



## the VISITOR

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### OUR MISSION

To know God and  
follow Jesus Christ.

Happening Soon

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 26

- One Worship Service, 9:30am
- Congregational Meeting (FY23 Budget), 10:30am, Sanctuary

#### MONDAY, JUNE 27

- Loaves & Fishes, 4:00pm, Wilkes Blvd UMC

#### TUESDAY, JUNE 28

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

#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 29

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

#### SUNDAY, JULY 3

- One Worship Service, 9:30am

#### TUESDAY, JULY 5

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

#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

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

#### SUNDAY, JULY 10

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



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The Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)  
[www.disciples.org](http://www.disciples.org)

### 3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 26TH

*"Dauntless"*

LUKE 9:51-62

REV. DR. BRAD STAGG, PREACHING

### 4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 3RD

*"For Freedom"*

GALATIANS 5:1, 13-25

REV. DR. BRAD STAGG, PREACHING

## 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 8TH.

## Congregational Meeting (FY23 Budget)



**FY23 Budget Vote on June 26th following 9:30 worship**

A congregational meeting to approve the FY23 budget is coming up this Sunday, June 26, immediately following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Find a copy of the FY23 budget enclosed in this issue of The Visitor to review before Sunday.

## 2022 Church Picnic & VBS All-In-One

**Mark your calendars!** The annual Church Picnic is scheduled this year for Sunday, July 24, from 12:00 - 1:30 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 area). While families are eating, kids and parents are invited to join Dr. 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 end 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.





## O&A Congregational Vote

### *Mailing this week regarding O&A Voting Process*

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.

Following a multi-year discernment process, including overwhelming approval by the Board of Elders, the Cabinet, the Administrative Board and the results of a Congregational poll, the Administrative Board believes it is time for a final decision of the congregation. The Congregational poll, which had 94 respondents, revealed 80% support the Statement and ministry implications, including weddings and calling of clergy. Both, those who support the document and those who do not, agree that it is time to decide and move forward with a decision.

A mail-in ballot process was chosen by the Administrative Board to ensure every voting member will have a chance to provide their input on this very important matter, especially since summer worship attendance does not reflect the totality of the congregation.

A letter will be sent to every member of the congregation this week, including the Welcome Statement, the timeline of the O&A Process, a mail-in ballot and a pre-stamped envelope to mail ballots to the Church Office. 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!

## Sign Up to Purchase Chancel Flowers

### *Last Chance! 2023 Dates Still Available*

The beautiful flowers that grace our chancel every Sunday don't just magically appear. They are purchased by wonderful people just like you to honor someone special, to celebrate an anniversary or to remember a departed family member. After the worship service, the flowers are taken to someone who might need a pick-me-up, those who are home-bound, patients at hospitals, friends of FCC and more!



**Any one who wishes to sign up to donate flowers for the chancel (only \$30) for Sundays in 2023 can sign up in the church office, as well as before/after Sunday worship in the Narthex.** We have dates in January, February, April and May still available!

## Keeping the Church Beautiful!

I hope everyone has enjoyed our beautiful landscaping at FCC this spring. Eleven of us maintain the entire area, and the mean age is well over 70 years. We very much need help in keeping it all lovely.

Some of us may need to retire soon! As much as we love caring for our gardens, we need help from our younger members to ensure that beauty will go on for future generations.

Everyone is busy these days, but if you would consider volunteering to help, perhaps a group of you, to take on a small area it would really be so helpful. Please email me, Mary Daugherty, at [jddtiger44@gmail.com](mailto:jddtiger44@gmail.com) or call the church office. We welcome your help. You'll love the fresh air and the camaraderie. We'll love you for it!



**Mary Daugherty**

## Care for Creation Team

### *Learning, discussing and organizing care for creation at FCC*



It is impossible to ignore "creation" when spending a summer in Columbia, Mo. Whether it be the multitude of pollinator gardens or the suffocating heat, we are surrounded! Both of these examples remind me of all of the ways we can be in relationship to

God's creation, and therefore a reminder of what one of my responsibilities of "care" as a Christian is. Are Christians responsible for caring for God's creation, and what does this require of us? If you are interested in participating in a conversation to plan further discussions, learning opportunities or organizing creation care at FCC, contact Erin Perry at [erjoperry@gmail.com](mailto:erjoperry@gmail.com).

**Erin Perry**



**The Church Office will be  
CLOSED on Monday, July 4  
for the 4th of July Holiday.**



## CYF Heads to Evansville!



**Pictured above (L to R):** Luke Stagg, Isabelle Arnett, Dr. Topher, Ella Rogers, Olivia Johnson, Annie Stagg, Kameron Freed, Paige Freed, Ryley Silverwood, Stacy Silverwood

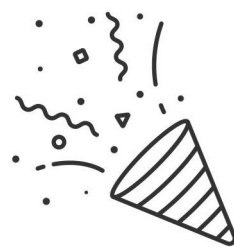
CYF took off for Evansville on Sunday afternoon excited for a week of service in Indiana. They'll be in Indiana until Saturday the 25th serving neighborhoods around Evansville and learning more about the intersections of housing, mental health, and unemployment. Be sure to pray for safe travels and many hearts & minds open to see, hear, and learn!



## High School Seniors Recognized

Sunday, June 19th

- Kameron Freed
- Olivia Johnson
- Aleena Li
- Joseph McCormack
- Liam Rose
- Luke Stagg



Congratulations to our seniors, and a huge thanks to our prayer shawl ministry & Pamela Hoeppner for creating the beautiful prayer "shawls" shaped like heart bookmarks for those graduating.

## Summary: Proposed Fiscal Year 2022 - 2023 Church Budget

Congregational Meeting June 26, 2022

	FY 2021 Actuals	FY 2022 Budget	FY 2022 YTD + Est.	FY 2023 Budget	Net Change
<b><u>Estimated Funding Sources:</u></b>					
<u>Tithes &amp; Offerings:</u>					
Pledged Offerings	353,911	350,000	310,000	304,000	(46,000)
Un-pledge Offerings	55,389	30,000	100,000	55,000	25,000
Loose Offerings	4,737	6,500	2,000	2,000	(4,500)
Church School	60	0	14	0	0
<b>Total Tithes &amp; Offerings</b>	<b>414,097</b>	<b>386,500</b>	<b>412,014</b>	<b>361,000</b>	<b>(25,500)</b>
Rent	22,298	21,218	24,518	25,150	3,932
Endowed Permanent Funds	23,970	23,376	23,376	24,600	1,224
Scholarship Fund	13,000	17,750	17,750	16,850	(900)
Permanent Fund	137,012	134,156	134,156	133,384	(772)
Memorial Fund	7,500	34,227	35,628	98,273	64,046
Columbia Area Older Adult Ministry	91,307	89,378	96,876	100,000	10,622
DWM / CWF	6,344	0	0	4,050	4,050
Mother's Day Out Preschool	117,671	211,232	182,781	211,232	0
Other Sources	2,453	9,190	9,060	9,017	(173)
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<b>421,555</b>	<b>540,527</b>	<b>524,145</b>	<b>622,556</b>	<b>82,029</b>
<b>Total Funding Sources</b>	<b>835,652</b>	<b>927,027</b>	<b>936,159</b>	<b>983,556</b>	<b>56,529</b>

### **Estimated Expenditures:**

Administrative	458,079	446,574	377,517	467,976	21,402
Adult Education	59	950	225	950	0
Advent	416	525	67	600	75
Children's Education	682	2,350	0	2,350	0
Columbia Area Older Adult Ministry	91,707	89,378	70,629	100,000	10,622
Communication	12,792	19,550	17,739	20,100	550
DWM / CWF	9,373	3,071	4,405	5,050	1,979
Emergency Preparedness	902	400	0	650	250
Evangelism	439	2,800	0	2,800	0
Membership	1,303	2,550	1,055	1,650	(900)
Mother's Day Out Preschool	112,878	185,109	110,086	197,938	12,829
Office	18,188	18,710	15,644	17,550	(1,160)
Outreach Ministries - Local [Church n Society]	10,559	13,251	11,000	12,550	(701)
Outreach Ministries - US/Global [World Outreach]	17,511	16,308	15,000	15,446	(862)
Property	117,670	155,165	155,234	156,996	1,831
Scholarships	13,000	17,750	13,630	16,850	(900)
Service Board of Deacons & Elders	460	650	0	650	0
Stewardship & Finance	411	100	80	5,300	5,200
Student Ministry	3,477	14,625	1,940	13,325	(1,300)
Worship	4,449	18,210	8,279	20,585	2,375
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>874,355</b>	<b>1,008,026</b>	<b>802,530</b>	<b>1,059,316</b>	<b>51,290</b>

### **Total Funding:**

Total Estimated Funding Sources	\$ 835,652	\$ 927,027	\$ 936,159	\$ 983,556	56,529
Total Estimated Expenditures	<u>\$ 874,355</u>	<u>\$ 1,008,026</u>	<u>\$ 802,530</u>	<u>\$ 1,059,316</u>	<u>51,290</u>
Difference	\$ (38,703)	\$ (80,999)	\$ 133,629	\$ (75,760)	107,819
Estimated FY 2022 Cash Surplus Carried Forward		\$ 80,000		\$ 75,000	
Variance		\$ (999)		\$ (760)	



## News of the People & Places



### *Prayers of Health and Healing...*

**Thelma Beem** has been transferred to The Neighborhoods (Flat Branch section) for rehab.

**Millie Bolman** was placed on Hospice Care at Lenoir Woods.

**Maria Clark** is home from being in the hospital for pancreatitis.

**Diana Provenzano's** brother, Steven Evans, is in the ICU due to complications with esophageal cancer. Please keep Diana, Steven's wife Mitzi, and his kids & grandkids in your prayers.

**Pat Wright** had an emergency appendectomy on Monday, June 6, went home on Tuesday and is doing fine.

### *Sympathy...*

**Tommie Ross** passed away on Wednesday, June 8. Details about services are pending. Rev. Sally Robinson will lead a service at Lenoir Woods.

### *Congratulations...*

Mack Andrew Bramon Yonker was born on Sunday, June 12 in Washington D.C. to Betsy Bramon and **Tom Yonker**. Mack is named after his great-grandfather **Mack Jones (Hannah Jones)**, who was a long-time faithful member of FCC. Congratulations to parents, Betsy and Tom, and grandparents, **John & Sarah Yonker** and **Becky Sinclair Bramon** and Kerry Bramon!

**Rev. Sally Robinson** celebrates 35 years of ordained ministry this year! Congratulations, Sally!



Just to let you know that turning 90 can be fun. I appreciated the cards, cupcakes, flowers and good wishes from my church family.

Thank you,  
**Will Houston**

Dear Fellow Church Members,

Last week I had to part with a body part that had been with me many years. Although, the part was not essential, I will still miss it.

But, as bad as I felt, I was soon aware of my church family. The calls, cards and visits started and cheered me up. Special thanks to Genie Rogers for bringing by the flowers and staying for a little visit. Again, thanks for everything.

**Pat Wright**

## Looking for Sound Board Operators & Sunday Morning Office Receptionists



We are looking for a few more volunteers to help us on Sunday mornings with the sound board and working in the office! Sound board volunteers work the sound board during the 10:30 a.m. service, ensuring the congregation can hear the ministers & musicians. The Office Receptionist keeps the church office open during the 8:30 a.m. service and answers the phone for anyone trying to contact the church on Sunday morning. If you are interested in helping us on Sunday mornings, please contact Erin in the Church Office at [fcc@firstchristian.org](mailto:fcc@firstchristian.org) or (573) 449-7265.

## Bethany Hall Air Conditioning

Hulett finished its work in Bethany Hall last week! The AC is up and running. Big thanks to Bob Hutton and the Property Committee for overseeing these ongoing projects.

## 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. Congratulations to all of this year's recipients and a big thanks to this year's Scholarship Committee (Dr. Topher, Shannon Schaefer, Allie Schomaker, and Kim Leon) for their part in reviewing and distributing scholarships!

### **Birthdays**

**June 25** - Steve Evers

**June 26** - John Hickey

**June 30** - Bryant Savidan

**July 1** - Mary Jane Anderson,

Jamestyn Dietzel, Cole Freed,

Bette Scavone, Emily Unterschut

**July 2** - Gina Henry, Mary Moeller

**July 3** - Jadie Arnett

**July 4** - Drew Nichols

**July 5** - Kim Leon, Stacia Schaefer

**July 6** - Haley Evers, Jessica

Testerman

**July 7** - Jack Estes

### **Anniversaries**

**June 26** - Larry & Peggy Veatch (57 years!)

**July 1** - Ron & Judy Longaker (55 years!)

**July 2** - Brice & Mary Moeller

**July 4** - Will & Donna Houston (68 years!)

**July 5** - Jerry & Kathy Miller

**July 7** - Jim & Becky Baumgartner







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## First Christian Church

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### Ministerial Staff

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Rev. Dr. Topher Endress, Associate Minister  
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### Music Staff

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Dr. Rochelle Parker, Organist  
Travis McFarlane, Musician

### Mother's Day Out Pre-School

Tracy Westhoff, Director  
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### Columbia Area Older Adult Ministry

Rev. Sally Robinson, Director

### Support Staff

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Maria Clark, Weekend Custodian

## Worship Serving Schedule

*Sunday, June 26, 2022*

**OFFICE RECEPTIONIST:** Carole Randerson  
**WELCOME STATION:** Steve Evers  
**FLOWER ARRANGING/DELIVERY:** Fred Mottaz  
**COMMUNION PREP:** Tori Pine & Eric Seaman  
**GREETERS:** Dan Gieseke (N. DOOR), Holly Gieseke (S. DOOR), Janelle Patterson (ATRIUM), Bette Scavone (PORTICO)  
**SOUND BOARD OPERATOR:** Kameron Freed  
**BANNER BEARER:** Faith Silverwood  
**CANDLE LIGHTER:** Abigail Pine  
**LITURGIST:** Larry Veatch  
**ELDERS:** Jacki Davidson, Jennifer Alexander  
**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:** Eric Arnett  
**OFFERING COUNTERS:** Diana Provenzano and Deb Batterson

## Worship Serving Schedule

*Sunday, July 3, 2022*

**OFFICE RECEPTIONIST:** Erin Perry  
**WELCOME STATION:** Amy Marrero  
**FLOWER ARRANGING/DELIVERY:** Sue Underwood  
**COMMUNION PREP:** Debbie & David Potthast  
**GREETERS:** Bette Scavone (N. DOOR), Steve Humble (ATRIUM), Jessica Humble (PORTICO)  
**SOUND BOARD OPERATOR:** Dan Gieseke  
**BANNER BEARER:** Noah Stagg  
**CANDLE LIGHTER:** Dietrich Arnett  
**LITURGIST:** Kim Leon  
**ELDERS:** Fred Mottaz, Becky Baumgartner  
**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:** Jessica Humble  
**OFFERING COUNTERS:** Cindy & Doug Smith and Janelle Patterson