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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Our mission: to know God and follow Jesus Christ

Worship for October 6

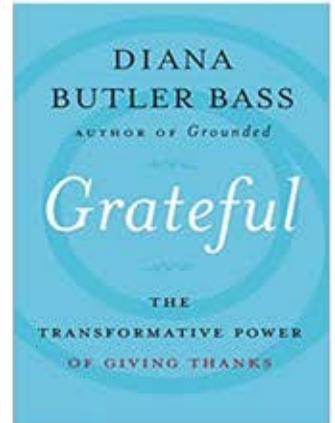
The 17th Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Dr. Brad Stagg, preaching

Come join us for worship this Sunday at First Christian Church! In honor of World Communion Sunday, our elders and deacons will deliver communion to those members who cannot make it to church due to health reason through their quarterly ministry Communion Connection. This Sunday's sermon, "Rich Man and Lazarus," is based on Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16 and Luke 16:19-31. Dr. Stagg will reflect on Jesus' third parable concerning wealth - Jesus' great reversal - and wonders aloud, "Who are the five brothers?" Remember: it's still not too late to contribute to the Disciples of Christ Reconciliation Offering!

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 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.

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

1001 Rogers Street • Columbia College Campus

RSVP to the Office of Development at (573) 875-7563 or by email to msbennett@ccis.edu.

Friday Night Classics!

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

Fresh popcorn will be served, 50¢ soda available in Yonker Hall. (Quarters only.)

SUNSET BOULEVARD
A HOLLYWOOD STORY

PENCIL IT IN!

- 10/20 - Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser
- 10/25 - Family Halloween Event
- 10/26 - Habitat for Humanity Work Day
- 11/5 - Election Day Luncheon
- 11/16 - Christmas Bazaar

For more information, see their respective ads inside!

OCTOBER

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The Fall Color Tour — October 24

Join us for the annual *Fall Color Tour* to the **Truman Lake area**. Lunch will be at the wonderful **The German Table restaurant** in Cole Camp. Pretty trees, good lunch 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! We will leave at 8:30am from the outer Target parking lot.

Theater in Macon — Wed. Oct. 9 — if you reserved a ticket for the Maples Theater Production here is the trip info: Meet at Target at 10:30am. Lunch at AJs in Macon. Theater at 2:00pm. Home by 5:30pm. Fee/Ticket price: \$30



Trip to St. Joe

Pictured to the left is the group that recently took an overnight trip to St. Joseph, Missouri. We toured historical sights of the Pony Express and other landmarks, including the beautiful sanctuary of First Christian Church. A stop at

Western Missouri University provided a chance to see the Walter Cronkite Memorial. Marceline MO is the childhood home of Walt Disney. A great museum, good food, and personal tour were delightful. We even enjoyed a personal evening driving tour with our own Molly Read Ring, who resides in St. Joseph.



21st Annual Election Day Luncheon

*Tues. Nov. 5, 11am-2pm
Yonker Hall*

It doesn't seem possible, but it's that time again! When we started our luncheon, we had three goals:

1. Be a presence in our community;
2. Work together to become closer as a Church family;
3. Raise money to use for the missions of Christian Women's Fellowship.

We still have these same goals and, thanks to all of you who volunteer, these goals are met year after year! There will be someone in the Narthex this Sunday before and after worship with a sign-up sheet. You can help with sanitizing the kitchen, decorating the hall, preparing the food, serving our friends, selling tickets, etc. There is room for anyone who would like to help. Don't forget both women and men are welcome! Let's have a great day! Call Brenda Mosby at 442-7507 if you have questions.

— Brenda Mosby

News of the People

Prayers of Health and Healing...

Cheryl Lightner was admitted to Boone Hospital on Sept. 29 after experiencing more complications with her chemo treatment. Her family asks for no visitors at this time, but they welcome your prayers. Eva Bright is in our prayers as she prepares for her neck surgery on Oct. 10. Natalie Barnard's mother, Mary Bowyer is at Rusk Rehab following a hospital stay. Dennis Lafferty, Colleen Nilges' brother, Dennis Lafferty is hospitalized in Cape Girardeau, Mo.



News of the People and Place...

Jerry and Mary Daugherty are pictured to the right renewing their vows between services on Sept. 29 in celebration of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Congratulations!

Parking Lot Repaved: Monday, Oct. 14. This will mean a day of limited/no access to the entire church parking lot.



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 is available in the Narthex and the church office. It can also be found on the church website in the blog area: <http://firstchristian.org/2019/open-affirming-survey/>. If you do the web version, be sure to save the completed version and turn it in by emailing it to fcc@firstchristian.org or print it out and turn it in by hand or by mail. **DEADLINE: OCTOBER 13**

Questions are welcomed: contact co-chairs of the exploration team Bragg Stanley (JBStanley_2000@yahoo.com) or Linda Hutton (LHutton60@gmail.com). Thank you for taking the time!

- Oct. 6** - Kathleen Shreves
- Oct. 7** - Megan Judy, Pam Hoepfner
- Oct. 8** - Marcy Douglas, Sara Klockow, Cheryl Lightner, Michael Snyder
- Oct. 9** - Lynn Klotz, Jeffrey Ripley, Mona Stevenson
- Oct. 10** - Alex Johnson, Julie Nichols
- Oct. 11** - Mark Embry, Brady Marrero, Elizabeth Martin, Joy Overacre

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS



Younger Family Supper

Oct 25, 5:45pm!

Join us after the downtown Columbia "Halloweenie" (trick-or-treating at local businesses in The District) for a light supper and fellowship. All family and friends of younger children PLUS our Mother's Day Out families are most welcome to land in Yonker Hall for restrooms, food and refreshments. Don't cook! We'll handle dinner on Oct. 25.



For those with older kids, we will show a movie in the cinema at 6:45pm. More info to come...

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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 15th 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.

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.

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. 6: Chi-Rho, CYF

Oct. 13: Hayride Day!

JYF & Chi-Rho will go to the Palmer's home for a hayride and campfire.

3-6pm. Meet at the church.

CYF will meet at regular time.

Oct. 20: Chi-Rho, CYF

Oct. 27: JYF, CYF



Last Sunday, the CYF group returned to a long honored tradition of sharing a big table at the famous upstairs Chinese restaurant, "Formosa." New experiences and great conversation among good friends was the theme of that night's gathering.



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SERVING SCHEDULE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

Bus Driver: Dan Gieseke
Office Receptionist: Diana Provenzano
Welcome Station: Debbie Garton
Flower Arranging/Delivery: Carol Slusher
Servers for 8:30 Worship Service
Worship Assistants: Will & Donna Houston, Karen Poe
Elder: Eric Seaman
Offering Counters: Jean Juba and Sarah Storm
Servers for 10:30 Worship Service
Communion Prep: Ava Hoenes, Steve & Sharon Smith
Greeters: Don Mosby (N. Door) – Janelle Patterson (S. Door)
 Laura Crane (Atrium) – Bud Batterson (Portico)
Banner Bearers: Cole Freed and Noah Stagg
Candle Lighters: Dietrich Arnett and Cullen Rose
Liturgist: Amy LaHue
Elders: Jacki Davidson and Jennifer Alexander -Dan Gieseke, Balcony
Deacons: The Potthast Team
Ushers: The Wright Team
Children's Worship: Cindy Rose (Ldr) TBD (Hlpr)
Offering Counters: Janelle Patterson and Debbie Taylor

CHURCH CALENDAR OCTOBER 6 - OCTOBER 12

Sunday, October 6
World Communion Sunday / Communion Connection
 -Coffee Hour Fellowship, 9:20-10:20am, Yonker Hall
 -Christian Education Classes, 9:30am
 -**Reconciliation Ministry Special Offering**, Both Services
 -Student Ministry Groups (Bethany Hall):
 -Chi-Rho, 4:30-6:00pm -CYF, 6:00-7:30pm
Monday, October 7
 -Church Office Staff Meeting, 2:00-3:00pm, Keystone
 -Coffman-Watson Meeting, 7:00pm, Betty Montgomery's Home
Tuesday, October 8
 -Schiffman Lecture: Ethics and Religion, 11am, Columbia College
Wednesday, October 9
 -STARS Trip: Maples Theatre, 10:30am - Meet at Target
 -Ladies' Book Club, 12:00pm, Bethany Hall
 -Wednesday Bible Study, 12:00-12:55pm, Keystone
 -Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30-6:30pm, Choir Room
 -Cabinet Meeting, 6:30pm, Morris Parlor
 -DOC (Disciples on Campus), 7:00-9:00pm, Bethany Hall
Thursday, October 10
 -Chancel Bell Choir Rehearsal, 5:30-6:30pm, 3rd Flr Bell Room
Saturday, October 12
 -Breakfast For Brethren, 7:00-10:00 am, Yonker Hall

Report for September 29, 2019

Attendance: 164
(8:30 service - 48)
Total offerings: \$2,530