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

Happening Soon

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28

- On-Site Worship Service, 8:30am
- Christian Edu. Classes, 9:30am
- Advent Sunday School, 9:30am
- On-Site Worship Service, 10:30am
- Decorate the Church, 3pm

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

- Midweek Connect, 10:30am, Zoom
- Bible Study, 12:00pm, Morris Parlor
- CWF/DWM Board Meeting, 5pm, YFH
- Choir Rehearsal, 5:30pm, 3rd Floor

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3

- Living Nativity, 6-8pm, East Lawn

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

- Hanging of the Greens, 8:30am
- Christian Edu. Classes, 9:30am
- Advent Sunday School, 9:30am
- Hanging of the Greens, 10:30am
- Blue Christmas Service, 3pm



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

1st Sunday of Advent

NOVEMBER 28TH

"Hope Draws Near"

LUKE 21: 25-36

DR. STAGG, PREACHING

2 WORSHIP OPTIONS

IN-PERSON AT CHURCH @

8:30/10:30AM:

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)"*

8th Annual Christmas Bazaar

Wow! We had such a great time seeing our friends shop at the Bazaar on Saturday. Yes, we had fewer shoppers because of COVID. However, we sold all of the cookies and candy; the vendors did great; and it was great seeing our little ones serving others. Thanks so much to all who sanitized the kitchen; set up and took down the tables; baked breads, cookies and candy; cooked the soups and served our friends Saturday. It was a great day!

Brenda Mosby



Living Nativity

Friday, December 3rd, 6 - 8pm

An annual tradition on the night of Columbia's Living Windows Downtown District event, our church presents the story of Jesus' birth. Depicted on the East lawn and sidewalk of the church, our Living Nativity utilizes FCC's members, costumes and taped music with narration and special lighting.

Are you interested in participating? If you haven't signed up using the sheet in the Narthex yet, contact Vicki Johnson at acanthion@iname.com to sign up. There will be pizza for participants around 5/5:15pm.

THE LIVING NATIVITY

Friday, December 3rd, 6:00-8:00pm
East Lawn of the Church on 10th St.



Advent is Here!

Check out all of these amazing events we have coming up!

Decorate the Church!

Sunday, November 28th, 3pm



Hanging of the Greens



Sunday, December 5th,
8:30 & 10:30 Services

A long tradition of the church is the annual "Hanging of the Greens" service held on a Sunday during Advent. This year, with the lighting of the Advent candles, singing of hymns and carols, hanging of the greens to adorn the Sanctuary, decorating and lighting of the Chrismon tree, we will continue the Advent season in worship.

Advent Adult Sunday School

November 28th - December 19th

Fred Mottaz is facilitating an Advent Adult Sunday School Class starting Sunday, November 28th until December 19th.

The class will be meeting Sundays at 9:30am in Morris Parlor. The class will focus on Max Lucado's Advent series entitled, "Because of Bethlehem. Love is Born. Hope is Here."

Fred writes, "Don't worry if you can't make every session. You can have a seat at the table and a Keurig coffee/hot tea maker will be available." Don't miss out on this amazing class!

Thanks, Fred!

Advent Devotionals

Available now in the Narthex!



This year's advent devotionals are available for the taking in the Narthex. We have three available for everyone: *The Fullness of Time*, inspired by Henri Nouwen, *Low: An Honest Advent Devotional* from Chalice Press and *Imagining A New World: An Advent Devotional* by Terri Hord Owens, Disciples of Christ General Minister and President. Also available are *The Way to Bethlehem*, a devotional for families and calendars for children. Pick one up this Sunday!

Happy Birthday!

Nov. 28 Clara Judy

Dec. 1 Charles Koelling

Blue Christmas

Sunday, December 5th, 3pm

Join us for a quiet service of hope and healing for those whose grief may be heavy this Christmas season.



Sunday, December 5th
3:00pm | Sanctuary

Holiday Classic Movie

Friday, December 10th, 7pm

The Gieseke's are offering a showing of the classic *Miracle on 34th Street* on December 10th at 7pm. RSVP in the church office! Fresh popcorn will be served, drinks are BYOB.



STARS Christmas Lights Tour

Monday, December 13th, 6:30-8:30pm

This year's STARS Christmas Lights tour will be led by the amazing Janelle Patterson on Monday, December 13th. The two hour exploration of Christmas lights will include a stop at the Von Talle's house and neighborhood to see their beautiful displays, as well. Sign up in the office or by writing "LIGHTS" in your pew pad on Sunday.



STARS (55+) FELLOWSHIP GROUP
MONDAY, DECEMBER 13TH
6:30 - 8:30 PM

News of the People

Prayers of Health and Healing...

Doug Smith's sister Brenda Smith has been diagnosed with cancer.

Cliff Tompson is home from Boone Hospital.

Carol & Tom Hughey have contracted COVID and are asking for prayers as they continue to heal.

Debbie Garton's father has been transported from Nevada, MO to Kansas City for an irregular heartbeat.

Rich Montgomery has gone home on oxygen after a stay in the hospital due to heart issues.

Got Thanksgiving Leftovers?

Thanksgiving is right around the corner and we have so much to be thankful for! After enjoying time with family and friends, you may have leftover turkey and dressing. Are you wondering what you can do with these Thanksgiving leftovers? You can donate them to the church to be used in turkey casseroles for Loaves and Fishes. Please place your turkey (deboned) in a baggie and your dressing in another baggie. Mark your bag "Loaves & Fishes." Then bring your bag to the church and place it in the freezer. All these leftovers will be turned into turkey casseroles to feed people in need on Monday, December 27, at Loaves and Fishes. **If you are interested in helping to serve a meal, please contact Elizabeth Mottaz.**

Elizabeth Mottaz

VAC Holiday Project with FCC

There's still time to sponsor individuals with the VAC Holiday Project! Please consider clicking on the link <https://tinyurl.com/2j466v3n> or scanning the QR Code to select a person. You may also donate financially to the VAC Holiday Project through the church office or online.



Youth Groups

*Come join the fun!!
~ Advent Edition ~*

*JYF (grades 3, 4, 5) & Chi Rho (grades 6, 7, 8)
CYF (grades 9-12)*

Nov. 28 - Help Decorate the Church! (All)

Dec. 5 - VAC Project Shopping (CYF)

Dec. 19 (4 - 6pm) - Gingerbread Houses & Christmas
Sock Party (All)

*Join us for a future Youth Group meeting!
All are welcome!*

Christmas Hymns CD

Coming soon!

Travis McFarlane will be offering a CD of Christmas Hymns for a suggested donation of \$10. All proceeds will go to funding more musicians to play at the 8:30 services. Keep your eyes out in the next few weeks, you'll see them for sale in the Narthex very soon!

Order Your

Poinsettias



On Sundays, December 12 & 19, our sanctuary will be even more beautiful with poinsettias placed there in honor or in memory of loved ones. To order, complete the information below and return the slip, along with your contribution to the church office.

The poinsettias will be ordered by the church and placed in the sanctuary for you. They may be picked up after the 7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve service.

Please return this form to the church office by: December 6

(or e-mail your info to fcc@firstchristian.org and put your payment in the payment drop box in the office)

I (we) are giving # _____ total Poinsettia(s) at \$8.00 each.

In MEMORY of: _____

AND/OR

In HONOR of: _____

Please list the following name or family as donor: _____

Christmas Pageant Sign-Up

There is a sign-up in the Narthex for upcoming Christmas Pageant practices. K-6th graders can sign up for singing and ringing bells. Practices will begin Dec. 5th and Dec. 12th during the children's worship time!





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2021 Advent Calendar

THURS & FRI, NOVEMBER 25 & 26TH
Thanksgiving Holiday - Office Closed

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH
Advent Adult Sunday School, 9:30am
Decorate the Church, 3pm

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3RD
Living Nativity, 6 - 8pm

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5TH
Hanging of the Greens (both services)
Blue Christmas Service, 3pm

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12TH
Christmas Pageant, 4pm
Tasting Party, 5pm

Monday, December 13th
STARS Christmas Lights Tour, 6:30pm

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24TH
Meditation Service, 5pm
Candlelight Communion Service, 7pm

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25TH
Christmas Day

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26TH
One Service at 9:30am

Worship Serving Schedule

Sunday, November 28th, 2021

RIDESHARE DRIVER: Dan Gieseke
OFFICE RECEPTIONIST: Carole Randerson
WELCOME STATION: Steve Evers
FLOWER ARRANGING/DELIVERY: Steve & Jessica Humble
COMMUNION PREP: Geoff & Lauren Karr
GREETERS: Gerald Ramsey (N. DOOR), Susan Ramsey (S. DOOR), Diana Provenzano (ATRIUM), Elizabeth Mottaz (PORTICO)
SOUND BOARD OPERATOR: Dan Gieseke
BANNER BEARER: Lexi Schomaker
CANDLE LIGHTER: Cullen Rose
ELDERS: Eric Seaman (8:30)
Jeff Underwood, Larry Burnam (10:30)
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: No Children's Worship
OFFERING COUNTERS: Jerry Miller, Diana Provenzano