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OUR MISSION
To know God and follow Jesus Christ.

Happening Soon

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8
- Worship, 8:30 & 10:30am
- Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9:30am, YFH
- Sunday School, 9:30am, 3rd Floor
- JYF, 4pm, YFH
- CYF, 5pm, YFH

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10
No Tuesday Bible Study
- Newsletter Mailing, 1pm, Morris Parlor
- Staff Meeting, 2pm, Morris Parlor
- Cabinet Meeting, 6:30pm, Morris Parlor

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11
No Wednesday Bible Study
- Midweek Connect, 10:30am, Zoom
- Ladies' Book Club, 11:30am, Morris Parlor
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30pm, 3rd Floor

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12
- Christmas Bazaar Set-Up, 3pm, YFH
- Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6pm, 3rd Floor

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14
- Christmas Bazaar, 8am-2pm, YFH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15
- Worship, 8:30 & 10:30am
- Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9:30am, YFH
- Sunday School, 9:30am, 3rd Floor
- JYF, 4pm YFH
- CYF, 5pm, YFH

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

24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 8TH

"Foolish & Wise Bridesmaids"

MATTHEW 23:1-12

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)"

14th Annual Christmas Bazaar

14th Annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 14



We are so excited that the Christmas Bazaar is almost here! This year's bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 14 from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in Yonker Fellowship Hall. All are invited to shop for handcrafted gifts, arts, crafts, and holiday items. We will not sell Christmas cookies or candy this year, so we won't need any additional volunteers, but still we invite everyone to join us for the Bazaar - no working required! You can always help us by spreading the word about this awesome event - invite your friends and families or ask the Church Office for additional flyers. We so look forward to working together and seeing you all this year on Saturday morning!

Organ Rededication & Concert

Organ Concert & Rededication set for weekend of November 21 & 22

The third tier of the Capital Campaign is coming to a close, and we are excited to celebrate this milestone with the rededication of our organ! We will rededicate the organ the weekend of November 21 & 22. We are thrilled to host the Associate Organist of the Riverside Church, NYC, Paul Byssainthe, Jr. for a concert on Saturday, November 21 ***(Cont'd on Page 2)***



News of the People & Places

Sympathy...



• **Don Mosby** passed away on Thursday, October 8 following surgery at Boone Hospital. Don was 92 years old. Services for Don will be held on Saturday, November 7 at First Christian Church. A visitation will be held from 9-10:50 a.m. with a memorial service at 11:00 a.m. and a reception to follow. Please keep **Brenda, Vic, Amy, Maddie, Brady** and the rest of Don's family in your prayers during this time of grief and transition.

Prayers for Health & Healing...

• **Jill Anderson**, one of our MDO teachers, continues consulation with her oncologist.

• **Jane Anne Hackett** was discharged last week from Boone Hospital and is now on hospice care at home.

• **Donaleigh Richardson** found out last week that cancer has been found on her kidney.

• **Gary Tatlow** is home from the hospital following a TIA and awaits pacemaker surgery scheduled this week.

Celebrating 100 Years...

• **Charlie Koelling** is celebrating his 100th birthday this year in December! A birthday party has been planned for him on Friday, November 27 from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. at the Woodland Dining Room at Lenoir Woods. No gifts, just cards please!

Birthdays



November 10 - Rick Batterson
November 11 - Genie Rogers
November 12 - Dan Gieseke
Tiger Li
Stephanie Mottaz-Vens
November 13 - Dietrich Arnett
November 14 - Dan Backues, Pat Wright
November 15 - Ellie Diaz-Arias

ISO: Sunday Morning Volunteers



We have a few open spots in our Greeter, Welcome Station, Sunday Receptionist, and AV Team serving schedules, and we are looking for a few more volunteers! If you have any interest in serving in any of these roles on Sunday mornings, please contact **Erin Perry** in the Church Office (fcc@firstchristian.org).

Organ Concert (cont'd)

(Cont'd from Page 1) ...at 3:30 p.m. at First Christian Church. The organ will be then be rededicated on Sunday, November 22 during worship at 10:30 a.m. Members of Levsen Organ Company will join us for the rededication during worship.

Paul will play the first in a series of re-dedicatory recitals of the recently refurbished Reuter organ. Paul Byssainthe, Jr. is an accomplished organist, conductor, and music director whose artistry bridges the worlds of sacred, classical, and theatrical music. He most recently served as Associate Music Director for the revival of Ragtime at The Lincoln Center Theater, having recently serving as Music Director for the 2024 Broadway revival of The Wiz. His performances also include appearances with The Washington Chorus at the Kennedy Center, the Washington Bach Consort, and solo recitals and lectures at prestigious venues nationwide. Paul has also led vibrant music ministries across denominations, curating rich musical worship experiences, including recent tenures at Sligo Seventh-Day Adventist Church in Takoma Park, MD, and Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church in Baltimore. Paul is currently pursuing his Doctor of Musical Arts in Organ Performance at the Peabody Conservatory of Johns Hopkins University and also holds a Graduate Performance Diploma from Peabody and degrees in Orchestral Conducting and Organ from Andrews University.

We are grateful to offer this concert in partnership with the Central Missouri Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, and we are so grateful for their hard work and support in making this rededication concert happen. Help us honor their support by welcoming this extraordinary musician as he brings his gifts to First Christian Church's vibrant music ministry!

Understanding Alpha-Gal

Millersburg Christian Church & MU Extension Hosting Presentation

MU Extension is hosting a program at Millersburg Christian Church on Monday, November 9 about Alpha-Gal Syndrome and what you need to know. This program will help you understand what alpha-gal is, recognize symptoms and triggers of the syndrome, learn how to cook & shop safely for those who have alpha-gal, and feel more confident in managing the syndrome. This is a free program that is open to the public - no registration required. Please join MU Extension on November 9!

MU Extension
University of Missouri

Decorate the Church

Help Decorate the Church on Sunday, November 22



Can you believe that it's already time again to decorate the church for the Advent & Christmas season? Join us the Sunday before Thanksgiving for our annual church decorating! Come out and help get the church ready for Advent - stars and Christmas lights and Christmas greens, oh my! Please RSVP "Decorate" in the pew pads or by emailing the church office at fcc@firstchristian.org. Any and all help is appreciated! See you then!

VAC Holiday Project

Adopt an Individual or Family for the VAC Holiday Project

It's already November and Advent will be here before we even know it! Each year FCC sponsors families who are in need to provide them with a special Christmas. This year we have adopted 12 families for a total of 50 people and we need your help to make this possible! If you are able to help this important ministry, you can either select a person to adopt by going to https://tinyurl.com/FCCholiday2026 or by scanning the QR Code (additional information is provided on this website about adopting a person).

Elizabeth Mottaz will be in the Narthex after the early service and before the late service. You can send in a financial donation to the church office. When adopting a person, the suggested amount for gift(s) is $75. In year's past they have asked for money to help with Christmas dinner, this is no longer required, but if you would like to make a monetary donation you can. Money and gifts need to be turned in by Sunday, December 6.

You can begin to bring in gifts to the church office the week of Monday, November 30 - Friday, December 4. A final Sunday collection will be taken on December 6 between 9:15 - 10:30 a.m. and following the 10:30 service until 12:15 p.m. in Morris Parlor.

We are also in need of a few strong, able bodied people to help bring the gifts down from Morris Parlor to Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, December 8 at 6:00, or to help deliver the gifts on Wednesday, December 9. If you are able to help move. If you are able to help deliver on December 9, please contact **Janelle Patterson**. If you have questions, please contact **Elizabeth Mottaz**.

Youth Group Schedule

Join this Sunday!

YOUTH GROUP

JYF & CYF

November 8 @ 4:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

JYF & CYF: Thanksgiving Celebration

November 15 @ 4:00 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

All Youth: Decorate the Church

November 22 @ Time TBD

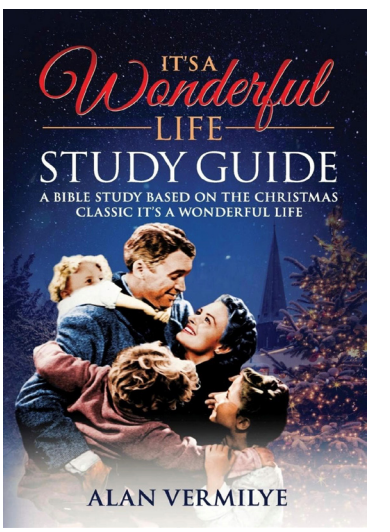
Life Skills at Youth Group

A huge THANK YOU to **Ben Carrier** for teaching the CYF and College group about taxes, saving money, and compound interest (good and bad). We all learned so much and had a great time answering questions, winning candy, and telling stories. Our youth are so blessed to be a part of a church with so many different professionals that can help them learn practical life skills.

If you would like to be a part of our practical life skills presentations, please let me know (stacy@firstchristian.org) and I will get you on the schedule. ***Stacy Silverwood***

New Adult Sunday School Focus

Shifting from The Chosen to It's A Wonderful Life this Christmas!



Following Thanksgiving, the Adult Sunday School Class will shift their focus from *The Chosen* to a seasonally appropriate study of *It's a Wonderful Life!* The class is caught up on all of *The Chosen* episodes currently available, so after the class for the Christmas season, another class will be introduced. Keep an eye out for future news about Adult Sunday School - or join us on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the 3rd floor Cinema!

Advent Devotionals Available in the Narthex or in the Church Office

Henri Nouwen • Advent Calendars for Kids
Comfort And Joy Devotionals

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2026 Advent Calendar

Saturday, November 14
Christmas Bazaar, 8am - 2pm

Sunday, November 22
Decorate the Church, Time TBD

Sunday, November 29
First Sunday in Advent
Hanging of the Greens

Friday, December 4
Living Nativity, 6-8pm

Sunday, December 6
Second Sunday in Advent
Blue Christmas Service, 3pm

Saturday, December 12
MDO Christmas Program, 10am

Sunday, December 13
Third Sunday in Advent
Christmas Pageant, 4pm
Tasting Party, 5pm

Worship Serving Schedule

Sunday, November 8

Office Receptionist: Carla Tanzey
Welcome Station: Cliff & Meg Judy
Flower Ministry: Anne Crousore
Coffee Fellowship: Jacki Davidson
Early Service Helpers:
Cherry Hinderberger & Mary Daugherty
Communion Prep:
Anne & Audra Crousore
Greeters: TBD (N. Door),
TBD (S. Door), Karen Hobson (Atrium),
Edie Pigg (Portico)
AV Team: Dan Backues
Liturgist: Jacki Davidson
8:30 Elder: Eric Seaman
10:30 Elders: Eric Arnett, Ryan Hunsaker,
Paula Hoenes (Balcony)
Deacons: The Judy Team
Children's Worship: Stacy Silverwood
Offering Counters:
Jean Juba and Jerry Miller