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# THE VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Our mission: to know God and follow Jesus Christ



*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 8

*The 13th Sunday after Pentecost  
Rev. Dr. Brad Stagg, preaching  
Psalm 116:1-8 & Luke 15:1-10*

Come rejoice with us as Rev. Jimmy Spear returns from Sabbatical, our Two Worship schedule reconvenes and our Sunday School hour kicks off a new year! Come worship God, who seeks the lost, and break bread with all people! Our Scripture passages are Psalm 116:1-8 and Luke 15: 1-10. Dr. Stagg's sermon will focus upon Jesus' two parables of the Lost Sheep and the Lost Coin in his sermon, "Found!"

## Capital Campaign Progress: NEW CARPET

Out with the Old, In with the BLUE!



Another sincere shout-out of thanks to the folks listed below who showed up last Saturday morning to clean, vacuum, and polish our beautiful sanctuary and balcony. AMAZING! Also, when checking out the new bathrooms on the 2nd and 3rd floors, don't miss more of the worker pictures on display outside our library.

Robert Floyd	Brenda Mosby	Brad Stagg
Dan Gieseke	Fred Mottaz	Joyce Stanley
C.K. Hoenes	Colleen Nilges	Opal Stites
Bob Hutton	Janelle Patterson	Lorene Trickey
Linda Hutton	Debbie Potthast	Sue Underwood
Jean Juba	Kim Potthast	Anne Volmert
Beckett Karr	Megan Potthast	Brad Volmert
Geoff Karr	Carole Randerson	Khons Volmert
Brice Moeller	Mike Randerson	Pat Wright



# CROP HUNGER WALK

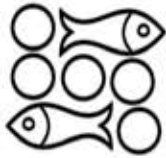
ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME



**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>.



## Loaves and Fishes Update

On Monday, August 26, FCC volunteers served approximately 140 meals to L&F guests at Wilkes Blvd. Methodist Church.

Since the church kitchen was unavailable, a 'picnic' menu of ham and cheese or turkey and cheese sandwiches, baked beans, potato chips, sliced peaches and assorted ice cream and cookies was served. By the enthusiastic and multiple "thank yous," the evening was deemed a success!

To the volunteers who filled the many positions needed to make L&F happen (food shoppers, chefs, backup kitchen staff, servers and runners, cookie bakers, dishwashers and dining room clean-up crew), **THANK YOU:** Anne Campbell, Susan Gray, Donna Houston, Janelle Patterson, Elizabeth Mottaz, Sally Robinson, Linda Hutton, Sarah Read, Jean Juba, Pat Wright, Julie Hickey, John Hickey, Marion Storm, and Mary Moeller.

As one server shared with me, 'I enjoyed helping; it was a great group of people to work with!' So come join us next time! We serve the fourth Monday of every other month!

-- Sarah Storm

*A Soiree Celebrating*  
**ABILITY**  
*Benefiting Woodhaven*  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2019  
6:00 PM AT PEACHTREE BANQUET CENTER  
\$75/PERSON INCLUDES:  
LIVE MUSIC, CRAFT COCKTAILS,  
DECADENT FOOD & A FEW SURPRISES!  
BUY TICKETS ONLINE AT [WOODHAVENTEAM.ORG/SOIREE](http://WOODHAVENTEAM.ORG/SOIREE)

**September 20, 6:00 p.m. - \$75/person**

**Peachtree Banquet Center**

Come join your friends in supporting **Woodhaven** at its annual fundraising event, the **Soiree Celebrating Ability!** Proceeds from this event help support people with developmental disabilities in our community. Have a great night with friends and help your neighbors in need. If you're interested in joining us on September 20<sup>th</sup>, please contact Jimmy Spear to reserve your seat. Admission price (\$75) includes food, live music, a drink ticket and a few surprises! Learn more about this event by going online to [www.woodhaventeam.org/soiree](http://www.woodhaventeam.org/soiree) or ask Jimmy! He served as the emcee for last year's spectacular event. We hope to see you there!



## Bit From Brad

What an amazing week it was last week at FCC! Last Sunday afternoon (8/26), three dozen folks arrived to voluntarily remove all the carpet from the Sanctuary's chancel, balcony, aisles and narthex. It was hard, brutal work, but the job was accomplished. Then Monday, the carpet installers arrived. The balcony was completed Monday, the chancel on Tuesday, the aisles and narthex on Wednesday and finishing touches completed on Thursday.

While the carpet was being installed last week, contractors on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor completed the restrooms, hallway and Morris Parlor just in the nick of time for Friday's Mothers' Day Out Open House! Meanwhile, other contractors worked in Yonker Hall finishing up all the painting as the flooring began. FYI: Yonker Fellowship Hall's floor was completed Monday! Whoo hoo!

Then, on Saturday morning (8/31), another three dozen folks arrived at 9:00 a.m. to clean, vacuum, move furniture and prepare the Sanctuary for Sunday's worship service.

I want to thank each and every person who helped make this endeavor such a tremendous success! Your blood, sweat and tears, as well as muscle aches, smiles and adaptive spirits are a testimony to the good hearts, faithful spirits and cooperative fellowship that makes FCC such a wonderful witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ!

As we prepare the physical buildings of First Christian Church for continuing and expanding ministries, may we also prepare our own hearts for mission and ministry that extend beyond the walls of this congregation to Columbia and beyond!!

Blessings, *Dr. Brad*

## News of the People

### Extending Gratitude...

Thank you, Brad, for the nice visit after my surgery. Also, thanks for all the calls and well wishes. Hopefully I will be back with everyone soon!

-- Don Mosby

### Prayers of Comfort and Wellness...

**Carol Slusher** is home recovering from her heart catheter procedure last Thursday.

**Laura Crane** is recovering from a carpal tunnel procedure she underwent last week.

**Jeff Wheeland** was discharged from the nursing center at the VA Hospital on Tuesday, Sep. 3, after a nearly two week stay from a fall that resulted in a broken foot and twisted knee.

**Trish Stagg** is recovering after enduring a mild concussion last week.

### 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..

Mark your calendars! **Habitat for Humanity** work day will take place on **Saturday, October 26**. Look for more details in an upcoming issue of the Visitor. Contact Elizabeth Mottaz with any questions.

FCC's **Brotherhood of Men** will meet on **Thursday, September 19, at 6 p.m.** in Bethany Hall. The meeting will cover a proposal for Habitat for Humanity, 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 the meeting.





**Sunday School Returns on Sep. 8<sup>th</sup>!**  
Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

**“The Heretic”**

Adult Class lead by Sarah Read  
Film based on Rob Bell and his book, *What Is The Bible?*, which was covered in the Spring session.  
Keystone Room, 2nd Flr of Edu. Building

**“EXODUS - The In and Out of Following God”**

Youth Class lead by Rev. Jimmy Spear  
Grades 6-12

**“The Bible Story Basics”**

Children’s Class lead by Christy Von Talge, Hayley Batterson, Jessica Humble (K-2) and Brenda Mosby (3-5)  
A new curriculum learning Old Testament stories.  
Children grades K-5

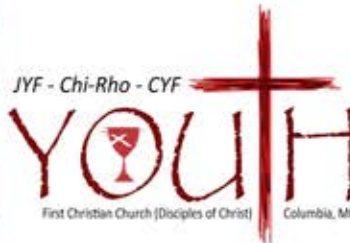
Children and Youth will be in various rooms by age on the 3rd Flr of the Edu. Building. Children start in the Children’s Worship Room at the East end.

**Youth Groups Also Start Sunday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>!**

JYF (grades 3-5) and Chi-Rho (grades 6-8) will meet twice a month on Sundays 4:30-6 p.m.  
CYF (grades 9-12) will meet every Sunday 6–7:30 p.m.

**DOC. (Disciples on Campus)**

Our ministry to college students gathers undergrads for serving opportunities, the exploration of faith and social gatherings to enhance the Christian experience of community.  
See the ad inside for further details or contact Rev. Spear.  
DOC meets Wednesday nights at 7pm in Bethany Hall.



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.

Sept. 8: Chi-Rho, CYF

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 (Retreat Weekend)

Nov. 17: JYF or Chi-Rho events at altered times TBA, CYF

Nov. 24: All church advent decorating

\*These are the dates these groups will meet. Please note: some times on those days may change if a planned activity requires a different time of day. Parents will always get an email ahead of time. Thanks!  
-- Rev. Jimmy Spear



**Children’s Edu. Meeting**

September 26, 6:30 p.m.  
Bethany Hall

FCC’s Children’s Education Department will be having its first meeting of the season on Thursday, Sep. 26. We will be talking about how VBS went this summer and our plans for next year. Discussions of Trunk and Treat or a similar activity, Advent and Easter for next year will also take place. We would love to have anyone interested in helping out or people with ideas attend this meeting. Contact Cindy Rose at 573-514-2211 or by email [RoseCA@health.missouri.edu](mailto:RoseCA@health.missouri.edu) with any questions. We hope to see you there! -- Cindy Rose, Children’s Edu. Chair



**Chancel Bell Choir Ringers Needed**

Practices on Thursdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Interested in playing hand bells with the Chancel Bell Choir? We are trying to rebuild the Bell choir membership and still have room for more - particularly men to ring the large bells. If you are interested in joining the fun, contact **Becky Baumgartner** by email at [bbaumgartner55@gmail.com](mailto:bbaumgartner55@gmail.com) or text/call my cell: 573-864-6975. Thank you! -- Becky Baumgartner

CELEBRATING AN  
*Anniversary*  
**Rich & Betty Montgomery**  
September 12, 55 Years  
**Congratulations!**



**THIS WEEK’S BIRTHDAYS**

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|  | <b>Sept. 8</b> - Jeff LaHue,<br>Joseph McCormack |  | <b>Sept. 12</b> - Aiden Fullington,<br>Deb Batterson       |
|  | <b>Sept. 9</b> - Bonnie Fay,<br>Shannon Schaefer |  | <b>Sept. 13</b> - Bryan Grieme-Verslues,<br>Colleen Nilges |
|  | <b>Sept. 10</b> - Walker Embry                   |  | <b>Sept. 14</b> - Pricilla Henry,<br>Bettie Koelling (92!) |
|  | <b>Sept. 11</b> - James Mark Rogers              |  |  |



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**SERVING SCHEDULE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

**Bus Driver:** Carol Slusher  
**Office Receptionist:** Jeff Wheeland  
**Welcome Station:** Valerie Freed  
**Flower Arranging/Delivery:** Susan Klockow and Jane Ann Hackett

**Servers for 8:30 Worship Service**

**Worship Assistants:** Jerry and Mary Daugherty  
**Elder:** Steve Smith  
**Offering Counters:** Mary Moeller and Kim Reardon

**Servers for 10:30 Worship Service**

**Communion Prep:** David, Debbie, Kim Potthast  
**Greeters:** Perry Stemmons (N. Door) – Helen Stemmons (S. Door) Bette Scavone (Atrium) – Pat Wright (Portico)  
**Banner Bearers:** Cullen Rose and Kenzie Von Talge  
**Candle Lighters:** Ryley Batterson and Cole Freed  
**Liturgist:** Mary Jane Anderson  
**Elders:** Mark Mills and Eric Arnett - Janelle Patterson, Balcony  
**Deacons:** The McCormack Team  
**Ushers:** The Burnam Team  
**Children's Worship:** Hayley Batterson (Ldr) TBD (Hlpr)  
**Offering Counters:** Debbie Taylor and Diana Provenzano

**CHURCH CALENDAR SEPTEMBER 8 - SEPTEMBER 14**

**Sunday, September 8**

-8:30/10:30am Worship Schedule Resumes  
 -Coffee Hour Fellowship, 9:20-10:20 a.m., Yonker Hall  
 -Christian Education Classes, 9:30 a.m.  
 -Student Ministry Groups:  
 -Chi-Rho, 4:30-6:00 p.m., Bethany Hall  
 -CYF, 6:00-7:30 p.m., Bethany Hall

**Monday, September 9**

-Church Office Staff Meeting, 2:00-3:00 p.m., Keystone

**Tuesday, September 10**

-Tuesday Bible Study, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Keystone

**Wednesday, September 11**

-Ladies' Book Club, 12:00 p.m., Bethany Hall  
 -Wednesday Bible Study, 12:00-12:55 p.m., **KEYSTONE**  
 -Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
 -Cabinet Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Keystone  
 -DOC (Disciples on Campus), 7:00-9:00 p.m., Bethany Hall

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

**Report for September 1, 2019**

**Attendance: 141**

**Total offerings: \$5,378**