



the VISITOR

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

Happening Soon

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

- Worship, 8:30 & 10:30am
- Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9:30am, YFH
- Sunday School, 9:30am, 3rd Floor
- CROP Walk, 1pm, Stephen's Lake Park
- CYF, 5pm, Silverwood Home

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6pm, 3rd Floor

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- Jan Kraybill Presentation, 7pm, YFH

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- Jan Kraybill Organ Concert, 3pm, Missouri United Methodist Church

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- Worship, 8:30 & 10:30am
- Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9:30am, YFH
- Sunday School, 9:30am, 3rd Floor
- Annual Church Picnic, 12-2pm, Albert Oakland Park (1900 Blue Ridge Rd)



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

17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 20TH

"Standing Firm"

PHILIPPIANS 1:21-30

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)"*

REGULAR

WORSHIP

SCHEDULE RESUMES

Sunday, September 13

8:30 & 10:30 Worship

9:30 Coffee Fellowship &
Sunday School

Mid-Missouri CROP Walk

Mid-Missouri CROP Walk on Sunday, September 20

Mid-Missouri CROP Walk will fall this year on Sunday, September 20. CROP Hunger Walks are community-based walk fundraising events held in cities and towns across the

United States, created to support the global mission of Church World Service, a faith-based organization transforming communities around the globe through just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster. After a CROP Hunger Walk ends, 25% of the funds raised is returned to the host community to support local hunger fighting efforts. Please see **Kathy Ramser** on Sunday mornings in the Narthex to sign up to walk, donate, or support this year's Walk!



Annual Church Picnic

Church Picnic on Sunday, September 27

This year's church picnic will be held on Sunday, September 27 from 12:00-2:00 p.m. Everyone's invited to Albert Oakland Park for food & fellowship. Please RSVP ahead of time so the Fellowship Committee knows how much food to buy - you can RSVP with your pew pads on Sunday morning or online: firstchristian.org/rsvp. We hope you'll join us for this fun fellowship opportunity!

GRAMMY-NOMINATED

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JAN KRAYBILL



"FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION"

BACH • GUILLMANT • REGER • RACHEL LAURIN AND OTHERS

FREE CONCERT

PROVIDED BY CENTRAL MISSOURI CHAPTER

AMERICAN GUILD OF ORGANISTS

3 PM, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

MISSOURI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - PARKING LOT ENTRANCE

204 S. 9TH STREET, COLUMBIA, MO

HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE

FREE PARKING HITT ST. GARAGE (JUST ACROSS ELM)





News of the People & Places

Prayers for Health & Healing...

- **Maria Clark** returned to work last weekend following a mild stroke in August.
- **Dana Heavin** is at University Hospital after being placed in a medically-induced coma due to seizures.
- **Carol Hughey** is home recovering from pacemaker surgery on Wednesday, September 9.
- **Carol Slusher** has been discharged from rehab and is staying with her son, Scott Slusher, as she continues to recover.
- **Lorene Trickey** is home recovering from hip replacement surgery on Tuesday, September 8.

Birthdays

September 21

Bob Hutton, Lisa Zimmer

September 23

- Cheryl Stevens

September 24

- Ashley Chandler, Steven Lightner

September 25

- David Nichols

September 26

- Mimi McRoberts

September 27

- Becky Beary

Anniversaries

September 24

- Shane & Erin Bower

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CWF Meetings Return

The Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF) is a ministry of First Christian Church that provides opportunities for spiritual growth, enrichment, education, and creative ministries that enable women to develop a sense of personal responsibility for the mission of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). CWF at First Christian primarily functions through its board and groups. Our two groups (Drennan and Coffman-Watson) meet monthly to socialize and learn from one another. The Drennan Group meets monthly at 1:00 p.m. on the 4th Tuesday at Lenoir Woods. They have a meeting coming up on Tuesday, September 22 at 1:00 p.m. The Coffman-Watson group meets at the beginning of each month either for a lunch out or a meeting at a member's house. Coffman-Watson's next meeting is a lunch meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 7. More information about location for the upcoming meeting will be in the Visitor and the bulletin the week leading up to the meeting. Schedules for meetings coming up this fall can be found in the CWF Yearbook—stop



2 by the office if you'd like your very own copy!

2026 Reconciliation Ministry - Special Offering



Restoration - Hope in Action

Sunday, September 27th - Sunday, October 4th

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. Your advocacy and financial support are always so appreciated!



Breakfast for Our Brethren

Volunteer with BFOB Saturday Mornings in October!

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! If you are interested in helping us cook and serve next month, please contact **Debbie Potthast** (dapotthast@gmail.com) for more information. Keep an eye out closer to the end of the month if you're interested in volunteering or donating food—we'll have signups online and in the Narthex on Sunday mornings!

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.



Fall Church Work Day

*A Call for Volunteers: 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!**



Mid-America Women Lunch

Mid-America Disciples Women's Ministry Event in Boonville
Women Empowering Women is a group of Mid-America Disciples women formed to help, nurture, empower, and give voice to women in ministry and find ways to not only keep women in their many roles of ministry but to also encourage others. First Christian Church in Boonville invites the women of Mid-America to get acquainted, re-acquainted, and connected by gathering on Monday, November 9, 2026, from 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Lunch is provided. Please RSVP to Jennifer Long (jennifer.ccma@sbcglobal.net) with the subject line "Women Empowering Women November 9 2026."

Youth Group Schedule



Join this Sunday!

CYF: Fishing & Hot Dog Roast

September 20 @ 5:00 p.m. at the Silverwood House

All Youth: Church Picnic

September 27 @ 12:00 p.m. at Albert Oakland Park

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.

Save the Date! Events This Fall

Movies, Trunk or Treat, and Christmas Bazaar Coming Up This Fall

With the return of fall and the school year come some very busy fall months for First Christian Church! Please mark your calendars for these fun events in the life of the church:



Sunday Movie Matinee

A Sunday movie matinee has been set for Sunday, October 4 at noon in the 3rd Floor Cinema. While the movie is still tentatively TBD, all are invited to bring a drink and \$5 buy-in for pizza.

Trunk or Treat



Our annual Trunk or Treat will be held this year on Sunday, October 24 from 4:00 - 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.

Annual Christmas Bazaar



The annual Christmas Bazaar will be held this year on Saturday, November 14 from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. This is the best time to get your Christmas shopping done - there will be crafts and homemade gifts from over 20 vendors! Keep an eye out for future newsletters for more information about how to volunteer or get involved.



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Worship Serving Schedule

Sunday, September 13, 2026

OFFICE RECEPTIONIST: Rebecca Bailey

WELCOME STATION: Carrie Batterson

FLOWER MINISTRY:

Mary Daugherty & Karen Hobson

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Jacki Davidson

EARLY SERVICE HELPERS:

Mary & Laura Daugherty

COMMUNION PREP: Kim & Hartley Rogers

GREETERS: Barry Stuart (N. DOOR),
Linda Stuart (S. DOOR), Tracy Fuemmeler
(Atrium), Chris Fuemmeler (PORTICO)

AV TEAM: Dan Backues

LITURGIST: Chris Fuemmeler

8:30 ELDER: Eric Seaman

9:30 ELDERS: Jennifer Alexander, Jacki
Davidson, Cindy Rose (Balcony)

DEACONS: The Underwood Team

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Jessica Humble

OFFERING COUNTERS:

Janelle Patterson and Sarah Storm