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

Happening Soon

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Regular Worship Schedule Returns

- Worship 8:30 & 10:30am, Sanctuary
- Coffee Fellowship Hour, 9:30am, YFH
- Quiet, Meditative Time, 9:30am, Library
- K-5 Sunday School, 9:30am, 3rd Floor
- 6-12 Sunday School, 9:30am, Higbee
- Annual Church Picnic, 12pm, Cosmo Park

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

- Coffman-Watson Meeting, 6pm,
Sally Robinson's House

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

- Bible Study, 10:30am, Morris Parlor
- Staff Meeting, 2pm, Morris Parlor
- Cabinet Meeting, 6:30pm, Morris Parlor

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

- Midweek Connect, 10:30am, Zoom
- Ladies' Book Club, 11:30am, Morris Parlor
- Bible Study, 12pm, Morris Parlor
- Chancel Bell Choir, 5pm, 3rd Floor
- Stewardship & Finance Meeting,
5:30pm, Morris Parlor
- Chancel Choir, 5:45pm, 3rd Floor

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

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



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13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 7TH

*"The Potter and
the Clay"*

JEREMIAH 18:1-11

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 7

8:30 & 10:30 Worship

9:30 Coffee Fellowship &
Sunday School

This Sunday! Regular Worship Schedule Returns

Regular Worship Schedule Resumes September 7

Our regular worship schedule resumes this Sunday, September 7. We will return to two services at 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Children's & Youth Sunday Schools will return on September 7, with the children meeting in the 3rd floor classrooms and the youth in the Higbee Center. Adult Sunday School will return the following Sunday, September 14 with coffee & snacks at Coffee Fellowship. Coffee Fellowship Hour will return to the 9:30 hour in Yonker Fellowship Hall this Sunday with coffee and snacks available to anyone in need of their daily fix. We are still super excited to introduce something **new** to the schedule this fall: **Quiet, Meditative Time in the Church Library!** This isn't a scheduled program, but we wanted to offer a third option for the 9:30 hour to meet spiritual needs that aren't social. The library will now be "open" on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. to offer space for anyone looking for quiet time to read, meditate, or relax before/after worship. Of course, the library is always open to anyone interested in perusing the shelves for a good book, but we want to especially encourage folks during the 9:30 hour to take advantage of the resource and gift that is the church library! Take your coffee and snack from coffee hour and spend quiet time in the library to prepare your spirit for worship and the coming week!

Annual Church Picnic

The annual Church Picnic will be held this **Sunday, September 7** at the Lamb Shelter of Cosmo Park (1615 Business Loop 70 W) from 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to join us! The Fellowship Committee will provide the meat and drinks. All who join are encouraged to bring a side dish or dessert to share. Please join us for this afternoon of fellowship, food, and fun!





News of the People & Places

Sympathy...

• **Debbie Taylor's** mother, Marlyn Clements, passed away on August 12. Services were held for Marlyn in Bonner Spring, KS. Keep Debbie & the Taylors in your prayers during this time of grief and transition.

• **Deirdre Wipke-Tevis** and **Dan Tevis** will travel to Minnesota this weekend for the funeral of Fletcher Merkel, the grandson of Deirdre's cousin. Fletcher was one of the two children killed in the mass shooting at Annunciation Church in south Minneapolis. Keep the Tevis and Merkel families in your prayers during this time of immense grief.

Prayers of Health & Healing...

• **Mark Mills** continues to heal from his kidney removal surgery at home.

• **Susan Gray** is quickly recovering at home from a fall at a friends house that caused a compression fracture on her spine.

Thank You...

Dear FCC Family,

Thank you so much for the scholarship opportunity, and for your constant support. The love that I've felt and the people who have shared it are fundamental to the person I am today. I would not be where I am, as I am without you.

Love, **Kameron Freed**



Dear FCC Family,

Thank you so much for awarding me the Vera M. Purdy and H. Glenn Purdy Scholarship, as well as the Marvin and Marceline Shamberger Education Scholarship! I am incredibly honored and grateful for your support as I continue my academic journey. This generous contribution means so much to me and will help me pursue my goals with even more determination and passion. I truly appreciate the encouragement and care from this wonderful community!

Love, **Kira Hoenes**

Dear FCC,

Thank you so much for the scholarship! The money you provided me will take me far in furthering my education and connection with God! Thank you!

Love, **Paige Freed**

A big thank you to **Mike Randerson** and **Valerie Freed** for invaluable help watering and weeding the church grounds

2 this past week!

Mary Daugherty

Organ Renovation Update

Since the pipe removal project in July, the organ renovation has been steadily moving forward. Reinhardt Construction began removing plaster in August, as well as performing a water test to examine where the leak in the organ chambers that damaged the plaster originated. The water test revealed that the leak remained, and Missouri Builders plans to address the leak by fixing the roof in the next few weeks.

In the midst of it all, the Stewardship & Finance Committee reviewed and approved a list of a few more additions to the upgrade of the organ while the organ parts are in the Levens plant at this time. These additions include a list of stops that were discussed on the final day of the organ removal, but were also among a much larger list of items discussed at the beginning of the process of upgrading the organ. Levens presented us with a proposal for the additional cost added to the contract of \$6,250.00, which **Rochelle Parker** and **Tom Perkins** pledged to pay to cover the stops. The Administrative Board approved the addition to the contract on August 15. Throughout this process, we've continued to find out more and more about our building and our organ, and we're so grateful for everyone who has made this work possible!



Historical Room Move

Historical Room Items Moved to Morris Parlor

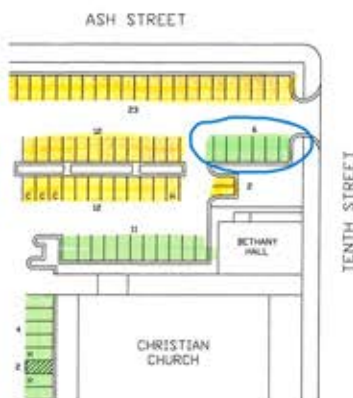
In a move to support the expansion of the Mother's Day Out Preschool, the Administrative Board voted on August 15 to approve the use of the room previously occupied by the Historical Room for the preschool. To expand the total roster of children attending the preschool weekly, the preschool needed additional space. The Historical Room is centrally located for the preschool and is nudged between the nursery and the Keystone room, where MDO currently operates. This new preschool space allows us to extend the scope of MDO's work, and it adds to the bottom line revenues for the preschool and the church.

This move was originally discussed at the June board meeting, but was put forward as a special vote in August when we learned that a local preschool was closing their doors suddenly at the beginning of September, meaning we had a limited amount of time to offer these students space in our program. In less than two weeks following the vote, **Brenda Mosby's** energy bus moved the items out of the Historical Room and into Morris Parlor. We have so many... *(cont'd on pg 3)*

(cont'd from pg 2) ...people to thank for this quick move — Brenda Mosby, Janelle Patterson, Jean Juba, Jeff Underwood, Marcia Smith, Holly Gieseke, Carla Tanzey, Debbie Potthast, Ryan Hunsaker, Justin DeWick, Suellen Wells, Sarah Storm, and Fred Mottaz (hopefully we didn't leave anyone out)! There were many hands that originally made the Historical Room possible, but we want to thank Genie Rogers, Ken Watson, Chris Creasy, Bob Hutton, and Brenda Mosby for making it such a notable part of our building for folks to visit. While all of the historical room items are now situated in Morris Parlor, we aren't finished just yet—we still have several pictures and plaques to hang in the meantime. However, take time the next time you're in Morris Parlor to peruse some of the historical items that tell some of the story of our church!

New Renter in Bethany Hall

The best news to come this fall is that we have renters for Bethany Hall! The Columbia Foster and Adoption Project officially "moved in" on September 1. The Columbia Foster and Adoption Project offers support to the foster and adoptive community by providing tangible items and supplies for the children of these homes. To learn more about the important work they do, please visit fosteranadoptionproject.org. While we move forward re-learning life with a renter in Bethany, we wanted to remind everyone about the six rented parking spots at the 10th street entrance to the parking lot. These six spots—marked "First Christian Church Lessee" - are designated for our Bethany Hall renters and our parking spot renters. Those who park in these spots are at risk of being towed at any time, including Sunday, and even those with chalice stickers. Thank you all for your patience as we continue navigating our shared spaces!



Thank you to our wonderful & dedicated Loaves & Fishes Volunteers!!



SEPTEMBER

Birthdays

- September 8** - Jeff LaHue, Joseph McCormack
- September 9** - **Bonnie Fay (90!)**, Shannon Schaefer
- September 11** - James Mark Rogers
- September 12** - Deb Batterson, Aiden Fullington
- September 13** - Colleen Nilges
- Anniversaries**
- September 8** - Steve & Jessica Humble
- September 12** - **Rich & Betty Montgomery (61 years!)**

The Wardrobe

Because of nearby construction, The Wardrobe will NOT be accepting donations the month of September. It will close Sept 18-30th. It re-opens October 1st with fall/winter inventory. Thank you for your continued support.

Linda Hutton

Ladies' Book Club



Ladies' Book Club chose 9 books for the coming year. Beginning September 10, we will meet every 2nd Wednesday of the month through May. We do not meet June or July. Our meetings will be in Morris Parlor (2nd floor) at 11:30 a.m. Bring a sack lunch or maybe go out to lunch afterwards. There is warmth in this group and lively discussions. Come join us.

The following is this year's schedule and book list:

- ♦ **Sep. 10th** - *Frozen River* by Ariel Lawton (Amy LaHue)
- ♦ **Oct. 8th** - *House on Endless Waters* by Emuna Elon (Marcia Smith)
- ♦ **Nov. 12th** - *The Briar Club* by Kate Quinn (Linda Hutton)
- ♦ **Dec. 10th** - *December Lunch & Accompanying Disability* by Rev. Dr. Topher Endress (Peggy Veatch)
- ♦ **Jan. 14th** - *All the Colors of the Dark* by Chris Whitaker (Mary Daugherty)
- Feb. 11th** - *Winter Garden* by Kristin Hannah (Edie Pigg)
- ♦ **March 11th** - *Long Way Home* by Lynn Austin (Betty Montgomery)
- ♦ **April 8th** - *The Secret War of Julia Child* by Diana Chambers (Debbie Schultz)
- ♦ **May 13th** - *The Flower Sisters* by Michelle Collins Anderson (Barb Rothenberger)

We look forward to seeing you next Wednesday. Until then, happy reading!



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Worship Serving Schedule

Sunday, September 7, 2025

OFFICE RECEPTIONIST: Janelle Patterson

WELCOME STATION: Steve Humble

FLOWER MINISTRY:

Mary Daugherty & Karen Hobson

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP: The Rogers'

EARLY SERVICE HELPERS: TBD

COMMUNION PREP:

Amy Marrero & Ryan Stem

GREETERS: David Potthast (N. DOOR),
Debbie Potthast (S. DOOR), Don Mosby
(ATRIUM), Bud Batterson (PORTICO)

AV TEAM: Chris Fuemmeler

LITURGIST: Chris Fuemmeler

8:30 ELDER: Mary Daugherty

10:30 ELDERS: Bryan Garton, Debbie
Garton, Cindy Rose (Balcony)

DEACONS: The Potthast Team

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Hayley Batterson

OFFERING COUNTERS:

Sarah Storm and Janelle Patterson