



## the VISITOR

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### OUR MISSION

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

### Happening Soon

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 6

- On-Site Worship, 8:30am
- Congregational Meeting, 9:30am
- Lent Adult Sunday School, 9:30am
- Christian Education Classes, 9:30am
- On-Site Worship, 10:30am
- Congregational Meeting, 11:30am
- JYF & Chi-Rho, 4pm, YFH
- CYF, 5pm, YFH

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 8

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

#### ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

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

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 13

- On-Site Worship, 8:30am
- Christian Education Classes, 9:30am
- Lent Adult Sunday School, 9:30am
- On-Site Worship, 10:30am
- CYF, 5pm, YFH



A congregation related to  
**The Christian Church  
(Disciples of Christ)**  
[www.disciples.org](http://www.disciples.org)

### 1ST SUNDAY IN LENT

**MARCH 6TH**

*"The Testing"*

**LUKE 4:1-13**

**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)"*

# JOIN US THIS SUNDAY!



## Special Congregational Meeting Sunday, March 6th

A special congregational meeting has been called to approve Rev. Dr. Topher Endress for the position of Associate Minister at First Christian Church. The meetings will be held immediately following each worship service on Sunday, March 6, in the Sanctuary. FCC's Administrative Board unanimously and enthusiastically approved Rev. Dr. Endress for the congregation's approval at its February 15 meeting. Contact the Church Office if you need more information about our candidate before Sunday!





## Bit From Brad

### *Week of Compassion's Response to the War in Ukraine*

With the outbreak of War in Ukraine, your disaster relief offerings through the Week of Compassion Offering are more important than ever. Our congregation, denomination and ecumenical partners join the world in praying for peace for Ukraine. Be assured -- your prayers and offerings are already being put to action throughout Eastern Europe!

From the Week of Compassion's website: "In the first few days, ...nearly half a million Ukrainians have been displaced, fleeing to safety in nearby countries as military attacks consume their homes. Our partners, through ACT Alliance, have already responded to the immediate needs by shipping 28 tons of food to support those fleeing to Hungary, and staff have been working with refugees at the Ukraine/Hungary border. Shipments of canned food, flour, sugar, oil, rice, pasta, biscuits, long-life milk, tea and hygiene products are arriving at centers for families forced to flee their homes. Shelter capacities are being scaled up, and humanitarian information points are being established to help those arriving to the border and awaiting entry. Immediate needs are for food, shelter, medicine, hygiene. With the likelihood that this will be a long-term event, our partners are also mobilizing for ongoing response.

"We have connected with International Ministries of the American Baptist Church and their work through the European Baptist Federation. As news and local sources report over 500,000 people fleeing into neighboring countries, partners in Poland and Hungary were already starting to have people show up at their church doors on Friday - in Poland, twenty arrived at the pastor's door while our partners were on a call with him.

"Week of Compassion is focused on providing relief in the immediate days and weeks, while also strategizing with our global and domestic partners for a long-term coordinated response. Because of the ongoing conflict, large numbers of refugees can be expected in the neighboring countries with huge numbers of internally displaced people inside Ukraine. Internal displacement raises issues including shelter, water and sanitation, food security, health and protection needs. These concerns are expected to increase rapidly in the coming weeks and months.

"The situation is evolving rapidly on a daily basis. Our ecumenical response, our mission to work with partners to alleviate suffering throughout the world, continues - as do

our prayers for safety, freedom, and peace in Ukraine."

<https://www.weekofcompassion.org/stories/responding-in-ukraine>

You can respond to this immediate crisis by making checks payable to "First Christian Church" and in the memo section write, "WOC - Ukraine" to ensure 100% of your offering provides direct relief for this international crisis.

Pray for Ukraine!

Blessings, *Dr. Brad*



## FCC Cabinet Meeting

Tuesday, March 8th at 6:30pm  
in Morris Parlor



## Searching for Sunday Morning Office Receptionists

We are in need of **two volunteers** to fill open spots in the schedule as office receptionists on Sunday mornings. The role of the office receptionist is to greet and help those who stop by the office on Sunday mornings during or between the services, as well as answer the phones and make note of any voicemails. The office receptionist should be at the church office by 8:15 a.m. on the morning you're scheduled, and stay until the second service starts at 10:30 a.m. If you're interested in filling this position or have any questions, please contact the church office at [fcc@firstchristian.org](mailto:fcc@firstchristian.org) or by calling (573) 449-7265.



## Searching for a Flower Ministry Coordinator

We are in need of someone to oversee the Flower Ministry at First Christian Church. This individual would be in charge of obtaining sign-up donations of chancel flowers for the church year and arranging the schedule for church members who will arrange and deliver the flowers. However, as was the case this year, when someone donates flowers, they are responsible for those tasks for that week. Our members who are ill or have 90+ birthdays find these bouquets of love much appreciated. Consider giving your time to this valuable and loving service to FCC!



**To: The Women of First Christian Church and Friends who would like to honor them**

Spring is here and at this time, the Christian Women's Fellowship Board begins planning for the 2022-2023 budget. We begin with what we call a Silent Bazaar. **"Silent" because we are not asking anyone to make, buy or sell anything - how easy is that! Just this letter asking for your monetary donations.**

There are two major fundraisers that help support our many worthwhile projects: the Election Day Luncheon in the Fall and the Silent Bazaar around the beginning of Spring. These bring in the majority of our budget and we also receive some donations from CWF group offerings.

**Who do we donate money to?** The donations are divided between three areas:

- 1) **Church projects:** FCC Youth Projects & VBS, Loaves & Fishes, Breakfast for Brethren, Woodhaven, Disciples Mission Trip Fund and the Shawl Ministry.
- 2) **Local Women's/Children's Charities:** Coyote Hill, Mary Lee Johnston Community Center, Nora Stewart Early Learning Center, True North, Youth Enrichment and Columbia Area Older Adult Ministries
- 3) **CWF Activities & Events:** Election Day Luncheon, Fall Women's Dinner, Christmas Women's Brunch, Spring Garden Tour and Luncheon, Speaker Honorariums, study materials, Yearbooks, supplies, postage and other miscellaneous expenditures as needed.

We are hoping to raise \$2,000 to contribute to the 2022-2023 budget. Please give prayerful thought and consideration when giving your donation so we can join together in fulfilling the mission of our Church and in honoring Christian Women's Fellowship!

Please make checks payable to First Christian Church with a notation of CWF on the memo line, and if cash, place in an envelope marked "CWF Silent Bazaar".

**Return to the church office or place in the offering plate by Sunday, March 27th** so we can complete the 2022-2023 budget.

Thank you!

Blessings to all,

*Colleen Nilges & Sally Robinson, CWF Co-Presidents*





## CWF Silent Bazaar

*"Silent" because we are not asking anyone to make, buy or sell anything - how easy is that!  
Just a monetary donation - Cash or Check payable to FCC. (Note "CWF" on check's memo line.)*

*Turn in donations to the church office or through the Sunday Offering plate.*

**Now through Sunday, March 27th.**

Donations will go toward organizations and charities such as:

Ronald McDonald House  
Coyote Hill  
VBS  
FCC Youth Mission Projects  
Meals on Wheels  
Buddy Pack - Mid MO Food Bank  
Nora Stewart Early Learning  
Woodhaven  
Loaves & Fishes  
Breakfast for Brethern  
Election Day Luncheon  
True North Women's Shelter  
Rainbow House  
Shawl Ministry  
Disciples Mission

# News of the People

## Prayers of Health and Healing...



**Heather Mottaz's** father, Larry Fike, died at home under hospice care on Friday, February 25. Prayers for Heather, Brian, and their sons, Dalton Whipple, Brock, and Zeke.

**Genie Rogers** is home after a partial knee replacement surgery on Friday, February 25.

**Thelma Beem** was transferred from University Hospital to Southampton Place to rehab for heart stent surgery.

**Bryant Savidan** is being placed under Hospice Care at home.

**Trish Stagg's** father George Gonzales was transferred from the ICU to a Rehab Hospital in Houston, having improved tremendously. Trish arrived home from Houston on Sunday evening.

**Bob Hutton** received a partial knee replacement on Tuesday, March 1.

## Congratulations...

Evelyn Bryar Ingebritson was born on Wednesday, February 23. Congratulations to grandparents **Russ & Linda Chandler** and parents Lindsey & Matthew Ingebritson! Both Lindsey and Evelyn are doing well!



## Notes of THANKS

Dear Faithful Donor,

Greetings from the Board and Staff at Mobility Worldwide MO - Columbia. Thank you for your generous support that helped send 21 shipments in 2021 to 9 countries and to 3 other partners who work globally. **Women around the world like the one [below] in Kenya are grateful for the Mobility Carts you make possible.** It's hard to describe how much this changes the world for those that crawl on the ground or are shut away because of their leg disability.

Sending your LOVE around the globe,

### Mobility Worldwide

*Sidi's [pictured on the right] knee cap detached from her leg about 7 years ago, which made it difficult to fetch water. Now she uses her Mobility Cart in Kenya to haul water and do other everyday chores.*



# YOUTH GROUP!

## In Yonker Fellowship Hall

**March 6** - JYF/Chi-Rho & CYF

**March 13** - CYF

**March 20** - JYF/Chi-Rho & CYF

**March 27** - CYF

**JYF & Chi-Rho @ 4PM**

**CYF @ 5PM**



## Lenten Devotionals Available

*Now in the Narthex or Church Office!*

*Go to Jerusalem & Following Jesus Together*



## MARCH Birthdays

**Mar 4** - Sharon Ronchetto

**Mar 5** - Brice Moeller

Khons Volmert

**Mar 6** - Andrew Janssen

**Mar 7** - Michael Taylor

**Mar 8** - Valerie Freed

Andrea Smith







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## First Christian Church

*Our Mission: To know God  
And follow Jesus Christ.*

### Ministerial Staff

Rev. Dr. Brad Stagg, Senior Minister  
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### Music Staff

Daniel Shafer, Director  
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

Fred Mottaz, Business Manager  
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Erin Perry, Office Manager  
[fcc@firstchristian.org](mailto:fcc@firstchristian.org)  
Maria Clark, Weekend Custodian

## COVID-19 Update

The church officers have adjusted the mask protocols for all church events. Masks are now optional at all church events, including worship on Sunday, depending on personal preference.

## Worship Serving Schedule

*Sunday, March 6th, 2022*

**RIDESHARE DRIVER:** Amy LaHue

**OFFICE RECEPTIONIST:** Larry Veatch

**WELCOME STATION:** Amy Marrero

**FLOWER ARRANGING/DELIVERY:**

Paula & C.K. Hoenes

**COMMUNION PREP:** Mike & Janet Mountjoy

**GREETERS:** Richard Wells (N. DOOR), Suellen Wells (S. DOOR), Chuck Scott (ATRIUM), TBD (PORTICO)

**SOUND BOARD OPERATOR:** Dan Backues

**BANNER BEARER:** Noah Stagg

**CANDLE LIGHTER:** Dietrich Arnett

**LITURGIST:** Cliff Judy

**ELDERS:** Carol Hughey (8:30)

Larry Dietzel, Nora Dietzel (10:30)

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP:** Cindy Rose

**OFFERING COUNTERS:** Jerry Miller and Diana Provenzano