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First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) VISITOR

Our mission: to know God and follow Jesus Christ

Trunk 'n Treat



**Parade & All Church Social
Sunday, Oct. 25, 2:00pm**

Decorate a Trunk: Please have cars in place by 1:45pm.

Costume Parade: For all children and adults 2:00pm.

*Chair Sit in a Spot: Church friends of all ages are welcome to bring a lawn chair and sit in the middle of a parking spot and watch the costume parade, wave to friends, and enjoy the social-distanced social! **Wear a fun hat, please!***

CANDY NOTE: Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we will not pass out candy. You can contribute monetarily to the "bag of candy" each child will receive from the church.

We will be seated spaced out every-other-spot, for those with ability needs, close car parking will be available. **MASKS WILL BE REQUIRED OF ALL PARTICIPANTS.**



Friday Night Classics!

3rd Flr Cinema/Fellow.Hall
Friday, Oct. 9 - 7:00pm

Fresh popcorn served and 50¢
soda available in Yonker Hall.

RSVP required to ensure safe
spacing—email or call church
office to reserve a seat!

Worship: 3 Ways

Sunday, Oct. 4

Philippians 3:4b-14

"Pressing On"

Message by Dr. Brad Stagg



WORSHIP WITH US IN THREE WAYS:

AT HOME, ONLINE: On our YouTube Channel
"First Christian Church (Columbia, Missouri)"

AT HOME LITURGY: provided on Page 3.

AT CHURCH:

Worship in the Sanctuary at **9:30am**
Doors open at 9:15am. Masks are required.
Enter via the Bell Tower door at 10th and Walnut.
**(RSVP through the office via phone mes-
sage or email fcc@firstchristian.org)**

**FCC Mission Outreach Day
at
Columbia's**

**Habitat House
Saturday, Oct. 31**



Contact the Church Office or Elizabeth Mottaz to sign up.





News of the People...

Prayers...

Beth Jorgensen, daughter of Cliff and Mary Tompson has now been placed under hospice care at her home. The Tompsons have gone to Iowa this last week to be with her. **Betty Montgomery** had outpatient foot surgery on Sep. 25 and is recuperating at home. **Mark Mills** had knee replacement surgery on Sep. 29. **Carol Hughey** continues to be down with back pain and welcomes prayers. **Billie Silvey** continues with physical therapy each day at Boone Hospital. Prayers of sympathy are extended to **Sue Underwood** in the death of her sister in Bella Vista, AR.

News of the Pews...

Next week's Visitor will include another installment of the news of our people. Several weddings, a birth, and much more. Stay tuned...

Gratitude...

Thanks to **Kameron Freed** who has volunteered to mow the church lawn each week in these weeks we are without custodial staff.

Mid-America Regional Assembly

Online-Virtual Gathering, Oct. 3

All are welcome to our online Regional Assembly at 9:00am, and **no registration is required to attend**. Follow along on the Facebook page "Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Mid-America" (you don't need to have a Facebook account) for a 90-minute live gathering that will include worship, music, reports from our ministry partners, our business session, and more! The docket, including reports and other info., will be posted prior to the Assembly. FCC members **Genie Rogers** and **Brice Moeller** will be our voting delegates.

ONLY VOTERS NEED TO REGISTER. For any and all information about this year's virtual Assembly, please visit: www.mid-american-disciples.org/regional-assembly-2020.



Election Day Homemade Pies

Fundraiser of the Disciples Women Fellowship of FCC

10-inch pie - \$20/each



3 WAYS TO ORDER:

-Email order to fcc@firstchristian.org

Order it electronically by using form found at:

<http://firstchristian.org/2020/election-day-pies/>

-Mail form below to 101 N. 10th, Columbia, MO 65201

-Fax this form to 573-875-8673

Orders must be received by Friday, Oct. 30.

Pie Pick Up on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

NUMBER OF PIES VARIETY

_____ APPLE
 _____ SUGAR-FREE APPLE
 _____ PEACH
 _____ CHERRY
 _____ BLACKBERRY
 _____ BLUEBERRY
 _____ STRAWBERRY RHUBARB
 _____ MIXED BERRY WALNUT

Total _____ @ \$20 per pie = \$ _____

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Pick Up Time: _____

Election Day Pie Order Form

Weekly Fellowship and Bible Study



Have you joined yet?

Online gatherings continue for study and fellowship each week via Zoom video conferencing or by calling in via phone. If you would like to join any of the gatherings, please call or email the church office to be connected. Join us!

FELLOWSHIP & LEARNING:

Mid-Week Connect with Rev. Spear

(devotion, fellowship): *Wednesdays at 10:30am*

Bible Study with Dr. Stagg: *Wednesdays at Noon*

Parent's Folly: *Next one on October 15 at 7:30pm*



Happy Birthday

Oct. 4 – Jack Bower
Oct. 7 – Pamela Hoepfner, Megan Judy
Oct. 8 – Michael Snyder
Oct. 9 – Lynn Klotz, Mona Stevenson
Oct. 10 – Julie Nichols

*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 OCTOBER 4

WORD and PRAISE

WELCOME GOD.

O Lord, you are God.

There is no other God but you.

In worship we praise and honor your name.

We worship you on this, your holy day.

PRAYER.

Lord, from the mountaintop in ancient Israel, you gave your people ways in which to live in harmony with all creation. Over time, the power of those words seems to have faded in our lives and we often succumb to temptations of power and greed. Bring us back to your words of compassion and hope, offered to all creation by your Son Jesus. Open our hearts to receive your love and your direction in our lives. Amen.

O God of Vision

*O God of vision far greater than all human scheming,
gather us now in your presence, refreshing, redeeming.*

*Show us a new life in your breathtaking view,
lovely beyond all our dreaming.*

Pour out your Spirit on all now assembled before you.

May our diversity here be a means to adore you.

*Women and men, young, old, and youthful again,
make us as one, we implore you.*

*Grateful, we come now by Christ's invitation clear spoken.
We seek the nourishment found in fruit crushed and bread
broken. Christ for us all! Come, let us answer the call,
offering our lives as the token.*

By Jane Parker Huber, 1981 Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN
Chalice Hymnal # 288 (vs. 1, 2, 5)

READ SCRIPTURE. Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

MEDITATION.

Did you ever have to memorize the Ten Commandments? Perhaps there were some easier to recall than others. For years, the iconic movie from 1956 produced, directed, and narrated by Cecil B. DeMille and starring Charlton Heston would play on Easter. (It is hard to say exactly why that day was deemed appropriate.) These are some of our exposures to the Ten Commandments given to Moses by God in the Exodus story of today. But how long has it been since you last heard

them? Read them again today. Think on them, consider their role in your life. What application is there for us?

*Remember God, God's name, God's promise, God's day(s)
and keep them. Keep them holy.*

Honor others. Consider your neighbor.

Steer clear of evil, violence, and crime. Greed and want, too.

What is your summation of the commandments? Is there a way you keep them in your mind and spirit all your days?

Sometimes, it takes a revisit and a rewrite in our own speak to keep track of them. There is always room to recall them and have them guide our process of thought, our actions, and our word choices. In these days, we are confronted with violent treatment of neighbors — of humanity. Does being able to quote the commandments create the change needed? It would seem to be more helpful to the human community to live out and guide others toward those ten pieces of guidance.

Whether we are young or old, the commandments can offer reminders of how to relate to God and humankind. Read them again today and commit them to your life. (-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. Go forth with humble hearts, ready to serve your neighbor and a world in need. Lead us, O God. Amen.



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Return Service Requested

UPCOMING Events

Life in the Church: Fall Calendar

SATURDAY, OCT. 3

- BREAKFAST FOR BRETHREN
- *VIRTUAL REGIONAL ASSEMBLY,
 9-11am, Zoom

SUNDAY, OCT. 4

- SUNDAY SCHOOL (ADULT & YOUTH),
 10:30am, Yonker Hall

MONDAY, OCT. 5

- Deadline for Visitor Submissions

FRIDAY, OCT. 9

- Double-Issue Visitor Publication
- Friday Night Classics "E.T.",
 7pm, 3rd Flr Cinema

SATURDAY, OCT. 10

- BREAKFAST FOR BRETHREN

SUNDAY, OCT. 11

- *YOUTH SUN. SCHOOL, 10am, Zoom

THURSDAY, OCT. 15

- *PARENTS' FOLLY, 7:30pm, Zoom

SATURDAY, OCT. 17

- BREAKFAST FOR BRETHREN

MONDAY, OCT. 26

- LOAVES & FISHES

FRIDAY, OCT. 30

- ELECTION DAY PIE ORDERS DEADLINE

SATURDAY, OCT. 31

- BREAKFAST FOR BRETHREN
- HABITAT FOR HUMANITY,
 AM AND PM SHIFTS AVAILABLE

TUESDAY, NOV. 3

- Election Day Pie Pick-Up,
 8am-6pm, under the Portico

THURSDAY, NOV. 12

- *O&A VIRTUAL PANEL, 7:00pm, Zoom

THURSDAY, NOV. 19

- *PARENTS' FOLLY, 7:30pm, Zoom

* DENOTES A VIRTUAL GATHERING
 VIA ZOOM



Sunday Oct. 4: JYF & CYF

4:00-5:00pm

JYF & Chi-Rho ALTERNATING WEEKS

JYF (grds. 3,4,5)

Oct. 4, 18, (Nov. 8, 25)

CHI-RHO (grds. 6,7,8) 18,

(Nov. 1, 15)

5:00-6:00pm —CYF (grades 9-12)

EVERY WEEK

Location: local parks/pavilions/member's
 outdoor spaces

THIS WEEK: COSMO PARK

GARRISON Shelter (to the left)

NO GROUPS on Oct. 11

ALL GROUPS Bonfire on Oct. 18

ALL Groups Trunk/Treat on Oct. 25

DOC College Group:

Tuesdays, 7:30pm (location in GroupME)