



the VISITOR

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OUR MISSION
To know God and
follow Jesus Christ.

Happening Soon

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

- On-Site Worship Service, 8:30am
- Christian Edu. Classes, 9:30am
- On-Site Worship Service, 10:30am
- Chi-Rho, 4pm, YFH / CYF, 5pm, YFH

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

- Deadline for Visitor Submissions

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- Bible Study, 10:30am, Morris Parlor
- Bell Choir Rehearsal, 5:30pm, Sanctuary
- Admin. Board Mtg, 6:30pm, Zoom

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- Midweek Connect, 10:30am, Zoom
- Bible Study, Noon, Morris Parlor
- Choir Rehearsal, 5:30pm, Sanctuary

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- On-Site Worship Service, 8:30am
- Christian Edu. Classes, 9:30am
- On-Site Worship Service, 10:30am
- JYF, 4pm, YFH / CYF, 5pm, YFH



A congregation related to
The Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
www.disciples.org

17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 19TH

"Wisdom From Above"

JAMES 3:13-4:8

DR. STAGG, PREACHING

2 WORSHIP OPTIONS

IN-PERSON AT CHURCH @ 8:30/10:30AM:

In-person worship in the Sanctuary.

AT-HOME, ONLINE: Watch the recording of the live service—available late on Sunday via email/YouTube channel/FCC Facebook page. *"First Christian Church (Columbia, Missouri)"*

Election Day Pie Sale

Order by Oct. 29 | Pick-Up on Nov. 2.

2021 has certainly been another unusual year! It is with much disappointment the Disciple Women's Ministries is cancelling our 23rd annual Election Day Luncheon. This is our largest money-making project of the year. The money collected from our luncheon is used for local missions that we support.

Because of the Covid-19: Delta Variant, instead of having the luncheon, we will again be selling homemade pies. We will make you a fruit pie for a \$20 donation that you may pick up November 2nd on the north side of the church under the portico. Someone will be in the Narthex with order forms. Thank you for supporting our projects!

Election Day Homemade Pies

Fundraiser of the Disciples Women Fellowship of FCC

10-inch pie - \$20/each



4 WAYS TO ORDER:

- Online: FirstChristian.org/Pies
- Email order to fcc@firstchristian.org
- Mail form below to 101 N. 10th, Columbia, MO 65201
- Fax this form to 573-875-8673

ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY, OCT. 29.

PICK-UP: TUESDAY, NOV. 2, BETWEEN 8AM-6PM.

Election Day Pie Order Form

NUMBER OF PIES	VARIETY
	APPLE
	SUGAR-FREE APPLE
	PEACH
	CHERRY
	BLACKBERRY
	STRAWBERRY RHUBARB
	MIXED BERRY WALNUT
	Total @ \$20 per pie = \$
	Name:
	Phone Number:
	Pick-Up Time:



**All pies are made from scratch on Monday, Nov. 1, in the church kitchen. All health and safety measures are practiced.*

News of the People



Healing & Health...

Randall & Delain Cavanagh's 5-year-old grandson suffered complications from back surgery. The latest update is that he has been taken off the respirator and continues to recover. We pray for continued healing and a speedy recovery.

Scott, Shannon, Lillian, & Teller Schaefer are all recovering after contracting COVID-19. The kids are improving, but mom & dad are very tired. You can help them through FCC's food ministry; sign up here: <https://www.TakeThemAMeal.com/GVTI2066>.

Sympathy...

Services for Jerry Daugherty were held last week. We continue to lift prayers of sympathy and support to his family - wife Mary, daughter Laura, and son Brad.

Double-Issue Next Week...

Next week's Visitor, published on Sep. 24, will be a Double-Issue covering two weeks of news/schedules. Please get any submissions you want included in that issue emailed to fcc@firstchristian.org by the morning of Monday, Sep. 20th. Thank you!

Chancel Flowers...

All Chancel Flower Dates for the 2021-22 year have been filled! Thank you so much to any and all who purchased one (or multiple!) Sunday flowers to honor someone special, to celebrate an anniversary or remember a departed family member or close friend.



We also thank all those who have volunteered to arrange and deliver the flowers after the worship service to someone who might need a pick-me-up: shut-ins, patients at hospitals, friends of FCC, etc. Thank you everyone for your generosity and support of this important ministry in our church!

Upcoming Zoom Meeting...

Tuesday, Sep. 21 - Administrative Board, 6:30pm, via Zoom
Zoom information will be emailed out the week of the meeting. Thank you for your flexibility and adaptability!



Children's Education Reminders

Every Sunday:

9:30am & During 10:30am Worship

Sunday School & Children's Worship is back!

We welcome everyone!

Sunday School Classrooms (3rd Floor)

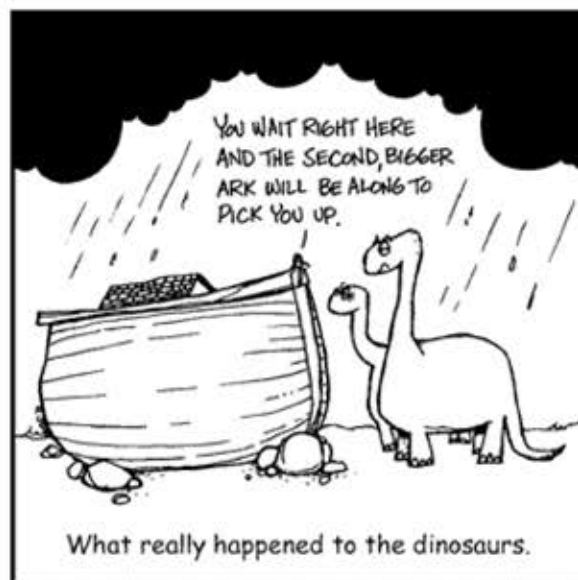
Pre-K-2ND Grade

3-5TH Grade

6-12TH Grade

- Christy Von Talge, Children's Edu. Chair -

Good for a laugh...



Happy Birthday

Sep. 17 Maddie Marrero

Sep. 19 Brad Stagg

Sep. 20 Kyle Boger, Carleigh Snow

Sep. 21 Bob Hutton, Lisa Zimmer

Sep. 23 Cheryl Stevens





Bit From Brad

Staff Updates and Other News

Laura Hunsaker's Departure – Our Office

Manager, Laura Hunsaker shared with me last Thursday, September 9, that she has accepted a position at True Media, a local digital marketing company, as a Project Manager. At this company, Laura will have the opportunity to optimize the skills and knowledge she learned at MU in her degree field. While we will miss her immensely, we celebrate this opportunity for Laura to develop her vocation.

In her notice, Laura wrote, *"The past two years have been very rewarding and have equipped me with new skills I didn't have before my employment here. I've enjoyed working with you, Fred, Jimmy and all of FCC's members. Thank you so much for the opportunities for professional and personal growth that this job has provided me. I wish you, FCC and all its employees and members all the best."*

And Laura, we wish all the best for you, as well! Thank you for your dedication and commitment to FCC and Christ's mission! Additionally, Laura and her husband Ryan will continue as active members of FCC, so we'll still see them on Sundays (in their usual balcony spot) and other church events. Laura's last day in the office will be Thursday, September 23. She will help us post the position to Indeed.com.

As for navigating the interim while finding a new Office Manager, thankfully, Deb Batterson has volunteered to help keep the newsletters and bulletins running! Deb has helped us in the past on numerous occasions and we are so grateful for her help. Laura has offered to help Deb with the transition, as well as meet with our next Office Manager to help orient that individual to the position. If you are interested in helping alongside Deb, know of any potential candidates, or are yourself interested in the position, please let me know.



New Drain at Higbee Door: With much thanks to Bob Hutton, FCC has a new exterior drain just outside the Higbee Door entrance off of Walnut Street (picture at left). It was originally a small 3-inch round drain opening, but now it's a 5-foot long opening! Bob worked with the contractor firm, Specialized Mechanical to complete the project. Thank you, Bob!

JYF & Chi Rho Merging: JYF and Chi Rho will begin meeting together for their fellowship and service time. Details are in the Youth Group box on the back page of this Visitor.

Blessings, *Dr. Brad*

Why Should We Become an Open and Affirming Church?

Why "All Are Welcome" Isn't Enough

As we continue to move forward with our exploration of becoming an Open and Affirming church, a question that often comes up is: "Why should we become Open and Affirming? We already say 'All are welcome' - isn't that enough?"

The Disciples' LGBTQ+ Alliance, a ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), provides the following resource to address this question.

Why "All Are Welcome" Isn't Enough: 10 Reasons to Welcome Openly

- Is welcome your church's best kept secret? You sang it at youth camp: "Hide it under a bushel? Oh No!"
- Hebrews 13:2 says "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it."
- A welcome mat belongs outside your door, not inside.
- Welcome saves lives: young people are hurting and dying. LGBT youth suffer higher rates of depression, substance abuse, homelessness and suicide due to homophobia and rejection.
- In the media, the church is portrayed as judgmental, homophobic, and prejudiced. If you don't say anything, no one will think you're any different.
- There's a teen living next door to your church who is hurting and doesn't know that your congregation can help.
- Micah 6:8 says: "What does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" Welcome is the foundation of a deep spirituality. Diversity brings life and wholeness to the church.
- Too often, "All" means 'white, male and straight.' If you don't name me, I don't know that I'm welcome.
- In most churches, "All Are Welcome" means "Everyone who is already like us." To welcome fully, everyone needs to be named explicitly.
- 1 John 4:7 says "Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God."

For more information and resources, please go online: <http://disciplesallianceq.org/>. If you have questions or concerns, please talk to any member of the Open and Affirming Exploration Team (OAET) or to Dr. Stagg.



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Youth Groups

Come join the fun!!

Alt. Sundays - Through Nov. 21

JYF & Chi-Rho have been combined!

Both groups will meet 4-5pm, YFH

JYF (grades 3, 4, 5)

Chi Rho (grades 6, 7, 8)

Sep. 19, Oct. 3, Oct. 17, Nov. 14

5-6pm - CYF (grades 9-12)

Every Sunday Through Nov. 21



Worship Serving Schedule

Sunday, September 19th, 2021

RIDESHARE DRIVER: Kurt Schaefer

OFFICE RECEPTIONIST: Carole Harris Randerson

WELCOME STATION: Amy Marrero

FLOWER ARRANGING/DELIVERY:

Mike & Carole Harris Randerson

COMMUNION PREP: Jerry & Kathy Miller

GREETERS: Susan Klockow (N. DOOR),
Genie Rogers (S. DOOR), Bob Dixon (ATRIUM),
Sally Robinson (PORTICO)

SOUND BOARD OPERATOR: Janelle Patterson

BANNER BEARER: Cole Freed

CANDLE LIGHTER: Abigail Pine

LITURGIST: Tracy Evers

ELDERS: Cherry Hinderberger (8:30)
C.K. Hoenes & Steve McCormack (10:30)

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Cindy Rose

OFFERING COUNTERS: Deb Batterson
and Cindy Smith