

Heritage Celebration

First Christian Church

Friday, November 5, 2021

6:00 p.m.

Family Life Center

Pie & Ice Cream Fellowship with Church Family

*Help Us Explore a Timeline of Our Church's History
As We Recount the Mighty Acts of God on Our Behalf*

Sponsored by the Search Committee as part of the Intentional Interim Ministry

The Search Committee is planning to serve pie and ice cream. We are seeking volunteers to bring fruit pies and to help with cutting/serving. If you are able to do so, pies should be brought to the Activity Room by 4:00 PM on Friday, Nov. 5. Please contact Susan Vaughn at susanvaughn@centurylink.net / 573-636-6946, if you are able to volunteer either way.

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We Need You

Dr. Jim Hill

Interim Senior Minister

There are several very important events coming soon, but for these events to be truly special, we need you to be present. On Friday evening, November 5, at 6:00 p.m. the Search Committee will be hosting a **Heritage Celebration** for the entire church family as we explore “the story” of First Christian Church. We will have pie and ice cream (two of my favorites) and explore together the wonderful history of this congregation. I believe this will be a great evening of fellowship as we “recount” some of the mighty acts of God through the years on behalf of First Christian Church. I hope you will make a special effort to be present for this event.

In a way that seems very appropriate to me, following our Heritage Celebration, on Sunday, November 7, we will observe **All Saints Day** during our morning worship services. It is certainly appropriate for us to remember the saints who have died over the past year and to give thanks to God for their lives and their contribution to the life and ministry of our church. These special services help us to process our grief, and they allow us to celebrate life.

Also on Sunday, November 7, we will have a **Congregational Meeting** in the sanctuary at 9:45 a.m. between our worship services. This is a very important meeting when the Administrative Board will present a recommendation to elect members to serve on the Administrative Board, the Ministry Team, Personnel Committee, and to serve as Elders and Deacons for the 2022 church year. The list of names will be submitted to the Congregation after the Board meets on November 2, 2021, to approve the list of nominees. The Administrative Board will also present the proposed Budget for the FY 2022 Budget. Obviously, these recommendations are very important to the life of our church.

On Sunday afternoon, November 14, at 4:00 p.m. our church will host our **Annual Sam B. Cook Memorial Organ Concert**. This is a wonderful opportunity, not only for our church family, but also for the larger community. This year our guest organist is Christopher Houlihan. He has established an international reputation as an “intelligently virtuoso musician” (Gramophone), hailed for his “glowing, miraculously life-affirming performances” (Los Angeles Times). It is rare that our community has the opportunity to host a musician of this caliber. I hope you invite a friend and plan to be present for the concert.

This Sunday, October 31, we will conclude our series on *Following Jesus*. We will be exploring the gospel text from Mark 12:28-34. Jesus tried to help his disciples understand what it meant to *follow him*—to be his disciple. All of his disciples had their own ideas and their own plans. Sometimes they missed the point. Sometimes they had the wrong priorities. Jesus pointed them to *New Priorities*. I believe these new priorities should be our priorities, too. I look forward to worshipping with you on the Lord’s Day.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We pray for these

Gene Adkison, Beverly Anderson, Dot Baker, Steve Brown, Jane Burd, Nellie Campbell, Richard Carroll, Darlene Charles, Doug Defreese, Nancy Dunwiddie, Ken Dykes, Marilyn Gross, Cheryl Hanson, Norma Hasselman, Jeanette Hickman, Venita Jackson, Brooks Jarrett, Shirley Jarrett, Jessica Kozlen, Matthew Lang, Michael Lister, Vivian Murphy, Patty Osman, Jackie Possinger, Doris Yelton, Our Country and our men and women serving our country, the world

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, if you would like continued prayers for an individual. Thank you!

Members in Care Centers

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Glenda Crow

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Richard Carroll

Shirley Ferguson

Barbara Nikodyn

Norma Woodson

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Jackie Possinger

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Marilyn Gross

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Jessie Schell

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Doris Yelton

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Mariam Craddock

OUT-OF-TOWN MEMBERS

Betty Schramm

Betty Schulte

October and November Birthdays and Anniversaries

OCT			
27	5	16	23
Landon Schwartz	Marty Morris	Stephanie Johnson	<i>Bob & Nancy Priddy</i>
28	Sandra Troutt	Linda Ringo	24
Brian Drake	6	Rita Starnes	25
Mitzi Snyder	Sean Vegiard	Haylee Terrell	Carson Lepper
29	7	17	26
Chris Cooley	8	Gregory Fitzpatrick	Brenda Ruff
Dominique Harrison	Jade Johnson	Susan Hahn	27
30	<i>Jeff & Mitzi Snyder</i>	<i>Jon & Amanda Prouty</i>	Chase Penn
Joy Foster	9	18	28
31	Lucas Boling	19	Bill Trimm
Lois Alexander	Gary Spencer	Shelly Drake	29
Larry Link	10	Emma Mann	Shaun Crisp
Judy Nienhueser	Bob Murphy	Barb Marshall	30
Jack Watkins	<i>Dakoda & Raven Ballard</i>	20	Sandi Helton
<i>Michael & Sarah Jones</i>	11	21	
NOV	12	Fanci Bennett	
1	13	Mariam Craddock	
Katie Woodruff	Dakoda Ballard	Jeanette Hickman	
2	14	Bailey Markway	
Jim Jordan	Huba Wells	Kaley Ruff	
3	15	Winnie Shaw	
4	Shirley Ferguson	22	
	<i>Ken & Patty Osman</i>	Leigh Beasley	
		Joan Love	

NOTICE

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Annual Congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, November 7, 2021 in the sanctuary at 9:45 am. This meeting is required by the FCC Constitution for the following two reasons:

1. To elect members to serve on the Administrative Board, the Ministry Team, Personnel Committee and to serve as Elders and Deacons for the 2022 church year. The list of names will be submitted to the Congregation after the Board meets on November 2, 2021 to approve the list of nominees. If you would like to serve or nominate someone to serve in one of these roles in the coming year, please contact Barbara Kuebler, Leadership Development Team at keeb51@me.com or 573-230-4727 or contact the church office at 573-636-5157.
2. For the adoption of the FY 2022 Budget. The Board will be voting to approve the Budget at its November 2nd meeting so it can be submitted to the Congregation at the November 7th meeting for Congregational approval. Anyone wishing to attend this Board Meeting may do so. We will be meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Activities Room.

Please plan on attending this important Congregational meeting that will set out our leadership and budget for this coming year. You may participate in the Congregational meeting November 7 at 9:45AM in the sanctuary or via **Zoom** using the following **meeting ID 2202286773**.

*Prayerfully yours,
Stephen R. Waters
Administrative Board Chair*



3RD ANNUAL SAM B. COOK MEMORIAL CONCERT

The third annual Sam B. Cook Memorial Organ Concert will take place in our sanctuary on **Sunday, November 14 at 4:00 PM**. Be prepared to be wowed by 33-year-old virtuoso organist Christopher Houlihan, who established an international reputation at a young age. The Los Angeles Times hails him for his "glowing, miraculously life-affirming performances." The concert is free! This annual event has proven to be a great gift to the community, so invite your friends to attend with you!

Updates from Rev. Alexis

Open Coffee House Hours Update

Due to the cooler temperatures and the need to make space to plan upcoming faith formation opportunities, we're taking a break from the weekly open coffee house hours. You are still welcome to contact Rev. Alexis to arrange a time to meet: Alexis@firstchristianjcmo.org.

Ways for Parent and Guardians to Connect

Beginning Tuesday, November 2, Rev. Alexis will host casual check-in Zoom sessions during which parents and guardians can sign in at any time between noon and 1PM. These check-in sessions will be offered the first Tuesday of every month at noon via Zoom. You can join by following this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87825019003>.

As a reminder, we have Parent and Guardian Faith Conversations the third Sunday afternoon of every month, so November's session meets on the 21st from 3-4 via Zoom. Parents and guardians can join the Zoom meeting using this special link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83744778126>. Contact Rev. Alexis to learn more: Alexis@firstchristianjcmo.org.

Celebrating Our Small Group Ministry Participants

It continues to be a joy and honor to serve participants in our weekly Bible Study, the Roman Empire and the New Testament series, and our current Sermon on the Mount series. Along with reading *The Roman Empire and the New Testament: An Essential Guide* by Dr. Warren Carter, the Roman Empire and the New Testament participants learned about the Roman Empire's hierarchy, lifestyles of the elite and non-elite, the Galilean Fishing Economy, the Wesleyan Quadrilateral, Resistance Literature, ancient home churches, the Pauline Corpus, the genre of epistles/letters, the genre of ancient biography, the Four-Source Hypothesis, ancient understandings of demons, satan, and devil, the secular age and the age of enchantment, Aristotle's influence in the use of "Father," honor/shame culture, and the challenge/riposte formula. They have applied learnings about context, culture, language, and genre in their interpretations of various passages in the New Testament. In other words, small group participants have been engaged in the important work of faith formation!

Much thanks to the 32 participants in the Roman Empire group, those who attended our special session with Dr. Carter, and the 43 participants in our current Sermon on the Mount series. Each one of you enhances our discussions and our learning experiences.

To learn more about our small group ministry series, email Alexis@firstchristianjcmo.org. New faith formation opportunities will begin after November 18.

*With You on the Journey,
Alexis*

A Special Thank You

We want to express our appreciation to the members of our congregation who helped to cover the office during the afternoon hours while Kathy was away for her surgery and recovery process. We are very grateful for the generous way you volunteered to meet this need, and the gracious way you served.

Thank You!

FCC Church family

I want to thank all of you for your prayers and support during my recent illness and extended hospital stays. The texts, cards, and calls lifted my spirits. I felt the love and I never lost hope. Special thanks to Reverend Sarah for her concern, prayers and outreach. Also, Reverend Alexis who brought me a walker and was there for me and spent time supporting and caring for my husband, the caregiver.

*Grateful for each of you,
Vivian Murphy*



An Open Thank You!

In my spiritual walk with Christ, I find myself taking more responsibility for my own life. To me, that means helping others.

It's great to know that there are so many wonderful people in this community, and especially in our community of faith right here at First Christian Church.

Yesterday, at this writing, I gave one of our prayer shawls to a wonderful "young" lady I hadn't been able to visit with since the

pandemic started two years ago. She lives in a nursing home.

My friend was thrilled to receive her prayer shawl! The minutes turned into an hour, as we got caught up on the news and had a great time, mostly talking about her new Elvis clock collection. Just more people to see, no matter where you are in life, if you really think about it. A big "thank you" to the ladies who made the prayer shawls, from her and me.

All-in-all, my friend enjoyed, as in her words, "will continue to enjoy her shawl, until we see each other again!"

That prayer shawl was and is very much appreciated!

*Friends-in-Christ,
Elizabeth "Joy" Coffman*

Nursery Coordinator/Director

We are looking for someone to carry on the outstanding work that Missy Mann has done for some time (several years?) as Nursery Coordinator/Director. This job would involve keeping the Nursery Room stocked with the products necessary for supervising the children during church and scheduling workers for both services on a Sunday. If individuals are not scheduled for a given service or Sunday, the Coordinator/Director would fill in. This position would be a paid position for four hours per week, and, if the individual needed to fill in for a given service or Sunday, they would be paid for that as well. Applications are being received at this time and should be directed to the attention of Rev. Jim Hill (jameslesliehill@gmail.com).

Congratulations to Brett Kuebler!

Brett Kuebler, son of Dustin & Amy Kuebler, was recognized this past week at the JCPS Board meeting for being an Outstanding Senior at Capital City High School. What an honor!

CWF Mary Circle meetings resume

Mary Circle meets the 1st Monday of each month at 1:00 PM in the gathering area. (No meetings in June, July and August). Our members have developed a close bond of friendship and fellowship. Our members participate in the Church's programs, and remember our Circle's homebound for birthdays and special days. We also provide dinners to bereaved families of our Circle. We always welcome new members. **Our next meeting is Monday, November 1st at 1:00 PM.** If you have questions, please contact Virginia Lister or Rev. Sarah.

Children's Sunday School Schedule

The Children's Sunday School class will meet at 9:30 AM on the 2nd and 4th Sundays through December. We will be learning more about David through crafts and cooking each month. In October we focused on his anointing; In November we will learn about his encounter with Goliath; and in December we will learn more about his relationship with Saul.

FCC Connectors Meeting

to be held between services Sunday, October 31st.

East School Conferences - Volunteers Needed

We will be able to hand out t-shirts at East Elementary during parent-teacher conferences again this year! A long standing part of our partnership with East, the shirts are a wonderful incentive for families to participate in conferences and it is great opportunity for us to get to know our East School neighbors.

We are in need of two to three volunteers to hand out shirts on the following days and times:

- Thursday November 4th 3PM-5PM
- Thursday November 4th 5PM-7PM
- Tuesday November 9th 3PM-5PM
- Tuesday November 9th 5PM-7PM

If you are able to help, please contact Robin Grumm or the church office.



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Weekly Prayer Call

Every **Wednesday at 9:15 AM** we gather via conference call to share our prayer concerns and our celebrations and to lift them up to God together.

Call In Phone Number: (716-427-1083)

Access Code: 444928

Bible Study

Join Rev. Sarah and Rev. Alexis for Bible Study **Wednesdays at noon** in the Activities Room. We discuss the scripture for the coming Sunday.

Serving this Month

5TH SUNDAY OCT 31	1ST SUNDAY NOV 7	2ND SUNDAY NOV 14	3RD SUNDAY NOV 21	4TH SUNDAY NOV 28
820AM	820AM	820AM	820AM	820AM
ELDER JT Yarnell Patty Osman	ELDER Bob Priddy Ann Littlefield	ELDER Alan Nelson Cindy Leveron	ELDER Patty Osman David Avery	ELDER Cecile Landrum Stephen Waters
LITURGIST Bob Priddy	LITURGIST Nancy Priddy	LITURGIST J.T. Yarnell	LITURGIST Sherry Jordan	LITURGIST Cindy Blosser
DEACONS Jeanne Nelson Tracy McClard Nancy Hequembourg	DEACONS Marsha Posz Kathy Brown Venita Jackson	DEACONS Ken Littlefield Nancy Samp Linda Ringo	DEACONS Lauren Eichelberger Chris Lloyd Marsha Graham	DEACONS Doug Hagenhoff Jenny Hagenhoff Kathy Cavender
USHERS Kathy Cavender Rick Vaughan	USHERS Doug Hagenhoff Milinda Dawson	USHERS Joe Payne Nike Thompson	USHERS Jim Dunwiddie Russ Dunwiddie	USHERS Kathy Cavender Rick Vaughan
COMMUNION PREP Karen Shroyer	COMMUNION PREP Virginia Lister	COMMUNION PREP Meghan Andrews	COMMUNION PREP Karen Shroyer	COMMUNION PREP Sandy Robinson
10:40AM	10:40AM	10:40AM	10:40AM	10:40AM
ELDER Laura Avery Melanie Highland	ELDER David Avery Barbara Kuebler	ELDER Melanie Highland J.T. Yarnell	ELDER Ray Miles Wanda King	ELDER Laura Avery Bob Priddy
LITURGIST Pat Amick	LITURGIST Elizabeth Coffman	LITURGIST Lily Foutes	LITURGIST Sydney Foutes	LITURGIST Barb Gage
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 The next *Church Bell* will be sent November 10, 2021.
 (Articles are due by noon the Monday before)



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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.



You may also give online at firstchristianjcmo.org/donate

Financial Records and Questions

Questions related to giving and church finances should be sent to Carol Kaylor at 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 worshiping 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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