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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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Our mission: to know God and follow Jesus Christ



VAC Holiday Project

*Sponsor individuals in need this Christmas
11 of 58 already adopted*

It's already November and Christmas is right around the corner! Each year, FCC adopts families who are in need to provide them with a special Christmas. This year, we have adopted 18 families for a total of **58 people** and we need your help to make this possible! In year's past, we would set up a Christmas tree with ornaments with names of people to adopt. However, this year, due to social distancing restrictions, the Mission Outreach Department has decided to go electronic. If you would like to help this important ministry, you can either select a person to adopt by using this link:

<https://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0B4FACAB2BA1FE3-vacholiday>

Project Summary

NOW: Go online to sign up for the family or individuals you will sponsor.

TURNING IN GIFTS/MONEY:

Special drop-off day is **Dec. 6th**, between 10:30am and 12:00pm in Yonker Hall. OR bring it by the church office the week of December 7-11.

Money and gifts need to be turned in by Friday, Dec. 11th.

(Additional info. is provided on this website about adopting a person) or you can send in a financial donation to the church office (note VAC xmas). When adopting a person, the suggested amount for gift(s) is \$50-75 and an additional \$15 to go towards a Christmas dinner. Please help support this important mission! If you have questions, please contact Elizabeth Mottaz.



Two youth groups took advantage of the glorious weather last Sunday to gather under a big sky with masks, social distance and lots of good fellowship. JYF with pool noodles for distance at left and the CYF at the right.

Worship: 2 Ways

- Sunday, Nov. 15 -

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
"Breastplates & Helmets"



Message by Dr. Brad Stagg

WORSHIP WITH US IN TWO WAYS:

AT HOME, ONLINE:

On our YouTube Channel
"First Christian Church (Columbia, Missouri)"

AT HOME LITURGY: provided on Pg. 3.

AT CHURCH: Canceled for November

2020 Thanksgiving Offering
REJOICE
A special day offering of
Disciples Mission Fund

The special day offering for **Disciples Higher Education and Leadership Ministries** supporting the Disciples connection church-related colleges, universities, seminaries, and divinity schools are welcomed this week and next. Send any contributions to the church office or give online via the church website. NOTE: "TGIVING offering"

Cookie Boxes Coming!

With the annual Christmas Bazaar unable to take place due to COVID-19, there was concern about the availability of Christmas cookies!

Never fear. The delicious assorted cookies in festive boxes will be offered this year via pickup. See the order form on Pg. 4.

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News and Notes...

Prayers...

This week, we pray for the following friends:

Dave and Thelma Beem continue to recover from COVID-19 and Thelma's vascular stent surgery in her leg.

Frances Brown is at Lenoir's REACH in isolation with symptoms after a positive COVID-19 test. **Billie Silvey** continues to rehabilitate at Boone Hospital. **Glenda Clark** is rehabilitating at The Neighborhoods following a hospital stay.



Nov. 16 – Amy LaHue, Janet Swope

Nov. 17 – Rich Montgomery, Chelsea Swope

Nov. 18 – Dalton Whipple

Nov. 19 – Laura Hunsaker

Nov. 21 – Laura Crane, Jamie Estes



Election Day Pies, Success!

Tradition Continues with 103 Winning Pies this Election Day

Thank you so much for supporting our missions by purchasing **103 pies**, as well as donations given! The amount raised for missions was **\$2,000**. Wow!

The highlight of our day on Tuesday was seeing our friends as they picked up their pie(s)! We miss you!

Hopefully, we will be able to have our Election Day Luncheon next year. But until then, be safe!

Blessings, Disciples Women's Fellowship



Pictured clockwise: Baking day means a church kitchen island full of supplies; pie bakers **Brenda Mosby, Carol Kyd** and not pictured **Janelle Patterson**; at the portico, it was contact-less pie box delivery with a masked smile by Brenda and Janelle to car pickup folks **Pat and Sue Wright and Anne Campbell**.

YOUTH GROUP!



YOUTH GROUP THIS WEEK

This Week, Nov. 15: Chi-Rho and CYF

2:00-4:00pm bonfire at the Silverwoods

**Parents will receive emails with final word on this week.*

CYF will get a GROUPME text.

Nov.22: TBA

DOC COLLEGE GROUP: Tuesdays, 7:30pm
(location in GroupME)

Church Calendar

SUNDAY, NOV. 15

- **CHI-RHO & CYF BONFIRE, 2-4PM**

TUESDAY, NOV. 17

- ***ADMIN. BOARD MTG., 6:30pm, Zoom**

- **DOC College Group, 7:30pm. Location TBD.**

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 18

- ***MIDWEEK CONNECT, 10:30am, Zoom**

- ***WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY, 12pm, Zoom**

**DENOTES A VIRTUAL GATHERING VIA ZOOM*

*On the Sundays we are not together, we offer this at-home worship experience. (Different from the YouTube version.)
Find a place — space to sit. Pick a view, be comfortable. Light a candle nearby. Gather a Bible, maybe a hymnal.
Get your tablet/internet device/tape player/CD and prime a hymn-worship song for listening.
Get communion—any beverage and cracker will do! Be in the spirit of the Holy!*

HOME WORSHIP for NOVEMBER 15

WORD and PRAISE

WELCOME GOD & PRAYER.

We lift our eyes to the Lord.

God created the heavens and the earth

We raise our voices in songs and speech

We raise our voices in prayer and praise.

Lord, be with us this day as we gather to celebrate your love for us. Lord, hear our prayers, accept our praise. Lord, open our hearts to receive your blessings of peace. Challenge and prepare us to be your disciples in this aching and hurting world, for we ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

This is My Father's World

*This is my Father's world,
and to my listening ears*

*all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.*

*This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas
his hand the wonders wrought.*

*This is my Father's world:
the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the flowers bright,
declare their Maker's praise.*

*Our God has made this world and shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass I hear God pass,
who speaks to me everywhere.*

*Our God has made this world:
oh, let us ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.*

*God trusts us with this world, to keep it clean and fair.
All earth and trees, the skies and seas,
God's creatures everywhere.*

By Maltbie D. Babcock (1901)

Tune: TERRA BEATA Chalice Hymnal # 59

Some friends, about now, will be counting the days until Thanksgiving or Christmas. Some of us count the days till a coming birthday or anniversary. Many count the days till their next vacation. In this season, it seems we might be all counting the days we have been under a COVID life. Others count the days till a vaccine is available...

Sometimes we count days without knowing how many there will be. There is anticipation in our counting. There is hope in our counting. We count because it seems like it might go faster. We count because we want it to go slower. We count because we want to keep track of all that can happen in the counted days. There are so many options.

The Psalmist today begins "Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations." Time is different for the creator. The days of sin or wrath, the dreams and renewals, the plans for living are all relative to the nature of God and love of God. We are encouraged to "count our days that we may gain a wise heart." If we dwell with God and strive to live our days in the light of God, surely this is the way to count them. Take on this way of counting and leave the shopping days to Christmas to the wall calendar. Amen. (-js)

PRAYER and GREAT THANKSGIVING

BE IN PRAYER. Offer prayer to God in thanks, in confession. Express your needs, share the needs of others. Just say what is in your heart. Amen!

GIVE AN OFFERING. What is it that you can give today? To God, to another, to yourself. Either pause worship and go do it, or make the commitment of giving that will happen today!

COMMUNION. (Words of Institution & Lord's Prayer)
The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood." Speak and partake of the elements. Then pray, *Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

BENEDICTION. As you have been blessed, go be a blessing to others—bringing the healing and love of God. Amen.

READ SCRIPTURE. Psalm 90:1-12

MEDITATION. *Counting Days...*

Have you been counting the days? What was your starting point? What is your anticipated end point? What kind of days would you be counting?



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Return Service Requested

Christmas Cookie Boxes



12 Cookies per box for \$15

COOKIE ORDER FORM

Number of boxes _____ @ \$15 per box = \$ _____

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Time to pick up: _____

Please place your order by
Tuesday, December 8.

MAIL order to:
 First Christian Church,
 101 North 10th St.,
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OR EMAIL order to:
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Cookie pickup will be
Sunday, December 13,
between 11am and 1pm.

Pickup on north side of the Church under
 the portico or if worship is held in the
 sanctuary in Yonker Fellowship Hall.

QUESTIONS?

Call Brenda Mosby at 573-881-8385.

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