



the VISITOR

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

Happening Soon

SUNDAY, JUNE 6

- On-Site Worship Service, 9:30am
- O&A Bible Study, 5pm, Morris Parlor

TUESDAY, JUNE 8

- Bible Study, 10:30am, Morris Parlor
- Cabinet Mtg, 6:30pm, Morris Parlor

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 10

- Bell Choir Rehearsal, 5:30pm, Sanctuary

SUNDAY, JUNE 13

- On-Site Worship Service, 9:30am
- All-Church Picnic, 5:30pm, Bethel Park

MONDAY, JUNE 14

- Deadline for Visitor Submissions

TUESDAY, JUNE 15

- Bible Study, 10:30am, Morris Parlor
- Board Mtg, 6:30pm, Morris Parlor

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16

- Midweek Connect, 10:30am, Zoom
- Bible Study, Noon, Bethany Hall
- Choir Rehearsal, 5:30pm, Sanctuary
- O&A Bible Study, 6:30pm, Morris Parlor

THURSDAY, JUNE 17

- Bell Choir Rehearsal, 5:30pm, Sanctuary



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

2nd Sunday After Pentecost

JUNE 6TH

"Not Losing Heart"

2 Corinthians 4:13 – 5:1

Rev. Dr. Brad Stagg, preaching

Hymn: *Fill My Cup, Lord*

Choral Anthem: *Jesus, Joy of Our Desiring*

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 late on Sunday via email/YouTube channel/FCC Facebook page.

*"First Christian Church
(Columbia, Missouri)"*

Bible Study for the Open & Affirming Process

Dr. Brad Stagg leads study on the important texts related to sexuality

Sun. June 6th @ 5pm | Wed. June 16th @ 6:30pm

As the several year process of exploring what it is to be a congregation that is Open and Affirming comes to an end, the final piece is education. With the Bible being at the core of our faith, it is important to understand what comes from the Scripture related to human sexuality and relationships. To understand it better, Dr. Stagg will lead two Bible studies to discuss what the Bible says and how we can faithfully engage scripture. This opportunity continues our ongoing conversation



about welcoming people of all sexual orientations and gender identities at FCC. The two studies will present the same material. Please consider joining in one of these important conversations. If you are supportive, have questions and need more information, or if you are strongly against – join us. Come and learn, share in the conversation. Be informed. Plan to attend? Please RSVP online at firstchristian.org/event-rsvp or via the church office.

CHURCH



Sunday, June 13 @ 5:30pm

Cosmo-Bethel Park

Leech Shelter

Sponsor: Fellowship Dept.

WHO: YOU! All FCC members, visitors, friends are invited.

WHAT: A fun evening of fellowship and food.

WHEN: Sunday, June 13th, 5:30-7:30pm

WHERE: Cosmo-Bethel Park, Leech Shelter

MENU: Hot dogs, burgers, buns, condiments, drinks and paper goods will be provided. Please bring a favorite dish/dessert to share!

RSVP: firstchristian.org/event-rsvp or through the Church Office.

This is a Double Issue of the Visitor!

Keep it handy until June 18.



The blue sky and mild temps were just the most perfect backdrop for the three day CYF Mission Trip to Canton, Mo., over Memorial Day weekend. The mission team packed hundreds of bags for the local food pantry and children's summer feeding program, helped organize and clean the food pantry and church, laid flags on veteran's graves in the local cemetery honoring Memorial Day, and on the way home stopped in Paris, Mo., to weed/mulch/wheelchair wash at a local nursing home.



Each evening, the stories of Jesus feeding the 4000/5000 was the basis for devotion and conversation about the miracle found in faith and serving others food. Wise and faithful the conversations became and the high schoolers reflected on their experiences. Sunday morning, the group had the chance to worship at Canton CC. The CYF group doubled the size of the congregation and got to experience worship in a different space — for some, it was the first time worshipping in another DOC church.



CYF 2021 Mission Trip Canton, MO

The trip also included celebrating two birthdays, iconic Quincy, Ill., Gem City Pizza, hours of kickball, mini-golf, ice cream in fun locations, walkabouts in a little rural river town, van riding, and lots of laughter. These kids love being together. They talked non-stop, played hard, served well, and were just the best group of friends throughout. It was church youth group-CYF-at its very best. It was a perfect post-pandemic mission experience. Many thanks to Cindy Rose for partnering, Canton Christian Church and Culver-Stockton College for the abundant hospitality.





Bit From Brad

First Christian Church continues coming back online to full programmatic ministries. What a joy it is!

June 1 & 2 -Weekly Bible Study: As I write this article on Tuesday, June 1, the Tuesday Bible Study group returned to Morris Parlor just two hours ago. How wonderful it was for church friends connected only by Zoom links could once again look one another directly in the eye, smile and simply be in one another's presence. Thank goodness! And tomorrow it will start all over again as the noon Wednesday Bible Study returns to Bethany Hall. However, it's not just in-person Bible Study... it's a hybrid Bible Study as we will continue to connect via Zoom for anyone wanting to join us remotely. So, if you cannot get from work to church and back again in time for your work schedule, now there's nothing to worry about. You can join the group via Zoom. Just let the Church Office know you want to be included in the weekly Zoom Link email.

June 6 & 16 - O&A Bible Study: At the request of the Open & Affirming Team, I will lead a Bible Study on Open and Affirming concerning human sexuality and orientation. I will teach the same class twice on Sun., June 6, at 5pm and Wed., June 16 at 6:30pm. Reservations are helpful, but not required, so we know which space to occupy. At this point, we'll meet in Morris Parlor to discuss this timely subject.

June 13 – Church Picnic: I'm so looking forward to us gathering as a church family at Cosmo-Bethel Park to eat and fellowship together in this classic, traditional event. Fellowship Chair, Kim Rogers provided the details on page 1 of this Visitor, but it promises to be a great church family affair.

June 20 – Vacation Bible School: Our children's ministry continues charging forward as our Annual VBS event takes place beginning Sunday, June 20, "Discovery on Adventure Island." Jessica Humble is directing. Please sign up your child, grandchild, and/or neighbor as soon as possible!

June 27 – Congregational Meeting for the 2021-22 Operating Budget – Following worship, the Stewardship & Finance Dept. will present the 2021-22 operating budget pending Cabinet and Board approval. Funding for our next Associate Minister will be included.

We will have an important event in the life of the church happening each Sunday in June, not to mention weekly Worship at 9:30, where the Chancel Choir is beginning their bi-weekly presence in worship. We hope to see you there.

Blessings, *Dr. Brad*



Vacation Bible School

Sunday-Thursday, 6-8pm

June 20-24: Ages 3-7th Grade

We can't wait for you to join us for Vacation Bible School this year! Get ready to have fun as we come together on a "Quest for God's Great Light"! See you soon.

REGISTER NOW: FccColumbiaMO.MyCokesburyVBS.com

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Contact Jessica Humble via email: humblejess@aol.com.



Happy Birthday to You!

June 7 Chris Creasy, Ken McCarty, Molly Ring, Candace Stormer

June 8 Coleman Rogers, Hunter Rogers, Wyatt Rogers, Richard Wells

June 10 Gavin Rose

June 11 Matthew Batterson

June 12 Pat Ritchie (91!), Conner Stormer

June 13 Lexi Schomaker, Mitchell Taylor

June 15 Janice Janssen

June 16 Logan Garton, Will Houston





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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.



Congregational Meeting

June 27, Directly Following
9:30 Worship
To Approve '21-'22 Budget