



the VISITOR

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

Happening Soon

SUNDAY, MAY 17

- Worship, 8:30 & 10:30am
- Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9:30am, YFH

MONDAY, MAY 18

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

TUESDAY, MAY 19

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

- Midweek Connect, 10:30am, Zoom
- Bible Study, 12pm, **Zoom Only**
- CWF Board Meeting, 5:30pm, YFH
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30pm, 3rd Floor
- Officers Meeting, 5:30pm, Zoom

THURSDAY, MAY 21

- Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6pm, 3rd Floor

FRIDAY, MAY 22

- MDO Graduation, 5:15pm, YFH

SATURDAY, MAY 23

- Breakfast for Our Brethren, 7-9am, RATI

SUNDAY, MAY 24

Summer Worship Schedule Begins

- Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9am, YFH
- Worship, 9:30am
- Mission Trip Commissioning, 9:30am

SUNDAY, MAY 24 - SATURDAY, MAY 30

Youth Mission Trip to Evansville, IN



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

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 17TH

*"Promises: Power
and Mission"*

ACTS 1:1-11

REV. DR. BRAD STAGG, PREACHING

2 WORSHIP OPTIONS

IN-PERSON AT CHURCH @ 8:30 & 10:30 AM:

In-person worship in the Sanctuary.

-OR-

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)"*

Breakfast for Our Brethren

Serving Breakfast Saturday Mornings in May

First Christian Church serves breakfast each Saturday during the months of May & October to folks who stay the night at Room at the Inn. Those who volunteer help cook, serve, and/or clean up from 7-9:30 a.m. (or any time between)! We are looking for food donations and volunteers. If you'd like to sign up to donate food items or to volunteer, sign up using the sheets in the Church Office or online at <https://bit.ly/maybfast>. Feel free to reach out to **Debbie Potthast** (dapotthast@gmail.com) or **Erin** in the Church Office if you have any questions about serving or donating. We are so grateful for all of you for making this ministry possible!



Summer Worship Schedule Graduation Sunday

Summer Worship Schedule begins May 24

The Summer Worship Schedule is nearly upon us! Adult & Youth Sunday School and youth groups are officially on break for the summer. Beginning May 24, coffee hour will meet at 9:00 a.m. before our one worship service at 9:30 a.m. This schedule will last from Memorial Day Sunday until Labor Day Sunday, with the return to our regular schedule (two worship services at 8:30 & 10:30) on Sunday, September 13. We will also have double newsletters this summer beginning May 22 through early September. The summer newsletter schedule can be found on page 2.

Celebrating Graduates on May 17

We will
celebrate
Graduation
Sunday on



Sunday, May 17. We will recognize our
graduating high school seniors and their
accomplishments during worship at 10:30
a.m. on May 17.

Summer Worship Schedule
One Service at 9:30am
May 24 - September 6

Memorial Day Sunday—Labor Day Sunday



News of the People & Places

Sympathy...

• **Tom Hughey** passed away on Wednesday, April 15. Services for Tom will be held on Saturday, May 16 at First Christian Church at 2:00 p.m. with a reception to follow. A visitation will be held from 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. Tom was 73 years old. Please keep **Carol Hughey, Cherry Hinderberger**, and the rest of Tom's family and friends in your prayers during this time of grief and transition.



Congratulations...

• A huge congratulations to **Delaney Tevis**, daughter of **Dan Tevis & Deidre Wipke-Tevis**, who married **Austin Villegas** on Saturday, April 25 in California.



Prayers of Health & Healing...

• **Susan Klockow** will have a series of medical tests done this week and asks for prayers.

Annual Stewardship Campaign

What Shall We Bring Week 4 by Kira Hoenes

Good morning.

What shall we bring?

My name is Kira Hoenes. I grew up in this church and am proud to be a 4th generation member.

Growing up in the church, I had the opportunity to go to VBS, go on several mission trips, go to church camp every summer, and many other amazing opportunities. None of that would have been possible without the love and support from this church family.

I have been able to pursue college at the University of Arkansas with the help of scholarships from the church as well. While at college I started searching for a church that had the similar feeling of home like here. One Sunday morning I ended up at First Christian Church (D.O.C.) Fayetteville. I opened the door and saw the same classic red carpet (that's now blue), red pews, and beautiful stained glass windows.

As I sat and listened to Reverend Ryan Pfeiffer tell a story about a true act of protection from God that he witnessed, I listened in awe of what I was hearing. He goes on telling us about how Dr. Brad Stagg from First Christian Church in Columbia, MO had hit some black ice driving home from the seminar they were at together.

If that wasn't God telling me I was exactly where I needed to be I don't know what is! I would like to thank you for all the support over the past 20 years, and even though I don't get to be here in Columbia, I know I still have your support. When asked "What shall we bring?" know whatever it is can have a huge impact on future generations. Thank you.

Birthdays

- May 19** - Tophier Otake
- May 20** - Sam Endress
- May 21** - Jim Estes, Amy Green, Billie Silvey (95!), Andrew Stormer
- May 22** - Linda Hamilton



Anniversaries

- May 20** - Holly & Josh Wheatley
- May 21** - Steve & Tracy Evers

Summer Newsletter Schedule

Summer months are almost here, and summertime means double-issues of The Visitor! "Double issues" are issues of the newsletter that cover two weeks worth of news, so we publish every other week rather than weekly throughout the summer. Please note the calendars to the right. All circled dates are publication days for the 2026 Summer Visitors. *If you would like to submit an article, please have submissions to the Church Office by the Friday prior to the desired publication date.* Thank you! Weekly issues will officially resume on Friday, September 11.

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>

June 2026							July 2026				August 2026						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	1	2	3	4	M	T	W	T	F	S	
1	2	3	4	5	6	8	9	10	11						1		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	15	16	17	18	3	4	5	6	7	8	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	22	23	24	25	10	11	12	13	14	15	
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FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH COLUMBIA MISSOURI
APRIL YEAR TO DATE 2025 MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

1. Income Sources General Operations

a. Tithes and Offerings	\$346,967
b. Rental and Other	\$82,700
c. Permanent Funds	\$201,720
<i>(includes funds marked for Scholarships)</i>	
d. Total Usable Income	\$631,387

2. Expenses General Operations

a. Administrative	\$406,323
b. Property	\$138,733
c. All Other	\$63,954
d. Total Expense	\$609,010

3. Mother's Day Out

a. MDO Income	\$379,930
b. MDO Expense	\$415,481
c. MDO Net	(\$36,551)

4. Columbia Older Adult Ministry

a. COAM Income	\$130,550
b. COAM Expense	\$115,972
c. COAM Net	\$14,578

5. Net Income General, COAM and Mother's Day Out

a. General	\$22,377
b. MDO	(\$36,551)
c. COAM	\$14,578
d. NET Income	\$404

6. Capital Campaign

a. Income	\$61,555
b. Expense	(\$110,796)
c. Transfers	\$47,572
d. Current Balance	(\$1,699)

i. Expenses beyond balance paid with transfers from the repair account and some directed donations specific to the organ project.

Comments and Notes for April Year to Date and Budget 26/27

- The generosity of our members has been tremendous this year and has resulted in 10 months where no memorial funds have been used for operations. As we work with leaders and department chairs for the 2026/2027 budget which will be voted on by the Congregation in June, it is so helpful to have all pledge cards returned for accurate revenue predictions. This impacts the decisions made towards things like personnel hires, raises, and requested budget increases in our departments such as worship, strategic planning, mission outreach and youth programming. **Please help us by turning in your pledge card as soon as possible.**
- While MDO continues to show a deficit, income has out-



performed budget and our families and teaching staff have stabilized. We have high hopes for this program next year.

- We will not have to utilize a line of credit for the remaining organ invoice. We have enough in our Capital account to pay the last invoice and we continue to collect towards the final pledged total for our capital campaign. With a little over a year left in our campaign, we are optimistic we will meet our pledge goal. As those funds come in we will be replacing funds into the repair account.

- Rental Income for Bethany and the parking lot has been a great help this year and our tenants are very pleased and have already renewed for the next year.

Tracy Evers, Treasurer

First Christian Church Scholarships

Scholarships are now available through First Christian Church and through the Mid-America Region of Disciples for those who are currently in undergraduate programs or seeking higher education.



First Christian Church Scholarships

The applications for FCC Scholarships are now available for those members who are in undergraduate programs or higher education to apply. The deadline for applications is **Friday, June 5**. Applications can be found in the Church Office or by emailing fcc@firstchristian.org.

Mid-America Disciples Christian Ministries Scholarship Fund

The Christian Ministries Scholarship Fund provides financial assistance for those preparing for Christian Ministries - both in seminary and undergraduate education. This fund is primarily aimed at supporting those persons from the Christian Church of Mid-America (CCMA) Region who are preparing for the Christian ministries. Apply for these scholarships online at <https://www.mid-american-disciples.org/christian-ministries-scholarship-fund> by **Sunday, May 31 at midnight**.

TO DO JUSTICE, LOVE KINDNESS, AND WALK HUMBLY WITH YOUR GOD. -MICAH 6:8

LOVE IN ACTION.
 2026 PENTECOST OFFERING
 SUNDAYS MAY 17 AND MAY 24



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*Our Mission: To know God
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Sam Dunnings, Assistant Director

Columbia Older Adult Ministry

Rev. Sally Robinson, Director

Support Staff

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Worship Serving Schedule

Sunday, May 17, 2026

OFFICE RECEPTIONIST: Don Mosby
WELCOME STATION: Meg & Cliff Judy
FLOWER MINISTRY: Paula Hoenes
COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: The Schaefers
EARLY SERVICE HELPERS:
Steve & Sharon Smith
COMMUNION PREP:
Kim Rogers & Jeff Underwood
GREETERS: Bud Batterson (N. DOOR),
Cindy Rose (S. DOOR), Debbie Potthast
(Atrium), David Potthast (PORTICO)
AV TEAM: Noah Stagg
LITURGIST: Cole Freed
8:30 ELDER: Mary Daugherty
10:30 ELDERS: Cliff Judy, Meg Judy, Tracy
Evers (Balcony)
DEACONS: The Underwood Team
CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Hayley Batterson
OFFERING COUNTERS:
Deb Batterson & Janelle Patterson