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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) VISITOR

Our mission: to know God and follow Jesus Christ

RED AND GOLD



Show your support for the Kansas City Chiefs at this week's Red and Gold Sunday! Wear the team colors at church to show your Missouri team spirit!

Mark your calendars!



More information to come in a future Visitor.

4th Sunday After Epiphany

Micah 6:6-8 & Matthew 5:1-12

Dr. Stagg, preaching

Come and see what wonderful things God has in store for you at FCC this Sunday! The Men's Ministry and Church in Society are serving up pancakes & sausages. Come support The Food Bank from 9-10:15. Dr. Rochelle Parker celebrates her first Sunday as FCC's newly-appointed Organist; come hear her play! It's Super Bowl Sunday and the Kansas City Chiefs are playing. All Chiefs fans are invited to wear red and gold to support their team as it is "Red and Gold Sunday!"

There's a match-up that's been playing out since the dawn of humanity: God versus Evil. To help us in this eternal battle, Jesus gives us a new set of rules to counteract the forces of evil. In his sermon: "New Law," Dr. Stagg shares Jesus' Beatitudes from the Sermon on the Mount, which provides humanity with a new understanding of God's will and how God's love triumphs over evil.

Groundhog Day Pancake Breakfast



Church in Society

A FUNDRAISER for :
The Food Bank For Central & Northeast Missouri

Sponsored by Men's Ministry and Church in Society
Donations Welcomed!



Sunday, February 2 - 9:00-10:15 am

Yonker Fellowship Hall menu: Pancakes, Sausage, Juice/Coffee





Bit From Brad

Super Bowl and the Chiefs: Watching the Super Bowl each year is always a fun time; the championship game, the commercials, the halftime performances, food, family and friends! But this year, Missouri's only professional football team, the Kansas City Chiefs has made it all the way to The Big Game! So, let's have some fun ourselves and make this Sunday Red and Gold Sunday at church! Everyone's encouraged to wear Red & Gold this Sunday. Pull out that jersey, Chiefs tie, ball cap or scarf, and let's join in on the fun!

New Organist – Dr. Rochelle Parker: Of course, no Super Bowl celebration is complete without great music and FCC is no different! This Sunday at the 8:30 Service, Travis McFarlane brings his special talents to the piano. At the 10:30 Service, Dr. Rochelle Parker takes her place on the organ bench as FCC's newly-called organist! An accomplished organist, as well as a medically trained doctor, Dr. Parker promises to share her depth of spirit through music as she shares her musical talents!

Pancake Breakfast: What Super Bowl Party would be complete without food?! Come feast on pancakes and sausages, specially prepared by the Men's Ministry and the Church in Society Dept.! Donations are welcomed to support The Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri. Come enjoy hot, home-cooked food, while supporting those who need food and hope.

Spring Training (Feb. 23–Mar. 15): When the last whistle blows and time runs off the clock and we know who won the Super Bowl, it will signal the end of this year's football season. But it will be the beginning of Spring Training! For baseball fans, that means one thing, but at FCC it means it's time for our annual Visitor Campaign. It's that time when the Royal Blue Christians take on the Redbird Disciples. It's that time when the lectern side of the sanctuary takes on the pulpit side of the sanctuary - challenging one another to see who can bring more visitors to church over the next four weeks in preparation for the Easter season. While it's always a good time to invite friends and acquaintances to church, this is the time when FCC places a particular emphasis on the discipline of evangelism, reaching out to others in the name of Christ.

As I mentioned in Sunday's sermon, Jesus calls us to be "Fishers of all people!" So now is the time to begin praying and intentionally thinking about who you invite to church. Begin asking God: Who is in your life that you see who is spiritually hungry? Ask God to make you sensitive and alert to those who need a friendly, welcoming church. Ask God for courage to



2020 Planning Meeting

**RESCHEDULED - Thursday, February 6
11:00am - Columbia Area Senior Center**

Due to the unforeseen snowy weather, the 2020 planning meeting has been rescheduled for Thursday, Feb. 6, at 11:00am. The group will meet over lunch. Join us and bring your ideas, as well as calendars!

News of the People

Prayers of Healing and Comfort...

Frances Brown, who was in Boone Hospital recovering from pneumonia, was moved to Lenoir REACH earlier this week for rehabilitation.

Marge Carter, who has been in Boone Hospital for the last week, has been transferred to Columbia Post-Acute. Marge asks for prayers only (**NO VISITORS**) during her rehab/recovery time.

Schuyler Wheeler – Big thanks to Schuyler for his interim organ playing as we transition to our new organist, Dr. Rochelle Parker.

Brad Stagg asks for prayers for his mother, **Pat Stagg**, who has been hospitalized three times in three weeks in Houston and is now receiving antibiotic infusions for 21 consecutive days.



Millie Bolman, Happy 101st Birthday! February 2nd

*Do you have a red "Millie-made" scarf?
Wear it in her honor this Sunday!*

- Feb. 2** - Millie Bolman (101!)
- Feb. 3** - Abe Creasy
- Feb. 4** - Susan Palmer
- Feb. 7** - Nathaniel Pine, Lorene Trickey
- Feb. 8** - Ruth Ann Obrecht

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS



Speak to others about spiritually-sensitive matters. Now is the time to prepare your own heart and mind rather than waiting until the last minute and then blowing it off until next year. And, if folks ask you what kind of church FCC is, you say, "We're a hymnal-singing, pipe organ-playing, piano-rocking, robe-wearing, stain glass-viewing, Bible-preaching, communion-sharing church! And that we're the friendliest church in town"... and we are!

Enthusiastically, *Dr. Brad*

Healing Racial Divides - Dr. Terrell Carter Book Study

February 9 - 3:00-5:00pm (Potluck to follow)
Broadway Christian Church



Can the Church help America emerge from its racist shadows empowered to heal racial divides? We Say, Yes!

Join us on Feb. 9, to hear from Dr. Terrell Carter and sign up for groups that will form to study his 2019 book, "Healing Racial Divides". Churches are encouraged to partner with other churches focusing on mix of race groups. Some people may choose to study the book individually. For a richer experience, consider joining a group. Studies should be complete by May 3, when we hold the ending celebration with Dr. Carter.



Books are available for purchase (\$16). Questions and RSVP to Don Day: dday@centurytel.net or 573-474-5539.

Sponsored by Race Forward - a Columbia church collective striving toward Racial Reconciliation.

Austen Hartke transgender theologian

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Transgender theologian
Austen Hartke shares his
experience of coming out
as a bisexual and
transgender Christian.

FEB. 21

6:30 PM & 7:15 PM

FEB. 22

10:00 AM

ECUMENICAL EVENT @
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH



RATI Service Opportunities

WHAT: Room at the Inn (RATI) whose mission is to provide those in need with a warm and safe place to sleep. Open from 7pm – 7am daily from December 8, 2019 – March 15, 2020.

WHERE/WHEN:

- Feb. 2 - Feb. 15** - Missouri United Methodist - 204 S. 9th St.
- Feb. 16 - Feb. 22** - First Presbyterian Church - 16 Hitt St
- Feb. 23 - March 7** - Unitarian Universalist – 2615 Shepard Blvd
- March 8 - March 15** - Campus Lutheran - 304 S College Ave

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- Volunteer:** Go to roomattheinncomo.org to see the available volunteer opportunities and sign up! Volunteer opportunities include five different shifts as well as transportation of laundry to/from University Hospital.
- Donate supplies:** Needed supplies are listed at <https://roomattheinncomo.org/donate>; Note that 'perishable' items are especially needed.
- Donate money:** Cash donations can be placed in Sunday offering trays or dropped off at the Church Office. Please note RATI on the cash envelope or memo portion of the check; make checks payable to FCC.

If you have any questions, need assistance with signing up for volunteer shifts or would like to leave supply donations at FCC for delivery to RATI, please call/text Sarah Storm at 573-289-0072 or email marions@centurytel.net. Thank you!



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

This Weekend:

- Sat., Feb 1 - Evening** — CYF to Ragtag
Screening of "A Hidden Life"
See GroupMe text for more info.
- Sun., Feb 2** — Chi-Rho 3:30-5:00pm
RSVP Due for Feb. 14-15 Retreat
CYF - Superbowl Party @ Wheatley's
Bus departs church at 5:00pm
Bring a Snack or Drink

Winter/Spring Calendar

- Feb. 9**—JYF/CYF
- Feb. 14-15**—Chi-Rho Retreat, Broadway CC
- Feb. 23**—JYF/CYF
- March 1**—Chi-Rho/CYF
- March 8**—JYF/CYF

YOUTH GROUPS!



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Return Service Requested

SERVING SCHEDULE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

Bus Driver: Kim Leon
Office Receptionist: Carol Slusher
Welcome Station: Debbie Garton
Flower Arranging/Delivery: Carol Slusher
Warming Station
Hosts: Linda Hutton and Sarah Storm
Bus: Bill Carney
Servers for 8:30 Worship Service
Worship Assistants: Richard & Natalie Barnard, Mary Daugherty
Elder: Mary Daugherty
Offering Counters: Doug Smith and Mary Moeller
Servers for 10:30 Worship Service
Communion Prep: Bob & Linda Hutton, Susan Klockow
Greeters: Bonnie Fay (N. Door) – Mary Ann Atterberry (S. Door)
 Ron Longaker (Atrium) – Judy Longaker (Portico)
Banner Bearers: Sam & Abigail Pine
Candle Lighters: Ryley Batterson and Aubrey Schomaker
Liturgist: Amy LaHue
Elders: Jennifer Alexander and Jacki Davidson -Cindy Rose, Balcony
Deacons: The Potthast Team **Ushers:** The Wright Team
Children's Worship: Hayley Batterson (Ldr.) TBD (Hlpr.)
Offering Counters: Cindy Smith and Debbie Taylor

CHURCH CALENDAR FEBRUARY 2 - FEBRUARY 8

Sunday, February 2

- Warming Station, 6:00-9:00am, Higbee
- Pancake Breakfast, 9:00-10:15am, Yonker Hall
- Student Ministry Groups:
 - Chi-Rho, 3:30-5:00pm, Bethany Hall
 - CYF Super Bowl Party @ Wheatley's, Bus departs-5:00pm

Monday, February 3

- Staff Meeting, 2:00-3:00pm, Keystone
- Evangelism Committee Mtg, 6:30pm, Keystone
- Coffman-Watson CWF, 7:00pm, Susan Gray's Home

Tuesday, February 4

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

Wednesday, February 5

- 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, February 6

- CAOAM Advisory Board, 5:00-6:45pm, Yonker Hall
- Chancel Bell Choir Rehearsal, 5:30pm, 3rd Flr Bell Room

Friday, February 7

- Church Dine Out - *All are welcome!* 5:30pm, Bob Evans

Report for January 26, 2020

Total Attendance: 168 (8:30 service - 36)
Offerings: \$8,843