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

Happening Soon

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

- On-Site Worship, 8:30am
- Christian Education Classes, 9:30am
- Adult Sunday School Class, 9:30am
- On-Site Worship, 10:30am

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

- Bible Study, 10:30am, Morris Parlor
- Bell Choir Rehearsal, 5:30pm, 3rd Floor
- Cabinet Meeting, 6:30pm, Morris Parlor

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- Midweek Connect, 10:30am, Zoom
- Ladies' Book Club, 12pm, Bethany Hall
- Bible Study, 12pm, Morris Parlor
- Choir Rehearsal, 5:30pm, 3rd Floor

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13

- On-Site Worship, 8:30am
- Christian Education Classes, 9:30am
- Adult Sunday School Class, 9:30am
- On-Site Worship, 10:30am



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

5TH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 6TH

"Deep Water"

LUKE 5:1-11

REV. DR. BRAD STAGG, PREACHING

2 WORSHIP OPTIONS

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

In-person worship in the Sanctuary.

-OR-

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)"

Property Updates at First Christian

By Bob Hutton, Chair of the Property Committee

Bethany Roof

Missouri Builders Services, which has completed several roofing projects for the Church in the recent past, completed the re-roofing of Bethany in a timely and professional manner, for the bid price (\$49,343). The new roof will give us confidence in the integrity of the structure for years to come, although we probably need to consider repairs (tuckpointing) to the brick walls in the fairly near future.



Basement Mold Remediation

Asbestos Removal Services Inc (ARSI) has completed remediation work in the basement, addressing mold, and asbestos discovered when removing old carpet. The "not to exceed" price of \$17,700 was exceeded, so the final invoice was for this price, plus \$3900 for removing the previously undetected asbestos tile under the carpet. The total invoice was \$21,600. Both of these projects were approved to be funded through the repair account, which still leaves a significant balance in that account.

After remediation, air testing was again performed. The results of the original testing showed higher than baseline mold quantities in five locations of the basement, and recommended a remediation plan that was very extensive. We opted to perform remediation to a lesser extent and then retest. The second report indicated successful work, but not 100%. All samples except one (from the east hallway) were within recommended limits. Because we successfully cleaned most of the mold spores, our contractor has recommended installing air circulating procedures, and then retesting after a period of time. We have placed a commercial dehumidifier in the area and are consulting with an engineer to determine if any other measures are readily achievable. More to come later on this issue.



News of the People

Prayers of Health and Healing...



C. W. "Cliff" Tompson transferred from Boone Hospital to Lenoir's REACH unit on Tuesday, February 1st for rehabilitation for a badly broken femur. He is resting comfortably and rehabilitating well.

Russ Chandler, who has kidney cancer, will have back surgery on Wednesday, February 2nd at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis to repair a vertebrae damaged by radiation treatment for a metastasized tumor. A GoFundMe page has been set up to help offset the \$30,000 needed for the surgery and recovery. Gifts can also be made to support The Chandlers through the church website or church office.

Trish Stagg's father George Gonzales remains in the ICU in a Houston hospital with COVID and pneumonia, now complicated by blood clots.

David Sutton lost his son, Sam Sutton, who passed away on January 18th.

Celebrations...

Bonnie Jean Backues, is turning 98 on February 16th, and she would love to receive birthday wishes. If you would like to send a card, Bonnie's mailing address is: **Bonnie Jean Backues**, 6101 North Highway V V, Columbia, MO, 65202.



February Birthdays

Feb 4 - Susan Palmer
Feb 7 - Lorene Trickey (90!)
Nathaniel Pine
Feb 8 - Ruth Ann Obrecht
Feb 10 - Jennifer Alexander
Steve Humble
Steve Smith



Inclement Weather Policy



Winter weather is unpredictable. So - how do you know if events with First Christian are canceled? Look on the local TV Stations for church closings & cancellations — we will be listed as "First Christian Church, Columbia." Check carefully — if it doesn't say Columbia, it's not us! FCC also follows the direction of Columbia Public Schools — if schools are closed because of inclement weather, so are any programs at church. The church office adjusts as able. You can also check our Facebook page for updates. Church services will almost always be held, but virtual worship will also be available to those who can't make it to church. If you'd like to receive our weekly virtual worship link to your inbox, visit the church website at firstchristian.org/online-worship.



Love remains

Week of Compassion
Special Offering
FEBRUARY 20-27



Week of Compassion Offering

Sunday, February 20 & 27

The 2022 Week of Compassion Offering will be shared on Sundays February 20 & 27th. These weeks leading up to the offering are perfect to spend time in reflection and consideration of the work Week of Compassion does on behalf of the Church. All funds received through this offering allow the Church to respond to disaster when it occurs. These funds enable Week of Compassion to immediately provide grants for urgent needs like emergency supplies, water and food. The Special Offering is a time when Disciple congregations come together to lift up and celebrate this important work that we do together. Recently, Week of Compassion was able to respond to the tornado that ripped through Mayfield, Kentucky in early December. Week of Compassion was able to be on-site in Mayfield, responding to the emerging needs of those affected. Week of Compassion was with the regional ministry in Kentucky as they visited Disciples churches and their congregants who were directly impacted by the tornado. We are so grateful for such an organization to be the hands and the feet of the church in times of need! To read the story of their work in Kentucky, or other places around the world, visit Week of Compassion's website at weekofcompassion.org.



COMING SOON!

Spring Adult Sunday School

Sunday, January 16 - February 20

Fred Mottaz is currently leading an adult Sunday School class ending on Sunday, February 20, studying the *New York Times* Bestseller [over 500,000 sold], "The Rock, the Road, and the Rabbi," by Kathie Lee Gifford. We hope that you can attend one of these sessions to learn more about the Rock [Jesus], the Road [Holy Land] and the Rabbi [God's Word].

Starting Sunday, March 6 at 9:30am

Fred Mottaz will lead another Sunday School class beginning March 6, this time featuring Max Lucado's book, "He Chose The Nails" as we enter the season of Lent. "Linger on the hill of Calvary" in fellowship and study on Sunday mornings in March!

Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, March 2 at 6:30pm



Join us for an evening Ash Wednesday service as we enter into the season of Lent. Ash Wednesday worship begins this season with a service of hymns, prayers, meditation, and the imposition of ashes.

Rock Bridge Book Study

Starting back February 7

Rock Bridge Christian Church's



Book Study group is gathering to discuss *Jesus and the Disinherited* by Howard Thurman starting Monday, February 7. This group meets every other Monday during the lunch hour (starting at 11:30am) on Zoom. All are welcome to join in reading and discussing this classic text by a man considered a spiritual father of the Civil Rights movement. **If you'd like to join, contact Brad Boyd-Kennedy at cucc.brad@gmail.com.**

Organ Concert with Paul Byssainthe

Saturday, February 5, 7:00 p.m., Missouri United Methodist Church

Join Missouri United Methodist Church (MUMC) for an unforgettable organ concert with Paul Byssainthe. Paul Byssainthe, Jr. is an accomplished award-winning organist, pianist, and conductor. A native of Long Island, New York, he is a graduate of Andrews University (Michigan) and the Peabody Conservatory of Johns Hopkins University. He was a quarter-finalist at the 2019 St. Albans International Organ Competition in England. Paul is currently pursuing the Doctor of Musical Arts in Organ Performance at Peabody where he holds the Dean's Fellowship. The concert will be held at MUMC on Saturday, February 5 at 7:00 p.m. MUMC's current building policy states that masks are encouraged while inside the building.



Volunteer with Room at the Inn



WHAT: Room at the Inn (RATI) is an interfaith and community effort to offer winter shelters that will provide a warm and safe place to sleep during the

winter months between the hours of 7:00 pm - 7:00 am.

WHERE/WHEN:

Jan. 30 - Feb. 13: Missouri United Methodist Church - 204 S. 9th St.

Feb. 13 - Feb. 20: First Presbyterian Church - 16 Hitt St.

Feb. 20 - Feb. 27: Unitarian Universalist Church - 2615 Shepard Blvd

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- **Volunteer:** Go to roomattheinncomo.org to see the available volunteer opportunities. Opportunities to serve as Food Crew & Shelter Prep, Evening Hosts, Dawn Patrol, and Laundry Transport are still open.
- **Donate supplies or money:** Needed supplies are listed at roomattheinncomo.org/donate. Supplies can be dropped off at the current RATI shelter after 5pm. Monetary gifts can be sent to the following address: **Room at the Inn COMO, P.O. Box 272, Columbia, MO, 65205.** You can also donate through the church office by writing "Room at the Inn" on the memo line.



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Worship Serving Schedule

Sunday, February 6th, 2022

RIDESHARE DRIVER: Dan Gieseke

OFFICE RECEPTIONIST: Janelle Patterson

WELCOME STATION: Amy Marrero

FLOWER ARRANGING/DELIVERY: Lorene Trickey

COMMUNION PREP: Kim Leon and Holly
Wheatley

GREETERS: Bette Scavone (N. DOOR), Mary Ann
Atteberry (S. DOOR), Jessica Humble (ATRIUM),
Steve Humble (PORTICO)

SOUND BOARD OPERATOR: Dan Gieseke

BANNER BEARER: Faith Silverwood

CANDLE LIGHTER: Dietrich Arnett

LITURGIST: Kameron Freed

ELDERS: Mary Daugherty (8:30)

Jennifer Alexander, Jacki Davidson (10:30)

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Eric Arnett

OFFERING COUNTERS: Deb Batterson and
Janelle Patterson