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# THE VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Our mission: to know God and follow Jesus Christ

## Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

Sunday, October 20 - 9:00-10:15am  
Yonker Hall

Church in Society and the Brotherhood of Men group are teaming up to host a Habitat for Humanity breakfast. You can enjoy a pancake breakfast on October 20 from 9-10:15am! Come and eat before Sunday School, after early service or before late service. Donations will be accepted and all proceeds from the breakfast will be given to Habitat for Humanity. Join us!



## FCC Day at Habitat Build

Saturday, October 26  
8:30am - 4:00 pm

Please come out and support Habitat for Humanity as FCC participates in a work day on October 26. There is a morning (8:30-12:30) and an afternoon (1:00-4:00) shift. The ideal group size is 10-16 people (must be 18 years or older). You can sign up to work one or both shifts. There will be a table set up every Sunday in the Narthex or you can call the church office.

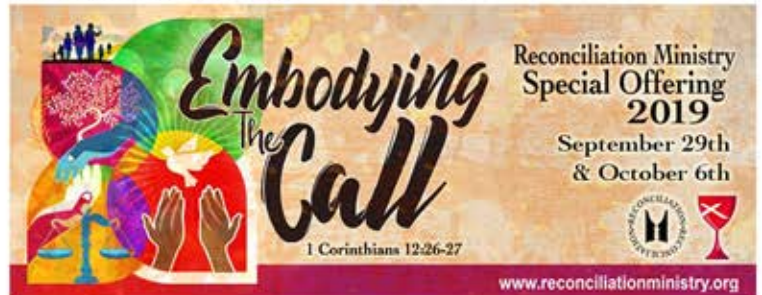
It is hard to predict exactly what will need to be done in a month, but we will most likely be working on one of the following: Install vinyl flooring, install doors and trim, paint doors and trim, install deck railing.

Please make sure to wear appropriate clothes and closed-toed shoes. Bring a water bottle (water will be provided) and a snack (if you would like one). You also need to watch a quick four-minute safety video: <https://youtu.be/CsU39u2aDPg>. If you have any questions, contact Elizabeth Mottaz.

## Worship for September 29

The 16th Sunday after Pentecost  
Rev. Dr. Brad Stagg, preaching "Shrewd"  
1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13

Come join us for worship this Sunday at First Christian Church! Dr. Stagg's sermon "Shrewd" based on Jesus's difficult and troublesome "Parable of the Dishonest/Shrewd/Unjust Steward." Come explore this wonderful teaching of Jesus that offers hope and opportunity for the church, Jesus' disciples and ultimately, the poor. Also in worship, the annual Reconciliation Special Offering will be received to support denominational ministries that seek to establish equality and justice for all people, fulfilling the prophet Micah's words, "To do just, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God."



October 24 – Join us for the annual *Fall Color Tour* to Clinton, Mo., via the Truman Lake Area. Pretty trees, good lunch along the way PLUS good friends. Join us! Bring a friend! Put "COLOR" on the Sunday pew pad or sign up in the office to reserve your spot!



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Columbia College President Scott Dalrymple cordially invites you to attend the 19th annual

ALTHEA W. AND JOHN A. SCHIFFMAN

*Lecture in Religious Studies*  
"Jesus, Adam Smith and Today's Capitalism"  
*presented by*

**Rev. Dr. Brad Stagg**  
*Senior Minister of Columbia's First Christian Church*

**Tuesday, October 8, 2019**

11:00 a.m. Lecture Launer Auditorium	12:30 p.m. Luncheon Lee Room, Dulany Hall
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RSVP to the Office of Development at (573) 875-7563 or by email to [msbennett@ccis.edu](mailto:msbennett@ccis.edu).





## Bit from Brad

**Board Actions at the September Board Meeting** FCC's Administrative Board met Sept. 17 for the first time in Morris Parlor, the first time since the remodel. Vice-Moderator Colleen Nilges led the meeting as Moderator

Eric Arnett was out-of-town for business. All the actions requiring votes passed unanimously.

**Annual Approval of all Church Policies** – Per regular practice for the first meeting of each year, the Board voted to approve all policies passed in prior years as no changes had been made in the previous year.

**Approval to delegate hiring and termination of certain positions to specific supervisors** – Given that the Church Bylaws expressly name the Administrative Board as having the authority to hire and terminate staff, the Board has learned it is prudent to delegate some hiring and termination to certain supervisory staff members, which it does on an annual basis. The following positions were delegated said authority for the 2019-20 Church Year:

- 1) The clergy were given authority to hire/terminate all nursery and childcare workers.
- 2) The clergy and Music Director were authorized to hire/terminate soloists, instrumentalists and section leaders.
- 3) The Mothers' Day Out Director was authorized to hire/terminate all Mothers' Day Out staff.

**Authorize the Business Manager to activate and draw down on the Wells Fargo Line of Credit up to \$275,000 for Tier Two Capital Campaign Expenses** – During the Tier One Capital Campaign, the Church established a \$500,000 Line of Credit (LOC) with Wells Fargo Bank, the financial institution which holds and manages FCC's Permanent Fund, with Permanent Fund itself used as collateral. The LOC provided cash flow as FCC awaited the remaining pledges to be fulfilled. As pledges and other gifts came in, those receipts were in turn used to pay down any and all debt incurred through the LOC. In the end, all pledges and gifts were received and all funds were paid back plus the interest.

While FCC still retained a Line of Credit with Well Fargo, no more funds have been used since then. But now with the completion of all the Tier Two Capital Campaign Projects, the church is receiving contractors' invoices and has spent all Tier Two Capital Campaign funds received to date. We now must, once again, activate the LOC and begin paying those obligations. So, the Board approved giving the Business Manager, Fred Mottaz authority to activate the LOC and begin drawing down on the account, but not exceed \$275,000, the amount projected that needs to be paid. The LOC has a variable interest rate of 4.5% (Broker Call + .5%). This item passed unanimously and Fred begins cutting checks this week to various contractors.

If you have any questions about these business items or any other church matters, please feel free to call the church office and we'll be glad to answer your questions or direct you to those who can!

Blessings, *Dr. Brad*



## 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/>.

You are able to fill it out electronically, if you prefer, but be sure to save the completed version and turn it in either by emailing it to [fcc@firstchristian.org](mailto:fcc@firstchristian.org) or print it out and turn it in by hand or by mail.

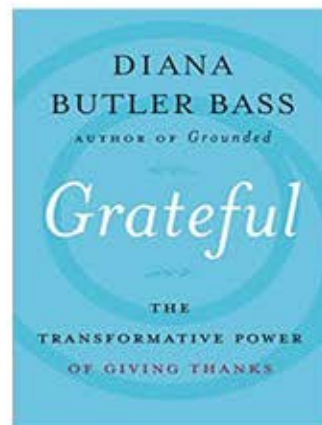
Questions are welcomed: contact co-chairs of the exploration team Bragg Stanley ([JBStanley\\_2000@yahoo.com](mailto:JBStanley_2000@yahoo.com)) or Linda Hutton ([LHutton60@gmail.com](mailto:LHutton60@gmail.com)). Thank you for taking the time to give us your input on this important matter!

-- The Open & Affirming Team

## Book Study: Grateful

*Six Mondays in Oct-Nov*  
*Led by Rev. Jimmy Spear*

If gratitude is good, why is it so hard to do? In *Grateful*, Diana Butler Bass untangles our conflicting understandings of gratitude and sets the table for a renewed practice of giving thanks. Bass is the award-winning author of textbooks on American religion. To find out more about her on the web, go to [DianaButlerBass.com](http://DianaButlerBass.com) or to order your own copy. You can also reserve a copy (\$10) with Jimmy Spear by Sunday, Oct. 6.



Gatherings for discussion will cover five parts of the book at two separate time slots **4:00pm and 7:00pm on Mondays Oct. 14, 21, 28, and Nov. 11, 18, 25**. A meal of gratitude will be shared at the final gathering Nov. 25. Please RSVP for a book and let Jimmy know which session time you plan to attend.

## Friday Night Classics!

3rd Floor Cinema  
Friday, Oct. 4  
7:00pm

Fresh popcorn will be served, 50¢ soda available in Yonker Hall.





# News of the People

## Prayers of Health and Healing...

**Dave Beem** is home from the hospital after a heart attack and heart catheterization last week and was able to be in worship last Sunday! **Eva Bright** is in our prayers as she awaits to undergo surgery Oct. 10.



## Prayers of Sympathy...

To the family and friends of **Shelby Meyer**, a Columbia College transfer student and women's volleyball player who died in an accident last weekend. This is the second CC student to die this month, so we continue to hold all students, faculty, friends and family affected by these tragic deaths in our hearts and prayers.

To the family and friends of **Virginia Bell Douglass Hopper**, following her death. Virginia attended FCC as a child. Dr. Stagg will be officiating the graveside serviced this Sunday, Sept. 29, at 1 p.m..

# Breakfast for Our Brethren



**Every Saturday Morning in October  
Yonker Fellowship Hall**

*Breakfast for Brethren* provides breakfast to people in need every Saturday morning, and is so beneficial to our community. FCC hosts

this breakfast in October. There are many ways for you to help that will allow this event to be a success! You can choose a Saturday morning to come and serve (7:00-10:00am), provide food and drink, donate small toiletry items and/or provide a monetary donation to have items purchased on your behalf. You can sign up at the table in the Narthex or call the church office. Thank you for helping to feed our community!

# Let's Warm-Up Columbia!

**Church In Society Fall Drive  
Through Sunday, Oct. 20.**



Autumn is almost here! Watching football, raking leaves and enjoying the evening air with family and friends are all simple things we can take for granted during this season. However, with the change of cooler weather, people who are less fortunate have a new set of problems – how to keep themselves and their children warm during the upcoming winter season.

This is the 15<sup>th</sup> annual **Warm-Up Columbia** drive coordinated by **Voluntary Action Center** and churches in our community. FCC is once again participating in this valuable program to provide winter items for our neighbors in need. Last year, VAC distributed nearly 5,000 items to over 800 people thanks to our community's generosity.

Please bring your **gently-used clean coats, jackets, blankets, hats, gloves, scarves and socks** for this important collection. These items can be placed in the "Church in Society" donation tub outside the church office. Donations will be collected through Sunday, October 20. Thank you for helping to "Warm-Up Columbia!" Any questions, contact Elizabeth Mottaz - Church in Society Chair.



- Sept. 29** - Keller Martin
- Sept. 30** - Azure Stevens
- Oct. 1** - Aaron Brown,  
Jake Nichols
- Oct. 4** - Jack Bower

# Shawl Ministry Moves to Thursdays

**3rd Thursday of Every Month  
9:30am, Millie Bolman's Home**



The Shawl Ministry will be changing the days for its monthly meetings at Millie Bolman's home at Lenoir. We will now meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 9:30 a.m. beginning on October 17.

There will be no December meeting. If you want to knit or crochet, we want you to join our group! We welcome all skill-levels. Join us!

-- Donna Houston



# Notes of THANKS

Dear First Christian Church,

Thank you so much for the scholarship. The time I have spent at Mizzou has so far been the best time of my life. I have never been so happy and so motivated. Some of the most important morals I learned through First Christian were through worship, but most of all, spending a childhood in youth group surrounded by people who care for your current wellbeing and your future endeavors. I cannot thank the church enough for the support it has given me in my life.

Sincerely, **Jonathan LaHue**

Dear Friends,

My last Sunday with you was a pure delight for me and my family. I was honored that there were so many kind words said, heart-felt hugs and handshakes extended, an astonishing monetary gift and a beautiful plaque given. After church, a wonderful reception was prepared and shared. Many of you have also sent me lovely cards and notes. I thank you for making my years of service at FCC a joy and for supporting me with your comments, compliments, suggestions and prayers. This will be a time of new beginnings for all of us. I know we will rejoice in what God has planned for us.

Sincerely, **Mary E Bancroft**

# MDO Pre-K Openings

Mothers Day Out has three openings in our Pre-K class on Mon./Wed./Fri. Pre-K students must be four years old by Aug. 1st, 2019. If you are interested in attending our PreK class on MWF, contact Tracy Westhoff, MDO Director @ 573-449-6964 or fill out an application by going to [firstchristian.org/mothers-day-out](http://firstchristian.org/mothers-day-out) and submitting one online. Thank you!

# YOUTHGROUP!

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



## NOTE - CYF on Sept. 29:

Since CPS is off Monday 9/30, we will meet this Sunday for an extended time (6-9:30pm) for dinner and a movie. Meet at the church. Bring \$5.

## Fall Calendar:

- Sept. 29: JYF, CYF
- Oct. 6: Chi-Rho, CYF
- Oct. 13: JYF, CYF
- Oct. 20: Chi-Rho, CYF



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 Keith Picker, Custodian

Return Service Requested

SERVING SCHEDULE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29	CHURCH CALENDAR SEPTEMBER 29 - OCTOBER 5
<p><b>Bus Driver:</b> Kim Leon  <b>Office Receptionist:</b> Don Mosby  <b>Welcome Station:</b> Steve Humble  <b>Flower Arranging/Delivery:</b> Eric Seaman  <b>Servers for 8:30 Worship Service</b>  <b>Worship Assistants:</b> Susan Gray, Brice and Mary Moeller  <b>Elder:</b> Carol Hughey  <b>Offering Counters:</b> Mary Daugherty and Kim Reardon  <b>Servers for 10:30 Worship Service</b>  <b>Communion Prep:</b> Chuck and Emily Scott, Jeff Wheeland  <b>Greeters:</b> Carol Slusher (N. Door) – Natalie Barnard (S. Door)    Frances Brown (Atrium) – Lorene Trickey (Portico)  <b>Banner Bearers:</b> Jodie Silverwood and Brady Marrero  <b>Candle Lighters:</b> Kenzie Von Talge and Ryley Batterson  <b>Liturgist:</b> Bragg Stanley  <b>Elders:</b> Brenda Mosby and Larry Veatch - Don Mosby, Balcony  <b>Deacons:</b> The Hunsaker Team  <b>Ushers:</b> The Burnam Team  <b>Children's Worship:</b> Jessica Humble (Ldr) TBD (Hlpr)  <b>Offering Counters:</b> Diana Provenzano and Sarah Storm</p>	<p><b>Sunday, September 29</b>            -Coffee Hour Fellowship, 9:20-10:20am, Yonker Hall            -Christian Education Classes, 9:30am  <b>-Reconciliation Ministry Special Offering, 10:30 Worship</b>            -Student Ministry Groups:            -JYF, 4:30-6:00pm, Yonker -CYF, 6:00-7:30pm, Bethany  <b>Monday, September 30</b>            -Mid-America Regional Mtg, 10:30am-2pm, Keystone            -Church Office Staff Meeting, 2:00-3:00pm, Keystone  <b>Tuesday, October 1</b>            -Tuesday Bible Study, 10:30-11:30am, Morris Parlor            -Trustees Meeting, 12:00pm, Bethany Hall  <b>Wednesday, October 2</b>            -Wednesday Bible Study, 12:00-12:55pm, Bethany Hall            -World Outreach Meeting, 5:00-6:00pm, Bethany Hall            -Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30-6:30pm            -Capital Campaign Mgmt Mtg, 6:30pm - Morris Parlor            -DOC (Disciples on Campus), 7:00-9:00pm, Bethany Hall  <b>Thursday, October 3</b>            -Chancel Bell Choir Rehearsal, 5:30-6:30pm  <b>Friday, October 4</b>            -Church Dine-Out, 5:30pm, Bob Evans            -Friday Night Classics! "Sunset Boulevard", 7pm, 3rd Flr Cinema  <b>Saturday, October 5</b>            -Breakfast For Brethren, 7:00-10:00 am, Yonker Hall</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Report for September 22, 2019</b>  <b>Attendance: 154</b>  <b>(8:30 service - 44)</b>  <b>Total offerings: \$20,607</b></p>	