

# The Church Bell

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## Thinking Strategically About the Future

*Dr. Jim Hill*

*Interim Senior Minister*

We have a very special opportunity coming in a few weeks for the entire congregation. On Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, we will have one worship service at the North Jefferson pavilion at 10:00 a.m. Following our worship lunch will be provided and the Strategic Planning Committee will be leading a special time of discussion. This discussion is also a part of the *Intentional Interim Self-study*. The Strategic Planning Committee has been working on updating the church's mission and vision statements, and they have also identified a series of potential "core values" for the church and our ministry together.

A mission statement is a statement of identity and purpose. It identifies who we are and why we exist. A vision statement is a statement of direction or a destination for our journey. It tells us where we are going. The core values are the convictions that guide and inspire our actions. This is the foundational work for the new strategic plan that the committee is working on for the church. This special session will allow the church family to review these statements and values and provide feedback and suggestions for the committee. Obviously, receiving input from the congregation during this process is very helpful and important. We will be practicing social distancing and masking for the session (except for the mealtime). I hope you will make a special effort to be present for the discussion.

As you know Missouri, and specifically our community, has seen a significant increase in COVID cases in recent weeks. Our Worship Committee recently recommended new procedures to help keep our church family and community safe. I want to thank you for being responsive to their recommendation that *everyone worshiping with us wear a mask to protect yourselves and more importantly out of respect for others*. As you know, this is the current recommendation of the CDC and other medical experts for both vaccinated and unvaccinated people when indoors in high infection areas, like Cole County.

This Sunday we will conclude our worship series on *the Bread of Life* from the sixth chapter of John's gospel. I will be sharing a message from John 6:56-69. I hope you will join us for worship in-person or online. I look forward to seeing you on Sunday.

# OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We pray for these

Beverly Anderson, Steve Brown, Jane Burd, Nellie Campbell, Richard Carroll, Darlene Charles, Georgiale Dallas, Doug Defreese, Nancy Dunwiddie, Marilyn Gross, John & Barbara Gulick, Cheryl Hanson, Norma Hasselman, Jeanette Hickman, Venita Jackson, Brooks Jarrett, Shirley Jarrett, Jessica Kozlen, Emily Lane, Vivian Murphy, Jackie Possinger, Kathy Speidel, Elaine West, Doris Yelton, Our Country and our men and women serving our country, the world, safe travels

Individuals will be kept on our prayer list for **four weeks** at a time. At the end of four weeks, please give Kathy a call at 573.636.5157 or email her [Kathy@firstchristianjcmo.org](mailto:Kathy@firstchristianjcmo.org), if you would like continued prayers for an individual. Thank you!

## Members in Care Centers

### BLUEGRASS TERRACE

Glenda Crow

### HEISINGER

Richard Carroll

Shirley Ferguson

Barbara Nikodyn

Norma Woodson

### JC MANOR

Jackie Possinger

### OAK TREE VILLA

Sue Cobble

Georgiale Dallas

Shirley Jarrett

Emily Lane

### PRIMROSE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

Norma Hasselman

Wendell & Myra Hubbs

Jessie Schell

### ST. JOSEPH'S BLUFFS

Doris Yelton

### THE TIMBERS

Marilyn Gross

### VILLA MARIE

Terry Fockler

### HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Mariam Craddock

### OUT-OF-TOWN MEMBERS

Betty Schramm

Betty Schulte

## August Birthdays and Anniversaries

<b>AUG</b>	
	1
Sharon Gonder	
Joyce Wagner	
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Barbara Kuebler	
Cameo Middleton	
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Toni McNeal	
<i>Brian &amp; Kara Knight</i>	
	5
Brenda Johnson	
Wade Park	
	6
Elaine West	
<i>Mark &amp; Sue Snell</i>	
	7
Judy Brooks	
Scout Claycomb	
Rick Naught	
<i>Tom &amp; Barbara Rackers</i>	
	8
<i>Steven &amp; Kathy Brown</i>	
<i>Danny &amp; Nina Stewart</i>	

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<i>Doug &amp; Cindy VanCamp</i>	
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Stephen Drake	
Scott Little	
	11
<i>Tony &amp; Katy Ramirez</i>	
	12
Maren Moore	
<i>Mark &amp; Elaine Woodson</i>	
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Alex Wood	
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Drew Bell	
Stacey Gregory-Angell	
Wayne Hepler	
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David Avery	
Doug VanCamp	
Denise Woodruff	
<i>Jim &amp; Marty Morris</i>	
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Eden Dietle	
Kyleigh Garver	
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	19
<i>Cole &amp; Melanie Markway</i>	
	20
Dot Baker	
Clancy Dunn	
<i>Morris &amp; Denise Woodruff</i>	
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Maylin Miller	
Nancy Mormann	
	22
Barbara Rackers	
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<i>Chris &amp; Sonya Cooley</i>	
<i>Dan &amp; Tracy McClard</i>	
	24
Gene Adkison	
<i>Chris &amp; Marsha Graham</i>	

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Lauren Eichelberger	
Hazel Fishback	
Christine Mott	
J.T. Yarnell	
<i>Don &amp; Winnie Shaw</i>	
	26
Stephanie Bell	
Brenda Foutes	
Sandy Robinson	
<i>Michael &amp; Sandi Helton</i>	
	27
Payton Garver	
	28
Laura Avery	
Susan Vaughn	
	29
<i>Brian &amp; Shelly Drake</i>	
	30
Betty Schulte	
	31
Cindy Cook	
Travis Jackson	

## Updates from Rev. Alexis

### Coffee House Open Office Hours for August

I am going to work from the Coffee Zone at 130 E High Street from 8:30 AM - 10: 30 AM on Thursday, August 19. You're welcome to join me for coffee and conversation at any point during that time frame or email me at [Alexis@firstchristianjcmo.org](mailto:Alexis@firstchristianjcmo.org) to arrange another time to meet. As weather and space permit, I plan to be sitting at one of the tables outside.

Because of a class I am auditing on Thursday mornings starting August 26, my Coffee House Hours will be suspended for a few weeks after the 19th but will resume on *Tuesday* mornings in mid-September. I'll keep you posted via the Bell and the church bulletin. I have enjoyed the conversations that have taken place thus far and will be excited to return to a regular schedule when that is possible.

One of my favorite parts of ministry is the opportunity to spend time with members and listen to whatever you'd like to share. Let me know if you plan to stop by so I can look forward to seeing you.

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### Learning Opportunity from the Mid-America Region

Israel and Palestine: Toward a Greater Understanding

I have been preparing a special webinar with our Mid-America Regional Ministers, Rev. Paul Koch and Rev. Ron Routledge that will provide information for our region about the ongoing complexities in Israel and Palestine on Wednesday, September 1 from 7-8:15 PM via Zoom. Both individuals and church groups are welcome to attend. You may submit questions in advance using this form:

<https://forms.gle/EFjcQ8ZLhg8an4wm9>.

You can learn more and access the Zoom link here: <https://www.mid-america-disciples.org/upcoming-events/2021/7/30/israel-and-palestine-toward-a-greater-understanding>

You're also welcome to contact me if you have questions. I would love to know if you plan to attend, although you do not have to RSVP in advance.

With You on the Journey,

*Rev. Alexis*

[Alexis@firstchristianjcmo.org](mailto:Alexis@firstchristianjcmo.org)



Dear friends,

I am pleased to report that our church recently gave a check for \$61,000 to Transformational Housing. This was part of a program where we matched individual member contributions with Community Ministry funds. Including money that our members gave directly to Transformational Housing prior to August 1 of this year, we gave about \$65,000 in total.

You may recall that Transformational Housing is a non-profit that our church helped start after the tornado to address the low income housing shortage in our community. We have also supported this project with countless hours of volunteer support demolishing and rebuilding an apartment building at 203 Cherry Street. Progress continues and it looks like the building will be ready for occupancy near the end of this year.

On behalf of Transformational Housing and your own Missions team, I want to thank you for the continuing generosity of your time and talents as well as financial resources.

*Blessings,  
John Blosser*

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### *From Rev. Dr. John Bennett*

As the mentor for Alexis Engelbrecht, our Assistant Minister, in her ordination process, I was privileged to attend the recent virtual Regional Commission on Ministry meeting in which she engaged in the mid-level interview with the Commission. Not surprisingly, she did a stellar job fielding their questions about theology and ministry matters.

The Commission heartily agreed with my assessment that "Alexis is exceptionally qualified intellectually and spiritually to be a candidate for ordination as a Disciple minister."

Her final ordination interview will occur in January, 2022. She will do well! Her Service of Ordination will occur here at FCC sometime in the Spring. Alexis and our congregation will be blessed when that occurs. Thanks be to God!

HISTORIC CITY OF JEFFERSON PRESENTS

## TOUR OF HISTORIC PLACES OF WORSHIP

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021**  
**1:00 PM - 4:30 PM**  
**JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI**

Self-paced walking/driving tour featuring several historic places of worship in Jefferson City. Learn about the history of the congregations and how they have impacted our community over the past 200 years.

Tour will feature several historic places of worship including:

<small>Central Church First Christian First Presbyterian First United Methodist Grace Episcopal</small>	<small>Immaculate Conception Quinn Chapel Temple Beth El and more!</small>
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Advance Tickets: \$15      Day-of Tickets: \$18

Available online at [www.historiccityofjefferson.org](http://www.historiccityofjefferson.org) or at the following locations:  
Capital Arts/Carrie's Hallmark/Click2Sell4u/Hyvee  
J Street Vintage/Samuel's/Schaefer House/Schulte's/ShopGirl



**A couple more volunteers are needed to welcome the community to First Christian Church the day of this event. If you would like to volunteer, please give Kathy a call at 573-636-5157.**

## Update on Children's Sunday School and Parent/Guardian Conversation from Erin Lepper, Faith Formation Chair

We really enjoyed our youth Sunday school opportunities this summer! There was much joy in crafting and cooking with our congregation's youth and talking about the amazing faith in the Moses and Daniel stories, and reflecting on prayer this month, with Jesus, as he teaches us how to pray.

In an abundance of caution, youth Sunday school will not meet during September so that we can evaluate the COVID situation as our youth transition back to school. As the team develops plans for October, we're preparing for multiple venues to meet (virtually or in person), build community, and learn together, regardless of the COVID situation. We look forward to faith foundation building in the coming months!

Parents and guardians - please remember that we're here for you too, as you walk in and model faith for the youth in your lives. We'll meet again for parent and guardian conversations on the fourth Sunday in August at 9:30 AM. These conversations are provided, most importantly, to share support for one another in our role as parents, guardians and faith leaders for our kids. They also provide an opportunity to share stories and learn from each other. Well experienced parents and guardians are also welcome!! Those of us with young kids at home appreciate those with adult kids who can share their experiences!



## Music

### **UPCOMING SPECIAL MUSIC**

I'm excited about special music the next couple of weeks and so grateful for friends who are willing to share with us in worship as our guests. Most of these individuals have been with us on several occasions either as a part of one of our cantatas or in providing solos and duets.

\*August 22, 8:20 – Kelsie Slaughter and Jack DeArmey, Westminster College grads with whom I had the pleasure of accompanying during their time there, will share "Hallelujah," the perennial favorite refrain of Leonard Cohen's composition, as a call to worship. They will also sing "Your Great Name" and "Power of the Cross." (Fun fact: Kelsie recently starred as the Wicked Witch of the West in TLT's production of the Wizard of Oz.)

\*August 29, 8:20 – Tom Steever will sing the modern hymn, "Speak, O Lord," arranged by Heather Sorenson. Tom sings very expressively and I've no doubt you will be blessed once again by his musical offering.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS for Sept. 28!**

As fate would have it, the same week I was thinking of asking jazz trumpeter Hermon Mehari to present a concert in our sanctuary, he contacted me with the same request. The answer was an immediate "of course!" Joining us with your friends in the sanctuary on a Fall Tuesday evening to witness a really great musical performance will be one of the best things you could do for yourself!

Hermon began his trumpet studies with FCC's Tim Alexander, then graduated with a degree in Jazz Performance from the UMKC Conservatory of Music. He is the founding member of the award-winning jazz group Diverse. He has two albums, the latest recorded in 2020 when in lock down due to the pandemic. While he still holds deep ties to the Kansas City jazz scene, the past several years Mehari has been based in Paris, France. In addition to performing, Mehari dedicates himself to being a serious educator and has participated in clinics and panels around the world.

## Baby Clothes

The church has begun collecting CLEAN, GENTLY USED baby and toddler clothes, ages Newborn to 5. If you have clothes in these size ranges you would like to donate, please bring them to the church office. If you know someone who could benefit from these clothes, please give us their name and phone number so we can arrange a time for them to come look through them. First priority will be given to our congregation families.

*Ann Littlefield*

# OFFICE NOTES

Church office hours are 8AM to 5PM Monday through Friday. Kathy takes a lunch hour somewhere between 1:30PM and 3:00PM [usually 1:45PM to 2:45PM]. If you need to drop something off at church, or need to speak with Kathy, coming in before 1:30PM or after 3:00PM is the easiest way to know someone will be in the office.

Rev. Dr. Jim Hill is in the office on Mondays and Tuesdays, besides being here on Sundays. You may always get in touch with him by email [Jim@firstchristianjcmo.org](mailto:Jim@firstchristianjcmo.org) or by calling the church office.

Rev. Sarah can be contacted by phone or email [Sarah@firstchristianjcmo.org](mailto:Sarah@firstchristianjcmo.org). She has office hours on Mondays from 2 - 4PM and is off on Thursdays.

## 1ST SUNDAY AUG 1

### 8:20AM

#### ELDER

Patty Osman  
David Avery

#### LITURGIST

Rita Starnes

#### DEACONS

Allen Posz  
Marsha Posz  
Kathy Brown  
Venita Jackson

#### USHERS

Doug Hagenhoff  
Milinda Dawson

#### COMMUNION PREP

Virginia Lister

### 10:40AM

#### ELDER

Ray Miles  
Wanda King

#### LITURGIST

Beth Nolte

#### DEACONS

Brian Knight  
Kara Knight  
Tyler Fishback  
Miranda Fishback

#### USHERS

Jim Dunwiddie  
Russ Dunwiddie

## 2ND SUNDAY AUG 8

### 8:20AM

#### ELDER

J.T. Yarnell  
Cindy Leveron

#### LITURGIST

John Blosser

#### DEACONS

Ken Littlefield  
Nancy Samp  
Linda Ringo  
Nancy Hequembourg

#### USHERS

Joe Payne  
Nike Thompson

#### COMMUNION PREP

Meghan Hagenhoff

### 10:40AM

#### ELDER

Bob Priddy  
Laura Avery

#### LITURGIST

Brenda Foutes

#### DEACONS

Blair Johnson  
Sally Moore  
Charles Highland  
Steven Claycomb

#### USHERS

Debi Wells  
Georgia Griffith

## 3RD SUNDAY AUG 15

### 8:20AM

#### ELDER

Ann Littlefield  
David Avery

#### LITURGIST

Bobbi Enslin

#### DEACONS

Lauren Eichelberger  
Chris Lloyd  
Marsha Graham

#### USHERS

Greg & Sherry  
Fitzpatrick

#### COMMUNION PREP

Karen Shroyer

### 10:40AM

#### ELDER

Wanda King  
Steve Waters

#### LITURGIST

Georgia Griffith

#### DEACONS

Missy Mann  
Jessica Bivin  
Shaun Crisp  
Leigh Love

#### USHERS

Morris Woodruff  
Stephen Foutes

## 4TH SUNDAY AUG 22

### 8:20AM

#### ELDER

Cindy Leveron  
J.T. Yarnell

#### LITURGIST

Nancy Samp

#### DEACONS

Doug Hagenhoff  
Jenny Hagenhoff  
Barb Gage  
Kathy Cavender

#### USHERS

Kathy Cavendar  
Rick Vaughan

#### COMMUNION PREP

Sandy Robinson

### 10:40AM

#### ELDER

Barbara Kuebler  
Melanie Highland

#### LITURGIST

Maren Moore

#### DEACONS

Stephen Foutes  
Brenda Foutes  
Sherry Anderson  
Ashley Crisp

#### USHERS

Marsha & Allen  
Posz

## 5TH SUNDAY AUG 29

### 8:20AM

#### ELDER

Alan Nelson  
Bob Priddy

#### LITURGIST

John Kuebler

#### DEACONS

Jeanne Nelson  
Tracy McClard  
Doris Park

#### USHERS

Greg & Sherry  
Fitzpatrick

#### COMMUNION PREP

Karen Shroyer

### 10:40AM

#### ELDER

Steve Waters  
Cecile Landrum

#### LITURGIST

Andrew Highland

#### DEACONS

Jon Prouty  
Amanda Prouty  
Jeff Moore

#### USHERS

Morris Woodruff  
Stephen Foutes

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**AFTER HOURS EMERGENCIES:**  
 Please contact Rev. Kingsbery at 573-690-2480 **Non-emergency** church-related items after working hours, Monday thru Friday 8AM to 5PM, we have voice mail. Please feel free to call the church (573-636-5157) at any time and leave a message. **NOTE: IF YOU LEAVE A MESSAGE ON THE ANSWERING MACHINE ON FRIDAY (AFTER 5PM), SATURDAY, OR SUNDAY, IT WILL NOT BE CHECKED UNTIL MONDAY MORNING. THANK YOU.**

 The next *Church Bell* will be sent September 1, 2021.  
 (Articles are due by noon the Monday before)



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 If you need the password, please contact the church office at 573-636-5157 or one of our leaders. To join in on our free conference calls, dial (712) 775-7270 and enter access code 444928.

Please email or call Tina Mollenkamp tinamollenkamp@cgcb.org/573-522-4314, if you would like to be on Common Grounds email newsletter list, regular mailing list, or both. As an alternative, you can also sign up for the email newsletters on our website at [www.cgcb.org](http://www.cgcb.org).



## You may also give online at [firstchristianjcmo.org/donate](http://firstchristianjcmo.org/donate)

### Financial Records and Questions

Questions related to giving and church finances should be sent to Carol Kaylor at [finance@firstchristianjcmo.org](mailto:finance@firstchristianjcmo.org). We have contracted with CALD services, a local accounting firm specializing in religious non-profits, to provide these critical functions.

*Who Are We? We call ourselves Disciples, a community of believers who follow Jesus by worshipping God, growing in faith, and serving all in need. Bound to each other in Christ's love, we discover our life together through sharing life with the world.*

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