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THE CHURCH VISITOR
A NEWSLETTER FROM YOUR FRIENDS
First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
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Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Philippians 2:3

Unselfifying

“Unselfifying” should be the word for the act of removing ourselves from the center of the universe and allowing God to guide our lives. Ironically, doing this doesn’t diminish our importance in God’s plan; in fact, today’s verse paints a picture of a Body of Christ where each one of us is an essential part of caring for other people. I can’t just watch out for myself, because people need me to be in relationship with them.

On the other hand, “selfish ambition or vain conceit” quickly ruins relationships. When life becomes about taking care of ourselves, we often act out of fear or suspicion. My love for others and my love for self can be mutually exclusive, especially in a “me first” culture that emphasizes someone else’s gain as my loss.

Humans buck up against limitations and often seek more power, control, beauty and wealth in efforts to validate our lives. In the world’s eyes, people with these things must be doing something right. But following Christ means embracing our limitations. If we try to go it alone we will fail. It’s challenging to follow Christ in this aspect. But Christ never promised easy, and he never promised we would be on our own.

THAT is THE good news! You and I don’t have to do it by ourselves. Jesus loved us enough to trade the riches of heaven for a lonely walk to Golgotha. He removed himself from the center of the universe (literally) and somehow both remained God and became a man. As we walk with him this Lenten season, may our love for him grow. May our love for others deepen and may we become more the people we are intended to be.

Finding God’s Love with you the Lenten season,

Pastor Zane

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH SCHEDULE

**Pastor Zane on Vacation March 20th-24th*

Sunday, March 20, 2022—Spring Begins

Sunday School	9:15 am
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Worship Service	10:30 am
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<i>General Board Meeting</i>	<i>Following Service</i>
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Youth Music @ MUM	6:00 pm-7:00 pm
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All Together Youth Ministries (9th-12th Grades) @ FPC	7:30 pm-9:00 pm
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Monday, March 21, 2022

<i>Trustees' Meeting</i>	<i>5:30 pm</i>
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Tuesday, March 22, 2022

<i>"Anxious For Nothing" Bible Study in Fellowship Hall</i>	<i>6:30 pm-7:30 pm</i>
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Wednesday, March 23, 2022

Spring Break - NO Kids 4 Christ @ FPC

All Together Youth Ministries (6th-12th Grades) @ FCC	6:00 pm-7:30 pm
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Bell Choir	6:00 pm
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Chancel Choir	7:00 pm
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Friday, March 25, 2022

<i>Prayer time in the Sanctuary</i>	<i>12:15 pm</i>
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Sunday, March 27, 2022

Sunday School	9:15 am
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Worship Service	10:30 am
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Youth Music @ MUM	6:00 pm-7:00 pm
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All Together Youth Ministries (9th-12th Grades) @ FPC	7:30 pm-9:00 pm
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Tuesday, March 29, 2022

<i>"Anxious For Nothing" Bible Study in Fellowship Hall</i>	<i>6:30 pm-7:30 pm</i>
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Key: (FCC) First Christian Church; (FPC) First Presbyterian Church; (MUM) Mexico United Methodist; (MHS) Mexico High School

In Our Hearts and Prayers

Please take a moment to remember the family of Maxine Pilcher. She passed away on March 10, 2022 at her home.



Memorials & Gifts

Mary E Allen

Gordon & Jane Houf (S)
Dwight & Pat Schindler
Gerald Allen

Bill Gritton

Gordon & Jane Houf (S)
Charles & Ana Palmer

Mary Kobush

Mary Margaret Carter
Gordon & Jane Houf (S)

Maxine Pilcher

Ruth Chaney (S)
Bill & Annette Azdell (S)

Gift in honor of Scholarship Recipients

Kay Sterner (S)

Randy Sawyer

Gordon & Jane Houf (S)

LaUna Whittaker

Gordon & Jane Houf (S)

S) indicates Scholarship fund



Easter Lily
Sign-up

Everyone is invited to purchase a Lily in honor or remembrance of family or a friend. The lilies will be displayed for the Easter Service on Sunday, April 17th. If you would like to share in purchasing a lily from the florist, please contact the church office by March 28th (so florist has time to order). If you call the florist to place your order or bring your own, please let the office know by April 12th, so your honoree gets listed in the bulletin. You may take the lily home at the completion of the Easter service.

**St. Brendan
87th Annual
Corned Beef & Cabbage
Dinner**



**Mildred Beauchamp Parish Hall
620 S. Clark
Mexico MO**

March 17th

11am - 1pm 4pm - 7pm

**Corned Beef, Cabbage, Mashed Potatoes, Cornbread
Muffin, and Homemade Dessert**

Or

**Rueben, Chips, Pickle, and Homemade Dessert
Or**

Hot Dog, Chips, Carrots, and Homemade Dessert

\$15 for Adults \$8 for Children

Carry-Out and Delivery Only

Call/Text 721-4523

As of March 14, 2022

Budget needs Weekly: \$4,441
Year to Date Expenses: \$40,962

Average Weekly Income: \$4,292
Income vs Expenses: \$10,539

Year to Date Income: \$51,501





Let's read and enjoy our Bibles.

**Sunday, March 20, 2022:
(Third Sunday in Lent)**

Isaiah 55:1-9; Psalm 63:1-8; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13;
Luke 13:1-9

**Sunday, March 27, 2022:
(Fourth Sunday in Lent)**

Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke
15:1-3, 11b-32



Youth group continues to meet for all 6th-12th grade students on Wednesday nights at First Christian Church from 6-7:30pm and on Sunday nights for students in grade 9-12th from 7:30-9pm at First Presbyterian Church. We hope you will join us.

Camp Registration is now open! Visit <http://www.mid-america-disciples.org/summer> for more information. Scholarships are available for camp!

Mission trip information! We will be traveling to Kansas City on May 26-29th. Permission forms will be out very soon! Contact Sara with any questions. Mission trip weekend #2 is July 22-25th location coming soon. Both trips are open for students in 6th-12th grade! More details to come!

Sara Bright—Youth Director



The SideWalk Prophets are playing in Jefferson City on **Sunday, May 1** at the Etta and Joseph Miller Performing Arts Center at **7pm**.

The worship song we sing called "Come to the Table" is one of theirs.

We can get \$13/person if ten or more sign up. Please let the office know by **March 18th** if you want to go!

**TO ALL SENIORS OR COLLEGE MEMBERS OF
THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

The First Christian Church has awarded this scholarship each year since 1986. We are hoping to reach every high school senior and college student who is eligible to receive this scholarship.

Scholarship applications may be requested from the church office. Office phone 573.581.4628 or email Shellonda Mann at smannfcc77@gmail.com.

All applications must be returned to the First Christian Church Office by April 6, 2022.

Each scholarship application will be scored by the committee in the following manner. Each item will be graded from 1 through 5 with 5 being the highest.

- Participation in First Christian Church of Mexico, Mo.
- Length of membership in First Christian Church, by the applicant.
- Applicant's employment.
- Participation in the Mexico Community.
- Applicant GPA and class rank.
- Must be a member of FCC.

First Christian Church Scholarship Committee

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General Board Meeting

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Sunday School for All Ages-9:15 a.m.

Worship Service-10:30 a.m.

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Serving Schedule

Sunday: March 20, 2022

Elders: Ed Stephens and Bill Azdell

Deacons: Team 1

Jordan Bright, Ron Boswell, Ruth Gritton, Jim Medley, Sherry Medley, Kathy Peak. Jr. Deacons; Emma Higgins, Piper Higgins

Deaconesses: Connie Street and Jane Houf

Liturgist: Carla Tanzey

Sunday: March 27, 2022

Elders: Stephanie Owings and Kathy Spires

Deacons: Team 2

Jean Stephens, Bob Larkin, Kay Larkin, Alan Street, Connie Street. Jr. Deacons; Tessa Higgins, Jessica Stephens

Deaconesses: Connie Street and Jane Houf

Liturgist: Martha Hagan