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THE VISITOR

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Our mission: to know God and follow Jesus Christ

**21ST ANNUAL
ELECTION DAY
LUNCHEON
TUE. NOVEMBER 5
11AM - 2PM
YONKER HALL
\$8.00
SOUP OR CHILI,
SANDWICH AND PIE**

Worship for October 27

The 20th Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 65 and Luke 18:9-14

Rev. Jimmy Spear, preaching

"All who exalt themselves will be humbled, but those who humble themselves will be exalted" — Jesus twice shared these words. This week, we consider his meaning as he tells us the parable of the Pharisee and Tax Collector. We have much to learn about ourselves, our piety and our approach to God. Join us Sunday as we respond to the call of humility.

Rev. Spear will bring the message: "How Do You Go Home?"



Serve at Loaves and Fishes

Monday, October 28, 5:00 - 6:30pm

Wilkes Boulevard United Methodist

First Christian Church has an opportunity to serve at Loaves and Fishes on Monday, October 28. This program provides dinner to people in need in our community. Janelle Patterson and CYF will be preparing the food on Sunday evening; however, we will need help serving and cleaning up. If you are available to help serve (5-6:15) or clean up (5:30-6:30), please contact **Elizabeth Mottaz**.

Take the Opportunity to Participate

Thank you to all who have volunteered to help with this year's Election Day Luncheon! We still have a few places that we can use more help. If you can help sanitize the kitchen Sunday (Nov. 3), decorate the Hall Monday (4th) or help serve our customers on Tuesday (5th), we have just the place for you. It's going to be another fun day working together while serving others. Stop by the table in the Narthex on Sunday or call Brenda Mosby at 442-7507 to sign up to help!

-- Brenda Mosby

Pancake Breakfast a Success

The FCC Brotherhood of Men recently sponsored a pancake breakfast fundraiser. A good crowd came for Sunday breakfast and raised more than \$525 to benefit Columbia's Habitat for Humanity. The cooking crew included: **Scott Schaefer, Geoff & Beckett Karr** (pictured at right), **Jeff Wheeland, Fred Mottaz** (pictured at left), **Brad Volmert, Hartley Rogers and Larry Veatch**.

Elizabeth Mottaz assisted representing the Church in Society Dept., which was responsible for the idea of connecting this fundraiser with the efforts of our church working at the local Habitat house on Oct. 26.



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News of the People

Prayers of Health and Healing...

Pam Hunsaker was admitted to Boone last week, but is now resting at home and doing better. She and her family appreciated your prayers. Will Houston sustained a fall last week and is recuperating at home. Dick Underwood was a patient at Boone Hospital ICU with a collapsed lung beginning Oct. 21 and hopes for a short stay.



News of the People and Place...

The church parking lot was repaved on Oct 14. The new asphalt and stripping look great. The holes, crater and space guessing are gone! Boone County Administration rents the majority of the parking lot during the work week: M-F, 8am-5pm. The church has full use each evening and over the weekend. The church has 14 designated spaces — all of which face the building. Please note these spots as you park on weekdays.

BLUE TAPE is the only way we affix anything temporarily to any wall or door surface at the church. This special "painter's tape" keeps the surface (much of which is recently new) from being damaged. We appreciated everyone abiding by this moving forward.

Quarterly Financial Report

First Christian Church General Fund

Profit & Loss

July through September 2019

Jul - Sep 19

Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
OFFERINGS	120,444.93
PERMANENT FUND PROGRAMS	53,033.05
RENTAL	39,441.42
SOURCES - OTHER	5,941.80
	1,094.02
Total Income	219,955.22
Gross Profit	219,955.22
Expense	
ADMINISTRATIVE	106,025.05
CHILDREN EDUCATION	1,072.30
CHURCH IN SOCIETY	2,825.59
COL. AREA OLDER ADULT MINISTRY	21,394.17
COMMUNICATION	2,513.59
EVANGELISM	115.41
MEMBERSHIP	-72.30
MOTHERS DAY OUT	10,966.04
OFFICE	3,924.04
PROPERTY	25,447.66
SCHOLARSHIP	13,000.00
STEWARDSHIP	-21.00
STUDENT MINISTRY	4,947.41
WORLD OUTREACH	5,055.47
WORSHIP	715.98
Z UNBUDGETED	100.00
Total Expense	198,009.41
Net Ordinary Income	21,945.81
Net Income	21,945.81



- Oct. 27 - David Potthast, Kurt Schaefer
- Oct. 30 - Daisy Crane, Rachael Fullington, Drew Gieseke
- Oct. 31 - Richard Hoepfner
- Nov. 1 - Cherry Hinderberger, Lillian McCormack, Richard Schomaker
- Nov. 2 - Holly Gieseke



On Oct. 8th, Dr. Stagg was the featured lecturer for the 19th Schiffman Lecture in Religious Studies where he presented "Jesus, Adam Smith and Today's Capitalism". You can find a link to a video recording of the lecture on the church website's blog: <http://firstchristian.org/2019/schiffman-lecture/>

Quarterly Attendance Report

Monthly	July	August	September
Participating Membership	453	447	611
Average Worship Attendance	133	135	148

Quarterly Membership Breakdown

Total Membership for Quarter:	904
Average Participating Members:	503
Average Worship Attendance:	138



Bit From Brad

Capital Projects

Bob Hutton and the Property Department continue putting the finishing touches on our Capital Campaign projects. New wooden handrails have been installed in the narthex stairwells leading up to the balcony and down to the basement so there handrails are on both sides. D&M Sound has completed the Audio-Visual installation in Morris Parlor and trained the staff on how to use it. The Wi-Fi enabled TV allows connection to the internet for Skype and Go-To-Meeting options for meetings, as well as accessing the church's website and Facebook page in real time. There are plans to create an FCC YouTube Channel so that messages, lessons and training can be accessed, as well.

Thanks to **Bob Hutton, Brenda Mosby, Jimmy Spear** and others, the Yonker Fellowship Hall stage area has been cleared-off, shelving installed and prepped for the arrival of the stage curtains and rigging.

How exciting it will be when those curtains arrive! The CWF has hosted countless service projects to cover those costs and now we are so close to their completion. We also await the installation of the A/V equipment to be installed in Yonker Hall so images can be projected from the ceiling-mounted projector onto the motorized drop-down screen. Finally, we anticipate the completion of the last handrails to be manufactured and installed in the interior stairwell leading up from Higbee and Yonker Hall (near the flower room and water fountain) to the Atrium and Children's Classrooms up the back stairwell.

Darryl Prater of Church Development shared that after the first twelve months of a three-year capital campaign, a congregation hopes to receive 40% of pledges that first year. **Fred Mottaz** reported FCC reached the 40% mile-marker after 9 months of receipts. This means with another 3 months to reach our 12 month marker, FCC is well on its way to surpassing national church trends in capital campaign receipts! Congratulations, FCC on a job well done so far! Thanks so much!

Open & Affirming Process

With the recent and public fallout between The Crossing and the True/False Film Festival organizers, I am reminded of just how timely and important FCC's conversations and exploration regarding being Open and Affirming to all people, especially the LGBTQ community.

FCC's Open and Affirming Exploration Team, initiated by our Church Elders, has now received upwards of 120 surveys. It is still processing those remaining surveys and is preparing reports based on those surveys to be presented to the Elders, the Administrative Board and the Congregation.

Some have asked, "Is a vote coming up in November on this matter?" Let me assure you no vote will come this November. Much more conversation and dialogue must take place so that we have clear understanding of how we perceive God's calling and will on this matter. We are a congregational-based governance system, which takes a slow, deliberative process (continued -->)

YOUTH GROUP!

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



Fall Calendar

Oct. 27: JYF, CYF
Thursday, Oct. 31: CYF EAT OUT Lunch, 12pm (see text)
Nov. 3: Chi-Rho, CYF
Nov. 10: No regular groups—CYF in afternoon (see text)
Nov. 17: JYF, CYF
Nov. 24: All church advent decorating event 4-6pm



Dinner for Six

Six people — Three dinners — Three months
 Join the fellowship craze sweeping the nation: **Dinner for Six.**

Imagine six church people sharing a meal three times over the course of three months. Fellowship, new friendships and great food are all possible in this season's offering of Dinner for Six. Some meals are at home, others at restaurants — the group decides. Couples, singles welcome.

Interested? Email or sign up with the church office (fcc@firstchristian.org). **Sign up by THIS SUNDAY, Oct. 27.** Groups will meet in November, December, and January.



Dick & Sue Underwood
 October 24, 60 Years

A SPECIAL
Anniversary
 Congratulations!

on matters like this. But, recent events clearly demonstrate how important this conversation is at this time for church and society. If you have further inquiries, comments or concerns regarding the Open and Affirming process, I encourage you to visit with **Bragg Stanley** and/or **Linda Hutton**, the O&A Exploration Team Leaders. Blessings, *Dr. Brad*



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Return Service Requested

SERVING SCHEDULE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 CHURCH CALENDAR OCTOBER 27 - NOVEMBER 2

Bus Driver: Kim Leon
Office Receptionist: Pat Rybolt
Welcome Station: Trish Stagg
Flower Arranging/Delivery: Mary Jane Anderson, Fred Mottaz
Servers for 8:30 Worship Service
Worship Assistants: Tom & Carol Hughey, Natalie Barnard
Elder: Cherry Hinderberger
Offering Counters: Sarah Storm and Jean Juba
Servers for 10:30 Worship Service
Communion Prep: Judy & Ron Longaker, Tori Pine
Greeters: Helen Stemmons (N. Door) – Perry Stemmons (S. Door)
 Susan Klockow (Atrium) – Jane Anne Hackett (Portico)
Banner Bearers: Ryley Batterson and Cole Freed
Candle Lighters: Noah Stagg and Dietrich Arnett
Liturgist: Diana Provenzano
Elders: Tracy Evers and Steve Lightner - Kim Leon, Balcony
Deacons: The Hunsaker Team
Ushers: The Scott Team
Children's Worship: Eric Arnett (Ldr) TBD (Hlpr)
Offering Counters: Janelle Patterson and Sarah Storm

Sunday, October 27
 -Coffee Hour Fellowship, 9:20-10:20am, Yonker Hall
 -Christian Education Classes, 9:30am
 -Lenoir Healthcare Worship, 3:30pm
 -Student Ministry Groups:
 -JYF, 4:30-6pm, Yonker Hall
 -CYF, 6-7:30pm, Bethany Hall
Monday, October 28
 -Drennan Group Meeting, 1:00pm, Lenoir Woods
 -Church Office Staff Meeting, 2:00-3:00pm, Keystone
 -Loaves and Fishes, 3:00-7:00pm
 -"Grateful" Book Study, 4pm AND 7pm, Bethany Hall
Tuesday, October 29
 -MDO Halloween Party, 9:00am-1:30pm, Yonker Hall
 -Tuesday Bible Study, 10:30-11:30am, Morris Parlor
Wednesday, October 30
 -MDO Halloween Party, 9:00am-1:30pm, Yonker Hall
 -Wednesday Bible Study, 12:00-12:55pm, Bethany Hall
 -Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30-6:30pm, Choir Room
 -DOC (Disciples on Campus), 7:00-9:00pm, Bethany Hall
Thursday, October 31
 -CYF Lunch Out, 12:00pm
 -Chancel Bell Choir Rehearsal, 5:30-6:30pm, Bell Room
Friday, November 1
 -Church Dine Out, 5:30pm, Bob Evans

Report for October 20, 2019
Attendance: 140
(8:30 service - 36)
Total offerings: \$7,261