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

Happening Soon

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

- Homecoming Parking Lot Fundraiser, 7am-12pm
- Breakfast for Our Brethren, 6am-9am, Waypoint Shelter (1304 Bowling St)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

- Worship, 8:30 & 10:30am
- Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9:30am, YFH
- Sunday School, 9:30am, 3rd Floor
- Movie Matinee: *The Nightmare Before Christmas*, 12pm, 3rd Floor Cinema

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

- Bible Study, 10:30am, Morris Parlor
- Newsletter Mailing, 1pm, Morris Parlor
- Staff Meeting, 2pm, Morris Parlor

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

- Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6pm, 3rd Floor

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

- Breakfast for Our Brethren, 6am-9am, Waypoint Shelter (1304 Bowling St)
- Energy Bus Work Day, 10am - 2pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

- Worship, 8:30 & 10:30am
- Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9:30am, YFH
- Sunday School, 9:30am, 3rd Floor
- CYF: Car Maintenance, 5pm, YFH



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

19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 4TH

*"The Surpassing
Value"*

PHILIPPIANS 3:4B-14

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

Sign Ups Available! Volunteer with BFOB Saturday Mornings in October or Help by Donating Food

For several years, the downtown churches have served breakfast on Saturday mornings for folks who are unhoused or living with food insecurity.

First Christian Church serves breakfast every Saturday in the months of May and October. We cook

and serve food for folks staying at the Waypoint Shelter at the Opportunity Campus. We often serve a variety of options for breakfast - sometimes casseroles, sometimes biscuits and gravy, always paired with breakfast bars, fruit, breakfast breads, and cereal. We are always looking for volunteers to help us with this fun and rewarding work! You can sign up now to serve on Saturday mornings in October or to donate food. Please check out the sign up sheets in the Narthex on Sunday mornings, or sign up online: <https://bit.ly/octoberbfb>. If you have questions, please contact Debbie Potthast (dapotthast@gmail.com) for more information.



Homecoming Parking Lot Fundraiser

Homecoming Parade Fundraiser on Saturday, October 3

This year, the church is hosting a Mizzou Homecoming Fundraiser by offering our parking lot during the MU Homecoming Parade at the cost of \$20 per spot! The parking lot will be open from 6 a.m. - 12 p.m. for individuals and families to use as prime parking

for the annual homecoming parade. If you'd like to volunteer to help make this fundraiser happen or support in any way, contact the Church Office at fcc@firstchristian.org.



Sunday Movie Matinee

Join the Fellowship Department & Youth Groups for The Nightmare Before Christmas

The Fellowship Department and the Youth Groups are sponsoring this month's Sunday Movie Matinee—a showing of *The Nightmare Before Christmas*! Join us in the cinema on the third floor on Sunday, October 4 at 12:00 p.m. for pizza and a movie.

Bring a drink and \$5 to donate for pizza—we'll have the popcorn ready!





News of the People & Places

Prayers for Health & Healing...

- **Don Mosby** is home after a stay at Boone Hospital over the weekend for a narrowed renal/kidney artery.
- **Debbie Schultz'** mother had emergency gall bladder surgery over a week ago.

Birthdays

October 5 - Opal Stites (93!)

October 7 - Pamela Hoepfner

October 8 - Michael Snyder

October 9 - Mona Stevenson

**October 10 - Alex Johnson,
Julie Nichols**

October 11 - Brady Marrero, Joy Overacre

Anniversaries

October 8 - Kelly Schmidt & Seth McCormick

October 10 - Curtis & Carolyn Snow

October 11 - Ryan & Laura Hunsaker



Annual Reconciliation Offering

Reconciliation Offering Taken on September 27 & October 4

For more than 40 years, Disciples have worked to have a visible ministry to address racism in society through the Reconciliation Ministry. Gifts to the Disciples Reconciliation Ministry, through its annual special offering or throughout the year, support programs and initiatives aimed at dismantling racism. The Reconciliation Ministry is not supported by Disciples Mission Fund, but its annual special offering is recognized by the denomination for congregations to offer their support. The Reconciliation Special Offering will be taken on Sundays, September 27, 2026, and October 4, 2026.

Free Webinar

CYBERSECURITY FOR SENIORS

PROTECT YOURSELF ONLINE



OCTOBER 7

11 A.M. EDT AND 7 P.M. EDT

OCTOBER 28

11 A.M. EDT AND 7 P.M. EDT

Learn more and register at
pensionfund.org/cyberwebinar



Save the date
ALTHEA W. AND JOHN A. SCHIFFMAN
*Ethics in Society
Lecture*

OCTOBER 29, 2026

5:30 p.m.

LAUNER AUDITORIUM
COLUMBIA COLLEGE | 1001 ROGERS ST. | COLUMBIA MO



BART EHRLMAN

Fall Church Work Day

*Annual Fall Landscape Workday Set
for Saturday, October 24*

The return of Mizzou Football signals that it is time to give the Church's exterior grounds their annual fall grooming in preparation for the coming winter!

Join us on Saturday, October 24 from 9:00 a.m. until noon (or any portion thereof) to clean up, spruce up and

shape up after a very tough summer growing season! Mary Daugherty & Peggy Veatch will again lead our efforts, and Fred Mottaz will offer his truck & trailer to haul mulch! Volunteers are asked to bring their own gardening tools, gloves, hats, sunscreen, and drinking water. Two or three wheelbarrows, mulch forks or shovels will also be needed if anyone can provide them. If you plan to join us on Saturday, October 24, please call or text Mike Randerson at 573-424-4858 to RSVP. Hope to see you there! Our weather makeup day will be Saturday, October 31, same time. Please note: neither date conflicts with an MU home game!



Loaves & Fishes

Next month's Loaves & Fishes

serving date falls on Monday,

October 26 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/octloaves26>.

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 December. Thank you all so much for making this ministry possible!



Trunk or Treat

Sunday, October 25 at 4:00 p.m.

Our annual Trunk or Treat will be held this year on Sunday, October 25 from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. in the church parking lot. We are looking for volunteers to offer trunks and/or single serve baked goods for the popular cake walk (think cookies, cupcakes, *not* cake) - please contact **Stacy Silverwood** (stacy@firstchristian.org) if you're interested! Candy donations are always welcome - please drop them in the donation bin outside of the church office on Sunday mornings or during the week.



Youth Group Schedule



Join this Sunday!

All Youth: Movie Matinee

October 4 @ 12:00 p.m. in the 3rd Floor Cinema

CYF & College: Car Maintenance

October 11 @ 5:00 p.m.

All Youth: Shyrocks Corn Maze

October 18 @ 4:00 p.m.

All Youth: Trunk or Treat

October 25 @ 4:00 p.m.

Clergy Appreciation Month

Help Celebrate & Thank Rev. Dr. Stagg this October

Clergy appreciation month falls each year during the month of October. If you would like to offer "appreciation" to our minister in honor of Clergy Appreciation Month, there are a few ways to do so! We are asking for a few "words of affirmation" for Brad as we go into this month - you can offer memories, compliments, or a note of appreciation via email (fcc@firstchristian.org), a handwritten note sent to the Church Office, or online: <https://forms.gle/K2si5Q8VrYzfkiS6>



Fall Youth Events

Hello Church Family,

Children's Worship, Sunday School, and Youth Groups are in full swing, and we are having a ton of fun together.

Parents, THANK YOU for bringing your children to all of our programming and our parents of teens, THANK YOU for reminding, coaxing, and encouraging your kids to come as well!



- **October 4** we will be joining the Fellowship Department to watch *The Nightmare Before Christmas*. All youth are invited to join us - bring a few \$\$ for pizza!
- **October 11** is CYF with Richard Schomaker, and he'll teach us about the basics of car maintenance
- **October 18** is our annual Corn Maze trip to Shyrocks. JYF-CYF are all welcome (parents are welcome to come along as well). We will meet at the church at 3:45 p.m. with plans to be back to the Church by 6:00 p.m.
- **October 25** is Trunk or Treat from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. We need trunks: this can be something simple or elaborate. Bring candy or treats of some sort and join in the fun. We will plan to be in the parking lot but if it rains, we will have a table instead of a trunk. Please send me a quick email if you are going to bring a trunk (stacy@firstchristian.org) so I can get an estimate of how many we will have.

Thanks so much and have an awesome week!

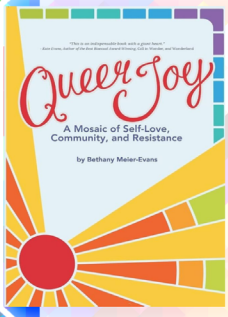
Stacy Silverwood, Director of Youth & Children's Ministries

"Queer Joy"

Book Study Series

4pm-6:30pm at The Center Project

Dinner, Discussion, and Art!



October

11th
What is Queer Joy?

25th
Loving Yourself

November

8th
Finding Community

22nd
Rooting Yourself in Liberation

RSVP for each session: Attend one or all!


Oct 11th


Oct 25th


Nov 8th


Nov 22nd

Facilitated by TCP Spiritual Care Volunteers. Please note this is not a religious book study.

Pre-reading not required.

Limited (5) free copies available.



TCP Spiritual Care Resources



Questions? Email: SpiritualCare@thecenterproject.org



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Worship Serving Schedule

Sunday, October 4

OFFICE RECEPTIONIST: Debbie Potthast

WELCOME STATION: Steve Humble

FLOWER MINISTRY: Don & Brenda Mosby

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Kim & Hartley Rogers

EARLY SERVICE HELPERS: Mike Randerson,
Laura & Mary Daugherty

COMMUNION PREP:

Debbie & Bryan Garton

GREETERS: Janelle Patterson (N. Door),
Cindy Rose (S. Door), Debbie Potthast
(Atrium), David Potthast (Portico)

AV TEAM: Noah Stagg

LITURGIST: Ben Carrier

8:30 ELDER: Mary Daugherty

10:30 ELDERS: Vicki Johnson, Dan Backues,
TBD (Balcony)

DEACONS: The Potthast Team

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Jessica Humble

OFFERING COUNTERS:

Deb Batterson & Eric Seaman