



8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 18TH

"BUILDING GOD'S HOUSE"

2 SAMUEL 7:1-13

SERMON SYNOPSIS: David offers to build a house of cedar for God. But what does God want?

Dr. Kim Leon, preaching

HYMN: *Blessed Assurance* | CORAL ANTHEM: *Ain'a That Good News*

9th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 25TH

"CHRIST MOVES IN"

EPHESIANS 3:14-21

SERMON SYNOPSIS: As we look at this prayer in Ephesians, we will look at how and if we have allowed Christ to move into our hearts.

Rev. Sally Robinson, preaching

HYMN: *We Sing Your Mighty Power O God* | CORAL ANTHEM: *Amazing Grace*



2 WORSHIP OPTIONS

IN-PERSON AT CHURCH @ 9:30AM:

In-person worship in the Sanctuary.

AT-HOME, ONLINE: Watch the recording of the live service—available Sunday afternoon via email/YouTube channel/FCC Facebook page.

"First Christian Church (Columbia, Missouri)"

Ladies Book Club to Resume

First Meeting to be held August 11th, 11:30am

If you like to read and appreciate an hour of book talk while you eat your sack lunch, you may want to join us on August 11th for lunch at The Club at Old Hawthorn. We will choose the books we want to read for the coming 8 months. Lunch will start at 11:30am. We will order from the menu and credit cards are accepted, please no cash.

Have a book you would like to recommend? If so, bring it, but don't feel like you have to, because typically, there will be plenty of books to choose from.

Ladies' Book Club meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month in Bethany Hall from Noon-1pm. We go out to lunch in December and just enjoy each other's company, but no book is assigned. In May, we have our last meeting, sometimes in someone's lovely garden. We do not meet over the summer months.

The discussions are thought-provoking, our group is open to all ages and there is always room for more! Please text me if you need more information (230-5450) or would like to join us for lunch on Aug. 11th. We hope to see you there!



-- Peggy Veatch



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OUR MISSION
**To know God and
follow Jesus Christ.**

Happening Soon

SUNDAY, JULY 18

- On-Site Worship Service, 9:30am

TUESDAY, JULY 20

- Meals on Wheels, 4:30pm, Keystone
- Bell Choir Rehearsal, 5:30pm, Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21

- Midweek Connect, 10:30am, Zoom
- Choir Rehearsal, 6pm, Sanctuary

SUNDAY, JULY 25

- On-Site Worship Service, 9:30am
- Reception for Michael Sauer, Following Worship, YFH

MONDAY, JULY 26

- Deadline for Visitor Submissions

TUESDAY, JULY 27

- Bible Study, 10:30am, Morris Parlor
- Bell Choir Rehearsal, 5:30pm, Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28

- Midweek Connect, 10:30am, Zoom
- Bible Study, Noon, Morris Parlor
- Choir Rehearsal, 6pm, Sanctuary



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Playground Eagle Scout Project



Hello, my name is Lena Schaefer. As you may know, a couple of years ago, Boy Scouts of America began to allow girls to participate in their program. I am a Life Scout with Scouts BSA, Troop 242, working to earn my Eagle rank. I have chosen First Christian Church and Mother's Day Out

Preschool as the beneficiaries of my project. I will be making several improvements to the playground used by the church and the MDO preschool.

Project Goals:

- Build a fence around the raised play area to keep toddlers from falling off
- Build handrails for steps leading to the play area
- Replace rotten beams and rusted chains on the large swing in the playground
- Replace dilapidated boards on the two benches in the playground
- Replace old mulch with new mulch

How this project will benefit the church:

- Improvements to the playground will allow for a safer environment for children of FCC and MDO
- Improvements will make the playground better looking

Thanks to donations of materials and mulch from Helmi's Gardens and Home Depot and monetary donations from many generous FCC members, the costs of this project have already been covered! I will be able to begin this project either at the end of July or early August and will have it finished by the time MDO begins again in the fall. I will be sure to share photos of the before/during/after processes in future Visitors, so stay tuned!

With the help of the First Christian Church, I will become one of the first female Eagle scouts ever. Thank you so much for your support!
-- *Lena Schaefer*



Dr. Stagg on Vacation

Guest Preachers & No Bible Study

Dr. Stagg will be on vacation from Monday, July 12, through Sunday, July 25. While he's away, there will be no weekly Bible study held on Tuesday, July 20, or Wednesday, July 21. They will resume the following week.

Filling in for him on the pulpit on Sunday mornings will be FCC members, Dr. Kim Leon on July 18 and Rev. Sally Robinson on July 25. See the front page for more worship information.

9th Annual FCC Christmas Bazaar

Sat., Nov. 20, 8am-2pm, Yonker Fellowship Hall

Last year, as you may recall, because of COVID, we did not have the Yonker Fellowship Hall full of vendors. However, we did sell boxes of homemade cookies that we handed out at the portico doors wearing a mask. But, this year we are back with the Christmas Bazaar!



We have 26 booths (tables) for vendors. If you don't have an outlet

for selling your specialty, but would like to do so, maybe this is your opportunity. The booths are \$30 each and the profit at your booth goes to you. There is no charge for booths that fill a mission for the Church. Money from selling the food, the "cookie and candy caravan," the cookbooks and the raffle go toward funding a project the Christian Women's Fellowship feels is needed in our Church. In the past, it funded the drapes for the stage in Yonker Fellowship Hall.

The Bazaar is just another way for us to be more visible in our community, work together as friends and fund Church projects. Our children will be serving a light breakfast of coffee and breads and a lunch of soup, sandwich and dessert. This means we will need help in making breads, your favorite cookie or candy and kitchen help. Just think, we can have fun working together while funding Church projects and meeting people in our community!

Call **Brenda Mosby** (881-8385) and let her know of your specialty and if you would like a booth.

YOU'RE INVITED!

A RECEPTION TO HONOR

MICHAEL SAUER,

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC MINISTRY

- HOSTED BY THE CHANCEL CHOIR -



SUNDAY, JULY 25, 2021 | 10:30 AM
YONKER FELLOWSHIP HALL
FOLLOWING SUNDAY WORSHIP



Note of THANKS

The family of Doris Neidhardt would like to thank First Christian Church for providing a beautiful, meaningful funeral service. We'd also like to thank the many church members who sent words of love and inspiration to us in our time of loss.

With love, *Jean Hall & Susan Woodbury*

Sign Up to Purchase Chancel Flowers

Sign-Up for 2021-'22 Dates



The beautiful flowers that grace our chancel every Sunday don't just magically appear. They are purchased by wonderful people just like you to honor someone special, to celebrate an anniversary or to remember a departed family member. After the worship service, the flowers are taken to someone who might need a pick-me-up; shut-ins, patients at hospitals, friends of FCC and more!

Anyone who wishes to sign up for donating flowers for the chancel (only \$30) for the 2021-'22 year can sign up in the church office as well as before/after Sunday worship in the Narthex. We would love to fill them all!

Thank you in advance for your generosity and support.

Ways you can SERVE

Volunteers Needed for Various Sunday Morning Service Roles

The church is in need of volunteers for numerous Sunday morning roles, including: *Rideshare Drivers, Greeters, Ushers, Chancel Flower Arrangers and Deliverers, and more.*

In order to lighten the scheduling load on the preexisting list of volunteers, and spread the joy these roles bring to more of our members, please consider volunteering. If you are interested in serving in any of these roles, or would like to know more, sign-up through the church website (firstchristian.org/volunteer) or contact the church office. Thank you in advanced for taking the time to serve First Christian Church!

Calling All Deacons!

Training Session for All Deacons - Aug. 8th After Worship

We are planning to have a training session for all new and current Deacons on August 8, right after 9:30 worship concludes. It has been a long time since the Deacons have gathered together to serve our church by collecting offerings and serving communion.

We think this will be an opportunity to train and refresh our memories of the duties involved. If you have questions, please let me know. You may reach us at dapotthast@gmail.com or 823-7736. We are looking forward to working with you!

-- *Debbie and David Potthast, Deacon Chairs*



College Scholarships Awarded

On Sunday, July 11, the FCC Scholarship Committee presented the 2021-22 Academic Scholarships (totaling nearly \$15,000!) during 9:30 Worship. 8 of the 15 recipients were able to attend and accept their awards in person. Pictured above, from left to right, are **Cole Galbraith, Will Bower, Maddie Marrero, Abigail Reardon, Ava Hoenes, Wolf Schaefer, Elayna Mottaz, Dr. Kim Leon** (representative of the Scholarship Committee), and **Kim Potthast**. Congratulations to all recipients! Your FCC family is proud of you for all your academic achievements and future endeavors.

JULY Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| July 17 Cullen Snow | July 25 Larry Dietzel, |
| July 18 Kim Boger | Julia LaHue |
| July 19 David Beem, | July 27 Derrick Evers, |
| Sonya Carney, | Brad Volmert |
| David Ross | July 29 Shane Bower |
| July 20 Thomas Hughey | |
| July 22 Gerald Ramsey | Happy Anniversary! |
| July 23 Lexi Bell, | <i>Bud & Deb Batterson</i> |
| Judy Longaker | July 18 - 57 Years |
| July 24 Audrey Snyder | |



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*Our Mission: To know God
And follow Jesus Christ.*

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DOUBLE-ISSUES ARE HERE!

With the summer months, come double-issues of the Visitor.

Please note the calendar to the left. Circled dates are **Publication Days** for the Visitor: Summer Edition.

*Please have submissions to the church office by the **MONDAY MORNING PRIOR** to the desired publication date. Thanks!*

Note: Weekly issues resume on August 27.

This is a Double-Issue of the Visitor!
Keep it handy until July 30.