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OUR MISSION
To know God and follow Jesus Christ.

Happening Soon

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1
All Saints' Sunday • Daylight Savings Ends
- Worship, 8:30 & 10:30am
- Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9:30am, YFH
- Sunday School, 9:30am, 3rd Floor
- CYF & College: W2 & Taxes Night, 5pm

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3
- Bible Study, 10:30am, Morris Parlor
- Newsletter Mailing, 1pm, Morris Parlor
- Staff Meeting, 2pm, Morris Parlor

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4
- Midweek Connect, 10:30am, Zoom
- Bible Study, 12pm, Morris Parlor
- Coffman-Watson Meeting, 1pm, Susan Gray's House
- Officers Meeting, 5:30pm, Zoom
- Chancel Choir Rehearsal, 5:30pm, 3rd Floor

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5
- Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6pm, 3rd Floor

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7
- Memorial Service & Reception for Don Mosby, 9am - 12pm, Sanctuary & YFH

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

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

23rd Sunday After Pentecost

November 1st

"Justice and Mercy and Faith"

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)"

All Saints' Sunday

This All Saints' Sunday, we'll remember the following members of First Christian Church who have died and been raised in Christ since November 1, 2025.

Gene Kirkham
October 28, 2025

Pat Hoehle
May 1, 2026

Billie Silvey
July 26, 2026

Roy Overacre
November 21, 2025

Elizabeth Hensley
June 15, 2026

Pat Lawnick Ritchie
July 29, 2026

Kathy Dains
December 7, 2025



Sherry Kaye Dobbs
August 31, 2026

Mary Tompson
January 23, 2026

Don Mosby
October 8, 2026

Tom Hughey
April 15, 2026

Fall Church Work Day

Date Change! Annual Fall Landscape Workday on Saturday, October 31



The date has officially changed for our annual fall landscape day - please join us on Saturday, October 31 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! 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. This is the perfect volunteer opportunity for anyone looking for additional service hours! If you plan to join us on Saturday, October 31, please call or text Mike Randerson at 573-424-4858 to RSVP.

Daylight Savings Time Ends
Sunday, November 1

Don't forget to change your clocks back an hour! We hope to see you well rested and right on time this Sunday!



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, had a diagnostic procedure last week and awaits a consulation with her oncologist.

• **Bob Dixson** is home following a stay in the hospital with pneumonia.

• **Jane Anne Hackett** is at Boone Hospital following an endoscopy that confirmed a tumor on her pancreas.

• **Donaleigh Richardson** has been in and out of the hospital over the last few weeks. Prayers for continued healing.

Birthdays



November 2 - Holly Gieseke
November 3 - C.K. Hoenes
Thom Rose
Mason Silverwood
November 4 - Ryley Batterson
Jean Juba
November 5 - Delaney Batterson
Evan Dietzel, Lexi Hofmann, Gene Taylor
November 6 - Jay Creasy, Jason Stanley
November 7 - Dayton Dietzel, Janice Dysart, Linda Munden

Understanding Alpha-Gal

Millersburg Christian Church & MU Extension Hosting Presentation

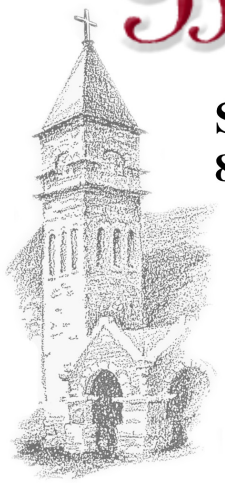
MU Extension is hosting a program at Millersburg Christian Church on Monday, November 9 about Alpha-Gal Syndrome and what you need to know. This program will help you understand what alpha-gal is, recognize symptoms and triggers of the syndrome, learn how to cook & shop safely for those who have alpha-gal, 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

First Christian Church
101 N. 10th - Downtown Columbia

Christmas Bazaar



Saturday, November 14
8am - 2pm, Fellowship Hall

Arts & Crafts
from more than 25 vendors
A Variety of Handmade Christmas Gifts!

A Christian Women's Fellowship Project

Annual Christmas Bazaar

Annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, November 14

We are so excited that the Christmsa 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!

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 Rededication & Concert

Organ Concert & Rededication 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 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.

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.

Join us in welcoming this extraordinary musician as he brings his gifts to First Christian Church's vibrant music ministry.

Youth Group Schedule

Join this Sunday!

YOUTH GROUP

CYF & College: W2s & Taxes

November 1 @ 5:00 p.m.

JYF & CYF: Christmas Bazaar Prep

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

JYF & CYF: Thanksgiving Celebration

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

Trunk or Treat

Church family and friends, You have done it again! We asked and you showed up! We had plenty of candy, trunks, and baked goods to have a very wonderful evening. The weather was amazing, the crowd was just the right size so folks could stand around and talk while the kids played games, got some candy, and some other yummy treats. The volunteers were able to laugh and have a good time with each other and clean up was a breeze! Hayley and I estimated approximately 200 people came which included Mother's Day out families, Church Families, and a few community families. We had 15 trunks decorated in all different themes. Our CYF youth group helped run games and made sure every trunk had plenty of candy. Please enjoy a few of the pictures from the night.

Stacy Silverwood, Director of Youth & Children's Ministries













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Worship Serving Schedule

Sunday, November 1

Office Receptionist: Debbie Potthast
Welcome Station: Steve Humble
Flower Ministry: Jessica & Steve Humble
Coffee Fellowship: The Giesekes
Early Service Helpers:
Mark Goodwin & Kathy Ramser
Communion Prep: Ryan Hunsaker
Greeters: Larry Veatch (N. Door), Peggy Veatch (S. Door), Linda Stuart (Atrium), Barry Stuart (Portico)
AV Team: Tiger Li
Liturgist: TBD
8:30 Elder: Kurt Schaefer
10:30 Elders: Becky Baumgartner, Dan Gieseke, Ryan Hunsaker (Balcony)
Deacons: The Potthast Team
Children's Worship: Anne Crousore
Offering Counters:
Eric Seaman and Sarah Storm