



the VISITOR

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

Happening Soon

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

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

MONDAY, JUNE 8

- Strategic Planning Department Meeting, 6:30pm, Morris Parlor

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

- Bible Study, 10:30am, Morris Parlor
- Staff Meeting, 2pm, Morris Parlor
- Administrative Board Meeting, 6:30pm, Morris Parlor

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

- Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6pm, 3rd Floor

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

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

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(Disciples of Christ)
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2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 7

"Mercy, Not Sacrifice"

MATTHEW 9:9-13, 18-26

REV. DR. BRAD STAGG, PREACHING

3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JUNE 14

*"Plentiful Harvest,
Few Laborers"*

MATTHEW 9:35 - 10:8

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)"*

Vacation Bible School: Barnyard Bash

Sunday, June 21 - Thursday, June 25, 2026

Calling all FCC Youth & Families— Vacation Bible School is almost here! This year's Vacation Bible School theme is Barnyard Bash, a time to reflect on how faith grows and celebrate growing the fruits of the Spirit! VBS will be held on Sunday, June 21 -

Thursday, June 25 from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. Dinner will be served from 5:30 - 6:00 p.m. for children, volunteers, and parents with programming to follow from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

We are excited to partner again this year with Mother's Day Out preschool, as they will be sharing some activities, lessons, plans and decorations during their school in the mornings, as well, and are inviting their families to participate in FCC's VBS! We are so grateful for their partnership!

Registration is live, and we've already seen some folks from the community sign up. As always, we offer VBS as a free gift, but there is an option to offer a donation when signing kids up. Students who are potty-trained up to 5th grade are welcome to join the fun and grow together! Register by scanning the QR code or online: <https://bit.ly/fccvbs26>

As always, we are looking for program & kitchen volunteers! Program volunteers guide our kids through the evening, and others will teach in 4 different rooms: Games, Science, Stories, and Crafts. Kitchen volunteers will help prepare and serve food to our kids & families each night. Those interested and available to help in the kitchen should contact **Brenda Mosby**. (Cont'd on page 2)



Register Here!



THIS IS A DOUBLE-ISSUE OF THE VISITOR!

KEEP IT HANDY UNTIL JUNE 19.

Barnyard Bash (cont'd)

With the theme being centered on both 'growing' and 'barnyards,' we would happily accept any great decor you may have that helps us transform our space - hay bales, straw hats, overalls, farm tools (that can either be safe for kids or can be used for display purposes), red gingham or buffalo plaid tablecloths, inflatable/stuffed cows and pigs, ride-on tractors, woven picnic baskets, plastic vegetables, etc. To help with decorations or volunteering, please email **Topher Endress** or **Jessica Humble**. In June, we will have a brown bag supply drive, but we have also put together a list of items on an Amazon list if you'd like to contribute! We don't need these specific versions of the item, so if you already have something that matches this list, or can find it cheaper elsewhere, please do! Amazon Wish List: <https://a.co/0a73TnuK>

Thank you so much for all that you do to support this program every year—we are so excited for another fun year together!

News of the People & Places

Sympathy...

• **David Meyer's** father, Leon Lorenz Meyer, passed away in Saline, MI on Sunday, May 24. He was 94 years old. Prayers for David, **Ann**, and the rest of Leon's family!

Birthdays

June 8 - Wyatt Rogers,
Coleman Rogers,
Hunter Rogers

June 10 - Gavin Rose

June 11 - Matthew Batterson

June 12 - **Pat Ritchie (96!)**, Conner Stormer

June 13 - Lexi Schomaker, Mitchell Taylor

June 14 - David Meyer

June 15 - Janice Janssen

June 16 - Logan Garton, **Will Houston (94!)**

June 19 - John Rogers

June 20 - Donna Meyer

June 21 - **Carol Slusher (91!)**

Anniversaries

June 9 - Rick & Carrie Batterson

June 13 - **Roger & Susan Ballard (55 years!)**

June 17 - Steve & Bobbi McCormack

June 18 - Anne & John Clark

June 20 - Sue & Jim Fink

Bryan & Valerie Freed



Kitchen Help and Cookies for Vacation Bible School

*Looking for help Sunday, June 21
- Thursday, June 25, 2026*

If you have time to bake two dozen cookies for the kiddos at Vacation Bible School, that would be greatly appreciated. Also, if you would like to spend some "quality" time with friends in the kitchen preparing food for those same kiddos, we would love for you to join us. There will be sign-up sheets in the Narthex before and after worship. Please stop by on Sunday to consider signing up, we will be glad to help you!

Brenda Mosby



June Administrative Meetings

Administrative Meetings Coming Up This Month

It's budget season! There are a few administrative meetings coming up this month to take note of. Meetings in June are traditionally moved up by one week, with the Cabinet

meeting on Tuesday, June 2 at 6:30 p.m.

and the Administrative Board meeting

the following week on Tuesday, June 9 at

6:30 p.m. both in Morris Parlor.

Finally, our annual Congregational

Meeting to approve the budget will be

held on Sunday, June 21 immediately fol-

lowing 9:30 worship.

Happening Soon

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 18

- Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6pm, 3rd Floor

FRIDAY, JUNE 19

Mother's Day Out - Not In Session

SUNDAY, JUNE 21

- Adult Sunday School, 8:30am, Morris Parlor
- Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9am, YFH
- Worship, 9:30am
- Congregational Meeting (FY27 Budget), Sanctuary
- Vacation Bible School, 5:30-8pm

Summer Adult Sunday School

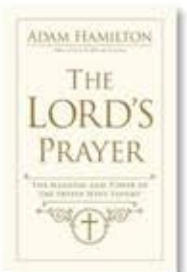
Meeting Summer Sundays at 8:30 a.m. in Morris Parlor

Join us on Sunday, June 7 for the first meeting of Adult Sunday School for the summer. **Mark**

Goodwin will lead our discussion of Adam Hamilton's *The Lord's Prayer* each week at 8:30

a.m. in Morris Parlor. This Sunday School class will explore the meaning of the prayer we

repeat each week in worship and will offer space for meaningful fellowship throughout the summer.



Landscaping & Plants at FCC

Seeking volunteers for landscaping assistance for the church yard

After a good spring clean-up, our church yard needs members to help us keep weeds at bay during the growing season. We have small areas for which to sign up - perhaps with friends or maybe a CWF group or a youth group. We find we cannot do it all on our own. There are currently several great volunteers that have helped many years, and for that we are so grateful.

The work areas will be divided into small sections so expectations and time commitments will not be great. If you can give even a month of your time or more - maybe weeding at your convenience every two weeks or so we would very much appreciate that help. Let's keep our church grounds beautiful and growing. We can all make that happen!

Mary Daugherty and Peggy Veatch



Chancel Flowers

2026 & 2027 Dates Available to Donate Flowers

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 or friend. **Anyone who wishes to sign up to donate flowers for the chancel for \$30 per Sunday in 2026-27 can sign up in the Church Office, as well as before/after Sunday worship in the Narthex until early June.** Those who would be willing to arrange and deliver their flowers, please indicate when you sign up your willingness to help. Otherwise, we'll arrange a schedule of volunteers to arrange and deliver through the Church Office. Thank you in advance for your generosity and support!



Stewardship Campaign Pledge Cards & Surveys *There's still time to turn yours in!*

We'll accept stewardship materials until June. Pick up additional materials in the office or fill out your information online:

<https://firstchristian.org/stewardship-campaign>

Looking for A/V Volunteers!

We are looking for A/V volunteers to serve in 2026-2027! There is a small but mighty crew that runs our livestream and records our worship services every Sunday. This crew also makes sure everyone in both the room and on the livestream can hear properly - we are each indebted to these folks for keeping worship so accessible! However, we are always looking for more folks to join the team. Those interested will be trained on cameras and the sound system. Please contact **Erin Perry** in the Church Office if you're interested in learning more.



Loaves & Fishes

Serving Dinner on Monday, June 22

This month's Loaves & Fishes serving date falls on Monday, June 22 and we are looking for volunteers to help deliver and serve food! There is an online sign-up available, if you'd like to see where volunteers are still needed: <https://bit.ly/juneloaves26>. If you can't join us this month, but want to be added to the Loaves & Fishes email list, contact **Erin** in the Church Office and you'll hear from us in August. Thank you all so much for making this ministry possible!



JUNETEENTH

"Family Fest"

Let's celebrate

For more information please email us info@juneteenthfamilyfest.org or call us at 573-239-2803 or 573-673-6357

FRI 12	STREET FASHION SHOW @401 N. 5TH STREET	6:00PM
SAT 13	PRAISE IN THE PARK @ STEPHENS LAKE	NOON
SUN 14	COMMUNITY WORSHIP & DINNER@401 N. 5TH	NOON
MON 15	JOB FAIR @ ARC	1:00PM-3:30PM
TUES 16	JUNETEENTH HISTORY @ P.E.A.C.E. & H.O.P.E	6:00PM
WED 17	MOVIE NIGHT@ STEPHENS LAKE	6:00PM
THURS 18	SOUL FOOD DINNER @ FRIENDSHIP MB CHURCH	5:30PM
FRI 19	YOUTH FUN AT COSMO PARK-BUFORD SHELTER	NOON-3:00PM
FRI & SAT 19 & 20	3 ON 3 HOOPS @ ARMORY SPORT CENTER	FRIDAY @4PM SAT @ 11AM



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Worship Serving Schedule

Sunday, June 7, 2026

OFFICE RECEPTIONIST: Tracy Fuemmeler

WELCOME STATION: Steve Humble

FLOWER MINISTRY:

Mary Daugherty & Karen Hobson

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: C.K. & Paula Hoenes

COMMUNION PREP: Tracy & Steve Evers

GREETERS: Chuck Scott (N. DOOR),
Carrie Batterson (S. DOOR), Jessica Humble
(Atrium), Steve Humble (PORTICO)

AV TEAM: Dan Gieseke

LITURGIST: Laura Hunsaker

9:30 ELDERS: Paula Slusher, Vicki Johnson,
Ryan Hunsaker (Balcony)

DEACONS: The Potthast Team

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Jessica Humble

OFFERING COUNTERS:

Janelle Patterson, Cindy & Doug Smith

Worship Serving Schedule

Sunday, June 14, 2026

OFFICE RECEPTIONIST: Carla Tanzey

WELCOME STATION: Valerie Freed

FLOWER MINISTRY: Brenda & Don Mosby

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Kim & Hartley Rogers

COMMUNION PREP:

Natalie & Richard Barnard

GREETERS: Cindy Smith (N. DOOR),
Doug Smith (S. DOOR), Larry Veatch
(Atrium), Peggy Veatch (PORTICO)

AV TEAM: Cliff Judy & Dan Backues

LITURGIST: Jacki Davidson

9:30 ELDERS: Jennifer Alexander, Jacki
Davidson, Fred Mottaz (Balcony)

DEACONS: The Judy Team

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Holly Gieseke

OFFERING COUNTERS:

Sarah Storm and Jean Juba