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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) VISITOR

Our mission: to know God and follow Jesus Christ



UN-Decorate FCC

THIS SUNDAY, Jan. 5th - 4:30pm

The sanctuary looked GREAT for the advent and Christmas season. Soon will come the time to put all the decorations away. Help us put all the decorations away for another year.

The items to put away include:

- Sanctuary Christmas tree, greens and nativity
- Outdoor stable and Bethany Hall decorations
- Yonker Hall Christmas tree

See you at 4:30pm on Sunday!

Epiphany Sunday

Psalm 147:12-20 & John 1:1-18

Dr. Stagg, preaching "The Incarnate Word"

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

We know well Jesus' birth narrative. The other strong gospel lesson found in the birth of Jesus Christ is presented in the first chapter of John. This Sunday in both services: The WORD made flesh. Light and life too. A choral anthem and hymns to start the new year will also be featured. Join us!

Setting our hearts and minds on the space needed for mission and ministry, we have together raised funds and updated the church building.

COME AND CELEBRATE!

THE COMPLETION OF CAPITAL CAMPAIGN TIERS 1 & 2

Sunday, January 12

Dedications & presentations in the 10:30 service,
a reception will follow in Yonker Hall

BOB HUTTON DAY

There is no way to count the hours and efforts of Bob Hutton (Property Dept. Chairperson) over the course of the church building renewal. His passion for quality, cost savings and keeping the project to a workable timeline are of the highest standard. We observed month in and month out his determination to see the project through and for that faithful work we can say boldly, "THANKS, BOB!"...and give him the day!



Thank You!

The entire church staff sends thanks to everyone who contributed to the *Staff Christmas Fund*. Thank you for your great generosity. We appreciate your gifts at Christmas and are glad for our shared ministry all year long. Happy New Year!

-- Brad, Jimmy, Fred, Laura, Michael, Travis and Keith



Chancel Flower Open Dates



Thank you to everyone who signed up to donate chancel flowers for the 2019-2020 season. We still have 5 weeks open in 2020 (in April, May and June). **Anyone who wishes to sign up to donate flowers for the chancel (only \$30) can contact the church office to find out**

which weeks are still available. We would love to fill all the slots! Thank you, in advance, for your generosity and support. Already signed up? Please get your money and form turned in to the office ASAP if you have not paid already, or via the Sunday Offering plates.

Nominating Committee Mtg



**THIS MONDAY,
January 6
6:30pm
Keystone Room**

NOTE: Committee members, your Notebook is ready for pickup in the Church Office! If you need a binder, please let the office know and they'll supply you with one.

DOC Winter Break Mission Trip

Prayers are welcomed for the the *Disciples on Campus* college ministry group as they are on mission in Memphis, TN the week of **January 6-11**. The 13 member mission team will stay at Kingsway Christian Church and serve with several local organizations that assist the needs of the homeless, HIV/AIDS community and food resource centers. Co-leaders are Rev. Jimmy Spear and Rev. Nick Larson (Broadway CC).

JANUARY Birthdays

- Jan. 5** - Lindsey Ingebritson, Hillary Nichols
- Jan. 8** - Bryan Garton, Sam Pine
- Jan. 10** - Samantha Fullington, Ava Hoenes, Darren Pine, Cindy Rose

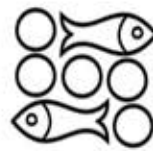
Loaves & Fishes

Plans for 2020 - Mark your calendars!

What an AMAZING turn out we had on December 23rd to serve at Loaves & Fishes! A huge thank you to the Carney family (Bill, Sonya & Cole Galbraith), the Johnson family (Vicki, Olivia & Alex), Sarah Storm, Chuck Scott, Brian Dawson, Donna Kessel, Jimmy Spear and Fred Mottaz. We served approximately 115 people a warm meal thanks to their generosity of time.



Last month, a Loaves & Fishes Interest Survey was distributed. The survey collected feedback from the congregation on its interest in serving at Loaves and Fishes in the future. We have enough interest so FCC can (and will!) continue to serve every other month.



Sonya Carney and I are co-leading this ministry in 2020. We have approximately 25 people willing to be apart of Loaves and Fishes this year! Currently, we are working on developing a cooking team along with a serving team.

FCC is scheduled to serve at Loaves and Fishes on **February 24, April 27, June 22, August 24, October 26 and December 28**. We will be sharing more about what is happening with this ministry next month. If you are interested in being a member of the Loaves & Fishes team or would like more information please contact Elizabeth Mottaz.

-- Elizabeth Mottaz, Church in Society Chair.



Season Schedule

Go online to sign up to volunteer:
<https://roomattheinncomo.org/volunteer>

Have you considered volunteering at Room at the Inn this winter season? Our Disciple sister congregation, Broadway Christian Church is hosting the month of January. Check out the above website to find times when help is needed. Evening and early morning shifts are available for a variety of helpers.

January 5 - February 1

Broadway Christian Church
2601 W Broadway

February 2 - February 15

Missouri United Methodist Church
204 S. 9th St.

FCC Warming Station Volunteers

Hosts: Jan & David Davis	Mike Randerson, Jeff Wheeland
Bus Driver: Bill Carney	Eric Seaman
Sun. January 5	Sun. January 12



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

Winter/Spring Calendar

January 12—Chi-Rho/CYF

Jan. 19 (MLK wknd)—Chi-Rho Lock-In

Jan. 26—JYF/CYF

February 2—Chi-Rho/CYF

Feb. 9—JYF/CYF

Feb. 14-15—Chi-Rho Retreat (Fri.-Sat)

Feb. 16—(Pres. wknd)—no meetings (CYF TBD)

Feb. 23—JYF/CYF

March 1—Chi-Rho/CYF

Mar. 8—JYF/CYF

Mar. 22-29—Spring Break—weekday activity TBD

Mar. 29 CYF

April 5—Chi-Rho lunch and egg hide/JYF hunt/CYF

Apr. 12—EASTER—no meetings

Apr. 19—JYF/CYF

Apr. 26—Chi-Rho/CYF

Summer Camp 2020 Dates

CYF Camp (Gr. 9th-12th) - June 7-12

8th Gr. "Our Lives, Our Bodies" Camp - July 5-11

Canoe Camp (Chi Rho & CYF) - July 13-17

Chi Rho Camp (Gr. 6th-7th) - July 20-25

Elementary (Gr. 2nd-3rd) & **Junior** (Gr. 4th-5th)

Camp - August 3-7

Try It Camp (Gr. K-2nd) - August 7-9

Calendar now — Register later — ??'s talk to Jimmy



The Real Temperature of Christmas Eve

By the time the children were placing the nativity figurines in the stable, the heat had kicked in. I kept thinking, "don't bend over Spear - the sweat will run in your eyes." We are all mostly familiar that I get hot in church. The shirt and tie, wool robe, stole and many bright lights combine with nerves and by the children's moment I am in full forehead sweat. It happens every Christmas Eve. But that is not why some of you were *hot* OR *cold* in the sanctuary that night.

The outside temperature on Christmas Eve was in the high 50s - low 60s. I had the chance to drive my convertible with the top down! Well down at the church, the boiler was unaware and was keeping the sanctuary at a nice winter-warm of 75°. Now 75° is great in Florida but in the sanctuary a whole lot of people begin fanning. Thus, after much study of the optimum temperature, we keep the WHOLE room a comfortable 71-72°. When the boiler is working toward keeping the winter cold out and it is warm outside we have to counteract with outside air. In our sanctuary, the outside air kicks on to relieve the 75°. The way the old building is set up much of the forced air falls hard in the front section of the sanctuary. The back section does not feel the cold wind. Two groups then are worshipping together — the cold and the hot.

On an average Sunday, one can move around to find a good place to sit with comfortable amounts of warm and cool air. Christmas Eve is not an average Sunday. More than 300 people fill the pews, the heat rises, the cool air kicks on and then people get concerned. Do you see a solution? I wish I had one in those moments. We do offer knitted shawls and the air

— when set correctly and not changed — will kick on and off in short spurts making the experience at least more tolerable. We actually spent all day getting the room to 71° so the cold would not have to kick on as often during evening worship.

As we consider what to do next year about this issue, we also hope the congregation recalls the good feeling shared last Tuesday night when the whole church was full and candle-lit. That experience will be hard to duplicate if the front is empty or if it gets so hot people have to leave.

I believe there is more to this though. The temperature of Christmas Eve was just right — it felt wonderful to have so many friends, families and guests sharing the most holy of nights. The temperature of the room felt perfect as we sang great carols, heard time honored texts, communed and passed the light of Christ among us.

Sometimes the temperature of the room has less to do with the thermostat and more to do with the warmth of the heart and soul when it is most open to the glory of God.

-- Jimmy Spear, Associate Minister

The Garage Sale

With the new year upon us, people are stating their readiness to purge their homes and bring things to the annual Garage Sale at church. **At this time, there is not a garage sale set for 2020.** I stated last spring that I would not lead the event again. The Student Ministry Department, keepers of the sale in recent years to fund Student Mission Trips, has also not committed to the event. Other funding streams are being explored. We will publicize other local charitable sales as they're announced. Stay tuned.

-- J.S.



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Return Service Requested

SERVING SCHEDULE SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

Bus Driver: Kim Leon
Office Receptionist: Carol Slusher
Welcome Station: Debbie Garton
Flower Arranging/Delivery: Susan Klockow & Jane Anne Hackett
Warming Station
Hosts: Jan & David Davis
Bus: Bill Carney
Servers for 8:30 Worship Service
Worship Assistants: Mike & Carol Randerson, Bob Hutton
Elder: Steve Smith
Offering Counters: Mary Daugherty and Jean Juba
Servers for 10:30 Worship Service
Communion Prep: Bryan & Debbie Garton, Betsy Hofmann
Greeters: Diana Provenzano (N. Door) – TBD (S. Door)
 Susan Ramsey (Atrium) – Gerald Ramsey (Portico)
Banner Bearers: Dietrich Arnett and Cullen Rose
Candle Lighters: Ann Volmert and Aubrey Schomaker
Liturgist: Tommy Tomlin
Elders: Tracy Evers and Erin Bower - Colleen Nilges, Balcony
Deacons: The Potthast Team **Ushers:** The Wright Team
Children's Worship: Holly Gieseke (Ldr.) TBD (Hlpr.)
Offering Counters: Debbie Taylor and Diana Provenzano

CHURCH CALENDAR JANUARY 5 - JANUARY 11

Sunday, January 5

- 8:30/10:30 Worship Schedule Resumes
 -Warming Station, 6:00-9:00am, Higbee
 -Coffee Hour Fellowship, 9:20-10:20am, Yonker Hall
 -**UN-Decorate FCC, 4:00pm**

Monday, January 6

-DOC departure for Mission Trip-Memphis TN, 7:30am
 -Church Office Staff Meeting, 2:00-3:00pm, Keystone
 -Nominating Committee Meeting, 6:30pm, Keystone

Tuesday, January 7

-Tuesday Bible Study, 10:30-11:30am, Morris Parlor

Wednesday, January 8

-Ladies Book Club, 12:00pm, Bethany Hall
 -Wednesday Bible Study, 12:00-12:55pm, Keystone
 -Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30-6:30pm, Choir Room

Thursday, January 9

-Chancel Bell Choir Rehearsal, 5:30pm, 3rd Flr Bell Room

Monday –Saturday January 6-11

-Disciples on Campus college ministry group on their Winter Break Mission Trip serving in Memphis TN

Report for December 22, 2019

Attendance: 182
(8:30 service - 40)
Offerings: \$8,519

Report for December 24, 2019

Attendance: 300+

Report for December 29, 2019

Attendance (One Service): 115
Total offerings: \$2,357