



the VISITOR

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

Happening Soon

SUNDAY, JULY 19

- Adult Sunday School, 8:30am, Morris Parlor
- Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9am, YFH
- Dedication of Harrison Hunsaker, 9:30am
- Worship, 9:30am

TUESDAY, JULY 21

- Bible Study, 10:30am, Morris Parlor
- Staff Meeting, 2pm, Morris Parlor

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

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

THURSDAY, JULY 23

- FCC Supper Club, 6-8pm, Endwell Taverna

SUNDAY, JULY 26

- Adult Sunday School, 8:30am, Morris Parlor
- Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9am, YFH
- Worship, 9:30am

TUESDAY, JULY 28

- Bible Study, 10:30am, Morris Parlor
- Staff Meeting, 2pm, Morris Parlor

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

- Adult Sunday School, 8:30am, Morris Parlor
- Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9am, YFH
- Special Recognition Awards, 9:30am
- Worship, 9:30am



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

8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 19

"Children of God"

ROMANS 8:12-25

REV. DR. BRAD STAGG, PREACHING

9TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 26

"The Unseparable

Love of God"

ROMANS 8:26-39

REV. DR. BRAD STAGG, PREACHING

2 WORSHIP OPTIONS

IN-PERSON AT CHURCH @ 9:30 AM

In-person worship in the Sanctuary.

AT-HOME, ONLINE: Tune in to our livestream on Sunday mornings on YouTube, or watch the recording of the live service—available on Monday via email/YouTube channel/FCC Facebook page.

*"First Christian Church
(Columbia, Missouri)"*

FCC Supper Club this July

Supper Club meeting at Endwell Taverna on July 23

The FCC Supper Club is an opportunity for young adults and young families to go out for dinner with one another with the benefit of provided childcare for the evening. Join the Supper Club at Endwell Taverna on Thursday, July 23 from 6-8 p.m. (childcare drop off at 5:45 p.m.). Please RSVP to Katie Carrier at katiecarrier1422@gmail.com by Monday, July 20 if you'd like to join, please note if you'll need childcare.



Next Month! Blessing of the Backpacks

Blessing of the Backpacks in worship on Sunday, August 23

All teachers, students, and all backpack wearers are invited to join us in worship on Sunday, August 23 for the Blessing of the Backpacks! Bring your backpack or work bag with you for the blessing, and we'll have special tags for you to take with you. A special back-to-school celebration will be held after worship with food, fun, and fellowship. Mark your calendars!



Special Recognition Awards

Special Recognition Awards presented on Sunday, August 2

Our annual Special Recognition Awards Sunday is coming up on Sunday, August 2. Members of the congregation are nominated for Special Recognition Awards each year by the congregation and the Nominating Committee in honor of their dedicated service to the church and our community. Please keep this



THIS IS A DOUBLE-ISSUE OF THE VISITOR!

KEEP IT HANDY UNTIL JULY 31.

date on your calendar so you can help us as we celebrate our award winners!



News of the People & Places

Prayers for Health & Healing...

- **Carol Hughey** spent several days in the hospital earlier this month for problems related to high blood pressure & low sodium levels. She is recovering now at home.
- **Jacki Davidson & Jennifer Alexander's** father was admitted to University Hospital for a stroke on Saturday, July 11.

News from Camp Jo-Ota...

- ★ **Izzy Arnett & Paige Freed** were counselors at Elementary/Junior Camp from July 7-11.
- ★ **Dietrich Arnett & Cole Freed** are CYF Camp this week (July 13-18), where **Valerie Freed** will also be a counselor.
- ★ **Kameron Freed** will be a counselor at Chi-Rho Camp next week (July 20-25).



Thank You...

Thanks to **Karen Hobson** for bringing us flowers and chatting about puzzles, turtles and owls! Much appreciated.

Deb & Bud Batterson



Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for supporting me and guiding me over the years, I am truly blessed to be a part of the FCC community. I also want to thank you for awarding me the Charles and Bettie Koelling Scholarship, John Ridgeway Scholarship, and the 175th Anniversary Scholarship. I am so appreciative of the opportunity I have to pursue my education.

Sincerely, **Kira Hoenes**

Dear FCC,

I am writing to express my thankfulness and gratitude for being awarded the 175th Anniversary Scholarship. The scholarship is extremely beneficial for my higher education and pursuit of two degrees. Thank you so much for this award - I am humbled and honored to be the recipient! Sincerely,

Delaney Batterson

My dear friends at FCC,

Thank you for the cards, the hugs, the flowers & plants, the baked goods, and the many kind words following the passing of my sister-in-law. I'm especially grateful for the opportunity to take time away to travel to California for her memorial service. I feel the love of this congregation often, but I can't tell you how much your attention and kindness means to me. Thank you so much for your love, friendship, and support.

Erin Perry

Cross-Missouri CROP Walk

Join **Don Harter** as he walks across the state to raise funds for the **Missouri Crop Hunger walk**

Don Harter of Broadway Christian Church invites folks to join him on the Cross Missouri CROP Hunger Walk.



The event will start at the St. Louis CROP Hunger Walk on September 27, 2026 and complete at the Kansas City CROP Hunger Walk October 11, 2026. The route is primarily the Katy Trail and Rock Island Spur covering 310 miles. Walkers can join for any portion or the whole event. The goal is for each walker to raise contributions for their home community's CROP Hunger Walk. There is no fee, no SAG support, and overnight lodging along the way is churches. Contact **Don Harter** (harterd@missouri.edu, 573-445-3258) for more detailed information. You can also sign up for sections of the trip online: <https://bit.ly/crossmissouricrop>

ISO: Flower Vases

Looking for Medium Sized Flower Vase Donations

The Flower Ministry team is in need of some medium sized flower vases. If you have any extra flower vases at home that you are hoping to get rid of, consider donating them to the flower ministry at FCC! Please drop off flower vase donations in the Church Office on Sunday morning or during the week.



Birthdays

- July 22** - Gerald Ramsey
- July 23** - Judy Longaker
- July 24** - Audrey Snyder
- July 25** - Larry Dietzel, Jennifer Rose Hallam, Julia LaHue
- July 27** - Derrick Evers, Bradley Volmert
- July 28** - Watson Veatch
- July 29** - Shane Bower
- July 31** - Hayley Batterson, Linda Stuart



Anniversaries

- July 23** - **Marcia & George Smith (66 years!)**
- July 29** - Chris & Tracy Fuemmeler
- August 2** - Ben & Katie Carrier



This Sunday!
 Harrison
 Bennett
 Hunsaker
Sunday, July 19

Thank You From Stacy

Thank you all for the wonderful welcome over these last two weeks. My official first day was July 1st and as many of you know I spent the week cleaning, painting, and organizing the office. Now that that task is complete, it is time to start planning and organizing all the children and youth spaces, events, and programming. I am reaching out to several members of the congregation, but extend this ask to each of you to see if you would consider getting involved in Children & Youth Ministries. Current needs would be the following: a department chair for Student Ministry, some help organizing the children and youth space on the third floor, volunteers to teach children's worship and/or Sunday School, volunteers to help with a youth group and help with the church bus. My goal is to have a teacher training for Children's Worship and Sunday School in August, with programming starting back Sunday, September 13. If you would like more information on any of these jobs, please reach out (stacy@firstchristian.org) and I will be more than happy to talk you through everything. I truly look forward to working with you and serving the children and youth of our community.



News from General Assembly

Location for General Assembly 2028 Announced

The first of two "virtual" general assemblies was held July 10-11. As this is the first time our in-person General Assembly will be held every three years, next year's General Assembly will also be held virtually. The location for General Assembly 2028 has officially been announced—Disciples will gather in Chicago, IL the summer of 2028! First Christian Church will be assigned voting delegates for next year's virtual assembly as well as GA2028. Please contact the office if you have any questions or interest in attending a future assembly as a delegate of FCC.



ISO: Missing Aprons

Searching for missing First Christian Church Aprons

There are a set of First Christian Church aprons missing from the kitchen. If the aprons accidentally returned to your home during a kitchen laundry run, no worries! Please bring them back to the church when convenient - our kitchen volunteers are missing them!





Catholic Charities
of Central and Northern Missouri

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

Come for an evening filled with meaningful conversations and faith-filled reflection!

Who Is My Neighbor? explores Catholic social teaching on immigration by inviting participants to a:

- Shared meal
- Prayer with Scripture and sacred art
- Large and small group discussions

Join us on Tuesday, July 21 | 6:00-8:30pm


Sacred Heart Catholic Church,
 Activity Building
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 Columbia, MO 65201
 Childcare Provided



Marissa Flores Madden
 Director of Family Immigration Services
 573-415-7144
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SIGN UP HERE



Justice Ministry Newsletter

Mid-America Disciples Offer August Voters Guide

Voting in August is just as important as any other election because every election can affect your neighbors - next door, in your city, or across the state of Missouri. This week's issue of the Justice Ministry Newsletter was written by Associate Regional Minister Rev. Angela Williams, and outlines some of the amendments on the August ballot in Missouri, considering how they may affect marginalized communities and impact justice issues. Please give it a read as you look forward to next month's election: <https://bit.ly/jmnewsletterjuly>





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Worship Serving Schedule

Sunday, July 19, 2026

OFFICE RECEPTIONIST: Debbie Potthast
WELCOME STATION: Carrie Batterson
FLOWER MINISTRY: Cherry Hinderberger
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP:
Tracy & Chris Fuemmeler
COMMUNION PREP:
Debbie & Dave Potthast
GREETERS: Susan Gray (N. DOOR),
Don Mosby (S. DOOR), Trish Stagg (Atrium),
Chuck Scott (PORTICO)
AV TEAM: Chris Fuemmeler
LITURGIST: Tracy Evers
9:30 ELDERS: Debbie Garton, Bryan Garton,
Dan Tevis (Balcony)
DEACONS: The Underwood Team
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Stacy Silverwood
OFFERING COUNTERS:
Janelle Patterson and Jean Juba

Worship Serving Schedule

Sunday, July 26, 2026

OFFICE RECEPTIONIST: Carla Tanzey
WELCOME STATION: Rebecca Bailey
FLOWER MINISTRY: Brenda & Don Mosby
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Marcia Smith
COMMUNION PREP:
Janelle Patterson & Chuck Scott
GREETERS: Doug Smith (N. DOOR),
Cindy Smith (S. DOOR), Steve Humble
(Atrium), Jessica Humble (PORTICO)
AV TEAM: Tiger Li
LITURGIST: Tracy Fuemmeler
9:30 ELDERS: Dan Gieseke, Eric Arnett,
Janelle Patterson (Balcony)
DEACONS: The Hunsaker Team
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Stacy Silverwood
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