



the VISITOR

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OUR MISSION

To know God and
follow Jesus Christ.

Happening Soon

SUNDAY, JULY 10

- One Worship Service, 9:30am
- Scholarship Award Presentations, 9:30am

TUESDAY, JULY 12

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13

- Midweek Connect, 10:30am, Zoom
- Bible Study, 12pm, Morris Parlor
- Choir Rehearsal, 5:30pm, 3rd Floor

SUNDAY, JULY 17

- One Worship Service, 9:30am

TUESDAY, JULY 19

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20

- Midweek Connect, 10:30am, Zoom
- Bible Study, 12pm, Morris Parlor
- Choir Rehearsal, 5:30pm, 3rd Floor

SUNDAY, JULY 24

- One Worship Service, 9:30am
- All-Church Picnic, 12:00pm, Twin Lakes Recreation Area
- VBS: Compassion Camp!, 12:00pm, Twin Lakes Recreation Area



A congregation related to
The Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
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5TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 10TH

"Good Samaritans"

LUKE 10: 25-37

REV. DR. BRAD STAGG, PREACHING

6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 17TH

"The Better Part"

LUKE 10: 38-42

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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)"*

THIS IS A DOUBLE-ISSUE OF THE VISITOR!

KEEP IT HANDY UNTIL JULY 22ND.

Meet FCC's New Administrative Board

A new fiscal year means transitions in the life of the church as we welcome new members of our Administrative Board! This year, we are welcoming Amy LaHue as our new Moderator, Mark Mills as our new Vice-Moderator, and Tracy Evers as our new Board Treasurer. We are grateful for Valerie Freed, who will continue on this year as our Board Secretary. We want to extend a special thank you to Bryan Garton for his two years of leadership as our Board Moderator, and Steve Smith for his three years as our Treasurer!



Thank you,
**Bryan Garton &
Steve Smith** for
your many
years of
service to the
Administrative
Board!

Meet Our New Board Officers!

Amy LaHue, Moderator - Amy and her family joined FCC in 2005, in part so that her daughter Julia could get into Mother's Day Out (her class had a wait list, and church members were prioritized), but also because they really liked FCC! Amy is stepping into the role as moderator after spending a year as vice-moderator, but she's had her hands in many parts of life at FCC - one of her biggest roles serving FCC in the past was as the Deacon Chair. Amy said, "Accepting the role of moderator is a great way to be a part of facilitating the business side of the church, which is something that has always been of interest to me. I enjoy being in a congregation that has open accounting, and relies on clergy for decision making, and I'm glad to be able to take part in the process." Thank you, Amy, for your leadership!

Mark Mills, Vice-Moderator: Mark Mills and his family joined the First Christian Church family in 2005. Mark has served in several different roles around the church as a deacon, chair of the communications department, a member of the Administrative Board, and is currently serving as an Elder. We so look forward to having Mark as our Vice-Moderator this year!



Tracy Evers, Treasurer: Tracy Evers has been a member of First Christian for nearly 23 years. In her time at FCC, Tracy has served as an elder, a deacon, a liturgist, a VBS volunteer, a sponsor for the pastor's class, and a member of both the nominating committee and Administrative Board.



Tracy believes that "serving and leading is what Christ asks of us," and that she feels "closest to God when [she's] able to help and better understand his people through service." She loves that FCC doesn't just talk about service, but "we do it!"

We are so excited to have another dedicated, compassionate, and selfless leadership team at FCC this year! Thank you, Amy, Mark, Valerie and Tracy!

O&A Congregational Vote

Submission Deadline - Friday, July 8th at 5:00pm

- After a unanimous decision from the Administrative Board, Board Moderator Bryan Garton is calling for a Congregational decision — through a mail-in ballot — to approve or not approve the Open and Affirming Statement proposed by the Open & Affirming Exploratory Committee. Families with more than one voting member will receive ballots for each member.

The deadline for ballots to be submitted to the church office will be 5:00 p.m. on July 8, 2022, approximately two (2) weeks after being mailed out to the congregation.

If you have any questions regarding the voting process or how to submit your ballot, please contact the church office at 573-449-7265 during regular office hours. Thank you for your prayerful consideration on this important matter!

Scholarship Sunday

Sunday, July 10 during 9:30 a.m. worship



Scholarship presentations will be held on Sunday, July 10 during 9:30 a.m. worship. All scholarship recipients who cannot attend worship on Sunday

will have their award letter mailed to them.

2022 Church Picnic & VBS: Compassion Camp

Annual All-Church Picnic & VBS - July 24th, 12:00pm

Mark your calendars! The annual Church Picnic is scheduled this year for Sunday, July 24, from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. There will be food and fellowship with a side of some fun - VBS will be linked with the church picnic this year to create one fun-filled day for FCC! The picnic will be



held at the Twin Lakes Recreation Area (in the shelter). While families are eating, kids and parents are invited to join Topher for music, stories, bubbles, art and more. This year's theme for VBS "Compassion Camp" - *Changing the World with Loving Kindness*. While the picnic will wind down around 1:30 p.m., families are invited to stay until 2:00 p.m. to continue participating in activities for VBS. "Compassion Camp" will be a theme that continues on from VBS on the 24th and will be used in following Children's Worship moments and lessons throughout the summer. For anyone planning to attend the Church Picnic, **please RSVP to the Church Office via sign-up sheet or email (fcc@firstchristian.org), or RSVP online at <https://firstchristian.org/rsvp>**. Everyone is invited to bring a dish or dessert with them, but RSVPing is essential for the Fellowship Committee to plan food (hot dogs, burgers, buns, condiments, drinks and paper goods) accordingly!

THIS FRIDAY! Friday Night Classic



"NOTORIOUS"

Friday, July 8th
7:00 P.M.
3rd Floor Cinema

Join us on Friday, July 8th for a Hitchcock classic, *Notorious* (1946), starring Cary Grant, Ingrid Bergman, and Claude Rains as three people whose lives become intimately entangled during an espionage operation. There will be plenty of popcorn available, all you need to bring is a drink! Meet us in the 3rd Floor Cinema!

News of the People & Places



Prayers of Health and Healing...

Bonnie Jean Backues had her second leg removed successfully on Thursday, June 23. She remains in good spirits and is excited to get back to gardening when she is fully healed.

Millie Bolman remains on Hospice Care at Lenoir Woods.

Diana Provenzano's brother, Steven Evans, is out of the ICU, but will remain in care for complications from esophageal cancer.

Sympathy...

Debbie Scott passed away on Thursday, June 30 in Milan, MO. There will be no services held in Columbia, MO.

Congratulations...

Kara and **Kyle Thurston** are the proud parents of **Calvin Matthew Thurston** born on June 21, 2022 weighing in at 8.3 pounds. Congratulations to grandparents, **Lisa Zimmer & Dan Backues**, and great-grandmother **Bonnie Jean Backues**. Big sister, **Charlotte** is thrilled she now has a little brother! Everyone is doing great.



We thank Sue Underwood and the flower ministry for this lovely tribute. We had a very nice 68th anniversary!

Will & Donna Houston

Save the Date: Disciples Women Gathering

Saturday, November 12 in Jefferson City, MO

Save the date for this Disciples Women Gathering at Community Christian Church in Jefferson City! The day will feature presentations from Sue and Murray Frick. Sue will offer reflections on faith and her journeys from the Camino de Santiago, and Murray will present on "Discerning Mission & Ministry". There will be a \$20 registration fee that includes lunch. Register and learn more about this gathering on Mid-America Region of Disciples' website: <https://www.mid-america-disciples.org/>

DISCIPLES WOMEN PRESENT
ALONG THE WAY:
JOURNEY ALONE, JOURNEY TOGETHER

Welcome New Members:

Katie & Ben Carrier



We are so excited to welcome **Katie and Ben Carrier** into our church family! The Carriers joined the church during worship on Sunday, July 3rd, transferring here from Country Club Christian Church in Kansas City, MO. Ben and Katie are pictured on the left, with their son James. Katie is pregnant with their second child, due in August! Welcome, Katie, Ben, James, and

soon-to-be Carrier #4 to First Christian Church!

Birthdays

July 8 - J.D. Estes, Barbara Rothenberger, David Weber
July 9 - Erin Bower
July 10 - Judy Creasy, Shawn Von Talge
July 11 - Ava Martin, Teddy Nichols
July 13 - Eric Seaman, Bragg Stanley, Christopher Stormer
July 14 - Anne Campbell
July 15 - Tammy Arnett, Kathy Miller
July 16 - Connie Street
July 17 - Cullen Snow
July 18 - Kim Boger, Judy Cunningham
July 19 - Dave Beem, Sonya Carney, David Ross
July 20 - Thomas Hughey
July 21 - Peyton Humble, Hailey Korman

Anniversaries

July 16 - Jeff & Jenny Hallam
July 18 - **Bud & Deb Batterson (58 years!)**,
Mark & Janet Mills
Brad & Trish Stagg (30 years!)
July 19 - Russ & Linda Chandler
July 20 - Christopher & Candace Stormer



Digital Bulletin Option

Save Paper! Use a Digital Bulletin

We are test running a digital bulletin option starting this Sunday. Rather than picking up a paper bulletin, consider following along during the service on a bulletin on your smart device. You can find a digital bulletin at <https://firstchristian.org/bulletins> or by using one of the QR code prompts in the Narthex on Sunday morning. If you have time, please take the survey so we know how to improve this option!



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Worship Serving Schedule

Sunday, July 10, 2022

OFFICE RECEPTIONIST: Erin Perry
WELCOME STATION: Valerie Freed
FLOWER ARRANGING/DELIVERY:
Helen & Perry Stemmons
COMMUNION PREP: Kim & Joe Reardon
GREETERS: Perry Stemmons (N. DOOR), Helen
Stemmons (S. DOOR), Mary Jane Anderson
(ATRIUM), Bob Dixson (PORTICO)
SOUND BOARD OPERATOR: Annie Stagg
BANNER BEARER: Abigail Pine
CANDLE LIGHTER: Cole Freed
LITURGIST: Dan Gieseke
ELDERS: Dan Gieseke, Dan Backues
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Allie Schomaker
OFFERING COUNTERS: Jean Juba and Sarah
Storm

Worship Serving Schedule

Sunday, July 17, 2022

OFFICE RECEPTIONIST: Larry Veatch
WELCOME STATION: Amy Marrero
FLOWER ARRANGING/DELIVERY:
Cherry Hinderberger
COMMUNION PREP: Jessica, Steve, & Taylor
Humble
GREETERS: Suellen Wells (N. DOOR), Richard
Wells (S. DOOR), Jan Davis (ATRIUM), Chuck
Scott (PORTICO)
SOUND BOARD OPERATOR: Janelle Patterson
BANNER BEARER: Kennedy Karr
CANDLE LIGHTER: Lexi Schomaker
LITURGIST: Megan Judy
ELDERS: Jessica Humble, Steve Humble
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Cindy Rose
OFFERING COUNTERS: Jerry Miller and
Janelle Patterson