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OUR MISSION

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

Happening Soon

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

- Breakfast for Our Brethren, 7-9am, RATI
- Fall Church Work Day, 9am-12pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

- Worship 8:30 & 10:30am, Sanctuary
- Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9:30am, YFH
- K-5 Sunday School, 9:30am, 3rd Floor
- 6-12 Sunday School, 9:30am, Higbee
- Adult Sunday School, 9:30am, Cinema
- Sunday Movie Matinee, 12pm, Cinema

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22

- Midweek Connect, 10:30am, Zoom
- Bible Study, 12pm, Morris Parlor
- Chancel Bell Choir, 5pm, 3rd Floor
- Chancel Choir, 5:45pm, 3rd Floor

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

- Breakfast for Our Brethren, 7-9am, RATI

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

- Worship 8:30 & 10:30am, Sanctuary
- Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9:30am, YFH
- K-5 Sunday School, 9:30am, 3rd Floor
- 6-12 Sunday School, 9:30am, Higbee
- Adult Sunday School, 9:30am, Cinema
- Trunk or Treat, 4-6pm, Parking Lot



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19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 19TH

"Apprenticeship: Scripture"

2 TIMOTHY 3:14-4:5

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)"*

Fall Church Work Day

This Saturday! Fall Outdoor Work Day on Saturday, October 18 from 9:00am-12:00pm

The arrival of fall & football are also our signals that it is time to give the Church's exterior grounds their annual shape up in preparation for the winter ahead. Join us on **Saturday, October 18 from 9:00 a.m. until noon (or any portion thereof)** to clean up, spruce up and shape up the church grounds after the summer growing season and late summer/fall drought!

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.** At least two or three wheelbarrows, mulch forks or shovels will also be needed. **If you can join us on October 18, please email, call or text Mike Randerson ASAP at dmranderson@mchsi.com or 573-424-4858.** Our weather makeup day will be Saturday, October 25, same time. Hope to see you there!

Mike Randerson



Sunday Movie Matinee: The Sting

Sunday Movie Matinee on Sunday, October 19 in the cinema at noon

Help us honor Robert Redford by joining us this Sunday, October 19 for another Sunday Movie Matinee! This month, we'll watch the 1973 classic "The Sting". The Sting follows con men (Robert Redford & Paul Newman) as they seek revenge on a crime boss (Robert Shaw) following the murder of a mutual friend. This is a special weekend classic, not only because we are offering free popcorn and drinks, but for a \$5 donation you can get some pizza! Youth are invited to attend the movie matinee, as it will take place of any regularly scheduled youth groups that evening. We hope you'll join us this Sunday, October 19 in the cinema!





News of the People & Places

Sympathy...

• **Beth Nelms** passed away on Wednesday, October 1. Beth was 85 years old. A celebration of Beth's life will be held on Saturday, November 1 at the Montminy Gallery, Veranda, and Gazebo at Nifong Park in Columbia from 1:00-3:00 p.m. with a brief program at 2:00 p.m. Please keep the Nelms children in your prayers (Keats, Rob, Elizabeth, Katherine, and Benjamin) during this time of grief and transition.



Prayers of Health & Healing...

- **Helen Stemmons** continues to recover at Columbia Post Acute from her partial hip replacement. She is doing well, and loves to see visitors, especially in the afternoon!
- **Sherry Kaye Dobbs**, the sister of **Marilyn Schappert**, was transferred back to Columbia Post Acute as she continues to recover from pneumonia.
- **Kelly Gilbert**, the daughter-in-law of **Rosalie Gilbert**, is on the kidney donor list. Rosalie asks for prayers for Kelly and Rosalie's son, who is in a wheelchair. Kelly is Rosalie's son's primary caretaker.
- **Carol Slusher** went to urgent care for a case of pneumonia and will take antibiotics to continue recovering.

Save the Date! Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 26 from 4-6pm

Dress up, bring your friends, and join us in the church parking lot this year on Sunday, October 26 for some trunk-or-treating, treats, games, and fun! The event will take place in both the church parking lot and Yonker Fellowship Hall from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Join us for the entirety or just a portion of that time for fun and good treats!



Help make Trunk-or-Treat happen for FCC Youth! As we prepare for next month, we are looking for volunteers who want to decorate their trunks and offer candy to our trick-or-treaters, or share donations of treats for our cake walk and additional candy donations! Please email **Rev. Topher** at topher@firstchristian.org if you would be interested in making treats for the cake walk or decorating your trunk. We are so grateful for everyone who has donated candy so far. The donation bin outside the Church Office for candy donations will remain until October 26 for anyone interested in donating.

Loaves & Fishes

Serving Dinner on Monday, October 27

This month's Loaves & Fishes serving date falls on Monday, October 27 and we are looking for volunteers to help prep, deliver and serve food! Volunteers are needed at Room at the Inn (1509 Ashley St) from 4:00 - 6:30 p.m. for serving and cleaning dishes. We are also in need of two co-serving leaders, who will act as point people for transporting food, serving and cleaning up at Room at the Inn. There is an online sign-up available, if you'd like to see where volunteers are still needed: <https://bit.ly/octloaves25>. 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!



OCTOBER

Birthdays

- October 14** - Tracy Evers
- October 15** - Megan Potthast
- October 16** - Julie Hickey, Holly Wheatley
- October 18** - Elizabeth Schultz
- October 19** - Lisa Snyder
- October 21** - Edie Pigg, Ann Volmert
- October 23** - **Bob Dixson (91!)**, Susan McCarty
- October 24** - Brenda Mosby, Allie Schomaker, Rory Seltsam, Luke Stag
- October 25** - Matthew Taylor
- October 26** - Diana Provenzano



Anniversaries

- October 14** - Richard & Natalie Barnard
Paula & C.K. Hoenes
- October 17** - David & Julie Nichols
- October 19** - Joe & Kim Reardon
- October 22** - William & Amy Green

Save the Date! Christmas Bazaar

Annual Christmas Bazaar set for Saturday, November 15

Please save the date for the annual Christmas Bazaar! This year's bazaar will be held on Saturday, November 15 from 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in Yonker Fellowship Hall. All are invited to shop for handcrafted gifts, art, crafts, and holiday items. **Brenda Mosby** will begin volunteer sign-ups in the Narthex on Sunday, October 26, but you can contact her any time (573-881-8385) if you're interested in volunteering!



Breakfast for Our Brethren

Volunteer with BFOB Saturday Mornings in October!

We have had an amazing turn out for sign ups and donations for this month's Breakfast for Our Brethren! We are so grateful to everyone who has donated food, time, and energy to this cause. If you would like to donate food or your time to Saturday morning breakfasts, there are sign up sheets in the Narthex on Sunday mornings or you can sign up online at <https://bit.ly/octoberb4ob>. The SignUp Genius will be updated every week as we need more food donations, but you can sign up to serve any time. It's essential for serving volunteers to sign up in advance so we know that we have enough hands to serve each Saturday morning! Contact the Church Office (fcc@firstchristian.org) if you have any questions.



Communion Connection

Elders Offering Communion Connection this October

Communion Connection is scheduled for October 18 - October 20 to bring communion and fellowship to any of our members who are unable to join us at church. If you are an Elder or Deacon who would like to serve or if you know of a church member who would like a visit from our team, please contact **Jessica Humble** at humblejessica00@gmail.com or 573-808-6394.



Join a Christian Women's Fellowship (CWF) Group!

Women of the church invited to join Drennan or Coffman-Watson Groups

Did you know that First Christian Church is one of the only



Disciples churches in Columbia with Christian Women's Fellowship Groups? These groups historically have provided women a space to gather, socialize, problem-solve, and accomplish the work of the church, notably when they weren't working outside of the home or allowed in leadership within the church. First Christian has two groups that still gather, socialize, and "make church happen" - Drennan and Coffman-Watson. Both groups are always welcoming new members—those interested should contact **Susan Gray** (lathrop416@socket.net) or **Anne Campbell** (acampbell32967@gmail.com) for Coffman-Watson, and **Lorene Trickey** (nrtrickey@gmail.com) for Drennan!

Youth Group Schedule

Join this Sunday!



Sunday Movie Matinee • 12pm • October 19

Trunk or Treat • 4-6pm • October 26

CYF • 5pm • November 2

Chi-Rho & CYF • 4pm & 5pm • November 9

Meeting in Yonker Fellowship Hall



Youth @ Shyrock's Corn Maze last Sunday

Sunday Morning Security

New Door Protocol for Sunday mornings

On Sunday, October 12, we test ran a new security protocol for the church during worship on Sunday mornings. We hope to continue to test this system over the next few weeks, so we're looking for feedback from you all as we do so! Beginning at 10:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings, the kitchen, portico, and office entryway doors will be locked in order to keep the building more secure during worship. The Narthex and Sanctuary doors (bell tower door and north door) will remain OPEN during worship. This means that all doors to the building will remain open leading up to the late service (7:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.), but once worship begins at 10:30 a.m., members and visitors will have 15 minutes to enter any external door other than the sanctuary doors. While only two doors will be accessible from the outside of the building, **all five exterior doors mentioned will be accessible as exits, in case of a fire or other emergency.**



Overall, this means that if you are someone who arrives after 10:45 a.m. for worship, you will either need to navigate around the building to the two sanctuary/narthex doors on 10th street, **or** ring the door bell and Maria, our weekend custodian, will let you by opening the doors from the office.

If you have any feedback for how this new system might impact you, please let us know! You can email us at fcc@firstchristian.org or call the office during the week at (573) 449-7265. Thank you all so much for your patience with us as we test out this new way to stay safe during worship!



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Worship Serving Schedule

Sunday, October 19, 2025

OFFICE RECEPTIONIST:

Carole Harris-Randerson

WELCOME STATION: Carrie Batterson

FLOWER MINISTRY: Dave & Debbie Potthast

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: The Fuemmelers

EARLY SERVICE HELPERS:

Mike Randerson & Mary Daugherty

COMMUNION PREP: Vicki & Alex Johnson

GREETERS: Janelle Patterson (N. DOOR),

Cindy Rose (S. DOOR), Debbie Potthast

(ATRIUM), David Potthast (PORTICO)

AV TEAM: Dan Gieseke & Noah Stagg

LITURGIST: Jacki Davidson

8:30 ELDER: Mary Daugherty

10:30 ELDERS: Jeff Underwood, Brenda

Mosby, Dan Tevis (Balcony)

DEACONS: The Underwood Team

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Hayley Batterson

OFFERING COUNTERS:

Sarah Storm and Deb Batterson