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First Christian Church

*Our Mission: To know God
And follow Jesus Christ.*

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Worship Serving Schedule

Sunday, September 27, 2026

OFFICE RECEPTIONIST:

Carole Harris-Randerson

WELCOME STATION: TBD

FLOWER MINISTRY: Dan & Holly Gieseke

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: Peggy & Larry Veatch

EARLY SERVICE HELPERS:

Steve & Sharon Smith

COMMUNION PREP: Laura & Ryan Hunsaker

GREETERS: Edie Pigg (N. DOOR), Karen
Hobson (S. DOOR), TBD (Atrium), TBD
(PORTICO)

AV TEAM: TBD

LITURGIST: Jacki Davidson

8:30 ELDER: Kurt Schaefer

9:30 ELDERS: Steve Evers, Tracy Evers,
Paula Hoenes (Balcony)

DEACONS: The Hunsaker Team

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Jessica Humble

OFFERING COUNTERS:

Sarah Storm and Jennifer Alexander



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Happening Soon

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)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

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

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

- Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6pm, 3rd Floor

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: Nightmare Before
Christmas, 12pm, 3rd Floor Cinema
- Christmas Bazaar Meeting, 1:30pm, YFH



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**The Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)**
www.disciples.org

18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 27TH

*"The Same Mind
as Christ"*

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-13

REV. DR. BRAD STAGG, PREACHING



Annual Church Picnic

This Sunday! Church Picnic at Noon at Albert Oakland Park

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. Today is your last chance to RSVP so that the Fellowship Committee can purchase food & supplies

accordingly—please RSVP online: firstchristian.org/rsvp. We hope you'll join us for this fun & delicious fellowship opportunity!

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 pop-corn ready!



Tabs & Glasses for CWF

Did you know that the Christian Women's Fellowship collects aluminum soda/pop tabs AND eye-glasses year round? These items are donated to organizations like the Ronald McDonald House or Doctors Without Borders. Sharing your tabs or used glasses with CWF is a low-impact way to support your community. Check out the CWF nook (first floor elevator landing) to drop donations off and see what else CWF collects!

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)"*

GRAMMY-NOMINATED ORGANIST

JAN KRAYBILL



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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)

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News of the People & Places

Prayers for Health & Healing...

- Dana Heavin returned home on Thursday, September 17 after a stay in the ICU.

Thank You...

- A HUGE thank you to **Noah Stagg** and **Ken Dunnings** who helped us with week-end custodial coverage last month. A huge thank you to **Paula Slusher**, as well, who helped pick up the grounds of the church & the parking lot on Maria's first Sunday back.
- Thank you to **Jeff Underwood** who spent a few hours last week cleaning the kitchen's ice machine. Be sure to offer Jeff a word of thanks for your ice on Sunday morning!!



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/octoberbfob>. If you have questions, please contact **Debbie Potthast** (dapotthast@gmail.com) for more information.

Playground Help

We are looking for some handy-helpers who have interest in helping bring the church playground back to life. If you like working on wood or other handy-projects, please contact Erin in the Church Office (fcc@firstchristian.org)!



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 EHRMAN

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!**



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!



Youth Group Schedule

Join this Sunday!



- 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.
- All Youth: Shylocks Corn Maze**
October 18 @ 4:00 p.m.

Youth Events this Fall

Just a quick reminder of some things coming up:

- **September 27:** Church Picnic at 12. We will have games and activities for young *and* not so young. This will be our youth group time! Please join us for fun and fellowship.
- **October 4:** The youth will join with the Fellowship committee to watch *The Nightmare Before Christmas*. Popcorn, pizza, soda, and water will be available.
- **October 11:** CYF will meet for a tutorial about car maintenance with Richard Schomaker at 5:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat, the Corn Maze, and all things Advent will be announced soon. Please watch for these announcements in the Visitor, on fliers around the church, and by email! **Questions?** Reach out by email (stacy@firstchristian.org).



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 - 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.

