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

Happening Soon

SUNDAY, MAY 22

- On-Site Worship, 8:30am
- Adult Sunday School, 9:30am, Morris Parlor
- On-Site Worship, 10:30am

TUESDAY, MAY 24

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

Last Day of Mother's Day Out

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

SATURDAY, MAY 28

- Breakfast for Brethren, 7-9am, YFH

SUNDAY, MAY 29

- ONE Worship Service, 9:30am
- Adult Sunday School, 9:30am, Morris Parlor



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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 22ND

*"Jesus and Disability: Go and
Sin No More?"*

JOHN 5: 1-17

REV. DR. TOPHER ENDRESS, 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)"*

Sign Up to Purchase Chancel Flowers

2022 & 2023 Dates Now 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 2022-23 can sign up in the church office, as well as before/after Sunday worship in the Narthex. We will then designate flower arrangers & deliverers based on the 2022 Interests & Information surveys. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support!

Welcome New Members: Randall and Delain Cavanah



We are so excited to welcome new members, Randall and Delain Cavanah into the church family. The Cavanahs joined First Christian on Sunday, May 15, as associate members, sharing their membership with Holiday Island Presbyterian Church in Holiday Island, Ark. We are so grateful to have you in our community and we are grateful for the gifts you've already shared with the church!

Starting Next Sunday - May 29

One Service - 9:30am
May 29th - September 4

Mark your calendars!



Open and Affirming Survey

One Week Left! Ends Sunday, May 22

For the past few years, the congregation of FCC has been exploring and learning about becoming an Open and Affirming congregation. This week marks the final week of our congregation-wide survey regarding the Welcome Statement, that was recently approved by our Elders and our Administrative Board for a congregational vote. This Welcome Statement reads:

At First Christian Church our mission is to know God and follow Jesus Christ, who calls us to be an Open and Affirming, inclusive faith community. We celebrate God's boundless and unconditional love by intentionally welcoming and affirming all people, as God embraces us. We welcome persons of every age, sexual orientation, gender identity, race, ethnicity, nationality, ability, relationship status, family structure, economic status, and educational level into the full life of our congregation. Our paths may differ, but we journey in faith together. Wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome!

This brief, anonymous congregational survey consists of one question - "If you were to vote on whether to approve this statement today, would you vote yes or no?" The purpose of this step is to assess the congregation to ensure there is strong support before moving forward. If there is strong support (at least 75% in favor), that suggests the congregation is ready to take the next step of holding an official congregational vote.

This survey can be taken online at firstchristian.org/open-affirming-survey, or by picking up a hard copy version in the church office or in the Narthex on Sunday. Please reach out to Brad or to Kim Leon if you have any questions, concerns, or thoughts you would like to share.

Sign Up for Breakfast for Our Brethren

Two Saturdays Left! May 21 & May 28

FCC serves Breakfast for Our Brethren every Saturday morning in May. We need your help either by serving breakfast or donating food. Please stop by the Church Office to sign up, or email us at fcc@firstchristian.org noting how you'd like to help (serving, donating, etc). Sign up sheets will be in the church office now through Friday, May 27. We need YOU to make these breakfasts a success! Any questions, contact Colleen Nilges.



News of the People

Celebrations...



Randall and Delain Cavanah joined our church at yesterday's 8:30 service as Associate Members, retaining dual-membership along with Holiday Island Presbyterian Church in Holiday Island, Arkansas. Welcome Randall & Delain!!

Prayers of Health and Healing...

Thelma Beem is recovering from a heart oblation on Friday, May 6, and is now having trouble with her kidneys.

Kirsten Leach had a CT scan for her circulatory system last week.

Oops! We Got it Wrong...

Nannie Lou Mallett made it safely to her new home in Lee's Summit last week. We have a correction for the address we printed last week. If you would like to send letters to Nannie Lou, address them to Nannie Lou Mallett, Princeton Senior Living Community, 1701 SE Oldham Parkway, Room 131, Lee's Summit, MO, 64081.

FCC Crochet Supply Drive

Do you have extra yarn or an old crochet pattern? Do you want to help veterans, people in need and children? Did you know that Moberly Correctional Center has a Pay It Forward program? This program teaches people who are incarcerated how to crochet/knit. They learn how to make hats, blankets, socks, stuffed animals, etc. The program then donates these items to various charities around mid-Missouri. Some of the programs who have received donations from Pay It Forward have been: Welcome Home, True North, Operation Boots for Stockings and many others! At FCC, we will have a Crochet Supply Drive **April 24-May 22**. Pay It Forward program accepts gently-used items, along with new items. Please look at the list below to see what you are able to donate.

- ◆ Assorted Yarn
- ◆ Stuffed Animal Eyes (sewn on)
- ◆ Hat and Baby Blanket Patterns

These items must be ALL plastic...

- ◆ Crochet (not knitting) Hooks
- ◆ Yarn Needles
- ◆ Stitch Markers



A collection tub will be placed outside the church office for your donations to be placed in. If you have any questions, contact **Elizabeth Mottaz** or **FCC Outreach Ministry**.

Birthdays

May 21 - Jim Estes, Amy Green,
Billie Silvey, Andrew Stormer
May 22 - Linda Hamilton
May 25 - Vicki Johnson



Anniversaries

May 20 - Holly & Josh Wheatley
May 21 - Steve & Tracy Evers
May 25 - Dan & Deidre Tevis

64th Olivet CC Chicken BBQ

64th Anniversary Olivet Christian Church CHICKEN BARBECUE

Saturday - June 11, 2022

Serving 3:00 - 6:00 pm

Drive-thru only

On-line ticket purchase option!
<http://www.olivetchristian.org>

Menu	Cost	Net Proceeds Support
1/2 grilled chicken* Green beans with potatoes Applesauce Choice of Pie	Adult Meal: Advance \$12 At Door \$14 Child's Meal: \$3.00	Moving Ahead After School Program Sharp End Entrepreneurial Fund Love Coffee Olivet Ministry Fund

*child's meal has chicken leg

Directions to Olivet Christian Church - 1991 South Olivet Road, Columbia Mo
3.8 miles EAST of US Hwy 63 and Broadway on Hwy WW at Harg

Double Issues Are Coming!

Summer months come with double-issues of The Visitor!
Please note the calendars to the right. All circled dates are
publication days for the 2022 Summer Visitors.

*If you would like to submit an article, please have
submissions to the church office by the Monday morning
prior to the desired publication date.* Thank you! Weekly
issues will resume on Friday, August 19.

Dialogue in the Purple Zone

How can we talk with people who differ from us politically, theologically or culturally? Are there ways we can engage issues of public concern in our congregations so we can listen, respect and learn from each other? Based on her book, *Preaching in the Purple Zone: Ministry in the Red-Blue Divide*, Rev. Dr. Leah Schade will introduce participants to deliberative dialogue in the "The Purple Zone" to find common ground within the red/blue divide in our congregations. Find out more & register at: <https://bit.ly/3G5yxqx>.

Disciples LGBTQ+ Alliance Retreat

Gather with LGBTQ+ people of faith and allies from across the denomination to **hope in color** and enjoy the colorful foliage at Christmount with the Disciples LGBTQ+ Alliance. By engaging the spiritual practices from the devotional journal *Colors of Hope*, you will be encouraged and equipped to **embody your faith**—and **queer your spirituality**.



COLORS RETREAT
HOPE OCTOBER 24-27

With an emphasis on **connection** over content, you are invited to join the book's editor and authors to wonder, resist, embody, create, hope, stretch, and share. This year's Colors of Hope Retreat will be from Monday, October 24 - Thursday, October 27.

May 2022							June 2022					July 2022					August 2022						
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Worship Serving Schedule

Sunday, May 22, 2022

OFFICE RECEPTIONIST: Erin Perry

WELCOME STATION: Amy Marrero

FLOWER ARRANGING/DELIVERY: Brenda & Don
Mosby

COMMUNION PREP: Doug Smith & Marion Storm

GREETERS: Mary Jane Anderson (N. DOOR),
Chuck Scott (S. DOOR), Dan Gieseke (ATRIUM),
Holly Gieseke (PORTICO)

SOUND BOARD OPERATOR: Janelle Patterson

BANNER BEARER: Lexi Schomaker

CANDLE LIGHTER: Cole Freed

LITURGIST: Sue Underwood

ELDERS: Eric Seaman (8:30)

Hayley Batterson, Eric Arnett (10:30)

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Allie Schomaker

OFFERING COUNTERS: Janelle Patterson and
Jean Juba