

The Church Bell

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Saying Thank You to Staff

*Dr. Jim Hill
Interim Senior Minister*

This month we are beginning another new year. If you are like me, it seems like the new years are coming more rapidly than in the past. The year 2022 seemed a long way off only a few years ago. After all the challenges and changes of the past two years, most of us are ready for a fresh start. Every day I am more aware of how rapidly and how profoundly our world is changing. Every time I think things cannot move any faster, I am confronted with even more change. Sometimes change is frightening. Many experts believe the pandemic has even accelerated the pace of change in our world. Sometimes it is difficult to know how to deal with all the change in our lives.

It is also difficult for churches to adjust to the changes as we seek to continue our ministry in the community. Maybe this is a time we are called upon to have even greater faith and confidence in God. While things may seem out of control to us, God is never overwhelmed by circumstances. The one who came to be "with us" at Christmas has promised to never leave us or forsake us. We can trust God during challenging times, because God is faithful. This month we are saying goodbye and thank you to two of our staff members.

Kathy Speidel will be retiring as our Church Secretary on January 31st. Kathy has been serving the church for many years, and the Personnel Committee and Administrative Board have approved a severance agreement with Kathy that will make it possible for her to retire from full-time work at this time. Most of you know that Kathy has dealt with some challenging health issues this past year, and recently she has been dealing with Covid and some related health problems. We are grateful she is recovering and getting stronger every day. I know many of our members will want a way to express their appreciation to Kathy for service to the church family.

We are planning a come-and-go Retirement Celebration for Kathy on Monday, January 31st, from Noon to 2:00 p.m. We will have refreshments and a basket for cards. I hope you will come by and say a special "thank you" to Kathy.

As you know, Rev. Alexis Engelbrecht has shared with our church family that she will be leaving us at end of January to accept the invitation of First Christian Church of Claremore, Oklahoma, to serve as their solo minister. It is always an exciting time when a minister senses God's call to a new place of service, but it is also a time of farewells. I have not been with the FCC church family during all of Alexis's tenure, but I know she has served effectively as our assistant minister this past year. I also know she has built many significant relationships with people in our congregation during her ministry, especially in the small groups she has led. I hope you will join me in praying for her and her family as they prepare for and make this important transition in their lives. Even while we are sad to see her leave, we are excited about what God will do through her life and ministry in the coming years.

There will be a reception for Rev. Alexis this Sunday, January 23rd, between our worship services (9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.) in the Activities Room. We will have refreshments and a basket for cards.

OUR CHURCH FAMILY

We pray for these

Gene Adkison, Beverly Anderson, Austin Brandt, Jane Burd, Nellie Campbell, Richard Carroll, Doug Defreese, Ginger Jodean Foster, Marilyn Gross, Cheryl Hanson, Norma Hasselman, Jeanette Hickman, Venita Jackson, Brooks Jarrett, Shirley Jarrett, Jessica Kozlen, John and Barb Kuebler, their daughter Julie, their granddaughters Campbell and Willa, and the Noonan family, Matthew Lang, Michael Lister, Wendy Miles, Jackie Possinger, Starlin Sims, Doris Yelton, the Brandenburg, Cooley & Miller families, 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

HEISINGER

Shirley Ferguson

Barbara Nikodyn

Norma Woodson

JC MANOR

Jackie Possinger

OAK TREE VILLA

Shirley Jarrett

PRIMROSE RETIREMENT COMMUNITY

Norma Hasselman

Wendell & Myra Hubbs

Jessie Schell

STONEBRIDGE AT OAK TREE

Marilyn Gross

ST. JOSEPH'S BLUFFS

Doris Yelton

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS

Mariam Craddock

OUT-OF-TOWN MEMBERS

Betty Schramm

Betty Schulte

MERAMEC BLUFFS

Richard Carroll

Our condolences to Ginger DeFreece and family on the loss of her mother, Marjorie Jackson, who passed away December 23, 2021.

January Birthdays and Anniversaries

JAN
1
Don Clayomb
Missy Mann
2
John Giles
3
Almira Clardy
Ingrid Caldwell
Raven Ballard
4
Melody Boling
Val Dunn
5
Talia Jackson
6
<i>John & Nancy</i>
<i>Hequembourg</i>
7
Ken Littlefield

8
Norma Hasselman
9
Allen Posz
Richard Vaughan
Steve Waters
10
11
12
Sara Amick
13
Jon Miller
14
Jeff Huedepohl
Millie Jones
<i>Jon & Amy Schwartz</i>
15
Donna Cook
16
Cindy VanCamp

17
18
Cecile Landrum
Hayden Markway
19
20
Nancy Hequembourg
21
Andrew Schramm
22
23
David Reeves
Katy Ramirez
24
Dan McClard
Sandy Zimmerman
25
Dominque Harrison
Lauri Woodruff

26
27
28
Chris Graham
Jacqueline Natsch
Jana Millard
29
Abbigale Ramirez
John Kuebler
Marsha Graham
30
Gerald Massman
Lisa Ramirez
Olivia Wood
31
Ethan Snyder
Sue Tussey

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, February 7, 2022 at 1:00 PM.** If you have questions, please contact Virginia Lister or Rev. Sarah.

Nursery Workers Needed

First Christian Church has employed Maria Wolfrum as our new Nursery Coordinator. We are also seeking to employ some additional Nursery Workers. Contact Marie (firstchristiannursery@gmail.com) or the church office at (573) 636-5157 if you know of someone who might be interested.

Maria was off for a couple weeks after giving birth to a new baby. She and the baby are both doing well. Maria returned Sunday January 9th, to provide childcare during our Worship Services and Sunday School. We are still looking for a few volunteers who would be willing to assist our paid workers during one of our Worship Services. Please contact the office or Maria if you would be willing to help one or more Sundays each month.

Children's Sunday School Schedule

The Children's Sunday School class meets at 9:30 AM on the 2nd and 4th Sundays.

Bible Study Resumes January 5

Our weekly Bible Study sessions have resumed. We meet in the Activities Room from noon-1PM. No reservation is required, and we invite you to attend as you are able.

If you have questions, please contact Sarah@firstchristianjcmo.org.

Weekly Prayer Opportunity

In this New Year, I invite you to add a time of intentional prayer for our church community to your weekly schedule. While you may do this on your own, you are invited to join us on Wednesdays at 9:15AM for our weekly prayer call. We gather via conference call for about half an hour, sharing concerns, joys, thanksgivings from our own lives, our congregation, and our world and then lifting up what was shared (and left unshared) in prayer. **You can join the prayer call by calling 716-427-1083 and then entering the access code 444928.** Please consider joining us if your schedule allows.

If you have prayers concerns or thanksgivings you would like lifted up during our prayer call but are unable to join us, email me at sarah@firstchristianjcmo.org by 9AM on Wednesday morning for that week's call.

Rev. Sarah

Thank You and Save the Date Information from Rev. Alexis

Thank you for the prayers of support during the days before and time during my Ordination interview. I am delighted to share that I passed! I am also happy to share a tentative date and time for my Ordination: Sunday, March 27 at 4 PM here, at First Christian Church of Jefferson City.

Sunday, January 23, will be my last Sunday serving as your Assistant Minister. I look forward to time between services to spend time with those who can join a special gathering in the Activities Room before I focus on my transition to serving as First Christian Church of Claremore's solo pastor. My time with them begins February 1.

Please keep my family, the Claremore congregation, and me in your prayers. We are excited about this new life chapter while holding gratitude and care for the Jefferson City community. While the nature of our relationship will change in accordance with the code of conduct for Disciples Ministers, you all will remain close to my heart in prayer.

In Excitement and Gratitude,
Rev. Alexis



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING JANUARY 30th 9:45AM

We will have a congregational meeting on Sunday January 30th between services in the Family Life Center on the 2nd Floor. We will be voting on the active member list, an addition to the 2022 Administrative Board from the Leadership Development Team, and the Strategic Planning Committee's final proposal. Please make plans to attend.

Thank You 2021 Leaders!

We often hear these words "it takes a village to raise a child." It takes a village of caring and devoted members to make a church an effective leader in the community. We have many of these individuals in First Christian Church. Three of these individuals have been Ministry Team leaders at FCC. These three members are moving on to other responsibilities in our church and community.

Thank you to Georgia Griffith, Worship Team; Bob Priddy, Communications Team; and Amanda Prouty, Evangelism Team for your leadership and dedication to FCC. We sincerely appreciate you.

Elaine West, Ministry Team, Chair

East School Updates

Dear FCC Family,

Thank you for your generosity and outpouring of love shown to the family we "adopted" from East School this Christmas. I was delighted to have been able to meet the parents of this family (with nine children!) when they came to the church to pick up ALL the presents. They definitely saw the generosity from our church family in all the wonderful gifts given but in addition, I could see they understood the love and Grace behind this generosity. They were moved and full of gratitude beyond words. It was a blessing to witness. Thank you.

Happy New Year to all!

Robin Grumm, East School Coordinator/Mission Team



Block Party Update

In partnership with East School staff, we are planning a return of the East Block Party in September 2022! Please be in prayerful consideration of how you can help organize, plan, resource, and volunteer for this important community event. It has been much missed by students, families, staff, and the neighborhood. We will need individuals to serve as coordinators, as part of the planning committee, as contacts for local businesses and organizations, and as volunteers the day of the event. Contact Robin Grumm if you would like to be involved.

Facial Tissue Donations Needed

East School staff have requested boxes of facial tissue (Kleenex or other brands) to replenish their classrooms and offices. Pick up a pack on your next shopping trip and drop it off at the church office!

OFFERING ENVELOPES

Like any other church congregation, some of you give your tithes and offering weekly, others twice a month, others monthly, and others electronically. Providing a box with #'d envelopes for each Sunday results in a considerable amount of waste: time, money and trees. In reality, the box #'s are not used to record your tithes and offerings; your checks are electronically scanned and recorded to your giving record.

You will find offering envelopes in stacks for monthly, bi-monthly, or weekly on the table in front of the church office. We ask that you please select the envelopes that most closely match your needs. Thank you.

KINDRED HOSPICE CARE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Come join us in our mission to make a difference and help to improve our hospice patients quality of life, by providing compassionate presence and care to Kindred Hospice's patients and their families in the Jefferson City/ Columbia/ surrounding areas.

Volunteers are an essential part of our dynamic interdisciplinary team (of nurses, doctors, spiritual care providers, social workers and home health aides). **Kindred Hospice** of Jefferson City Volunteers may serve in a multitude of ways, including offering patient companionship such as reading a book, engaging in conversation, actively listening by the bedside, playing card games, singing or holding someone's hand. Volunteers may also provide caregiver/family respite, or engaging in arts/crafts activity. Volunteers may also assist with special events such as memorial services and Veteran pinning ceremonies for our hospice patients and families.

Kindred Hospice of Jefferson City **Patient Care Volunteers** drive to visit and offer support to hospice patients and families.

Whereas our **Administrative Volunteers** come into the office to assist in administrative tasks.

Kindred Hospice provides free extensive training and ongoing education and support for our volunteers. We value and nurture our volunteers as essential members of our interdisciplinary team. We seek a diverse volunteer team that reflects our multicultural community. Volunteer trainings occur in our office in the Jefferson City office. Our patients and families are located throughout the Jefferson City/ Columbia/ surrounding areas.

****Qualified candidates must be at least 18 years of age, pass a background check, interview, fingerprinting, TB test, urine drug test, orientation training and orientation competency test.****

To receive application materials or further information, feel free to contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Amy West at amy.west@kindredhospicecare.com or call (573) 469-4895.

However you choose to spend your time, thank you for the ways in which you offer kindness and service to others during this unprecedented time in our community.

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 for Bible Study **Wednesdays at noon** in the Activities Room. We discuss the scripture for the coming Sunday.

The 2022 Flower Chart is available on the table in front of the church office for you to choose a Sunday for flowers on the chancel. For our new members not familiar with this process, you may choose a Sunday "In Honor of" or "In Loving Memory of" a family member or loved one. We ask that each Sunday have only one basket of flowers, so all Sundays are chosen. The cost for a basket of flowers is \$29.95.

Serving on Sundays

4TH SUNDAY JAN 23	5TH SUNDAY JAN 30	1ST SUNDAY FEB 6	2ND SUNDAY FEB 13
<u>820AM</u>	<u>820AM</u>	<u>820AM</u>	<u>820AM</u>
<u>ELDER</u> Cecile Landrum Stephen Waters	<u>ELDER</u> Bob Priddy Ann Littlefield	<u>ELDER</u> TBD	<u>ELDER</u> TBD
<u>LITURGIST</u> Robin Grumm	<u>LITURGIST</u> David Avery	<u>LITURGIST</u> TBD	<u>LITURGIST</u> TBD
<u>DEACONS</u> Doug Hagenhoff Jenny Hagenhoff Kathy Cavender	<u>DEACONS</u> Marsha Posz Allen Posz Venita Jackson Brian Knight	<u>DEACONS</u> Marsha Posz Allen Posz Venita Jackson Brian Knight	<u>DEACONS</u> Ken Littlefield Nancy Samp Nancy Hequembourg Linda Ringo
<u>USHERS</u> Kathy Cavender Rick Vaughan	<u>USHERS</u> Doug Hagenhoff Milinda Dawson	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>USHERS</u>
COMMUNION PREP Jeanne Nelson	COMMUNION PREP Virginia Lister	COMMUNION PREP Virginia Lister	COMMUNION PREP Meghan Andrews
<u>10:40AM</u>	<u>10:40AM</u>	<u>10:40AM</u>	<u>10:40AM</u>
<u>ELDER</u> Laura Avery Ray Miles	<u>ELDER</u> David Avery Barbara Kuebler	<u>ELDER</u> TBD	<u>ELDER</u> TBD
<u>LITURGIST</u> Sandy Robinson	<u>LITURGIST</u> Elizabeth Coffman	<u>LITURGIST</u> TBD	<u>LITURGIST</u> TBD
<u>DEACONS</u> Stephen Foutes Brenda Foutes Sherry Anderson Lily Foutes	<u>DEACONS</u> Jeff Moore Sally Moore Travis Jackson	<u>DEACONS</u> Jeff Moore Sally Moore Travis Jackson Judy Neinhauser	<u>DEACONS</u> Blair Johnson Steven Claycomb Barb Gage Jessica Saylor
<u>USHERS</u> TBD	<u>USHERS</u> TBD	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>USHERS</u>

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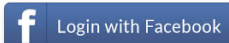
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AFTER HOURS EMERGENCIES:
 Please contact Rev. Kingsbery at 573-690-2480 **Non-emergency** church-related items after working hours, Monday thru Friday 8AM to 5PM, we have voice mail. Please feel free to call the church (573-636-5157) at any time and 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 January 19, 2022.
 (Articles are due by noon the Monday before)



MOBILE GIVING
 -TEXT 4842368 TO 715-803-4772
 AND FOLLOW THE PROMPTS ON YOUR PHONE

-DOWNLOAD THE "GIVERS APP"
 (FROM CONTINUE TO GIVE)

Zoom Meeting Room meeting ID is **2202286773**.
 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 (716) 427-1083 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.



You may 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 *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.*

THANK YOU

First Christian Church highly recommends that all worshipping with us wear a mask.
 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.

WEBSITES YOU NEED TO STAY CONNECTED

Mid-America Updates: <http://www.mid-america-disciples.org/newsletter-signup/>
 Disciples News Service Updates: <http://disciples.org/dns/subscribe-to-dns/>

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