday, September 18**

-Shawl Ministry, 9:30 a.m., Millie Bolman's House  
 -Wednesday Bible Study, 12:00-12:55 p.m., Bethany Hall  
 -CWF Meeting, 5:00-6:00 p.m., Yonker Hall  
 -Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
 -DOC (Disciples on Campus), 7:00-9:00 p.m., Bethany Hall

**Thursday, September 19**

-Caringer Memorial Service, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Sanctuary  
 -Chancel Bell Choir Rehearsal, 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
 -Brotherhood of Men, 6:00 p.m., Bethany Hall

Have an article or photo that you'd like to be included in a future Visitor? Submissions can be sent to [fcc@firstchristian.org](mailto:fcc@firstchristian.org). Please make the subject of the email "Visitor Submission." Thanks!

**Report for September 8, 2019**

**Attendance: 168 (8:30 service - 36)**  
**Total offerings: \$5,465**