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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) VISITOR

Our mission: to know God and follow Jesus Christ

New Member/Visitor Q&A

THIS SUNDAY, March 8, 9:35-10:20am

Bethany Hall

Are you looking for a church home and considering FCC? Or have you recently joined FCC but are still looking for ways to get involved? Come to our Visitor and New Member Question & Answer on Sunday, March 8, 9:35-10:20am in Bethany Hall! You can meet with Dr. Brad and other church leaders and ask any questions you might have regarding our church to better understand who we are and how to be further connected. **All are welcome!** Please RSVP "Q&A" through the Sunday Pew Pads or through the Office by email or phone. We hope you will join us!

Q&A

Funding Student Mission Trips



One church member took envelope #98 in honor of her son's birth year. One of our 3rd graders took #2 in the confidence she could raise the funds. A married couple both took envelopes — sending in separate donations!

Will you join these folks in supporting the 2020-21 Student Ministry Mission Trips? Pick a number, donate in the confidence of the Spirit and in the hope of life-changing learning and serving on behalf of our church AND Jesus Christ.

With the first week over, this year's fundraising for Student Ministry Mission Trips is off to a great start. Funds raised support all three Student Ministry Groups' 2020-21 mission trips — Chi-Rho, CYF and DOC. Find the wall pictured above in Yonker Hall this week to contribute to the cause.

GOOD NEWS to SHARE

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Genesis 12:1-4a & John 3:1-17

"Jesus Saves" Rev. Dr. Brad Stagg, preaching

Like Nicodemus, many people want holy conversations with Jesus, but feel in the dark about the matter. "Who am I? What's my identity in relationship to God? I want to know God, but something within me resists knowing God in new ways. Why can't things stay the same?"

These and other questions persistently arise in every follower and potential follower of Jesus. Come join us this Sunday as Dr. Stagg's Lenten sermon series continues with "Jesus Saves," based on texts from Genesis and John, where we will consider engaging in these holy conversations with others.



**Daylight Savings Time
beings THIS SUNDAY!**

Remember, set your clocks
FORWARD so you don't miss
worship! See you in church.

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News of the People

Prayers of Sympathy...

A memorial service for **Jim Campbell** will be held Saturday, March 14th, 11:00am with a Visitation beginning at 10:00am. A reception will follow in Yonker Hall.

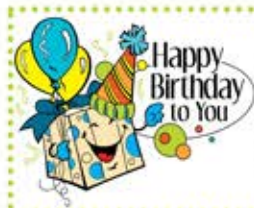


Prayers of Healing...

Roy Overacre had foot surgery on Monday, March 2, at Boone Hospital.

Celebration...

Kyle Boger married **Alissah Dickey** on February 29, in Jefferson City. Kyle is the oldest son of **Buddy and Kim Boger**.



March 8 - Valerie Freed, Andrea Smith
March 12 - Liam Rose
March 14 - Donna Houston

Join TeamFCC-2020

Saturday, April 25 - Service Location TBD

ForColumbia was founded in 2015 with a simple mission: to bring Christians together to share God's love by serving our community side-by-side. We do this by organizing volunteers annually from Christian churches throughout Columbia to serve individuals and non-profit organizations in a city-wide day of service.

Now in its sixth year, 71 Christian churches have participated at least once in this effort (eight congregations of which have partnered with the program annually since 2015). This year, ForColumbia hopes again to bring more than 2,000 volunteers from these churches, and to deepen relationships with individuals in our city as we serve in more than 100 locations.



In a time of division and polarization, how good it is for God's people to express a united love for others by serving neighbors in the spirit of Jesus.

One Saturday in April
Columbia churches joined in service
Supplies, projects and lunch provided
All skills/abilities needed

Sign-up will begin on **Monday, March 9**. For more info on our April 25 day of service, contact Rev. Jimmy Spear.

The Taste of Communion

The last order of communion supplies provided our worshipping church a rather new communion bread experience. No, I am not talking about the last two Sundays, but the months before. The communion wafers seemed extra hard—as in *very* hard. And small — difficult for some to grasp easily. Well, we had many boxes in the batch and we just spent a season with harder bread. Call it a spiritual discipline. As there are many different varieties of communion bread, I began searching for new options, as well as conversing with the Worship Department. Thus, we ordered two week's worth of "soft square" bread. Wow — it was terrible. The look on all our faces was not holy. The youth have now named it "styrofoam bread" because it sure seemed a little synthetic.

Never fear, new bread is here! Another order was placed and a really nice bread — crisp, yet flaky, while also "bread-like" has arrived. We will partake of it this Sunday and if it is good we will order more. In the meantime, while awaiting its arrival, we will finish off our current stock. Thanks for your patience and opinions in these weeks.

Let's talk GLUTEN-FREE. It is coming. We are sorry it has taken this long. The Deacon leadership, Worship Dept. and staff are in the process of figuring out how to best provide gluten-free communion in the passed trays, while also keeping them separate. It will arrive in your pew soon.

-- Jimmy Spear

Join the STARS for 2020 Events

*Sign up in the office or on the Sunday pew pad when prompted



March 12 (Thurs.) The Nelson Art Museum, Kansas City

Exhibit: Queen Nefertari: Eternal Egypt

Snrs Tickets for this exhibit (general museum is free): \$16

8:00am departure from Target parking lot

Looking ahead but RSVPs needed soon:

July 2 (Thurs.) Lyceum Theater, Arrow Rock

Singing in the Rain - RSVP to Carol Slusher by April 1

Introducing: Team Cuisine

Loaves & Fishes has been a long-standing ministry FCC supports. Over the past few months, FCC established a volunteer group of people who want to serve Loaves & Fishes in some capacity. Our group is called Team Cuisine! Last week, Team Cuisine (some of its members pictured on page 3) served approximately 80 people a warm dinner. If you would like to join Team Cuisine, we would love to have you! You can contact Elizabeth Mottaz or Sonya Carney. Our next serving opportunity will be Monday, April 27.





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

YOUTH GROUP!

Spring Calendar

March 8—JYF/CYF

March 15—Chi-Rho/CYF

March 22 & March 29—No mtgs (Sprg Brk)

CYF—Spring Break Day of Serving TBA

April 5—Chi-Rho Lunch & Egg Hiding

JYF—Egg Hunt CYF—usual time

April 12—EASTER - NO MEETINGS

April 19—JYF/CYF

April 26—Chi-Rho/CYF

Summer Mission Fundraising is underway.

All students: continue to wear any and all Mission Trip shirts in worship the next 4 Sundays!

CYF MISSION DATES: Mini Trip: June 25-27

BIG Trip: August 5-9

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

All parents will receive an email from Jimmy Spear explaining how to do ONLINE registration. If you are not on the email list, please contact Jimmy for info.

Our church always pays half the camp fee!



Pictured above: Some of Team Cuisine's crew serving up salad, beef & vegetable soup, homemade bread and church-lady cookies with a smile to those at Loaves & Fishes.

*A Lenten Devotional on the poetic words of the time-honored hymn "Be Still, My Soul."
Reading or singing, be in prayer over these words this week of the Lenten journey.*

Be Still, My Soul

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in ev'ry change, the faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly Friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future as he has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,
and all is darkened in the vale of tears,
then shall you better know his love, his heart,
who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears.
Be still, my soul: your Jesus can repay
from his own fullness all he takes away.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Words by Katherarina von Schlegel, (1752) translated by Jane Borthwick, 1855. In our Chalice hymnal, it is found on # 566 and is sung to the tune FINLANDIA by Jean Sibelius, 1899.

Lenten Calendar



Wed. Feb. 26 - Ash Wednesday Service, 6:30pm

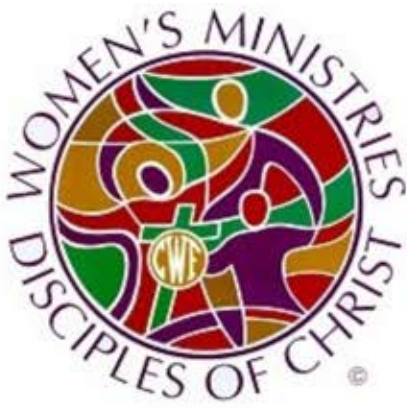
Sun. April 5 - Palm Sunday: Downtown Blessing of the Palms and 10:30 Hymn-Sing

Thur. April 9 - Maundy Thursday Service

Communion & Tenebre, 6:30pm

Fri. April 10 - Good Friday

Sun. April 12 - Easter Sunday



To: The Women of First Christian Church and Friends who would like to honor them

Spring is almost here and at this time, the Christian Women's Fellowship Board begins planning for the 2020-2021 budget. We begin with what we call a Silent Bazaar. **"Silent" because we are not asking anyone to make, buy or sell anything - how easy is that! Just this letter asking for your monetary donations.**

There are two major fundraisers that help support our many worthwhile projects: the Election Day Luncheon in the Fall and the Silent Bazaar around the beginning of Spring. These bring in the majority of our budget and we also receive some donations from CWF group offerings.

Who do we donate money to? The donations are divided between three areas:

- 1) **Church projects:** FCC Youth Projects & VBS, Loaves & Fishes, Breakfast for Brethren, Woodhaven, Disciples Mission Trip Fund and the Shawl Ministry.
- 2) **Local Women's/Children's Charities:** Coyote Hill, May Lee Johnston Community Center, Nora Stewart Early Learning Center, True North, Youth Enrichment and Columbia Area Older Adult Ministries
- 3) **CWF Activities & Events:** Election Day Luncheon, Fall Women's Dinner, Christmas Women's Brunch, Spring Garden Tour and Luncheon, Speaker Honorariums, study materials, Yearbooks, supplies, postage and other miscellaneous expenditures as needed.

With some additional monies given in the past few years, we have also been able to support Room at the Inn, Welcome Home Veterans and the Woodhaven Capital Campaign. Praise be to God!

Please give prayerful thought and consideration when giving your donation so we can join together in fulfilling the mission of our Church and in honoring Christian Women's Fellowship!

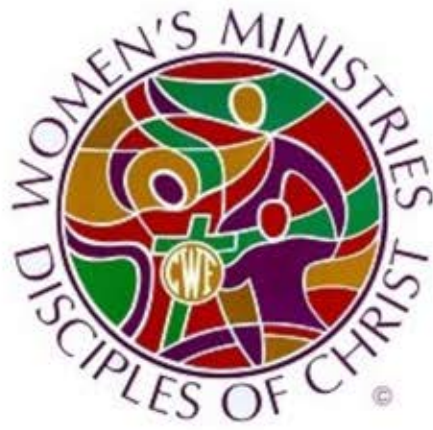
Please make checks payable to First Christian Church with a notation of CWF on the memo line, and if cash, place in an envelope marked "CWF Silent Bazaar".

Return to the church office or place in the offering plate by Sunday, May 3rd so we can complete the 2020-2021 budget.

Thank you!

Blessings to all,

Susan Ramsey & Susan Gray, CWF Co-Presidents



CWF Silent Bazaar

*"Silent" because we are not asking anyone to make, buy or sell anything - how easy is that!
Just a monetary donation - Cash or Check payable to FCC. (Note "CWF" on check's memo line.)*

Turn in donations to the church office or through the Sunday Offering plate.

Now through Sunday, May 3rd.

Donations will go toward organizations and charities such as:

- Ronald McDonald House
- Coyote Hill
- VBS
- Meals on Wheels
- FCC Youth Mission Projects
- Woodhaven
- Nora Stewart Early Learning
- Buddy Pack - Mid MO Food Bank
- Loaves & Fishes
- Breakfast for Brethern
- Election Day Luncheon
- True North Women's Shelter
- Disciples Mission
- Shawl Ministry
- Rainbow House



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Return Service Requested

SERVING SCHEDULE SUNDAY, MARCH 8

Bus Driver: Eric Seaman
Office Receptionist: Diana Provenzano
Welcome Station: Valerie Freed
Flower Arranging/Delivery: Will & Donna Houston
Servers for 8:30 Worship Service
Worship Assistants: Jerry & Mary Daugherty
Elder: Pat Rybolt
Offering Counters: Mary Daugherty and Kim Reardon
Servers for 10:30 Worship Service
Communion Prep: Bryan, Valerie and Kameron Freed
Greeters: Carol Slusher (N. Door) – Bette Scavone (S. Door)
 Natalie Barnard (Atrium) – Linda Ridgeway (Portico)
Banner Bearers: Ryley Batterson and Cole Freed
Candle Lighters: Noah Stagg and Dietrich Arnett
Liturgist: Tommy Tomlin
Elders: Kim Leon and Steve Lightner - Dan Gieseke, Balcony
Deacons: The McCormack Team **Ushers:** The Burnam Team
Children's Worship: Cindy Rose (Ldr.) TBD (Hlpr.)
Offering Counters: Janelle Patterson and Diana Provenzano

Report for March 1, 2020

Total Attendance: 167 (8:30 service - 40)
Offerings: \$2,733

CHURCH CALENDAR MARCH 8 - MARCH 14

Sunday, March 8 - Daylight Savings Time begins!

- Warming Station, 6:00-9:00am, Higbee
- Christian Education Classes, 9:30am
- New Member/Visitor Q&A, 9:35-10:15am, Bethany Hall
- Student Ministry Groups:
 - JYF, 4:30-6:00pm, Yonker Hall
 - CYF, 6:00-7:30pm, Bethany Hall

Monday, March 9

- Staff Meeting, 2:00-3:00pm, Keystone
- Evangelism Dept. Meeting, 6:30pm, Keystone

Tuesday, March 10

- Tuesday Bible Study, 10:30-11:30am, Morris Parlor
- Elder Dinner, 6:00pm, Yonker Hall

Wednesday, March 11

- 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, March 12

- STARS: The Nelson Art Museum in KC—
 8:00am departure from Target parking lot
- Chancel Bell Choir Rehearsal, 5:30pm, 3rd Flr Bell Room

Saturday, March 14

- Jim Campbell Memorial Service, 11:00am, FCC Sanctuary